

East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Worship
the LORD
in all
his holy
splendor.

Psalm 96:9, NLT





PASTOR'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Indiana law on bicycle lamps and reflectors says in Sec. 9 “A bicycle operated on a highway from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset until one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise must be equipped with the following: (1) A lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front. (2) A lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear or a red reflector visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear.”

This law is written to protect the bicycle and the rider, the other morning I was driving north on Gladstone before dawn when seeming out of nowhere a bicycle without either front or back light was in front of me, I was very grateful, there was no south bound traffic and I was going slow enough so I could swerve around him.

When we read in John 8:12 “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.” Jesus is not only talking about illumination and righteousness, although these are very important, but he is also talking about protection. With God’s Light we live and walk with a protection that keeps us from harm, to live without the light of Christ makes us as vulnerable to destruction as that foolish person that was almost invisible in the darkness.

Those who refuse to be obedient to the word open themselves to every imaginable evil and anger, slavery to sin, destroyed relationships, lack of peace, and worst of all the eternal danger to the immortal soul.

It is frustrating to me to listen to folks talk about how they are not religious and it is fine for others who “need” that kind of thing, or to listen to the enemies of the cross who believe the laws of God are given only by men and are only there to ruin our pleasure. Light brings protection, the light of Christ brings eternal protection, and as Jesus said light gives life. Walk in the Light of Christ and have all the benefits of his marvelous light.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I was actually going to write about this sometime in the past few months or so, and felt like I should do another topic instead. Maybe now I understand why as this article bridges Christmas and New Years very well. I will give a little back story before going to the meat of the article. It is a powerful story of forgiveness, restoration, generosity and grace.

As I have mentioned before, I love learning gospel music history. One of my favorite gospel acts is the Cathedrals. They released a biography in 1998, and disclosed about a time when an unnamed person went to the three younger members of the group (their pianist, tenor singer and baritone singer who was also double duty as their bass guitarist after having previously played piano and sang baritone with them), and told them that the "old men" were holding them back. The "old men" were the two original members who had started the group about a decade and a half earlier and made many sacrifices during many lean times until a few years prior when all of their investing had started paying off. These "old men" were only in their late forties and early fifties. The unnamed person convinced the three "young guys" to leave and form their own group, leaving these two men (bass and lead singer) to essentially start over. There was admittedly some hurt feelings at first. The lead singer was in the studio working on an album when he overheard rumors of this, not believing it, but making a few calls to put the rumor to bed, only to find out it was true that the young guys were planning on leaving. As it turns out, the "old men" at first considered quitting, but regrouped and had their most successful eras after this, while the young guys only lasted a couple of years or so before breaking up (with one leaving even before this). Now, the "old men" knew that each of these young men would eventually leave, but never expected all three to leave at once.

One of these three "young guys" posted the following on a website after the bass singer, George Younce (the last remaining original member of the Cathedrals, passed away).

"I was at a very low time in my life. For two years I had made rotten, sinful choices, almost lost my marriage and family, experiencing depression and much pain in my life. But now I had reached the point of wanted (SIC) to make changes and I was trying to dig out of the pit. I had submitted myself to the leaders of the church for discipline and help. One of their rules was that I was not to play the piano in any church-type settings. However, they did permit me to play dinner music at a local classy restaurant." It was Christmas time and very cold and snowy in northeast Ohio. The grand piano was in one room, but in another room sat the Younce family having dinner. When the music started reverberating throughout the beautifully decorated restaurant, George told his family, 'that has to be Lorne playing the piano.' As he was leaving the restaurant, George came by the piano and spoke with me and told me how much he had enjoyed the music.

"George started driving home with his family. He later told me he got almost home and could not get me off his mind. He turned the car around and drove back to the restaurant and came to me at the piano. He stuck his hand in my pocket and left a couple of \$100 bills and said, 'Go buy your wife a nice Christmas present.'

"It was not so much the money (even though that certainly was timely!), but the riches of friendship was worth more to me at that point in my life than any tangible gift that anyone could have given me..."

I want to add that the other two members who left with the pianist, ended up on the Cathedrals' reunion video in the mid-nineties and there were no apparent hard feelings at all, only love. In fact although they aren't my favorite version of the group, a song those four did was the "moment" of the entire reunion video. If you want to check it out I will put the link here (and should be clickable on our online version).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YuN3YmF568>

It is a great song that starts off with them blending masterfully in unison on the chorus, before eventually breaking into harmony, and to a powerful ending singing "Jesus will never ever change, Jesus is always the same!"

As the new year approaches, we have the chance for a new start. Although we can technically start at any point, New years is seen as a time to mark a new beginning, a moment in time that we can start anew. Although those three mentioned above did some harm initially, God blessed the remaining two, and they gave the other three a fresh start. My prayer is that 2018 will be a time of refreshing and restoration!



by Paula Turnbow

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Bible Memory Work

For January:

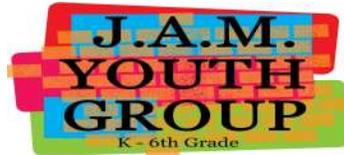
The Lord's Prayer

Matt: 6:9-13

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.*

*Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.*



SAVE THE DATE

JAM #2

Wednesday, January 10

Bring a friend!!!!



**HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL
TROOP 549**

January—Tubing

February Camping in the Youth Center for Scout Sunday.

In February we hope to host a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. More details to follow.

We have 2 boys who have completed their Eagle Project. The year of 2018 we should have 3 new Eagle Scouts.

As always if any member of the church is interested in Scouting be it a boy or adult we will be glad for your visit and interest. Stop by and visit!

