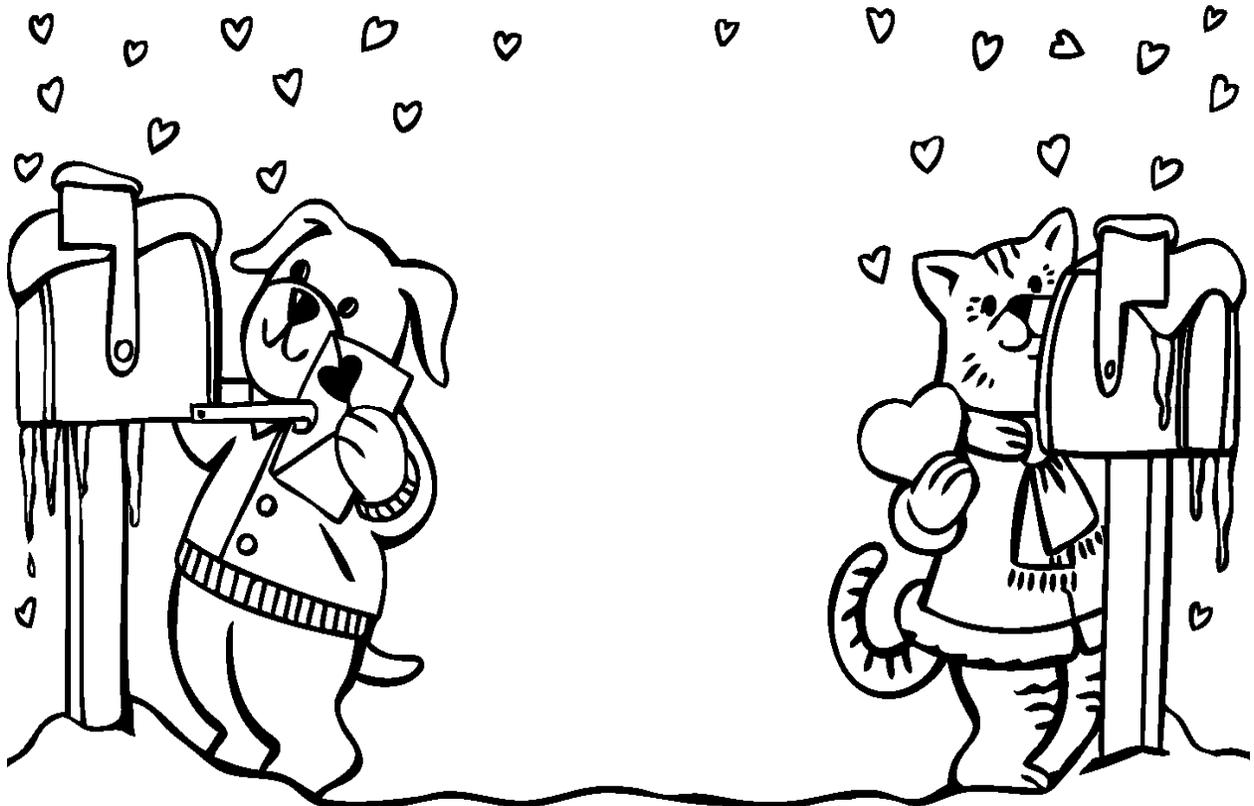




A Church for Everyone!

2012 February Newsletter

Happy Valentine's Day!
February 14



Tell someone that you love them!



Luke 9:51-56 reads: When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, “You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them.”] And they went on to another village.

The spiritual life is often symbolized as a journey. For example, during the season of Lent we remember the journey of Christ when he set his face toward Jerusalem and would not turn from the cross that purchased eternal life for all who trust in Him. And some think of the Bible as a record of the journey of God toward humans; even while we sinful and fallen people find ways to stay out of range. We do not want to acknowledge our need for forgiveness of our sins, or we don’t like the way God chooses to rescue us. But God continues to run toward us like the Prodigals father wanting nothing more than for us to accept the gift he is waiting to lavish upon us. And for the saved in Christ, Christ makes possible our journey toward the glory He has prepared for us by never evading the cross.

