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ERLANGER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | MARCH 2019

Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ. By now, you may have heard the news about the Special Called session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church which was held this week in St Louis, Missouri from Feb 23-26, 2019. A total of 864 delegates from the United States and around the World gathered to prayerfully consider a way forward towards the issue of human sexuality. The General Conference approved the Traditional Plan which means that the current stance of the United Methodist Church towards same-sex marriage and ordination of homosexual members has not changed. Also, the General Conference passed a resolution calling for stricter accountability on pastors who break the guidelines on this issue in our Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

Friends, the issue of human sexuality for many years has resulted in a lot of hurt and anger in the Church. There are wonderful people on both sides of this issue who hold their beliefs and conviction strongly. I am sure you must be wondering how does this decision of the approval of Traditional Plan affect our local church here at Erlanger United Methodist Church.

As your Pastor, I want to affirm a few important thoughts. First, please know if you have questions regarding the decision; you can email, call or I would love to sit down to listen to your concerns and pray with you.

Second, the mission of the Erlanger United Methodist before and after the General Conference has not changed. We will continue to invite, love and care for ALL people in our congregation and community with the Love of Jesus Christ. We will continue with our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ. We will continue to be a family that truly cares for each other even if we disagree with each other on many issues.

On a personal note, just this week a lady stopped by our church because she was hungry and had not eaten in a day or two. When she came to the office, Suzanna our secretary welcomed her and I then invited her to my office to hear her concerns and pray with her. We gave her a couple of food gift cards, a Jesus Calling devotional and invited her to church. Tears began to roll down because at that moment she felt the Love of Jesus at Erlanger United Methodist Church. I really hope she will come to worship soon where she will be loved and cared for by our church family. Friends, this is Christ's mission for our church and we must continue to do it at every opportunity!

Third and most importantly, let us continue to keep Our Eyes on Jesus, hold tightly to the Word of God, and pray fervently for the Holy Spirit to guide us and empower us to be a strong witness for the Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of our differing opinions and in a world that desperately needs the life changing, hope giving message of Jesus Christ. Come Holy Spirit Come! Amen.

All for Jesus

Pastor Andrew

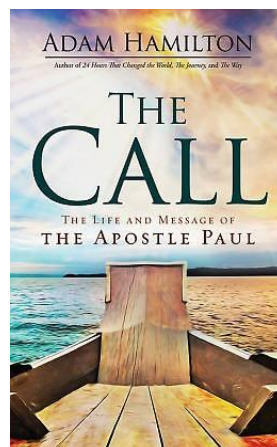
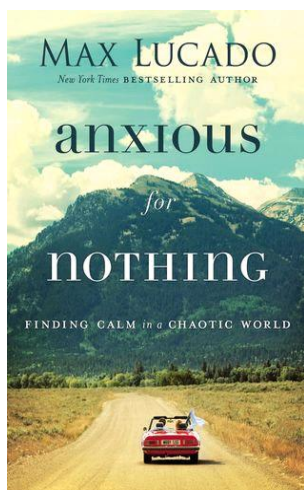
For more information please see the following link:

Bishop Leonard Fairley(KY Conference) Response-

<https://www.kyumc.org/newsdetail/12763403>

<http://www.umc.org/>

Glory to God for a wonderful time of Bible Study and Prayer, we hope you will join us for our next study.



The next study will begin March 12th and will be "The Call" by Adam Hamilton. Books will be in the church office. They can be borrowed or purchased for \$7.00.



Welcome Donna Earls to our church family!



Thank you to all who have donated items to Mountain Mission. Pictured is the crew that came out on Feb 5th, load up the Mountain Mission truck with all the donated items for missions. The United Methodist Mountain Missions is doing wonderful work of the Lord since 1943 in Jackson, Kentucky.

Women In Mission



The collection of old Christmas and all occasion greeting cards will be mailed to St. Jude's Children's Ranch this week.

The Women In Mission have purchased a communion bread plate and engraved cover in memory of Mary Swanson. We will use it for the first time on March 3rd during our communion worship service. We wanted to remember Mary in a special way for her many years of friendship, love, and service to our church.

The laundry detergent to be handed out at the Ida Spence Mission "Take Home Meal" has been purchased and donated by the Women In Mission.

