



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ELANGER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Church Family,

This week I have been praying and meditating on Psalm 34:1, **“I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”** As I have paused and reflected on this scripture the Holy Spirit has reminded me to always keep a thankful attitude and to **never forget** all that God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in my life and your life for HIS Glory.

As I was preparing for the February newsletter, I paused to give thanks to God for all the blessings in my life. I am grateful for my parents and family who have taught me the importance of holding to Jesus tightly through all circumstances of life. The gift of Arpita in my life, who constantly encourages and prays for me to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. I am much humbled and honored to serve the precious family of Erlanger UMC and community. I also paused to give thanks to God for all the people and the churches that have impacted and prepared me to be where I am today.

- **Apostles Methodist Church, New Delhi India**- Where I learned about Jesus Christ as a child participating in children Sunday school and vacation Bible School.
- **Centenary Methodist Church, New Delhi, India**- Where I was nurtured and prepared as a youth to publicly profess faith in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- **Neodesha UMC , Neodesha, Kansas**- Rev. Carl and Sandra Ellis, Godly couple that

brought me from India and affirmed my call to ministry. Here I received my first guitar as a gift from the church to sing and lead people to worship the Lord.

- **First UMC, Winfield, Kansas-** Gave me the opportunity to have a practical understanding of ministry, working specifically with youth and other areas of church ministry.
- **Prairie View UMC, Atlanta, Kansas-** Small country church of 20-25 people who gave me the opportunity to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **Wesley Meadows UMC/Levelwoods UMC, Hodgenville, Kentucky-** Precious people of these churches taught me the power of prayer; love for Jesus Christ and to remember that the Church exists to impact the lives of people, not only in the local church, but also the community.
- **Georgetown First UMC, Georgetown, Kentucky-** Where I experienced the miraculous provisions of God to meet all our needs; the amazing grace of Jesus transforming the lives of people and many **souls** coming to Jesus in **Answer to Prayer**.

I invite you, church family, to pause and reflect on the impact of each and every person in your life who has prayed for you, guided you and inspired you to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. We love you and may our hearts, minds and mouths always be filled, proclaiming wonderful things God has done in our lives.

All for Jesus,  
Pastor Andrew and Arpita



Centenary Methodist- India



Levelwoods UMC



Wesley Meadow UMC



**For great is His love toward us, and the  
faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.  
Praise the Lord.**

**Psalm 117:2**



THANKS

Thank you  
note from  
Chelsea Ryan's  
Festival Hope

Pastor Andrew,

We can't begin to thank you for  
the support as well as the opportunity  
to share our story. We are so excited  
to see your church getting so involved  
in the community. We hope to hear  
more stories of hope and people  
getting help. ~~and~~ Thanks again to  
your entire church family.

Love,  
Matt + Jennifer  
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# HOUR OF PRAYER



## MONTHLY HOUR OF PRAYER

Every month we will gather for a time of corporate Prayer in the sanctuary. We will take the time to pray at the altar for our Church, Community and the World. We will also touch and pray over every pew in our sanctuary that God will bless each and every person seated in the pews on Sunday. We will close our time of prayer by praying a blessing over each other. We hope you can join us as we wait upon the Lord in Prayer. Our next Hour of Prayer will be Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am till noon.



*if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

2 Chronicles 7:14 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)



## February 2019

Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:15 a	UMM Devotional
		9:00 a	UMM Meeting
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sat. 9 Family Promise Week			
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 a	Sunday School
		10:30 a	Worship
		5:30 p	Youth
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p	SPRC Mtg
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mountain	Mission Pick-up day
		7:00 p	Bible Study
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 p	Caring Team
		7:00 p	Choir Practice
		7:00 p	Manna Mission Mtg
Thur	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a	Women In Mission
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 a	Sunday School
		10:30 a	Worship
		5:30 p	Youth
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p	Council On Ministries
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a	Children Chapel
		7:00 p	Bible Study
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p	Mission Committee Mtg
Thur	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p	Prayer Group
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Jam	
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a	Hour of Prayer
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 a	Sunday School
		10:30 a	Worship
		5:30 p	Youth
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p	Trustee
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p	Bible Study
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	5:45 p	Worship Committee Mtg
		7:00 p	Choir Practice
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00 p	Manna Mission Meal
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 a	Sunday School
		9:15 a	Conformation Class
		10:30 a	Worship
		5:30 p	Youth
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p	Open Dialogue – Pastor Gene
Tues	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a	Children's Chapel
		7:00 p	Bible Study
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p	Choir Practice

## March 2019

Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:15 a	UMM Devotional
		9:00 a	UMM Meeting
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 a	Sunday School
		9:15 a	Conformation Class
		10:30 a	Worship
		5:30 p	Youth
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p	SPRC
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p	Bible Study
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday	
		12:00 p	Caring Team
		7:00 p	Ash Wednesday Service
Thur	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a	Women In Mission Mtg
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Lent	
		Daylight Saving Time Starts	
		9:00 a	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 a	Sunday School
		9:15 a	Conformation Class
		10:30 a	Worship
		5:30 p	Youth
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 p	Finance Committee Mtg
		7:00 p	Administrative Board Mtg
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a	Children's Chapel
		7:00 p	Bible Study
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p	Choir Practice
Thur	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p	Prayer Group
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a	Hour of Prayer
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 a	Sunday School
		9:15 a	Conformation Class
		10:30 a	Worship
		5:30 p	Youth
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p	Bible Study
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	5:45 p	Worship Committee Mtg
		7:00 p	Choir Practice
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00 p	Manna Mission Meal