Every Christian season has deep meaning for the disciple of Christ: Advent, when we celebrate the coming of our Lord. Epiphany, when we celebrate the revelation of Christ. Kingdomtide when we celebrate His Glory and eternal rule. Lent is special. It is the season when we remember best His love and sacrifice for us. As the Apostle Paul wrote, “I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” It is this time of the year when we remember that Christ with full knowledge of what was going to happen to him still went on that dreadful journey to Jerusalem and the cross.

This year during the season of Lent, we are going to once again remember our sins that drove Christ to the cross with an Ash Wednesday service on February 22 at 7 p.m. Then during the 7 weeks of Lent, we are going to try a whole church study of the book “24 Hours That Changed the World” and our prayer is it will be a deeply moving and special way to get our minds and hearts centered on our Savior and his mercy. During Holy week on Maundy Thursday, April 5, we will have a Seder meal. The cost will be ten dollars per person or twenty dollars per family, as we remember what Jesus did for us on that day. He shared the Passover with his disciples. The meal will be limited to the first 125 people that sign up. Also that evening, we will have communion elements set up in the sanctuary for any wishing to receive a silent communion. On Good Friday, April 6, we will have a service at 7 p.m. to remember the cross.

Our prayers are, that during the 40 days of Lent, that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

—*Pastor Charlie*

A Note From Terry Snyder



It's live....live! Of course I am doing a take off of the Frankenstein movie (which I have never seen by the way). After months of gathering material, edits, decisions, meetings, additions, more edits and additions, etc. the new site is finally operational. I cannot begin to tell you how much more involved and time-consuming this was than I or others anticipated. To begin with, we will be taking it easy with the updates as the designer is doing them as a favor to us so we can find a free program to make the changes and updates myself. I have been doing them on the old site, but the tools there just aren't easy to use nor powerful to do much. We also want to make sure that the site isn't royally messed up. Nonetheless, it is a great looking site and as I type this still having a few tweaks here and there as things come up.

Different sets of eyes see different things and sometimes even the same set can see something different at another time. Ed over at Asbury UMC told me that they have 3-4 people proofread their bulletin, if I am not mistaken, and things still get missed.

The site is set up as an outside view of our church for visitors to see some of the things we offer here. Some things were ported over from the old site and then tweaked, others created fresh. I have bugged some people to death to get materials, and am sure they are about as glad as I am that it is pretty well completed. ☺

The picture of the church was scanned by a gentleman at a business in town who is coincidentally related to Max Bettner (as I found out when picking it up). It is from the picture we use in the fair booth and had to be scanned in sections and put back together into a file that we could use because the photographer didn't have the jpeg anymore. That picture is an edited picture of one taken during Hayley and David Nichols' wedding and was donated by Paula Turnbow. Parker Portraits were kind enough to give me a release form to have the picture scanned and to use it on the site. I won't get into all of the people who have submitted text, looked over the site, etc. during this process as I won't have room and wouldn't want to accidentally forget someone. I do appreciate it and the site wouldn't be what it is without these materials and help.

Bear in mind, there are different ways of doing things, and thus might not be the way some might have done it, but we tried to keep it simple and within budget. The home page offers a brief introduction to the church. The about us page gives a bit more of a detailed view of some things we offer. I think the Missions' page is self-explanatory, but it is also further broken down to International, National, Local and Haiti missions. Each has a list of brief overviews of the missions we support and links to their own sites (where applicable) for more information. I had him add the Caring Ministry material submitted under local missions which is where it seemed to make the most sense (even though it isn't under the Missions' umbrella). In a sense, that is a mission to shut-ins and church members and their families who otherwise might get lost in the cracks since they are unable to attend. It is a mission field right here in town. Get Connected is sort of a "one stop shop" area. It has many of the ministries and programs of the church which are broken down into the following categories: Men's Ministries, Women's Ministries, All4One, Think Tank, Children's Ministries, Sunday School, Music Ministries, Child Care, and Boy Scouts Troop 549. There are brief introductions on this page with links to take people to the individual pages to read more.

There is also a section that shows Worship service times, an announcement section, and Newsletter section. These show up on most pages. On the old site, I put newsletter articles up each month, and the calendar, but not the entire newsletter due to the way the materials are handled here. Now, we have changed that to where the entire newsletter will be viewable online. You will likely hear more about that later. Although the newsletter calendar will still be seen within the newsletter and available for printing, people also have access to a Google Calendar where we can add events to online.