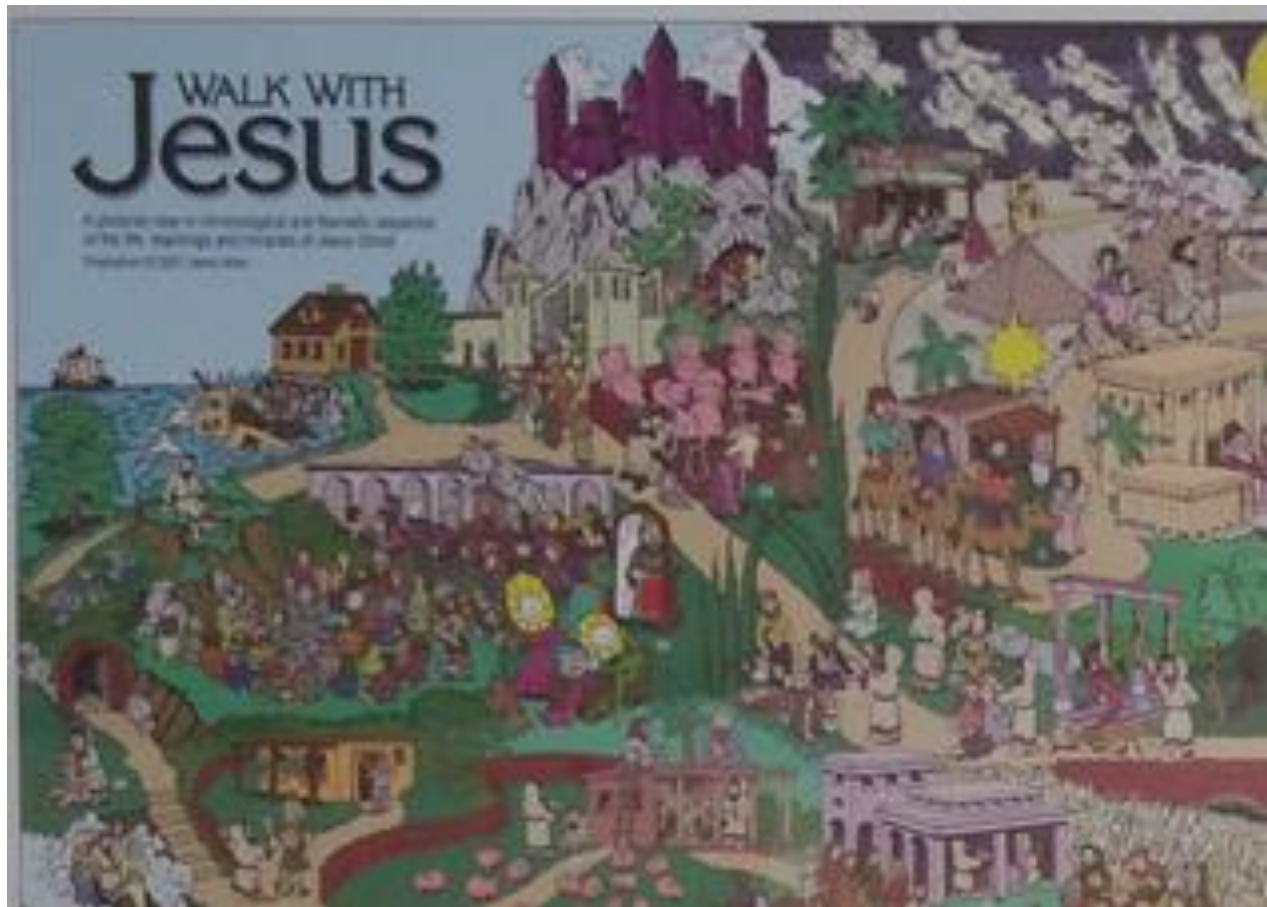
If you have any extra-large carry – out bags with handles, please put them in the marked box in the Home Street Vestibule.

Thank you for your support of donations – money and food supplies, and volunteering of time for this "Take Home Meal" mission event.

Confirmation Class

For the next few weeks Pastors Andrew and Bill will be teaching the basic teachings of our Christian faith and walking alongside them to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Please keep us all in your prayers as we begin this journey of learning, sharing and growing in our faith. Come Holy Spirit Come.





Join In The Adventure!

The Erlanger United Methodist Church Youth Groups meets Sunday's from 5 pm till 8 pm. Enjoy a walk with Jesus, as we learn from our walk with Jesus cart lesson plan.

