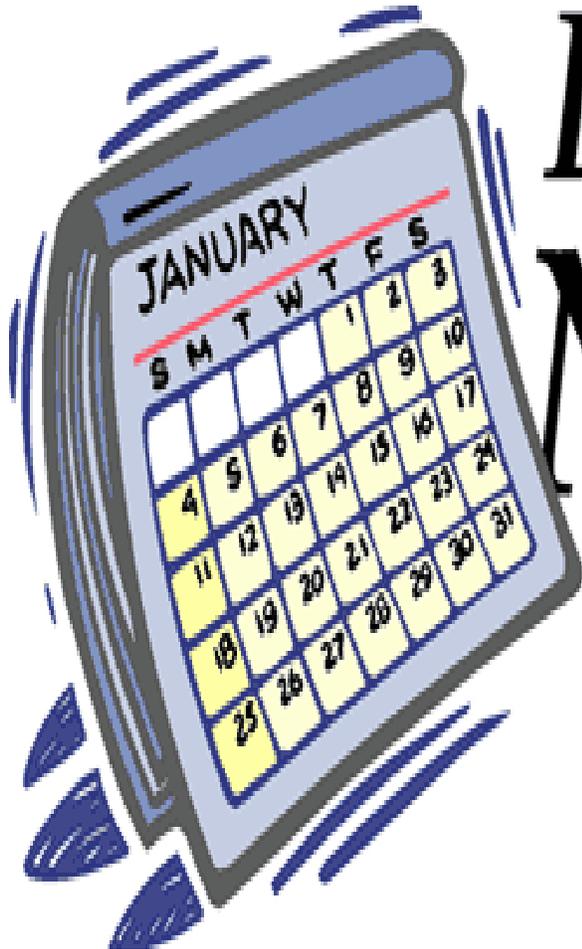


East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER



*Let's Start
the
New Year
Right!*



Perhaps it started with You Tube or even earlier but it certainly started long before Ferguson, Missouri. It is not huge like racism or abuse of power, it is the small and sometimes inconsequential events. But across our land there is a growing hostility toward the police. Even among us who value their sacrifice and service there is a nagging mistrust, and for that I am truly sorry.

It might start when you get a ticket for speeding and then you see the sheriff or the deputy blow by you on the interstate going way over the speed limit with their family in the car. Or perhaps when you watch the heart breaking videos of the young man who was weeping because the police in Salt Lake City shot his beloved pet, because they were looking for a missing toddler and went into his back yard and startled the dog in his own yard not bothering anyone until the police came into the dog's area and shot it dead instead of backing away. Or the police who arrested someone in their own home for filming the events going on in the street in front of their house.

These events and many others multiplied many times across our land and are often publicized on public media sites and have done great harm to police and public trust. So when something like Ferguson happens, even those who love the police wonder "could it be true?" Could an officer shoot an unarmed man in the back when he had his hands in the air? It certainly stopped public support at a time when the officer and the police in general desperately needed it.

When those who have the authority to enforce the law are caught breaking the law (no matter how trivial) it breeds mistrust. Jesus spoke of these things in Luke 16:10 "*Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.*" Whether it is fair or not, every officer of the law is being watched by the public every moment of the day to see if they are faithful or not faithful to their oath and calling.

The world and the unsaved are watching our every move to see if we are living what we believe. To say we believe in holiness, forgiveness and kindness, to say that we must share the Love of God, to say we are in love with our Savior and have decided to become his follower and disciples, make those around us notice our behavior.

The world is watching our every move every moment of the day, and every violation, every time we speak slander or gossip, every time we hold a grudge, every time we are self-serving, greedy or unloving, every time we are dishonest or malicious, the world takes notice and mistrust is built. And even though it seems to us that our actions are trivial or inconsequential, in fact it might mean the difference between a lost soul coming to know Jesus or rejecting Him because our faith does nothing to change our lives and make us different and better.

We are the witness of and for Jesus Christ, if we are not faithful in the small things, the world will not trust us with the big things, like their souls and their eternity.