Some will notice that the pictures (except of the scout troop and the gallery of the softball team) not of people attending here. That was due to the fact of images not being available, the images we did have not being the format or quality needed, and besides would you want to be the one to choose which people would be shown on our site? ☺ I would need the wisdom of Solomon for that.

This is at least the third version of our site. The first was created by Brent Harris. The second was created by Mike Reeves. Both of these men did their designs as donations to the church. This time around we felt that we needed to hire someone. Although I have dabbled in web design, not only do I not have the software, but I am not sure I have the design sense to have had it look aesthetically pleasing. I am certainly not a professional. I hope that the site is not only of use to the members here, but that it serves as a snapshot to show people looking for churches what we have to offer at East Columbus UMC. The address is the same www.eastcolumbusumc.org but you may also type in www.ecumc.org and will be forwarded there.

—Terry



ALL4ONE

Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner

All4One will continue with their regular meeting schedule throughout February, except there will not be a meeting Sunday, February 5. AfterALL hosts for February are Rob and Deb Lilly (Feb. 12); Mark and Melissa Voils (Feb. 19) and Tony and Donita Barringer (Feb. 26). We want to “thank you” in advance for hosting us for this time of fellowship and fun! We are looking forward to getting to know you better and letting you get to know us too! AfterALL is not only a time for food and fun but helps us celebrate being the part of Christ’s body known as East Columbus UMC. Thank you to the Coxes, Carrolls, Heiseys and Aigners for hosting us in January!

FUNDRAISER COMING!!!



Please join us for our Fat Tuesday Pancake supper on February 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The roots for “Fat Tuesday” is in the Christian calendar. According to www.americancatholic.org the name comes from the tradition of slaughtering and feasting upon a fattened calf on the last day of Carnival (the time interlude between Christmas and Lent in many Catholic cultures). Other names for this day, which occurs 47 days before Easter Sunday is Shrove Tuesday (past tense for shrive which means to repent and seek absolution for sins), Mardi Gras, fetter Dienstag, and Pancake Day. Making pancakes on this day came from the need to use up any sugar, fat, eggs, and dairy that might be in the house before the fasting of Lent began at midnight. We will be accepting a free-will offering. The meal will include pancakes, sausage links and drinks. Watch the bulletin for any updates.

To continue helping everyone get to know us better we’ve included another profile:

Hello, my name is Emma Parks. I am fifteen years old and a freshman at Columbus East High School. My parents are Mark and Karen Parks. I have a brother, Dustin. I have attended East Columbus United Methodist my entire life. Through those years I have been an acolyte and also operated the projector during the morning services. Outside of church, I am a member of the Columbus Indiana Children’s Choir. My choir is actually going on tour in Spain this June. I have also been a Girl Scout since kindergarten. Right now, I am working on earning a Lifetime Membership Award. The rest of my time is spent making sets for the East musicals and plays, reading, playing guitar, hanging with friends, and studying hard.

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by Paula Turnbow

Kids' Club

Jesus Loves Me Tea Party

is Sunday, February 12 from 6-7 p.m. in the Youth Center. There will be food and games. Invite your friends and come in your party clothes (if you want).

Acolyte Training

is Sunday, February 26. We will meet after 2nd service around 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a pizza party and our annual acolyte training will follow our party.

We want to “thank you” for a year of service to your church. You do a very important job here at ECUM and we appreciate you.

If you are interested in being an acolyte, please come and join us.

OUR CHURCH MISSION

THE EAST COLUMBUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS SEEKING TO BECOME A MORE SERVING CONGREGATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST AND THROUGH THE PROMPTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. GOD HAS CALLED US TOGETHER TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST AND TO WORSHIP AND GROW SPIRITUALLY; THEREFORE, WE WILL WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL IN ALL OUR ACTIVITIES FOR THE WINNING OF SOULS TO CHRIST.

