



# Circuit *Writer*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
THE ERLANGER UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
MAY 2020

Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus. Hope you all are doing well. I know that all of us are missing each other and especially gathering for worship on Sunday, Tuesday Bible Study, Hour of Prayer, Manna Mission and just our weekly fellowship meetings and gatherings.

We are living through a very uncertain and challenging time due to the affect of covid-19 worldwide. However, in the midst of our challenges, fears, anxieties, worries and uncertainties of life; we have a constant hope in the LIVING JESUS CHRIST. The Bible assures us in Hebrews 13:8 that, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Jesus is with us and will sees us through this time.

In addition, I wanted to share just few thoughts on my heart during this season of social distancing.



1. Let us be in much prayer to draw closer to Jesus and to pray fervently for all who are in the front-line caring for people.

2. Let us spend time meditating and reading the word of God throughout the day to hear and receive, what God is saying to us and showing us in the word.

3. Let us take time to reach out via call, email, text or send a card to encourage our friends, neighbors and family.

4. Let us Keep the Faith and be assured that God is with us and for us.

Romans 15:13- “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.”

Thinking of all of you all. Come Holy Spirit Come.

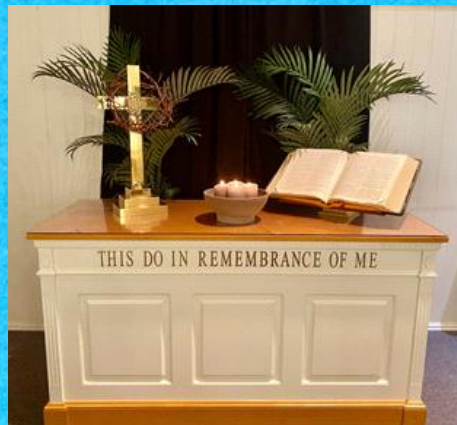
**Blessings**

**Pastor Andrew and Arpita**



# Palms Sunday

03-05-20





## BIRTHDAY'S

### May

Melissa Howard	05/01
Sandra Munsey	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

### June

Don Cassidy	06/01
Anna Love	06/01
Brad Pope	06/02
Anita Whalen	06/03
Bill Howard	06/08
Charley Love	06/11
Joy Hamilton	06/12
Jim Muegel	06/12
Jill Jameson	06/12
Barbara Wilson	06/13
Sandy Robinson	06/15
Pat Barbour	06/15
Sande Shepherd	06/20
Patricia Brown	06/25

## Anniversaries

### May

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

### June

Todd & Kelly Lusk	06/17
Henry & Mimi Evans	06/16
Bill & Cindy Slaven	06/23

## THANK YOU

I am so blessed with the church family I have at Erlanger United Methodist Church.

I want to thank you all for the lovely cards I received for my birthday. God is so good!

In Christian love,

Mardelle Dickhaut

## Online Tuesday Prayer Time





## Offering

	March	April
Tithes	\$16,849.00	\$18,820.00
Sunday School	\$27.00	\$
Loose Plate	\$106.56	\$10.00
GECD		\$
Interest / Dividends	\$10.33	\$89.30
Upper Room	\$2.00	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,994.89</b>	<b>\$18,134.30</b>
<b>Total Special</b>	<b>\$2877.34</b>	<b>\$1,118.00</b>
<b>Offering &amp; Special Total</b>	<b>\$19,872.23</b>	<b>\$19,252.30</b>
Online Giving (minus fees)	\$605.84	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$20,478.07</b>	

## Psalm 91: 1-2

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

We invite you to join us online for worship service at 7pm

# GOOD FRIDAY

REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE

1 PETER 2:24







# 2020 Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church

**Monday, June 8 – Wednesday, June 10**  
Northern Kentucky Convention Center

Because of the ongoing impact of COVID 19 on our communities, churches and world, the 2020 Annual Conference session, scheduled for June 7-10, will be **postponed** until Dec. 8-9. The 2020 Annual Conference still will meet at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington.

The recommendations of public health officials, the concern of the health of our AC members and the churches and communities they represent, and the financial implications for our churches all contributed to our decision to postpone the gathering until December.

We are thankful for your patience as we navigate through these uncharted days. The AC Program and Arrangements team is working on the logistics surrounding our December conference. We look forward to the day when we can all gather together safely to know the Hope and share the Hope that is Jesus Christ.

Bishop Fairley said: "I am grateful for the work of our Annual Conference Program and Arrangement team who never wavered from honoring the sanctity of life in all its work, discussions, and decisions around whether to have Annual Conference. We have contingency plans for things like Ordination, etc., which you will be hearing more about in the days ahead."

