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One of the fun things that happened in January is getting the steeple. Many of you came up and watched as they lifted the new steeple up in to place and mounted it on the roof. It's often fun to watch any construction project, but this one was especially so.

The steeple, in my view, is a symbolic way of pointing us to God. It's what the church is all about. Sometimes we do better than others, and any organization filled with humans will be an imperfect reflection of God's love. But our task is to be reflections of God's love. February is a month we traditionally think about love with Valentine's Day right in the middle of it. We are going to be talking about God's love each week of February, and hopefully we will all grow in our ability to be that reflection of Divine love in our daily living.

I see God's love every day through our church. This week we are hosting for the Family Promise of Northern KY. That's an amazing way of showing God's love. Each day we are taking care of God's children in our Child Development Center. It's a wonderful reflection of God's love. Manna Mission, also, tells a great story of God's love. And while you can participate in

those things (and the MANY, MANY other things we do for God) and not really love God, you can't really love God and NOT participate in something that makes someone else's life better.

One of my favorite episodes of the old sit-com "FRIENDS" centered around a couple of the characters in a little contest to do something nice for others for no personal gain at all. Each would catch the other feeling good about what they did, and by their standards, that disqualified the virtue of the good deed! They had a tough time being selfless in that way – in fact, it's impossible, I think, because you will feel good about what you do if you are trying to help and serve others. It doesn't negate the good of a good deed if you feel satisfaction in your service. You often receive in your giving. God designed love to multiply, and as you give, it comes back to you.

Loving each other will also point us to God, just like the steeple does. So this month, and every month, let's clothe ourselves in love (as Paul writes in Colossians 3:14).

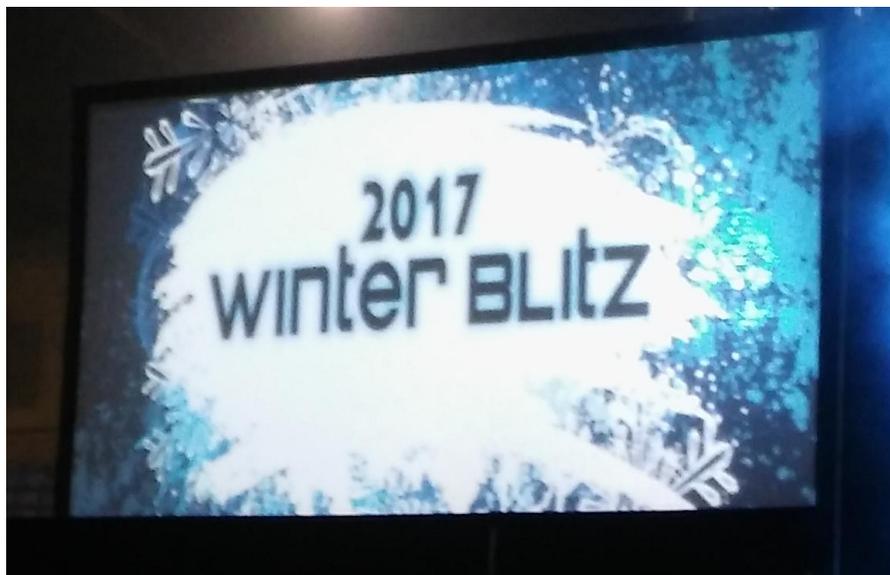
See you in church!

Pastor Mark



- .. Life changing experience
- .. Spectacular
- .. Inspired
- .. Emotional
- .. Uplifted

Devin



... Awesome. This was my first time. I got to learn about God

Talyn

WINTER BLITZ WAS...



... an unforgettable time and an amazing experience.

Jazmyne

... an amazing experience. I'm so glad I got the chance to go. It was life changing event. I am glad I got to experience it with Pastor Bill and great friends!

Emily

... a lot of fun and a great experience

Jasmine

.. a great success. This year I gained 3 new sisters in Christ, and had another great opportunity to Celebrate Christ's Love with fantastic people.