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:15pm- Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study	2 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	3	4 Missions Committee making cheese balls
5 Holy Communion Regular am Services 5pm-Evening Service (note change in time)	6 9am-United Methodist Women Ser- vice Group	7 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Miriam Circle Mtg.	8 5:15pm- Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study	9 5:30pm- Education Mtg. 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	10	11 Housing Partnerships Workday
12 Boy Scout Sunday Regular Services 5pm-United Methodist Women Exec. Mtg.	13 9am-United Methodist Women Ser- vice Group	14 Happy Valentine's Day! 1pm-Bible Study	15 5:15pm- Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study	16 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	17 7pm- Columbus Community Emmaus Gath- ering	18 8am-United Methodist Men's Break- fast
19 Regular Services	20 9am-United Methodist Women Ser- vice Group	21 1pm-Bible Study 5:30pm-7pm- Fat Tuesday Pancake Sup- per Fundraiser	22 Ash Wednesday 5:15pm- Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Ash Weds. Service	23 11am-1pm- CEHS Food Locker Lunch 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	24 6:30pm-Mary Circle Mtg.	25
26 First Sunday in Lent Regular Services	27 9am-United Methodist Women Ser- vice Group	28 1pm-Bible Study 7pm- Ecumenical Assy. Board Mtg.	29 5:15pm- Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study			

IMPORTANT

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

East Columbus United Methodist Church is announcing a change that is being implemented in the way that you receive your monthly newsletter. The church web site (www.eastcolumbusumc.org) is now updated and operational. With the new web site, there is the opportunity to have a more cost efficient way of getting the newsletter out to our church family.

There is a newsletter button on the web site that you can click on and get the newsletter information each month. You will still be getting the same information but with the added feature of printing it out from our web site.

Beginning with the April newsletter, you will be able to go to the web site and download the latest copy of the newsletter or read it on line.

We will still be sending the newsletter by mail to those who do not wish to go on line to receive the newsletter (such as those who do not have a computer or access to the internet).

This is where your help comes in!!

If you wish to continue to receive your newsletter by regular mail, please fill out the form at the bottom of this page and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. This will ensure that there is no interruption or discontinuation of your newsletter service.

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Drop in offering plate or mail to church office. Thank you!



HAPPY VALENTINES' DAY, FELLOW CHRISTIANS!

Can you believe that 1/12 of 2012 is already behind us? Hard to believe, isn't it?

How are you coming on those resolutions that we all make? Did you resolve to be more faithful to your diet and exercise? Or watch less TV and go to bed earlier? Did you possibly pledge to clean out that closet and donate those unused items to someone who might appreciate them more than you? Or did you decide to save more, use the credit card less and to try to live within your budget this year?

Are any of these your 2012 goals?

They are very good goals. Very worthy of praise....so let me praise and encourage you!

But let me ask you a question, if I maybefore you set these goals did you sit down and earnestly and prayerfully consider 2012 before you set your goal? Did you ask God to be at the center of your life and your goal setting process? Or did you look in the mirror and say, "Ugh, you're too heavy....time for a diet!" Or as you were trying unsuccessfully to cram those new Christmas clothes into your closet declare, "I've got to get rid of some of this stuff"? Are your goals....just that....*your goals*....or are they God's goals for your life?

This little mouse is no different from you and is not here to judge because I, too, am full of failure. I set some goals, too. Some of which I've already completely failed to accomplish. But there's one that I really and truly asked God to help me accomplish....one that you might recognize from last year's goals....

I asked God to help me read the Bible completely through this year.

Last year I didn't really ask for His help....I thought it was no big deal....just reading and surely I could do that without bothering Him. Boy, was I wrong! Such a little thing but what a huge thing....when we try to do even a good thing without His help....we will surely fail! So this year I asked specifically for help to accomplish this goal. And I can honestly say that I wake up earlier than the alarm and can hardly wait to get breakfast ready because that's when I sit and read my Bible. It's amazing to me (and really it shouldn't be) how much easier it is to work toward this goal knowing that God is there with me to help me every day!

I wish you continued success as you travel through 2012 toward the completion of your goals. I will be praying for you as you walk each day with God as I hope you will also pray for me that I do the same.

Till next month....sharing Christ's love and strength with you..... Timothy

P. S....A mouse friend of mine retired from his job at the cheese factory and gave me a gift....it is a little wooden statue of a "Jesus fish" with the words "Rejoice in the Lord". I have this remembrance sitting on my desk and use it as a reminder that even when the weather is dreary and people make me weary that I should always "**REJOICE IN THE LORD**"....May you do the same! God bless.



