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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
ERLANGER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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PASTOR'S PEN

I just read an article recently entitled, “Why I Go to Church.” It actually was very short and to the point, but it got me to thinking. Of course, I’m going to think that church attendance is important. But there are some real reasons for that, not just a way of saving my job!

1. **HISTORY**. the church has been the primary bearer of the Good News since the time of Christ – and even before that in Old Testament history (granted this is a little shakier track record), the church was the primary connection between God and humanity. Yes, the church has always had some flaws, and maybe the flaws are even growing, but I believe what it says in the liturgy of the ordination service, “The church is of God and will be preserved til the end of time.” It has lasted thousands of years now, and there is no reason to believe God will not preserve it now as it has been in the past. It is still the primary way to worship God, care for others and find our place in the world.
 2. **PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**. God speaks to us as we put ourselves in places where we can listen. Church does that. Yes, we have to come with a listening heart (and we don’t always do that), and yes, we have to be able to brush away the cobwebs of our minds and the clutter of our lives (and we don’t always do that!), but if we come with listening hearts and receptive spirits, God will touch our lives with his grace, love and direction for living. I know how God has touched my heart through the years with His love and through the church, and I know God will do that for others as well.
 3. **FAMILY**. There is no better place to build a circle of friends, a support network, nurture values and just plain and simple have good friendships. Sometimes people at church disappoint us, no question, but there is also no better place to
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Family Promise
of Northern Kentucky

Building community, strengthening lives.



Emily, Howard and Lily moved to their new home August, Wednesday the 16th! Luckily it is close to Emily's family for ongoing support! Howard is working full time and Emily is caring for Lily! They love their new apartment! We are so excited for them!



We are happy to announce we have another family who successfully graduated from our program! Ashley and Malachi signed their lease last week and exited to their own home on Monday! Ashley works full time and Malachi is attending Newport intermediate. Malachi is playing football thanks to lovely sponsors who provided the funds, uniform and supplies needed. Ashley was able to save enough to have her license reinstated during their stay in the program. Ashley and Malachi are very thankful to be moving into their own home and couldn't have done it without each of you! Thanks for being a part of our program and their story ♥

The September Fundraiser for Family Promise will be long sleeved T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts. Pictures, description, order forms, and cost information is in the Home Street Vestibule. All order forms and money need to be in to the church by Sunday, September 24. The product should arrive by Monday, October 2nd.

Lincoln Woods Worship: Sunday, September 27, is our worship at Lincoln Woods Park in Florence. It's a very special Sunday. We will gather under the shelter at the park at 10 a.m. and have a time of singing, sharing, worship and food. We will also celebrate everybody's birthday that day, too. More information will be found in your bulletin soon.

find real true friendships that will last a lifetime. You can find friends anywhere, but friends that last and friends that will keep you on focus and in a good place are more likely to be found at church.

- 4. PURPOSE.** If you want your life to count for something, give it to God. God has a purpose for all of us and the best way to nurture your purpose for living is to be active in your church. Life is short, and we need to make each day count and make each day purposeful. There are many ways to serve God and each other, and the local church will offer you many options to find your place.

Those are really just a few, but they will change your life forever if you let them. Church is like most other things in life, you get out of it what you put into it. If you come occasionally and only let it have a superficial influence in your life, it will not do you much good. If you invest your heart in it and make it a priority for your living, it will do you a world of good.

I hope each day you will commit your heart to God and to our church, its ministry and its mission. We need everyone to make this church all it can be. Make your mark on the world through Erlanger United Methodist Church and you will make a big impact for love and grace. Guaranteed!

See you in church!

Pastor Mark



THANK YOU

A huge “Thank You” to all who worked to make our re-do of the choir room possible.

On Sunday, July 30th, I asked for help moving everything from the room. After the service that morning a small army of volunteers moved quickly and efficiently to empty the room. The only problem arose when the desk seemed glued to the floor and refused to budge. However, just in time, Pastor Mark arrived with a package of furniture sliders. Once the sliders were positioned as needed, with a gentle push the previously immovable desk slid politely into the Asbury Room.

The following morning found Jim Muegel, ably assisted by Gracie Herrmann, removing items from the walls. After lunch Jim went “into the closet” with a paint brush as he prepared corners, trim, etc. for the paint rollers to be used the next day. Tuesday afternoon I received a phone message from Bill Slaven saying he and Jim had completed all the painting.

The new carpet was installed Friday afternoon. Saturday was the day to put everything back in its place Bill Howard and Ken Maynard helped us get a good start.

A huge “THANK YOU” to Bill Slaven and Judy Reed for the time and effort they gave that day. Bill moved heavy boxes and furniture until he had to leave. Judy remained until we had everything in the room and in its place.

Our first rehearsal in our “new” room was Wednesday, August 9th. It was a special blessing for the Director to be in a clean, fresh room, hearing Linda at the piano and the Chancel Choir singing for our Lord!

Doris

WOMEN IN MISSION NEWS

Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 11:00 am in the church parlor.