Christian



WOMEN IN MISSION NEWS

Hope weather cooperates so we can meet Thurs. February 2nd for our regular meeting.

We have many items to discuss and plans to make for this year. We welcome women of the church to join us.

The response has been great for the collection of old Christmas cards to be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Thank you so much.

This year the church wide mission event of the Ida Spence Mission "take home meal" is scheduled for Saturday April 29, 2017. Congregation mark your calendars, we need a good response of volunteer workers that day. The WIM are encouraging you to help us with the collection of laundry detergent to be distributed that day. We need around 150 containers of any brands detergent size to do 25 to 35 loads of wash. Place in green tub in Home Street Vestibule till April 27th.

*For GOD SO LOVED the world
that he gave his only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him may not
perish but may have eternal life.*

John 3:16 (NRSV)



From the Erlanger United Methodist Men

Hi Folks.

Thank you for your participation in the Soup-Grilled Cheese Lunch after church on January 22, 2017. Your free will offering will go a long way towards helping with our missions.



Our next fundraiser of 2017 will be the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Children under 6 are free. Will let you know when tickets are available. Thank you for participating.

Canned goods update for the United Christian Volunteers. Thru January 18, 2017, 283 food items have been delivered. Emphasis in February 2017 is on "Tuna, Tuna Helper & Crackers". Our goal for 2017 is 7,000 food items. There are many folks in the local area that can't afford enough food for their families. Your support has gone a long way in helping this cause. Thank you. Whatever you bring will be greatly appreciated.

We would like to invite all men to join the Erlanger United Methodist Men. Our next gathering will be February 4, 2017, Saturday, UMM Devotional 8:45 am (all are welcome) and Meeting at 9:00 am at Erlanger UMC in the Asbury Room.

We will be helping with the Mountain Mission Pick up, Tuesday, February 7th. Please meet at the church at 7:30 am.

Thank you and GOD Bless you all.

THE MISSION OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON UNITED METHODIST MEN IS TO ASSIST MEN TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, TO SERVE HIM, TO GROW SPIRITUALLY AND SEEK DAILY TO DO HIS WILL.

Mission Trips

We are making plans for summer. The church will be going on two mission trips. The first will be July 2nd – 8th; this trip will be to the Appalachian area (you must be 14 to attend this trip). Then Sager Brown July 29th – July 5th, (all ages with supervision)



Appalachian Service Project (ASP) - We will help to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. You'll return home stronger, wiser, and closer to God. When you arrive for your week of service, you'll be housed in one of ASP's several base camps -- often a school or community center rented for the summer to put you closer to Appalachia's remote communities. You will receive all the tools, construction materials and supervision they need to be productive. Not to mention three meals a day and plenty of opportunities for worship and reflection. You will spend a lot of time interacting with the local families; you've been assigned to serve. You will forge friendships and learn lessons that will enrich your faith and build character for the rest of your lives. Priority will be given to youth, but this trip is open to all as space permits.



Sager Brown Trip - We will travel to Baldwin, Louisiana, and help assemble, verify, and pack relief-supply kits so that they can be sent to the areas where they are needed most. We would help with outreach programs in the depots' local communities. The relief-supply kits help provides care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. UMCOR collects 6 types of kits for global distribution and cleaning buckets for US distribution after storms. Kits help sustain everyday life for people who lack ready access to essential supplies. They provide vital support for UMCOR's global development work and make a tangible difference in people's lives. We will stay on site at Sager Brown and eat meals with other volunteers. We will take one afternoon for sightseeing.

For more information call the church office or see a Mission Team Member.