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Greetings to everyone!

December 22, Troop 549 attended one of the few winning games that the Colts had this season. The boys enjoyed getting a chance to see the game.

January 8, the troop went to Northern Slopes to go tubing along with eight other scouts from around the council. Tubing was fun for all and the weather was great.

January 22, the troop went swimming at the Boys Club for two hours and then went to Snappy Pizza for supper.

Boy Scout Sunday is February 12. We are looking forward to ushering and attending the 8:30 a.m. church service.

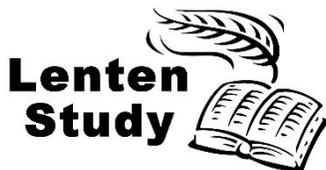
February 25, we will attend Merit Badge Day in Seymour where the boys have the opportunity to earn at least two merit badges.

If anyone in the church would be interested in helping with scouting whether you are a boy or an adult, we will be glad for your visit and interest. Stop by and see us!

A boy needs to be 11 years old to join scouting and no older than 18 years old.

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

Roger Schaefer, Scoutmaster, phone 812-342-3583 or 812-350-9707



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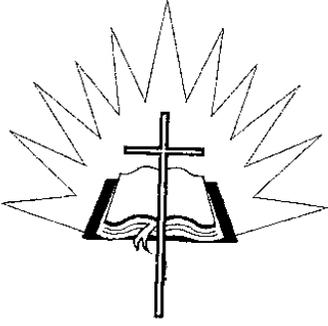
A CHURCH-WIDE STUDY

During the season of Lent this year, we will study the book "24 Hours that Changed the World" by author Adam Hamilton as a unified church during the Sunday School hour. The study will begin Sunday, February 19 and end Palm Sunday, April 1.

Material will be provided for all ages....children through adult. Each Sunday at the close of the 8:30 a.m. service we will show the DVD segment for that week before breaking out to join our regular Sunday School classes for small group discussion. We hope that even if you don't regularly attend a Sunday School class that you will take this opportunity to join us and a class as we unify our congregation in this study.

The material for the study will cost approximately \$1,500. We are trusting in the Lord to provide but need your help as well. Special envelopes will be provided if you feel led to contribute toward this expense in addition to your regular tithes. Please be in prayer about this need and this study. The Education Committee is excited about this study and are trusting the Lord will pour out His blessings onto our church through it.

There **will not be Fellowship Time** during Lent due to the showing of the "24 Hours That Changed the World" DVD material. Sunday School will begin immediately following the presentation of the DVD at the close of the 8:30 a.m. service.



Applying Bible Principles

Many illustrations found in the Scriptures have to do with an agrarian economy. Farmers in particular find much in the Bible with which they identify directly.

For example, both Old and New Testaments indicate that the ox which is treading out the grain should be allowed to eat of the grain. The owner of that ox is not to place a muzzle on the animal to prevent it from enjoying that which is being produced. But that illustration is to provide insight into a greater truth, namely, that the person who is producing the harvest should share in the harvest. And just in case we're confused about what this means, the Scripture provides clarity by stating, ". . . those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

That is why we support our pastor and others who in one way or another are involved in preaching the gospel. That is why we support financially the work and outreach of our church. That is why we give to the work of the Lord here at East Columbus United Methodist Church. Yes, we give out of our love and devotion to Christ. Yes, we give because of all that we have in Him. Yes, we give because God owns everything and we are just managers and stewards. But we also give so that those who preach the gospel might receive their living from the gospel, so that they might give their full attention to their divine calling without being side-tracked by the necessity of other work.

A lady named Mrs. Jones passed away without any survivors — that is, without any human survivors. She left three dogs to mourn her passing: Dolly, Skippy and Bozo. She specified that her estate (consisting of \$72,800) should go for the "care and maintenance of the dogs." When the dogs are dead, what is left is to be given to her church. A veterinarian examined the dogs and, finding them in "excellent health," made this statement: "The church may have to wait as long as twelve years to say 'dog-gone' and receive the money."

How much better to support the work and ministry of the church as a priority. How much better to place first things first. And while we may not have oxen that tread out the grain as part of the harvesting process, we can learn much from that apt illustration. Just as the owner of the ox allows it to eat of the grain it is producing, in the same way, ". . . the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel."

