

# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

**FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER**



*But the fruit of  
the Spirit is love...*

GALATIANS 5:22, NIV



With frozen hands and ice caked jeans, I remember vividly digging out a car in front of the body shop stuck in a huge snow drift. Using a shovel, pick, sand and chains and lots of muscle my 16 year-old self, I finally forced it out and was able to drive it into the shop.

The scientist then in the early 70's were telling us that in a matter of 10 years it would be so cold that life as we know it would not be possible, that the growing season would be too short to mature the crops, that we would all have to move south. And it was all because we people were driving cars and burning coal and causing horrible pollution.

At 16 I could only imagine that digging cars out of snow drifts and frozen hands was going to be the destiny of my existence, as what the scientists were telling us came true and our world became an icy wasteland.

Just last week I heard a program on the radio that science does not lie; *really*? So where are the global cooling or the ozone disaster or the mass overpopulation and starvation that was promised by 1979. As we dig out of the daily snow and fight freezing pipes where is the "Global Warming" or now the more popular "Climate Change" that is foisted upon the people and especially upon our children daily, that frightens them and always promises terrible disasters?

Always the disaster is only a few years away and we must do something and give up more money and more freedom to prevent the problem that is too serious to ignore, and only the most stupid and those who are "Flat Earthers" would not put our faith in the scientist, who only want to save us from ourselves.

In Genesis 8:22, God promised to our world "*As long as the earth endures seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.*" In this world we are constantly bombarded with messages of panic. But God commands "Peace, be still." The Bible tells us how this world will end. It will not be in some icy wasteland or in some rising oceans and horrible hurricanes. It will be in the way that God has foreordained. That is more horrible than any false prediction by today's scientist.

But for us who know Jesus as Lord, we know we are always in his hand and he will keep us safe and take us to His home. The question is always the same, as Christians where is our faith? Is it in scientist, who see in a mirror darkly or the Lord of the universe who with His power, created all the laws by which our universe is governed? It comes down to one thing as it always does. In whom do you place your faith?

*Pastor Charlie*



*A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder*

I have a confession: I am a pack rat. I am willing to throw things away that I know I won't need or are worthless, but sometimes see the possibility of things being useful even if I don't need them now. I hate to see things thrown away that have a use or possible future use. It seems like a waste. Often we might spend money later for something we had and could have used. There are negatives to being a pack rat for sure. Sometimes I have to throw things away due to lack of space or not having needed it for a long time. Of course, I usually end up needing it a week later or so after I have thrown it away. Trust me, this has happened more than once. A sure-fire way to make sure I need something is to throw it away the week before, but I digress. ☺

There are also benefits to being a pack rat. I have kept a few old computers and parts from others that I tore apart and recycled. One might look at them and think they are of no value. I put a hard drive from one into the workroom computer since it was larger than the one that came with that computer. I have made my own external drives using others, and have others for when a need arises. I am using a few things from my old Dell with my current custom-built computer system instead of buying new replacements. I would likely still be using that Dell itself had the motherboard not gone bad. But, something unforeseen that really helped in a pinch, was the power supply from the old Gateway that we used to run slides from the front row several years ago. The power supply in the work room computer blew sometime on the Sunday I am typing the initial draft of this article (October 13<sup>th</sup>.) The computer wouldn't do anything. I had installed memory, hard drives, CD and DVD drives and done other things to computers, but had never replaced a power supply, but gave it a shot. It was the same brand and model as the one that went bad, but had some differences in how the power is divided among voltages, however so far it has worked. Even if we only get a short time from it, it was nice to confirm that the power supply was the problem and then getting the computer fixed so Gini could use it the next day or so to work on the newsletter.

Carol ordered some envelopes some months ago, and asked if I wanted the thin, plastic container they came in. I stored it in my office for a few months. I started reorganizing some things in my office. I noticed the box of choir music (octavos which are approximately 10 ¼ by 6 ¾) that I had received and eventually needed to hole punch, make (and label) folders for, duplicate CDs for, and file away. I considered getting a letter tray or plastic storage box for this sort of purpose (a staging area for new anthems) when I looked at that empty plastic container the envelopes came in. It worked just fine for that purpose, is transparent so I can see what is in it, but looks a lot better than the cardboard box they had come in. I told Carol about using that container and she said something to the effect of "I just got some more envelopes in, do you want another one?" Do I want it? Is the pope Catholic? So, I have another empty one now to replace the one I had filled. ☺ In full disclosure though, both are empty now (as I have since filed the octavos away), but I will get other anthems eventually and perhaps other uses for it will come to mind as well.