February 2017

Wed	1	All day Family Promise
		12:00 pm Caring Team
		6:00 pm Mission Meeting
		7:00 pm Choir Practice
		7:00 pm Manna Mission Meeting
Thu	2	All day Family Promise
		11:00 am WIM
Fri	3	All day Family Promise
Sat	4	All day Family Promise
		8:15 am UMM Devotional Lesson
		9:00 am UMM Meeting
Sun	5	9:00 am Communion/Chapel
		9:15 am Sunday School
		10:30 am Worship
		4:30 pm Devotions
		5:30 pm Youth
Tue	7	Mountain Mission Pick-up Day
		7:00 pm Bible Study
Wed	8	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thu	9	6:00 pm Prayer Group
Sat	11	2:00 pm Children - Bowling
Sun	12	9:00 am Communion/Chapel
		9:15 am Sunday School
		10:30 am Worship
		4:30 pm Devotions
		5:30 pm Youth
Mon	13	7:00 pm Council On Ministries

Tue	14	Valentine's Day
		7:00 pm Bible Study
Wed	15	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Sun	19	9:00 am Communion/Chapel
		9:15 am Sunday School
		10:30 am Worship
		4:30 pm Devotions
		5:30 pm Youth
Mon	20	Presidents' Day
		6:30 pm Trustee Meeting
Tue	21	7:00 pm Bible Study
Wed	22	10:30 am Children's Chapel
		7:00 pm Choir Practice
Sat	25	5:00 pm Manna Mission Meal
Sun	26	9:00 am Communion/Chapel
		9:15 am Sunday School
		10:30 am Worship
		4:30 pm Devotions
		5:30 pm Youth
Tue	28	7:00 pm Bible Study

March

Wed	1	12:00 pm Caring Team
		7:00 pm Choir Practice
		7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thu	2	11:00 am Women In Mission
Sat	4	8:15 am UMM Devotional Lesson
		9:00 am UMM Meeting

February Birthday's

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

February Anniversaries

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

January 2017

Tithes	\$17,528.00
Sunday School	\$68.50
Loose Plate	\$161.15
GECD	\$3,623.29
Miscellaneous	\$100.00
GENERAL FUND	
TOTAL	\$21,480.94

Emmaus Emergency	\$45.00
Emmaus Various Proj.	\$83.00
Emmaus Zimmerman	\$66.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$40.00
Henderson Settlement	\$25.00
Holiday Offering	\$200.00
Ida Spence	\$10.00
Laws	\$10.00
Manna Mission	\$30.00
Methodist Men	\$20.00
Memorials	\$65.00
Methodist Home	\$165.00
Miscellaneous	\$75.00
Mission	\$1,100.00
Reimbursements	\$15,155.00
UMCOR	\$5.00
UCV	\$200.00
Women in Mission	\$135.00
Youth	\$111.84
Zimmerman's	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$402.58
SPECIAL GIFTS	
TOTAL	\$17,963.42
GRAND TOTAL	\$39,444.36

From the desk of Bishop Fairley

Greetings,

As most of you know by now, this past September I left North Carolina to call the beautiful state of Kentucky my home. I would like to thank everyone for your warm welcome.

A few days before I arrived, Hurricane Matthew devastated a large part of eastern North Carolina. If you have ever been in a hurricane, or seen its fury, you know what a massive rebuilding job awaits those who have been severely affected.

When I was in North Carolina, I had the privilege of serving as the District Superintendent in the Lumberton area. The town of Lumberton was especially hard hit and flooding was rampant. I'm asking that at least 10 people from each district in the Kentucky Annual Conference go back with me to Lumberton to help rebuild homes damaged due to this massive storm. With your help, we can restore the lives of numerous families in Lumberton who are in great need of our assistance.

We will leave from various departure points throughout Kentucky on Saturday, March 25th and return on Friday, March 31st. Please consider making this trip with me. It will be a most rewarding experience. Please make your commitment soon as the deadline to sign up is February 15th.

For more information about this trip, please see the link for the website located at the end of this email. I'm urging you to register to accompany me on this trip. We absolutely can't have too many people to go to North Carolina. The more we have going with us, the more folks we can help. The people of Lumberton desperately need our assistance.

I am hopeful you will join me as we form a team to go share God's love to those affected by this storm. Thank you for your consideration and may God richly bless you.