Events, Dates, and times are subject to change, please check your weekly bulletin

# CHILDREN'S COOKIE RAMA 2018





## ERLANGER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

Have you ever wanted to know about a relationship with Jesus, and His Loving side? Erlanger's youth group is just the place for that. The group welcomes you to the life and teachings of Jesus, and His relationship in our everyday lives. What we will be discussing is the lifestyle of Jesus, and the effect it has on our lives. Come and join in the adventure, and the thrill of participating in a life changing experience. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

### **We look forward to the study of the following scriptures for the month of February**

Each Sunday 5 pm – 8 pm

Sun, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - Matt. 7:1-5, Luke 6:41-42

Sun, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> - Matt. 6:24-34, Luke 12:27-28

Sun, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - Matt. 7:6

Sun, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - Matt. 7:15-23

In January, the group enjoyed the event known as Winter Blitz 2019, located in Louisville, KY. This event reaches out to youth from all over the state. It is a weekend of music, guest speakers, and fellowship. The weekend allows youth from all over the state to get to know other youth, and form friendships that last. This year at Winter Blitz we had four (4) youth accept Jesus into their lives.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Bill Slaven at (859) 307-4899, or [bslaven@yahoo.com](mailto:bslaven@yahoo.com)



# Birthdays

## & Anniversaries

### February

Linda Martin	02/01
Bill McCarty	02/04
Chuck Lambert	02/11
Mike Fletcher	02/12
Martha Ashcraft	02/13
Clancy Barns	02/13
Vivian Frazier	02/14
Jackie McPeters	02/16
Cindy Slaven	02/19
Ginny Allgeyer	02/20
Andrew Buck	02/26
Eloise Mulligan	02/28
Jim Johnson	02/29

### March

Megan Pope	03/04
Henry Martin	03/08
Wilma LaBare	03/05
Sue Maynard	03/06
Connie Hoffrogge	03/16
Brooke Alexander	03/22
Mardelle Dickhaut	03/23
Bill Slaven	03/23
Paul Swanson	03/24
Kara McPeters	03/27

### February

Bill & Sue Shumate	02/16
Greg & Kathy Sandel	02/19

### March

Chuck & Anna Love	03/03
Bill & Melissa Howard	03/10
Chris & Jackie McPeters	03/10
Tim & Carrie Herrmann	03/11

## IDA SPENCE MISSION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

From an Ida Spence Facebook post: Due to the government shutdown, we anticipate a need for basic food items within the community. Budgeting and meal planning can be challenging for most so an early disbursement of February's food benefits being received in January has the potential to lead to bare cupboards come mid February. Please consider donating cereal, macaroni & cheese, and cans of soup to help us be prepared to meet this need. Mon & Wed from 2-7 pm are perfect drop off times. Together we are making a difference 🙏 we are the church 🙏





**The United Methodist Men & Guests had a Wonderful time of fellowship attending the Northern Kentucky University Basketball game.**







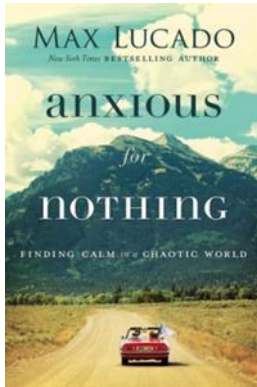
## Soup / Grilled Cheese Luncheon





## **TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

We have just begun our Tuesday Night Bible Study and it is not too late for you to join. Books can be borrowed or purchased (\$7.00) in the church office.

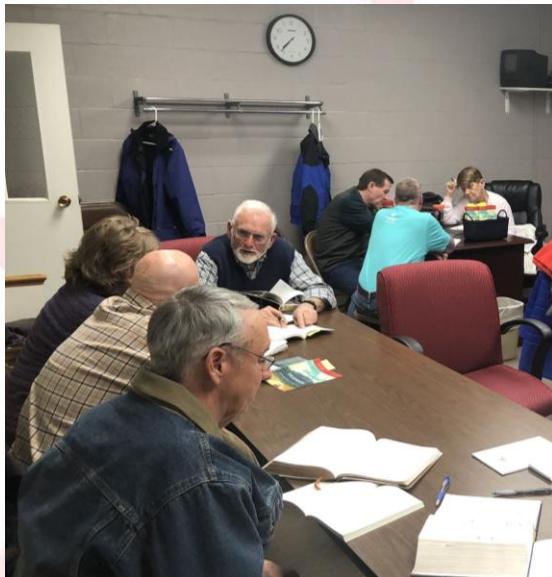


Do you feel weighted down with worry? Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Are irrational fears your constant companion? *Could you use some calm?* In this five-session video Bible study, bestselling author Max Lucado explores God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Philippians 4:4–8. As you follow this prescription – celebrating God's goodness, asking for his help, leaving your concerns with him, and meditation on good things – you will experience

God's peace. This is a peace that "transcends all understanding" and will help you reframe the way you look at your fears.

Sessions include:

- Rejoice in the Lord Always
- Let Your Gentleness Be Evident to All
- Present Your Requests to God
- The Peace of God Will Guard Your Heart
- Meditate on These Things



## Children's Chapel

The second and fourth Tuesday, at 11:00 am we have Chapel time with children and teachers from Grace Edgett Day Care an outreach ministry of our church. Always a blessed time singing Jesus Loves me, and sharing God's love with the children. Join us sometime! (call 859-727-2136 just to make sure, sometimes we must cancel)



### The Wesley Covenant Prayer

"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."