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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ERLANGER

Dear Church Family,

Please know we are thinking of you and praying for you. We are hoping and praying that soon we will be able to gather in person to worship and fellowship together. I just wanted to share sermon thoughts and scriptures from few Sunday ago; as we all continue to look to Jesus Christ for strength, hope and courage in these current times.

1. Remember we are never alone (Jesus is with us in the storm)

Psalm 46:1-2 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea"

Isaiah 41:10- "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Matthew 28:20- " and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

2. Remember to call on Jesus **IN THE MIDST OF YOUR STORM**

Mark 4:38-39- "But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Then

He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

When facing fear—"Jesus please be near me"

When facing anxiety and panic- "Jesus please calm my heart and mind"

When you do not know what to do in situation – "Jesus please help me"

When feeling weak—"Jesus please strengthen me now"

When you feel overwhelmed by your circumstance- "Jesus please give me your peace."

3. Remember that Jesus is greater than our storms of our past, present and future.

Isaiah 43:2- "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."

Psalms 23:4- "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

Blessings,

Pastor Andrew and Arpita

Lenten Study

"He Chose The Nails" by Pastor Max Lucado



"Even now," declares the Lord "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Joel 2:12

Ida Spence Mission "Take Home Meal"

Thank you EUMC Family for your heart for mission and serving people in the Name of JESUS CHRIST. We had the opportunity to share the Love of Christ and pray with people. Thank you. GLORY TO GOD. AMEN

Colossians 3:17- "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."



Sunday, March 1st was a wonderful day of worship at EUMC. Bailey Love assisted Donna Earls in Church office. We had Pastor Bill praying with confirmation Youth. Also Christopher Herrmann and Avery Love assisted the pastors in serving communion today. The presence of the Lord was with us. Come Holy Spirit Come. Amen



United Methodist Men March 7th

The Men had a meeting at Colonial Cottage for breakfast, fellowship and devotion. We invite you to join us for our Men's group every first Saturday of the month. Come Holy Spirit Come. Amen



May the God of hope
fill you with all joy
and peace as you trust
in him, so that you
may overflow with
hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 NIV

Bishop's Day

March 7th, our two confirmands and their parents attended the Bishop's day. We learned about our how our local church is connected with our church worldwide. We also had the opportunity to hear from Bishop Fairley and his call to ministry. Come Holy Spirit Come. Amen



Sunday, March 8th, 2020

What a wonderful spirit-filled day of worship at EUMC. Our confirmation class met. We had special Music by Reminiscence and children's message by Judy Reed.

Come Holy Spirit Come. Amen



Children's Chapel March 10th



From Bishop Fairley, March 13, 2020

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

In just the last few hours I have been in deep prayer and had a difficult conversation with my Extended Cabinet. As your Bishop, I am strongly urging and requesting that for the next two weeks our churches suspend in-person worship and other large church gatherings.

The people of God have a moral obligation to witness to the sacredness of life and our calling to protect and preserve, even when it causes us to make decisions that tear at the very fabric of who we are as worshipping communities of faith and disciples of Jesus Christ. Making a call like this absolutely breaks my heart, because the church is the one place people have been able to assemble in times of joy, grief, and celebration. However, as a passionate spiritual disciple, I can't stand by while the lives of God's people are potentially jeopardized.

I know this statement goes against what was previously shared. However, the swiftly changing landscape caused by COVID-19 demands our flexibility. This is no longer an issue of faith versus fear. It has quickly become a matter of being faithful stewards of life itself. This virus has the capability of overwhelming our health care system, putting the most vulnerable among us at risk. I know that as Christian men and women, none of us desires that. Our Christian tradition and especially our Wesleyan roots have always called us to be concerned about the most vulnerable among us. It is through these efforts that I am urging us to give witness to these roots by doing what is necessary to help slow the spread of COVID-19. I am very grateful to those congregations that have already made arrangements to discover alternative ways to worship.

Please know that ultimately nothing can keep us from worshipping Jesus Christ. In this season of waiting, we simply have to find alternative ways to care for and worship with each other. Please be safe and always consider the health and well-being of others. This virus has already caused so much damage. It is my prayer that we not let it cause us to question one another's faith. Worship God with all your heart, because the worship of your heart is what God truly desires.

In Christ, Bishop Fairley

Updated: 3/23/20

Please be reminded that I am requesting that there be no gatherings for in-person worship services or other gatherings until otherwise notified.

I thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to try and defeat COVID-19 and protect life.

Bishop Fairley

Sunday, March 15th, 2020

First ever Facebook Live Service

We shared songs, scriptures and message of Hope. GLORIFIED. Amen



He Is Here!

Suzanna's Grandson, James Alexander Richardson was born Tuesday, March 10th, at 3:50 am. He weighted 7lb 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. Mommy, Baby, and Gam are all doing fine, just in need of a little more sleep. He has long fingers, loves music, books, and we love him to the moon and back. The Richardson family is blessed and favorited that he is in our life. Thank you for all the changing table (it is being well used), cards, money, gift card and calls to check up on him during this time.