Boys age need to be 11 years old and less than 18 to join. Meeting time is Thursdays—6:30-8:00 at the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer, Scoutmaster

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

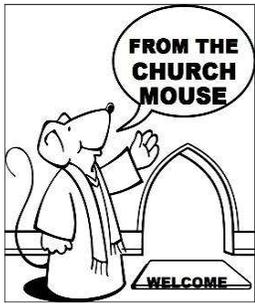
	1 Office Closed  New Year's Day	2 1pm-Bible Study	3 NO J.A.M. NO Bells 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study	4 5:30pm-Trustee Mtg. 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	5	6
7 Communion Regular Services 6pm-Evening Service	8 9am-UMW Service Group	9 1pm-Bible Study	10 5:15-7:30pm- J.A.M. Youth Group 5:15-Bells 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study	11 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	12 6:30pm-Family Game Night	13
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1.... Sean Staples
 4.... Kevin Bozell
 Ed Bridgewater
 8.... Mark Parks
 10.... Margie Tully
 13.... Drew Helton
 14... Nellie Rager

19.... Samantha Walker
 24... .Chuck Conley
 25... Walter Thomas
 26.... Tom Bray
 John Tully
 30.... Stephanie Tetrick





Happy New Year

Just about every new year dawns with promises of change ... changing your hairstyle; changing your job status (retirement comes to mind!); changing your eating habits (I plan to eat more cheese!); changing your weight (personally I could stand to lose a few ounces!) ... but how many of us think about real change?

How many of us dress in our “Sunday best” so that those we sit beside in church see our best ... our best clothes ... our best behavior, perhaps?

We’re very careful as we sit in church to say the “right” things ... to sing the “right” songs ... to avoid letting any of the “worldly” things enter into this holy place. But that’s not what Jesus did ... He cared not for the outward appearance ... He didn’t care if you were a tax collector or a harlot or a fisherman or played loud, worldly music ... He looked to the inner appearance and that was where He often found real love. So many of us want to put on a show when we come to church ... but it’s not in church that we need to put on the dog ... it’s in the world!

We need to be that light that shows the world that we can sing the same rock ‘n’ roll music or tell our “funny” stories or jokes in the church and in the world ... that what we are on Sunday morning is the same as Monday morning. Because if you’re ashamed to sing those worldly songs or tell those jokes in a church setting ... whether it’s in the church building or on a church outing ... because of the people you’re with ... then why would you do it at all?

Let’s be that shining example to the world in 2018! Let’s allow Jesus to shine through us in all we say and do! So this New Year let’s resolve to be less like the world as we travel *through* the world and more like the Christians who are traveling *toward* our heavenly home!

Till next month..... *Timothy*

News



From the Mail Box...

Shirley Sylvia thanks the Caring Ministry for the beautiful Poinsettia and Tom & Mary Gorman for the wonderful visit. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Thanks to everyone in my Fidelis Bible Class for all the cards, visit, prayers and well wishes. Thanks to Ron Briner and Pastor Charlie for the visits and prayers before my surgery. -Bob Moody

Thanks to my church family for the beautiful flowers, cards, prayers and visits from Pastor Charlie. -Love and God Bless, Imogene Butler

Thanks to Terry and the Choir in bringing us a beautiful Christmas Cantata "Christmas is in the Heart." Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication.

Thanks to everyone for their prayers, get well wishes, calls, visits and flowers while I was recuperating from my illness. -Alfreda Walker

Great beauty, great strength and great riches are really and truly of no great use; a right heart exceeds all. -Benjamin Franklin



In Memory of
Mabel Baker
who went home to her
Heavenly Father
Saturday, December 16, 2017

Our sympathy to the family of Mabel Baker at the passing of their loved one.

Here's what's
happening!

Office will be closed January 1 in observance of the New Year.

Trustee's will meet Thursday, January 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Family Game Night Friday, January 12, 2018, 6:30-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

*Bring Favorite Game

*Bring A Friend

*Bring Finger Food Snack to share.

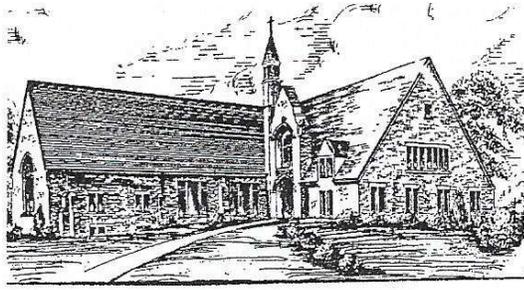
United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast is Saturday, January 20, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

Church Council will meet Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Kindness Counts

Need some creative ideas for performing acts of kindness? Here are a few from randomactsofkindness.org:

- Make blankets or scarves for homeless people.
- Send a care package to someone who's in college or the military.
- Collect coins for a charity or cause.
- When you can't attend an event, give the tickets to strangers.
- Provide tutoring or mentoring in your field of expertise.
- Offer to babysit or pet-sit for free.
- Send a note of appreciation to someone who's made a difference in your life.
- Share your gifts of music, reading or conversation at a nursing home.
- Donate old sports equipment to schools.
- Give someone the benefit of the doubt—maybe even a family member or yourself.



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Return Service Requested

<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES</p> <p>9-9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>10:40 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>6 p.m. Chapel Service</p>	<p>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister Angie Sherfick, Adm. Assistant Terry Snyder, Music Director Paula Turnbow, Children's Ministry Director Bob Fear, Facility Manager</p>
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OUR CHURCH MISSION

**Growing the Family of God by Making
Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.**