Our evening consists of the following program:

- 5:00 p – 5:30 p Fellowship youth meet and greet each other
- 5:30 p – 6:15 p Refreshments or lite dinner
- 6:15 p – 6:30 p Clean up
- 6:30 p – 7:00 p Lesson from A Walk with Jesus chart
- 7:00 p – 7:15 p Youth discussion
- 7:15 p – 7:30 p Prayer request
- 7:30 p – 7:45 p Prayer time
- 7:45 p – 8:00 p Prepare to leave

Lesson plan for March

- March 3rd – Matthew 7:13-14
- March 10th – Matthew 5:14 - 16
- March 17th – Matthew 7:24-27, Luke 6:46 – 49
- March 24th – Matthew 8:1 – 3, Mark 1:40 -42, Luke 5:12 – 13
- March 31st – Matthew 8:5 -13, Luke 7:1-10

Hope to see you there.
Pastor Bill

Special Music





What is Family Promise and why do I always ask for your help?

Family Promise of Northern Kentucky is a faith-based collaborative that empowers Northern Kentucky children and their families, experiencing temporary homelessness, to attain sustainable independence. We initiate coordinated local efforts that bring communities together to help

homeless families regain their housing, their independence, and their dignity. Children are the focus of this program. A family needs to be together while going thru one of the most traumatic events they will ever experience. Family Promise is the only “Homeless Shelter” in Kentucky that allows the family to stay together.

Erlanger UMC is a “HOST” church for FPNKY. That means that we are responsible for one week every 11-13 weeks to coordinate the families evening and morning activities. Each family will have dinner, spend the night and eat breakfast at the Host church facility. (Erlanger hosts out of St. Agnes in Covington) I ask for your help to fill the volunteer spots needed to help these children and their families.

A regular day at FPNKY for a family looks like this...

Early mornings families are offered breakfast foods to take with them for the morning meal. (usually during the week a sit down breakfast for the families is not doable)

A van driver picks up the families at the Host Church around 6:30 am (van provided by FPNKY)

During the day the children are at school or daycare, while the parents either work or get help looking for work. Families may use the Day Center address and phone number as their contact information. Life skills are also taught at the day center.

Around 5pm a van driver picks up the families at the day center and takes them to the Host church.

Dinner is served to the families around 5:30.

Sometimes there are activities for the children, but families are allowed to retire to their rooms if they choose. They can also just “chill” or have conversations with the volunteers.

Overnight hosts arrive around 8:00/8:30.

Bedtime is 10pm if the families have not already retired.

Around 6am families get up to head to the day center.

I will be explaining in more detail, the volunteer opportunities with FPNKY at our “Service Opportunity FAIR” on April 28th.

Thank You and God Bless,
Jackie McPeters
859-307-9391



Because of your generous Christmas offering we were able to present both Chelsea Ryann Festival Of Hope and Community Kindness Toy Shop each a check for \$1,000. Thank you!

Chelsea Ryann's Festival Of Hope



Chelsea Ryann's Festival of Hope, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves in partnership with Lloyd High School in providing mental health services and other resources to students to overcome adversity.

Community Kindness Toy Shop

Community Kindness Mission focuses on providing toys for children 12 and under in our community who may possibly not receive a Christmas gift due to some family financial constraints and limited budget. The Community Kindness event took place on December 15, 2018 from 10am-1pm at our church, 36 families, with 108 children were blessed with Christmas gifts.





Hour of Prayer

Our monthly Hour of Prayer to earnestly pray for the Church, Community, and the World. We also prayed over our sanctuary for a strong presence of the Holy Spirit to fall upon us as we gathered for worship. Glory to God.

Matthew 7:7- "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."



Join Us
for our next
Hour of Prayer

March 16th,
at 11:00





February Manna Mission Meal

We had another wonderful day of ministry at Manna Mission, Saturday, February 23rd. We served 108 meals in the Name of Jesus. We are grateful for our church volunteers and members of the Lloyd High School Football team who helped in serving our community today. Glory to God.



March

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

Sun	24 th	9:00 a	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 a	Sunday School
		9:15 a	Confirmation Class
		10:30 a	Worship
		5:30 p	Youth Ministry
Mon	25 th	7:00 p	Open Dialogue
Tue	26 th	10:30 a	Children's Chapel
		7:00 p	Bible Study
Wed	27 th	7:00 p	Choir Practice
Sat	30 th	Ida Spence "Take Home Meal"	
Sun	31 st	9:00 a	Communion / Chapel
		9:15 a	Sunday School
		9:15 a	Confirmation Class
		10:30 a	Worship
		5:30 p	Youth Ministry

UMCOR
Sunday

March Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

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