Pray for the police, they have huge jobs and make even bigger sacrifices, and pray for the Congregation of East Columbus United Methodist Church, that the words of Luke 16:10 will be true in all of our lives. "*Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.*" That we will be trustworthy with even the smallest of things.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

As a music director, I certainly love music and believe it has many positive uses. I believe that music is a gift that God gives us to enjoy in addition to using it to praise Him. Like anything else God gives us, music can be used for good or evil. I do like some secular music. Some could be sung as a man to his wife, or boyfriend to girlfriend (or reverse). Some might just talk about life's struggles or funny things in life. Some music however is not fit to be listened to. I wonder at times about God giving the writers and singers such gifts, and then see them using them for bad, but I guess that is where free will comes in. But, although I love some secular music (for what it is), nothing beats a Christian song that is either a song of worship to God, about God, or not only about life's struggles, but the solution to those struggles (where secular songs fall short).

Songs are often a sermon in song. Unlike a pastor's sermon, songs should be concise, pack a lot of truth in an orderly way that is probably to some degree repetitive (but not boring) and often rhyme while doing all of this. They should not replace sermons (where a pastor can go more in depth), but can supplement or reinforce what a pastor says. If I were to mention the ABCs I imagine most of you would find yourselves thinking of (or humming or singing) the ABC song. This is proof that we often learn easier and retain more when such information is mated with music. I cannot tell you the times that I have heard simply one word and my mind goes to a song. Sometimes this can be silly, but other times helpful in my role here as music director. But other times it can be more than that. It can inspire us, encourage us, give us fuel, speak to us or remind us of one of God's truths.

I found myself seven years ago with a life-threatening disease and was told depending on the severity of it, might have only six months to live. I will confess that I was a bit down and recall driving to get supper with these thoughts on my mind when the Cathedral Quartet's song "Healing" began to play on WKKG. I felt like this was God speaking to me. I have heard different stories over the years of music being used to minister in times of struggle, reach the lost, draw people in, keep people from suicide, and give hope. The old spirituals were written and sung by slaves to have the strength to make it through trying times and to remind themselves of a better day. David played music to soothe King Saul and to rid him of the harmful spirit from God that was upon him. That seems to be evidence of the power of music to me and the power would only be there because God allowed it. The devil wants to steal our song. It would be a pretty sad world without music. There are just times that music reaches us and times where singing to and about God is an outlet of praise when mere words do not seem to be enough.

Music is a powerful tool and thus the devil takes a good thing and corrupts it by using it to cause division in churches, to lead people astray (with secular music and communicating a message contrary to God's will). If this were not such a great tool, the devil would have no reason to abuse it for his own nefarious purposes.

I once knew an atheist who liked southern gospel music. Granted, he liked the style, performance and such in spite of not believing in the subject matter (much like we can sing about Frosty, Rudolph, Puff the Magic Dragon and such, I suppose), but I believe God's word will not return void and hope that those words will sink in a way that he finally sees the truth. I have an acquaintance who went to another church in town, sang in its choir, and even led singing there who has fallen away from God, yet he still enjoys hearing southern gospel music. I hope that his love of that music will keep God's truth in his ear and mind and eventually help draw him back. These are just two of many people who would never or will not now darken the doors of a church, but yet are hearing God's word through radio, television, recordings, concerts and so forth.

I have told you what Terry Snyder has had to say, but more importantly, what does the Bible say about music? We are told in Colossians 3 to sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in our hearts to God, in James 5 to sing praise if we are cheerful, in Psalm 100 to make a joyful noise to the Lord and come into his presence with singing, and in Psalm 92 that it is good to give thanks to the Lord and sing praises to His name.

May we always have a song!



by Paula Turnbow

HAPPY 2015

Come join us for Children's Church and Sunday School as we begin...
 Jesus' teachings and healings!

