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Sunday Service 10:00 am & 5:30 pm

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Pastor Alan's Alley

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Congratulations! Our church was selected as the 2010-2011 Ecumenical (Working with other churches) Church of the Year for the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. We will receive a banner to be hung in the church for a year at the Annual Meeting of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference on June 10th. This award is a joint one ecumenically shared with a church from the Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Indiana Region, yet to be named.

The sermon series for the month of June will focus on "Looking Forward" as we the body of Christ with all our many parts move into God's future. Along that line July is going to be a big month in the life of our church. I cannot overstate how important July could be to bring together a mind set among all of us that call Ellenberger their church home. Both the PraiseFest Community Day July 2nd and VBS July 11-15 are outreaches to the neighborhood and will establish how much support from our church family there is in our moving forward. These two events are going to take help from everyone in making them successful. The more people that help the better these events will be—the fewer amount of people, the less effective they will be. The choice is yours to make. I would like to give you an example of someone willing to help. At the front door of the church we would like a person to give directions to people to find restrooms and other places inside the church. Beverly Sue Brewer has volunteered to be that person. Think about it--a blind person is willing to give directions. What can *you* do?

If you are reading this then for you the end of the world did not happen on May 21st @ 6:00 pm PDT (I hope you didn't think the end was really coming then). Twice in this past month we have been given by the national media or world events opportunities to display our Christian faith and faith practices to our neighbors. The above-mentioned kooky prediction and the death of Osama bin Laden. First we make sure that others around us know as serious Christians we do not buy into the hype of the end of the world predictions. You can refer to Mark 13:32 as the truth. Second although justice has been accomplished in death we as Christians do not rejoice in the taking of any life, and thus continue to pray and work towards peace.

Take the time as we are still for a few weeks in the Easter Season to reflect on whom Christ died for and why He died. Next remember what he asked of us who choose to follow his teachings. I invite you read Matthew chapters 5 – 7 and Matthew 28:16-20.

WE ARE THE CHURCH; PEOPLE DON'T NEED TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER,

Shalom Pastor Alan. ☺

PARISH NEWS

The following people or families will benefit from your prayers, a call or a card wishing them well:

Lucille Lake, for encouragement to get through changes in medicine and steadiness of legs. 547-5304, 222 Ashland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46226

Bill Nichols, as he faces another challenge fighting cancer. 787-5831, 351 Churchman Ave. Beech Grove, IN 46107

Kathy Emerson, for continued strength of body, mind and spirit in her battle with cancer. 550-7156, 8169 Whitaker Valley Blvd. Indianapolis, IN 46237

Harold Richardson, for perseverance as he rehabs at Rosewalk. 5602 E 22nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218

Elizabeth Berry, for the doctors to discover why she is unstable walking. 467-1168 1180 Swope St, Apt A, Greenfield, IN 46140

Terry Daniels, awaiting results of kidney biopsy. 664-3793, 434 N Grant Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201

If know of anyone else in need of uplifting please do so and let Pastor Alan know so we can have others do so as well.

Please continue to pray for our church to grow both spiritually and numerically as we seek to follow God's will.



We need your help!

**PraiseFest & VBS are both approaching fast!
Please see Cindy, Terri, Rhonda, or Jody to find out how you can help!**

**For Event Dates remember to check our calendar at EllenbergerUCC.com
Or follow us on Facebook**



PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND THANKSGIVING

Lois Barnard - Anna Biediger – Kristena Bradt – Kelly Brant - Tom Brown – Chris Clark – Linda Collier - Kevin Cooksie - Steve Creech – Ineta & Herb Cummings - Rita Cummins - Kristi Curtis – Jennifer Esterwood - Michael FitzGibbon – Leah Gerber - Julie Gilbert – James Greer - Linda Griffin – Thomasine Hailey - Marguerite Hensley - Cody King – Ashley Lamb - Robert Lamb - Jim Lindsay – Stephanie Mason - Mona May - Sharon McClure - Cheryl McMorris - Mildred McMurray - Allen & Susie Meese - Rev. Joan Mier –Betty Miller – Phyllis Moore - David Najor –M. J. Nice - Rhoades Family – Cory Scott - Mike Sellers – Terry Suesz - Heb Thompson - Susan Trittipio - Barbara & Roger Turner - Martha Umbenhower –Joyce White - Patrick White – James Oliver – Laure Reed – Betty Wolf - Joan Wolfe & Family - Janet Yonts – Pastor Alan’s CECL peer group. Elizabeth Berry – Terry Daniels – Kathy (Emerson) Sears — Bob Held - Willadene Lagler - Lucille Lake — Bill & Sharon Nichols - Valerie Peterson - Jackie Reeves – Harold Richardson – **Our Troops - Pray for Peace**

Pray for your eyes and ears to be open to God’s will for you and the church.

