

Monthly Newsletter for The Erlanger United Methodist Church / April 2021

Dear Church Family, Greetings in the name of Jesus. I hope each one of you have experienced the touch, comfort, presence, and power of the Holy Spirit during this season of lent. We serve a God who loves us and cares deeply about us. Let us continue to pause and pray the following scriptures as we draw closer to Jesus each day. Come Holy Spirit Come. Amen

Drawing Closer to Jesus Sermon Series

Sunday, Feb 2 - Be still and Listen

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

<u>Sunday, Feb 28 - Desperate for Jesus -</u> Luke 8:42-48

"But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."-Luke 8:46

Sunday, March 7- Hunger and Thirst for God- Matthew 5:6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Sunday, March 14- "Imitating Jesus"-Philippians 2:1-11

"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" -Philippians 2:8

Sunday, March 21- "He must Increase"-John 3:30

"He must become greater; I must become less."

Sunday, March 28- Praying like Jesus-Luke 22:39-46

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." Luke 22:42

All for Jesus, Pastor Andrew and Arpita

Pastor Gene will give a presentation on the Garden of Gethsemane Thursday, April 1st, in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm.



This picture was taken in the Garden of Gethsemane, the year 1955, the month of December. I was 27 years young and now in my 92nd year I have been asked to share what thoughts occupied me then. The 66 years that have passed, leave me with little to recall. However, where I put my knees and close my eyes give me these thoughts now. Could it be that I was where the Lamb of God would move to the cross, whereby the grace of God tasted death for you, me, and the whole world.

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone."

Hebrews 2:9 NKJV

Brother Gene

Sunday, February 28th, 2021



Coffee with a Cop March 6th Connecting with the community.





EUMC IN PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES

March 7th

We will continue to broadcast our service online via Facebook and we also make DVD copies of the services. If you would like a copy, please call the church office and we will make sure to get you a DVD copy of the service.

1. As you arrive in the church parking lot, you will be greeted by an usher who will guide you to enter the church via the side <u>ramp entrance door (this is the door that leads to our Prayer</u> **Chapel). The RAMP ENTRANCE will be the only door for entrance and exit from the**

sanctuary. If you can please arrive at the church between 10am-10:25 am it will be helpful for our ushers to help seat you in the sanctuary according to social distancing guidelines. Even if you arrive later, the ushers will be available to guide you to the seats.

2. As you enter the church one of the volunteers will take your temperature. We will not be recording the temperature but just the names of people who attended worship for our records.

3. We will also have Hand Sanitizers available at the entrance and encourage use both on the way into the sanctuary and upon leaving.

4. We will refrain from handshakes, hugs, and practice social distancing (Six Feet apart) always within the sanctuary.

5. The pews will be marked, and the ushers will guide you to your seats. (Members of the same family will be seated together)

6. We will only have one bathroom open, below the balcony and technology booth at the north end of the sanctuary. There will be Clorox wipes available, and we will greatly appreciate your help in cleaning after use.

7. We encourage everyone to bring their own mask to church. We will have masks available if you do not have one. We will all wear masks during worship per conference guidelines. Your pastors will wear masks except when preaching or singing.

8. We will not take a traditional offering during worship. There will be an Offering box available at the front of the church where you can place your offering. There will be offering envelopes available. Also, if you would like to give online here is the link on our website: https://www.erlangerumc.org/give/ Further, we will be temporarily suspending the collection of mission items (pill bottles, canned goods, etc.) during this phase of church reopening. These will continue at a later date.

9. There will be No Children's Church, Sunday School or fellowship time in the Narthex.

10. There will be no bulletins during worship. All the information will be on the screen during worship. Further, there will be no tissues, water, pens, or hymnals in the sanctuary. Please bring with you for personal use, anything you require.

11. Following the service the ushers will guide you in exiting the sanctuary.

12. If you are not feeling well or have any symptoms of cold or flu, we encourage you to continue to watch the service online on our church Facebook page. Our prayer and desire is for you to be well and also protect each other from passing any infection.

Thank you so much for your understanding and patience. Blessings

Pastors Andrew and Bill and EUMC Leadership Team Members (Kathy Sandel, Marcus Zillman, Mark Burns, Glen Wells, Charlie Love, Chuck Love, Vanessa Schneider, Tim Healy, Emily Markey, Tom Marshall, Roger Wilson)

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! Psalm 95:6 ESV











SPRC MEETING Monday, March 8, 2021 John Gillespie & Tim Herrmann not pictured.



Facebook Tuesday Prayer Time

March 9, 2020 Pastor Bill, Ted Schneider, and Pastor Andrew.



Wednesday Zoom Prayer Meeting.

Contact Pastor Andrew if you would like to participate with this group!



March Offering

\$19,007.00
\$184.00
\$116.55
\$19,307.55
\$1,388.00
\$16,112.88
\$197.22
\$16,310.10

Holy Week Services

Tuesday, March 30- Prayer service online- 7-7:30pm

Thursday, April 1: A time to remember Jesus in Gethsemane by Rev. Gene Barbour- 6:30pm (In person and Online)

Friday, April 2- Good Friday Service- 7pm <u>(In person and Online)</u> Saturday, April 3- Holy Saturday Online Prayer-Noon

Sunday, April 4- Sunrise Service at 7am Worship Easter service- 10:30am (In person and online)

April		
BIRTHDAY AND	ANNIVERSARIES	
Tim Herrmann	04/02	
Jennifer Koenig	04/02	
Amy Sullivan	04/03	
Jaylinn Slaven	04/04	
Arpita Singh	04/08	
Ron Tanner	04/11	
Eleanora Wettig	04/11	
Jennie Robinson	04/13	
Bailey Love	04/14	
Tina Royalty	04/15	
Landen Slaven	04/20	
Henry Evans	04/20	
Roberta Marcotte	04/20	
Jaiden Zepeda	04/22	
Stephen Kidd	04/22	
David Evans	04/23	
Lola Sullivan	04/23	
Janet Greeley	04/23	
Clara Wainscott	04/23	
Piper Zepeda	04/26	
Benjamin Papp	04/28	

Joe & Angie Davis04/05Mark & Sande Shepherd04/21

Sunday, March 14, 2021 Another great day of worship. Glory to God. Amen























Thank you for your donations for the Flood Relief, we will be sending \$785.00 on behalf of EUMC.

Below you will see pictures from the Kentucky Conference photo galleries. Kentucky Conference: Photo Galleries (kyumc.org)







Sunday, March 24, 2021

Another great day of worship with Special music from Tom Houston, Eloise Mulligan, and the Love Sisters (Avery, Bailey, and Charley). Congregation music lead by Doris Butler. Children's message from Chuck Love, a special message from Pastor Gene, and message from Pastor Andrew.











Preparing for Palm Sunday

Thank you to Martha Ashcraft, Tom Marshall, & Pastor Bill Slaven for the decorations.







Palm Sunday March 28th, 2021

We had a wonderful Sunday celebrating Palm Sunday, Marcus Zillman did our Children's message, we had special music from Tom Marshall & Eloise Mulligan. Congregation music lead by Doris Butler. A special word from Pastor Gene, readings from Pastor Bill and message from Pastor Andrew.