January's Bible Verse:

Luke 2:13, 14

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES 8:30 & 10:40 a.m. Blended Worship 9:40-10:30 a.m. Sunday School 6 p.m.—Casual-Informal Praise Service</p>	<p>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister Carol McIntosh, Adm. Assistant Terry Snyder, Music Director Janelle Quasebarth/Parents, Youth Directors Bob Fear, Custodian</p>
<p>2439 Indiana Avenue Columbus, IN 47201-7022</p>	<p>Phone: 812.376.7418 — FAX 812.376.7699 Office email: office@eastcolumbusumc.org music@eastcolumbusumc.org pastor@eastcolumbusumc.org web site: www.eastcolumbusumc.org</p>
<p align="center">OUR CHURCH MISSION Growing the Family of God by Making Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.</p>	

JANUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  OFFICE CLOSED	2	3
4 Epiphany Sun. Holy Communion Regular Services	5 9am-UMW Service Group 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	6 1pm-Bible Study 7:30pm-Praise Team Reh.	7 5:15pm- Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study	8 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	9	10 9am-1pm- Fruitful Congre- gation Journey
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HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

December 12-14 we had a cabin campout to close out the year.

January 4, the troop will go to the Northern Slopes for tubing.

February 7-8, is Boy Scout Sunday and will participate in the 8:30 a.m. service at ECUMC.

February 21 is Merit Badge day.

The Troop invited Cub Scout Pack 593 of Southside Jr. High to join us for our December campout. We had five boys and one of their parents joined us. It has been a long time since our Troop had 20 people to go on a campout. We hope that some of these boys might want to cross over to our Troop.

The Troop will soon move our camping gear to the church bus barn to allow the basketball court to be removed at the Youth Center.

If anyone is interested in helping out with scouting or if a boy would like to join the troop we will welcome a visit. Boys need to be 11 years old to join and less than 18.

Meeting time is Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer
Scoutmaster
812-342-3583 H
812-350-9707 C

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1.... Sean Staples

4.... Kevin Bozell
Ed Bridgewater

8.... Mark Parks

10.... Margie Tully

11.... Wyatt Miller

12.... Tiffany Heisey

13.... Drew Helton

14.... Nellie Rager
Samantha Whittington

16.... Jacob Bense
River Steele

19.... Samantha Walker

21.... Sharon Taylor

22.... Chuck Conley

23.... Ruth Crossland

26.... Tom Bray
John Tully

27.... Lola Waltz

28.... Phyllis Byrnes

30.... Claire Perry
Stephanie Tetrick

31.... Wilma Growe`





Happy New Year!!

I'm assuming you made your 2015 list of wishes...

I wish I would lose weight this year.
I wish I would get more sleep this year.
I wish I would take more time to pray this year.

Or whatever is important in your life.

But as a wee little mouse I've learned...

“If wishes were horses, then beggars could ride.”

This little mouse sure isn't a beggar! **I'm a child of the King!** So why should I waste my time “wishing” for things...why not work towards those important things in 2015?

I've resolved..no...that's not quite right either... Let's see how to explain this...

I'm trusting that in 2015 I will ...

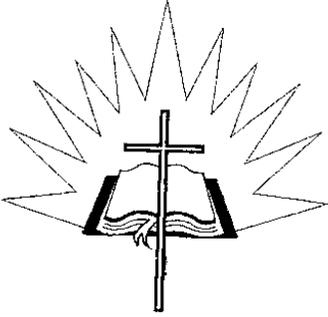
Lose some weight
Get more sleep
Talk more to Jesus

And in whom am I trusting?

Well, it sure isn't this little mouse, that's for sure!! Know why? Because this little mouse is weak but Jesus is strong!! Only with His help will I be able to do any of these things!

So as the clock strikes midnight (and it will...even if you, like this little mouse are all tucked away in your warm little bed with dreams full of cheese) ... Remember to start the year off right by putting your trust in the power of the One who knows the future ... JESUS!!

Till next month.....Timothy



Applying Bible Principles

A few years ago, the world was thrown into confusion and chaos. The Middle East had oil, and the rest of the world wanted that oil. This was a crisis situation. The perception was that we were running out of oil.