[PRAYER CROSS:](#)

Place a prayer request on the cross at the front of the sanctuary and we will lift up your prayers.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for June

JUNE

2 Susie Meese	1 Michael & Charlotte Reed
5 Phillip Macy	2 Kevin & Julie Barry
6 Madison Macy	
7 Justin Blakeburn	
7 Linda Daniels	
8 Brady O'Connell	
9 Zack Reed	
14 Nicolle Renaud	11 Don & Wendy Shaw
16 Marge Kendall	
17 Laura Dragoo	
17 Kerry Barnard	
17 Austin Steele	
17 Margie Stelzner	
21 Katie Oliphant	
22 Kadylin Pearson	
22 Caleb Strubbe	
23 Robert B. Clark	
26 Amy Reeves	
27 Gabriel Pearson	
30 Hope Daniels	



EDUCATION (Cindy Blakeburn)

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This month the Education Team will be "knuckling down" on Vacation Bible School, "INSIDE OUT, UPSIDE DOWN ON MAIN STREET". There is much to be done and we need many hands to do this. Thanks to Suzie Meese and Rhonda Clark for taking fast hold of the jobs they've been given..."crafts" and "advertising" are well underway. Jody Fitzgibbon is also dedicated to formulating the "music" plan for the children of VBS. Annie Moriarty has volunteered her skills to "set design". Sherry Vail has accepted responsibility for the "kitchen". (She'll be looking for help, too.) Bob Clark will be leading one of our classes. Thanks one and all. (Gee, I'm not as far behind as I thought.)

Encouraged as I am by the volunteerism, I know how much more there is to be done. Remembering that "the more workers, the less stress on getting a project (of love) completed", the Education Team is still in need of volunteers to provide a wonderful experience for the children of our community (inside and outside the walls of E.U.C.C.). Please give me a call if you can help out before/during this event, July 11 - 15. We are soooooo looking forward to another wonderful experience with the kiddos. Please give me a call.

Till then, see you in the pews!

Cindy B, Education

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MISSIONS (Linda & Laure Reed)

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We are showing our support for our troops while supporting our own. Wayne Oliphant Jr , son of Terri & Billy Yeary is currently stationed in Iraq. We will be sending care packages to Jr and his friends. We will also be helping with VBS. Our special giving this month is for **UCC Strengthen the Church**.

Linda & Laure



FELLOWSHIP (Susie Meese)
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The Ladies Luncheon was Great. Everyone enjoyed the event, and I just want to say THANKS again to all who helped. It was great to have the men serving us and David did an excellent job doing the drinks.

JUNE

This month coming to the Warren Arts Building will be the "Raleigh Ringers." They are a wonderful group and would be a great activity for us to participate in. Group rates are available for 10 and over persons. The date is the 20th. More will be shared during Worship and Talk Back.

The 18th will be the next meeting for Fellowship at 10:30 in the Gathering Room. Crafty corners need your help. Can you cut a straight line? Or tell a joke? Come and join us. Meeting time is the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10:30 in the Gathering room.

Father's Day will be a celebration and Pitch-in on the 19th. Bring a picture of your father and a story you would like to share. We are very proud of our "Men" and a good time will be had by all.

Euchre is always on the last Friday night of the month at 7p.m.

JULY

July will really be a busy month with PraiseFest Community Day July 2nd and VBS the week of the 11th. Please try to help out when you are asked. The subject matter this year sounds like it will really be fun.

The men's Golf Outing will be on the 30th at Otts. Ralph Reed is the team leader for this event.

The 31st of the month is our 5th Sunday pitch-in with the theme of American Pride.

The 11th of September is Grandparents Day and we will be honoring them.

October will be busy with Halloween and the Irvington Fall Festival. Plan to come and share the Fellowship and raise funds for your church. Crafty corners will have a booth as well as the youth. Last year they made \$NICE BUCKS." Lets out-do last year and really Go for it!

GOD IS ALWAYS BEHIND YOU; AND JESUS IS HOLDING YOUR HAND.



COMMUNICATIONS (Rhonda Clark)
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Still have yet to plan a date for photos for the church directory and newsletters. I am getting Ads placed for events happening in our church, please let me know if you have items that should be placed in local papers or on community calendars (such as the VBS, PraiseFest ect...) I am doing whatever I can to help with PraiseFest. So far there are plans for music throughout the day, games, a bounce house, Smokey the Bear, the Chick-fil-A cow, a fire truck, a Race Car, Face painting, Balloons, Food and more. We could always use more help so if you have some time to lend a hand it will be greatly appreciated. Updates continue of course for the Web page and Facebook. Thanks everyone for all of your support. **Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for updates!**

Rhonda ☺



eTEAM (Bob Clark)
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The Baby Signing class is coming to a close with a new session in the planning stages.