We want to encourage the entire congregation to participate in upcoming church – wide events including:

1. Lincoln Woods - Outdoor Church service and Birthday celebration – Sunday, September 24th, at 10:00 am.
2. Yard, Craft, and Bake Sale – 10th Year – Saturday, September 30th. The women will man the Bake Sale Booth. Help us with baking and buying goodies. Proceeds support United Christian Volunteers.
3. Christmas Child Boxes – mid October / November.
4. Ida Spence Mission Dinner and Pastor's Cake Auction – November 4th at Immanuel UMC.
5. Continue to collect old "Campbell's Soup Labels for Education" till end of the year. The other ongoing program with General Mills products is "Box Tops for Education". Cut these labels out and place them in the container in Mission Drawer #1.

Women In Mission will soon be deciding amounts of donations to send to various missions and organizations.



ADULT MINISTRY'S NEWS: Yard Sale / Craft / Bake Sale is Saturday, September 30th, 2017 Set up at 7:00 am Sale from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. If you would like to join us as a vendor the price is \$15.00 for 2 car spaces. Bring your own tables and chairs, and money for change. Make your check out to EUMC Adult Ministry by September 17th. The Youth Group will be selling food. If you have items to get rid of but are unable to set up shop, the Church will have a table with proceeds benefiting UCV. We will also need a LOT of volunteers to make this day great. If you have any questions see or call Joy Hamilton

From the Erlanger United Methodist Men

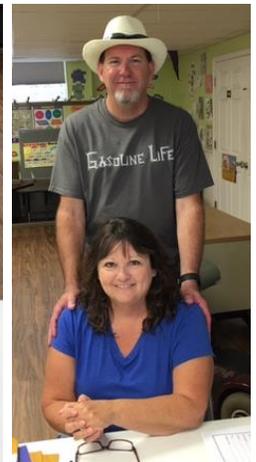


Hi Folks

We had a Wonderful Car Show this year, we raised \$898.70 for missions and 320 can goods thank you very much for your participation. The youth did real good selling snacks too. Stay tuned for info on the next event, annual chicken dinner.







We would like to invite all men to join the Erlanger United Methodist Men. Our next meeting is September 9th, 2017, Saturday, 9:00 am at Ken Maynard's home, 263 Suzanne Way, Florence, KY 41042.

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.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	3	9:00a	Communion/Chapel
		9:15a	Sunday School
		10:30a	Worship
		4:30p	Devotions
		5:30p	Youth / Young Adult
Mon	4	Labor Day – Church Office closed	
Tue	5	7:00p	Bible Study
Wed	6	12:00p	Caring Team
		7:00p	Choir Practice
Thu	7	11:00a	WIM
Fri	8	5:45p	Children – to be announced
Sat	9	8:15a	UMM Devotional Lesson
		9:00a	UMM Meeting
		12:00p	Cornhole
Sun	10	Family Promise	
		9:00a	Communion/Chapel
		9:15a	Sunday School
		10:30a	Worship
		4:30p	Devotions
		5:30p	Youth / Young Adult
Mon	11	Family Promise	
		6:15p	Finance Committee
		7:00p	Administrative Board
Tue	12	Family Promise	
		7:00p	Bible Study
Wed	13	Family Promise	
		5:45p	Worship Meeting
		7:00p	Choir Practice
Thu	14	Family Promise	
		6:00p	Prayer Group
Fri	15	Family Promise	
Sat	16	Family Promise	
		12:00p	Cornhole
Sun	17	9:00a	Communion/Chapel
		9:15a	Sunday School
		10:30a	Worship
		12:00p	Youth / Young Adult
			Heritage Day
		4:30p	Devotions
Tue	19	7:00p	Bible Study
Wed	20	7:00p	Choir Practice
Sat	23	12:00p	Cornhole
		5:00p	Manna Mission Meal
Sun	24	Lincoln Woods Worship	
		5:30p	Youth / Young Adult
Tue	26	7:00p	Bible Study
Wed	27	7:00p	Choir Practice
Sat	30	Yard Sale – See Adult Ministry's News	

AUGUST 2017 Tithes and Offering

Tithes	\$15,420.00
Sunday School	\$90.00
Loose Plate	\$77.00
GECDG	\$3,797.86
Interest/Dividends	\$0.00
Upper Room	\$6.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$19,390.86
Emmaus Emergency	\$41.00
Emmaus Various Proj.	\$77.00
Emmaus Zimmerman	\$65.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$15.75
Ida Spence	\$232.59
Laws	\$10.00
Memorials	\$325.00
Methodist Home	\$935.39
Miscellaneous	\$913.00
Mission	\$50.84
Reimbursements	\$155.00
UMCOR	\$50.00
UCV	\$100.00
Women in Mission	\$466.00
Youth	\$445.50
Zimmerman's	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$421.98
SPECIAL GIFTS TOTAL	\$4,314.05
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,704.91

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CHEERFUL GIFTS!**