As Larry O’Nan described it, “The core problem was a matter of imbalance, greed, and selfishness. Competition had created an environment where we thought we needed to get something before someone else got it.”

Just as perception created an illusion that the world was running out of oil, perception has created an illusion when it comes to giving to the work of the Lord and to His ministry at East Columbus United Methodist Church. The perception is that our financial resources are insufficient to enable us to give. Some of us think that we simply cannot afford to give.

But that’s not the situation at all. Even poverty (something which is probably not descriptive of anyone in our midst) is not a reason for not giving to the Lord. The Christians in Macedonia were very poor. As 2 Corinthians 8:2 describes them, they were in “extreme poverty.” Yet, even in that situation, they were full of joy and gave as much as they were able—and more. How could they do that?

The reason they gave abundantly, eagerly and willingly out of their “extreme poverty” was that they “gave themselves first to the Lord.” That’s the secret of giving that honors God. When we give ourselves to Him wholeheartedly and without reservation of any kind, then our financial resources will follow.

During the reign of Oliver Cromwell, the government ran out of silver with which to make coins. Cromwell sent his men everywhere to see if they could find more of the precious metal. They returned to report that the only silver they could find was in the statues of the saints which were on display in various cathedrals. “Good,” replied Cromwell. “We will melt down the saints and put them into circulation.

As you consider the offering which will be received next Sunday at East Columbus United Methodist Church, and as you consider the resources God has placed at your disposal, will you be “melted down” for His service and His glory? Like the Macedonian Christians, will you—regardless of your financial situation—first give yourself to the Lord and then allow your financial resources to follow?

News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you to my family and Carl & Karen Miller for the beautiful flowers that I received for my 95th birthday and to my church family for the many cards I received. Everyone made this a wonderful birthday for me. It was all appreciated.

-Georgia Dix

Thank you to all of the carolers that came to our home and blessed us with Christmas songs. It was just wonderful and we really enjoyed them.

-Louis and Shirley Sylvia

Thank you church family for the cards, prayers and flowers at the death of my sister-in-law Marie Bradley. They are greatly appreciated.

Love you all. Rosie Adams

Thanks to Terry and the Choir for the beautiful Cantata on Sunday. You are a blessing to our church.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOB AVAILABLE

After more than 30 years of faithful and excellent service to our congregation, Miss Carol has decided it is time to retire. We wish Carol and Larry all of God's blessing and a wonderful retirement. You are deeply loved and will be sorely missed.

We are in need of a new Administrative Assistant. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please submit your resume' to the church office.

Here's what's
happening!

Fruitful Congregation Journey (FCJ) meeting is Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Greensburg UMC.

Church Growth committee will meet Tuesday, January 13, 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

Special Needs Support group will meet Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Columbus Community Emmaus gathering is Friday, January 16, 7 p.m.

United Methodist Men's breakfast is Saturday, January 17, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men invited to attend!

Church Council will meet Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Ecumenical Assembly quarterly meeting is Tuesday, January 27, 7 p.m.

NEW MEMBER TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Charles Sites was received into membership on December 11, 2014.

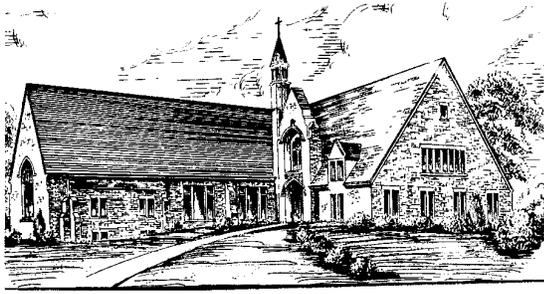
NEW PREPARATORY MEMBERS RECEIVED DECEMBER 7, 2014

Charli Jean and Joss Talia Bailey, children of Charles and Emily Bailey.

Kai Beckett and Finn Sebastian Staggs, children of Jeremy and April Staggs.

RECEIVED DECEMBER 28, 2014

Hailee Renee Eckhart and Kaytlynn Mae Eckhart, children of Dustin and Sara Eckhart.



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