He added: "I hope each of you understand that this was never an easy decision to make, but we chose life and the desire to defeat this pandemic that has already taken so many people from us. We look forward to seeing each of you safe and well in December to continue the journey of our shared calling."

If you have made a hotel reservation through the Passkey system on our conference website, your reservation will automatically be canceled. You DO NOT need to call and cancel your reservation within these blocks. Individuals who made reservations outside of the Kentucky Conference hotel block will need to contact the hotel directly to cancel your reservations.

The hotel block is open for our December conference. You can find the list of those hotels here. <https://book.passkey.com/event/50082835/owner/1352/home>

Always hopeful,

Rev. Tami Coleman  
Conference Secretary



## Bishop Leonard Fairley

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In the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of John's gospel, Jesus shares his final post-Easter appearance with his disciples, in which he has a conversation with Peter. That conversation now lies heavy on my heart as the shepherd of the people called United Methodist in Kentucky. Jesus asks Peter point blank, "Do you love me more than these?" When Peter answers, "Yes, Lord you know that I love you." Jesus replies, "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep."

I hear the rumbles of protest (which is a right afforded each of us). But friends, even as the protesters loudly resound, I'll still choose life over the possibility of losing (if I can do anything to prevent it) even one life to death by this COVID-19 pandemic. As shepherds, pastors, leaders and passionate spiritual disciples of Jesus Christ, we are oftentimes called upon to make decisions that are neither expedient nor popular.

We are in a season where the current state of our denomination and COVID-19 have created a perfect storm that will call upon each of us to make difficult and life-altering decisions. However, we make these decisions not as a people who are without hope, but as a people whose hope is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ.

It is this hope which reminds us that in Jesus Christ, death does not win and no midnight can last forever. As long as Jesus is the light of the world, there always remains a light that no darkness can put out. It is with this faith, determination, courage and hope in the future (which in times like these can seem to be in jeopardy) that we press on toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus knowing, "We will get through this together." We will get through this by continuing to do what is necessary.

Therefore, I feel it necessary that we continue practicing social distancing by not having large gatherings, which includes in-person worship. We know the day is fast approaching when we will be able to, once again, gather in our places of worship to glorify and praise God, and honor Christ person to person. What a day of rejoicing that will be! The day is coming when we will be able to give you a more definitive date for reopening for in-person worship, a day where we are not reacting minute-by-minute, day-by-day, to this pandemic.

In the assurance that day is coming, we have put together a task force that will share with you in the days ahead what our "new normal" might look like. This task force will consider practical steps, processes and/or procedures that will be most helpful, safe and wise, as we prepare to reopen our sanctuaries for public worship.

I want to conclude by saying how grateful and blessed I've been by the many amazing ways you have, and continue to be, creatively faithful to both feeding and tending God's sheep in the midst of these most challenging times. Please remember to take care of your spirits in what is a very stressful season. Remember, you can't give what you don't have. Please never forget to practice the fruit of the Spirit. "... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control...." -Galatians 5:22-23. We are, after all, Easter people!!!

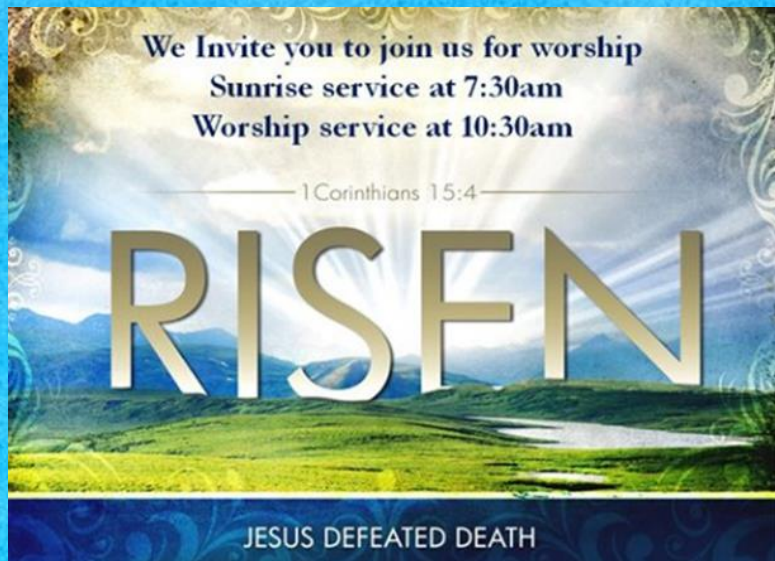
In Christ,

Bishop Fairley



# Easter 2020

Easter this year was very different, but the truth remains, He is Risen!





Sunday, April 19, 2020



Sunday, April 26, 2020