Or as the Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 6:6, "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with the instructor."

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5...Lillian Hammond Sabrina Herron Savannah Herron	12...Linda Bettner-Bundick	21...Luke Barringer Katy Bray Kathy Henry
6...Michael Reeves Neva Reeves	13...Robert Johnson	23...Charlotte Bray Deb Lilly
7...Deb Jackson-Davis	14...Gerald Walker	24...Karen Miller
8...Mike Mattern	15...Angela Fields	25...Floyd Wood
10...Connie Barkes Betty Schaefer	16...Brent Harris Teresa James Velma Richard	27...Vera Brummet
11...Tammi Wood	17...Greg Walker	28...Bob Fear
	18...Zola Miller Robert Murphy	

News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you for your prayers and care during the time of Pauline (mom's) passing. We really appreciated the flowers and meal as well as the thoughtful comments by Rev. Aigner.

—**Bob & Karen Swaim, Janet & Jack McKinney, Charlie & JoAnn Swaim**

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and thoughts during my recent surgery and recovery.

—**Max Bettner**

Thank you to everyone for their cards and prayers, the Caring Ministry for the beautiful poinsettia for Christmas and the carolers that sang the Christmas songs. I truly enjoyed all of them. Love and best wishes.

—**Jewel Lucas**

Thank you Pastor Charlie for your prayers and support at the hospital. Thanks for the flowers from Personal Outreach and from the Fidelis-Bible Sunday School class. Thank you to everyone for all of the prayers on my behalf. I love my church family!

—**Harriet Goss**

Thanks to Pastor Charlie for being with me and Clarence at the hospital during my surgery. A great big thank you to the Caring Ministry for the food that was brought to us. Many thanks for the prayers, cards and flowers. It is so nice to have a church family that cares.

—**Kay Brown**

A **BIG** "thank you" to Gus Lanham for all his hard work doing the wiring for our new handicapped automatic door opener for the elevator door. You done a great job and you are very much appreciated.

Here's what's happening!

Note Time Change: The evening service on Sunday, February 5 will be at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m. at the home of Karen Lambert.

Education Committee will meet Thursday, February 9, 5:30 p.m. in the Information Area.

Housing Partnerships workday is Saturday, February 11.

Boy Scout Sunday is February 12 and Boy Scout Troop 549 will participate in the 8:30 a.m. service.

United Methodist Women executive committee will meet Sunday, February 12 at 5 p.m. in the Bible Round Table room.

Columbus Community Emmaus gathering is Friday, February 17, 7 p.m.

United Methodist Men breakfast is Saturday, February 18, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men invited to attend.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper (see All4One page for more info)

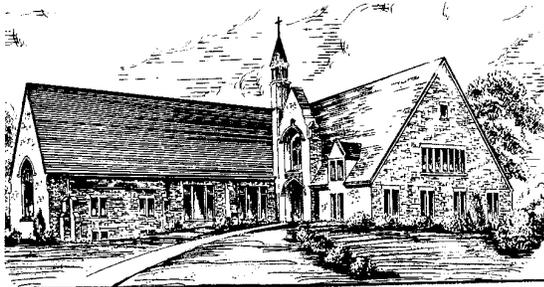
Ash Wednesday is February 22. An Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

CEHS Food Locker lunch is Thursday, February 23, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Mary Circle will meet at the church Friday, February 24, 6:30 p.m. Karen Parks is the hostess.

First Sunday in Lent is February 26.

Ecumenical Assembly board meeting is Tuesday, February 28, 7 p.m. at Love Chapel, 292 Center St. (kitchen).



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MISSION NEWS

The Missions Committee will make cheese balls Saturday, February 4. They can be picked up at the church Sunday, February 5. If you have questions, please call Donita Barringer. Monies collected will go toward future mission trips.

East Columbus UMC has planned three mission trips for 2012.

- Kodiak Mission, Kodiak, Alaska in July 2012.
- Haiti in June of 2012.
- Red Bird Mission, Beverly, KY, October 14-20

If you are interested in going on one of the mission trips, please sign up on the foyer bulletin board. Contact Garry Taylor, Missions Chairperson, if you have questions.