One Day Old

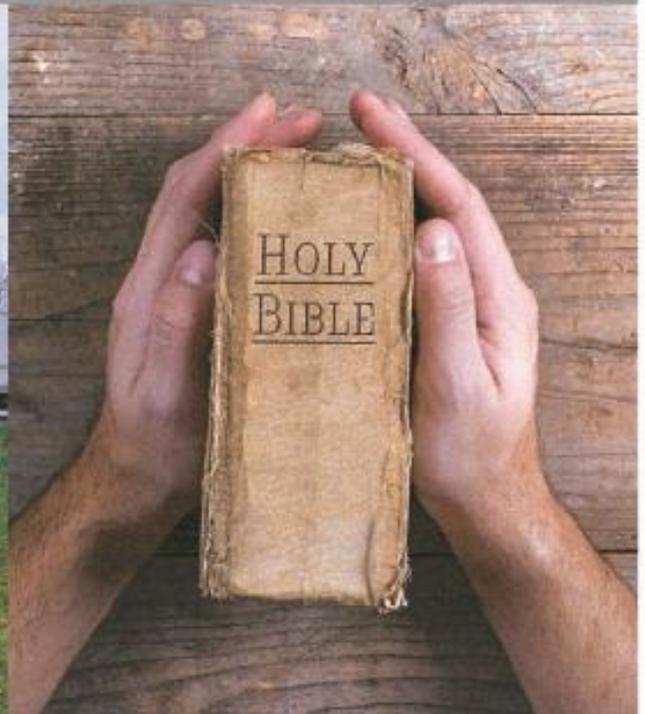


Pastor Andrew prayed a prayer of blessing over James's Life



20 Days Old

URGENT NEEDS



For Our Stores/Customers

Emergency Needs

- ▶ *Children's Summer Clothes - URGENT*
- ▶ *Men's Summer Clothes - URGENT*
- ▶ *Men's Shoes*
- ▶ *Socks & Underwear*

Needs

- ▶ Good Pots n' Pans
- ▶ Good Used Furniture

Processing Plant Needs

- ▶ Rubber Bands
- ▶ 16 Oz. Coffee Cups
- ▶ Air Fresheners (Aerosol Cans)
- ▶ 33 Gallon Black Garbage Bags
- ▶ 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- ▶ Paper Towels
- ▶ Pinesol
- ▶ Dust Mops
- ▶ Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- ▶ Sugar
- ▶ Paper Towels
- ▶ Toilet Tissue

**And of course, all the other wonderfully good and usable items
you donate to the Mission!**

Celebrate You!!

Birthday's

April

Tim Herrmann 04/02
Jennifer Koenig 04/02
Amy Sullivan 04/03
Arpita Singh 04/08
Ron Tanner 04/11
Eleanora Wettig 04/11
Jennie Robinson 04/13
Bailey Love 04/14
Tina Royalty 04/15
Henry Evans 04/20
Roberta Marcotte 04/20
Stephen Kidd 04/22
David Evans 04/23

May

Melissa Howard 05/01
Sandra Munsey 05/01
Rhoda Russell 05/01
Sharon Pollard 05/05
Vanessa Schneider 05/08
Jack Martin 05/10
Betty Duncan 05/14
Jayden Koenig 05/15
JoAnne Gillespie 05/15
Scott Abney 05/16
Bill Shumate 05/20
Claire Lusk 05/23
Avery Love 05/23

Anniversaries

April

Mark & Sande Shepherd 04/21

May

Carl & Karen Neumeister 05/13
Patrick & Cherri McMahan 05/18
Bill & Donna McCarty 05/19

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



Tuesday, March 24th

Thank you to all who watched our time of prayer, song, scripture, on Thursday, March 24th. Follow us on Facebook to see when our next Live service will be. Come Holy Spirit Come. Amen



**SATURDAY, MARCH 21 AT 11AM
PRAYER TIME VIA FACEBOOK LIVE**

Pastor Andrew and Pastor Bill
lead in a time of prayer.
Come Holy Spirit Come. Amen

General Conference to move to 2021



March 23, 2020

Nashville, Tenn.: Subsequent to the announcement by the Executive Committee of the Commission on the General Conference that the 2020 General Conference will be postponed, the full Commission met March 21, 2020 to determine next steps to take in setting a new date.

After hearing recommendations from Sara Hotchkiss, Business Manager of the General Conference, and discussion of possible alternatives, the Commission made a determination that the General Conference will not meet in 2020 as originally planned and elected to work toward setting a date in 2021.

“As we looked at the complex issues that we will need to navigate to reschedule the event and the lack of options available, it does not appear feasible to plan for 2020,” said Kim Simpson, chair of the Commission. “These issues include the undetermined length of the pandemic, uncertainty around travel bans in different areas of the world, delays in processing visas due to government and business closures and other questions.”

In giving direction for next steps, the Commission resolved that holding the event in Minneapolis is a high priority and authorized the business manager to pursue negotiations regarding other dates available at the Minneapolis Convention Center in 2021.

“The Dakotas-Minnesota Area Host Team has done a wonderful job in partnering with us to prepare for this event, and we are grateful for their willingness to continue to work with us as we move toward a new date,” Simpson said.

We had a wonderful day, Sunday, March 22nd our online worship. Thank you to all the precious servants of the Lord for their help in making our worship a blessing to all. Thank you also to Pastor Troy Hahn and his congregation for joining us online. Glory to God. Amen



Sunday, March 29th, 2020

We are grateful for EUMC Facebook live team for assisting with our Sunday Morning service. All Glory and Honor to Jesus Christ. Amen