Our team is focusing on doing all we can to support the PraiseFest Community Day and Vacation Bible School. This year, we are excited to announce that there will be an adult VBS featuring the video series “**Why Jesus?**” Adult VBS will be held at the same time as the children’s VBS (July 11-15) and will be led by Pastor Alan.

Our next e-Team meeting is scheduled for June 18, 11:30 am. Join us for lunch and fellowship at a local eatery (TBA), and then we’ll go back to the church for the actual meeting.

Want to find out how the computer help class held May 31st went? Check our website or Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. Clark



WORSHIP (Pastor Alan & Jody FitzGibbon)
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Team Greeters for June

(Please have one or more of your team at church by 9:30am.)

Sun. June 5th	Sun. June 12th	Sun. June 19 th	Sun. June 26th
Education	Pastoral	Communications	Finance

“JUBILATION” The choir is taking a break for the summer. If you have some special music you would like to sing or play please see Jody FitzGibbon.



TEAM ELLENBERGER (Tom Ott)
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Team Ellenberger meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. The first monthly meeting is the business meeting and the second monthly meeting is the Bible Study. We invite everyone to attend both the Bible studies and/or the meetings. Our next meeting will be at the church and next Bible study will meet at Jody’s home.

CECL: (Center for Excellence in Congregational Leader)

This is the growth program that we as a church have chosen. If you would like to read more about CECL you can visit the website at: <http://cecl.glcc.org/>



YOUTH (Terri Yeary & Ralph Reed)
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The Youth are currently looking forward to a mystery trip. Also, they are working to help make PraiseFest Community Day the best event ever!



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Moderator - Billy Yeary moderator@ellenbergerucc.com

BE A FRIEND INVITE A FRIEND

June Daily Lectionary Scripture References

<p>Wed., June 1 Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 31:1-13 John 16:16-24</p>	<p>Thurs., June 9 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 19:1-9a Acts 2:1-11</p>	<p>Thurs., June 16 Psalm 8 Job 38:1-11 2 Timothy 1:8-12a</p>	<p>Fri., June 24 Psalm 13 2 Chronicles 20:5-12 Galatians 5:7-12</p>
<p>Thurs., June 2 Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53</p>	<p>Fri., June 10 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 19:16-25 Romans 8:14-17</p>	<p>Fri., June 17 Psalm 8 Job 38:12-21 2 Timothy 1:12b-14</p>	<p>Sat., June 25 Psalm 13 Genesis 26:23-25 Luke 17:1-4</p>
<p>Fri., June 3 Psalm 93 2 Kings 2:1-12 Ephesians 2:1-7</p>	<p>Sat., June 11 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 20:1-21 Matthew 5:1-12</p>	<p>Sat., June 18 Psalm 8 Job 38:22-38 John 14:15-17</p>	<p>Sun., June 26 <i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42</p>
<p>Sat., June 4 Psalm 93 2 Kings 2:13-15 John 8:21-30</p>	<p>Sun., June 12 Acts 2:1-21 <i>or</i> Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 <i>or</i> Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23 <i>or</i> John 7:37-39</p>	<p>Sun., June 19 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20</p>	<p>Mon., June 27 Psalm 47 Genesis 22:15-18 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12</p>
<p>Sun., June 5 Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11</p>	<p>Mon., June 13 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Joel 2:18-29 Romans 8:18-24</p>	<p>Mon., June 20 Psalm 29 Job 38:39—39:12 1 Corinthians 12:1-3</p>	<p>Tues., June 28 Psalm 47 1 Kings 18:36-39 1 John 4:1-6</p>
<p>Mon., June 6 Psalm 99 Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24 1 Peter 4:1-6</p>	<p>Tues., June 14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29 Romans 8:26-27</p>	<p>Tues., June 21 Psalm 29 Job 39:13-25 1 Corinthians 12:4-13</p>	<p>Wed., June 29 Psalm 47 Isaiah 51:1-3 Matthew 11:20-24</p>
<p>Tues., June 7 Psalm 99 Numbers 16:41-50 1 Peter 4:7-11</p>	<p>Wed., June 15 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Numbers 11:24-30 John 7:37-39</p>	<p>Wed., June 22 Psalm 29 Job 39:26—40:5 John 14:25-26</p>	<p>Thurs., June 30 Psalm 45:10-17 Genesis 25:19-27</p>
<p>Wed., June 8 Psalm 99 1 Kings 8:54-65 John 3:31-36</p>		<p>Thurs., June 23 Psalm 13 Micah 7:18-20 Galatians 5:2-6</p>	

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DID YOU MISS IT?

- **Computer Class?**
- **Baby Signing?**
- **Pitch In?**

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