Another example is the surge suppressors we have used for computers and select other electronics for several years. The batteries eventually fail. I knew that batteries were user replaceable, but they cost nearly as much as buying a new suppressor (which also adds a connected equipment warranty protection with them). I had been told there are cheaper battery replacements, but was unsure which brands and sellers were good. The suppressors could not be used as is because the bad battery would sound an alarm. The suppressor is dead and useless (or so I thought) if you remove the battery. I "accidentally" found out that the other half of each of these (the half that didn't have battery backup) will still work as a surge suppressor (even though the battery side is dead). This especially came in useful at Mill Race because the smaller surge suppressors seem to get kicked around and not stay put, but these are heavy and stay in place great.

Sometimes I hear about old cars found in barns or some rare thing being found at places such as a yard or estate sale that appears to be junk, but turns out to be something worth a lot of money. You know, it can be like that with people as well. Sometimes the world can look at people and see something of little or no value, but God sees the true value and possibilities. He sees not just what is, but what can be. He even does that to people who might see no value in themselves. Who are we to argue with God?

*As an update to this article (prior to being published in February 2014), I have since stripped down a few computers (parts we might possibly be able to use), and recycled them and other electronics to make way for newer "old computers" to take their place. ☺*



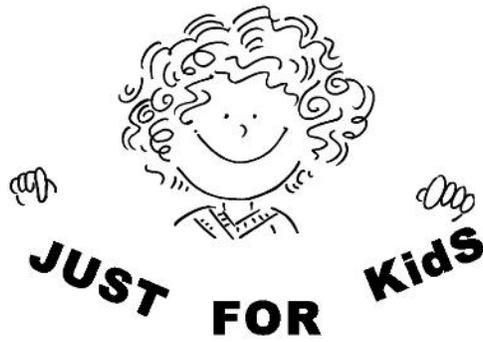
*by Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner*

January has been a good month for All4ONE getting back to our regular schedule after the holidays in December and bad weather on January 5. We would like to thank the Heiseys, Coxes, and Staples for hosting AfterALL. If anyone would like to host After-ALL in February, please notify Judy Aigner. On January 10 we had our annual Progressive Dinner and had a wonderful time. We owe a big thank you to Betty Schaefer who hosted the appetizers, Barry and Paula Turnbow for hosting the soup and salad (and Shelley Walker for assisting), Gus and Mary Alice Lanham for hosting the main course, and Donita Barringer for hosting the desserts.

We have almost finished our 2+ year study of the book of Revelation and plan to use the Videos, “That the World May Know,” for our next lessons. We are in the process of planning a trip to Perfect North for snow tubing in late February (if we can find a date that works for our members who are very busy people!). If we’re able to get a date, think about joining us for a fun, cold outing. Look for further information in the bulletin.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 4, for our annual Fat Tuesday (also known as Shrove Tuesday) Pancake Supper. It is our main fundraiser for the year with all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausages and drinks, all for a free-will offering.

<p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES</b></p> <p><b>8:30 &amp; 10:40 a.m. Blended Worship</b>  <b>9:40-10:30 a.m. Sunday School</b>  <b>6 p.m.—Casual-Informal Praise Service</b></p>	<p><b>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister</b>  <b>Carol McIntosh, Adm. Assistant</b>  <b>Terry Snyder, Music Director</b>  <b>Pastor Charlie &amp; Judy Aigner, Youth Directors</b>  <b>Dereck Fields, Custodian</b></p>
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*by Paula Turnbow*

The new Children's Sunday School Class is off to a great start!

Kids we meet in the big class room on the lower lever, ages 4-6th grade. We love Bible stories, games, crafts, and fun, fun, fun.

It's that time again! Vacation Bible School planning time, that is. Meeting day TBA. Please be praying for this wonderful ministry.



#### **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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 5:30pm- Empty Bowls Event (Central Middle School)
<b>2</b> HOLY COMMUN- ION Regular Ser- vices 6pm-Casual – Informal Praise Ser- vice	<b>3</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>4</b> 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Miriam Circle Mtg.	<b>5</b> 5:15pm- Handbell 6pm- Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	<b>6</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts 7pm-Trustees Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Boy Scout Sunday Regular Ser- vices 12:15-Rachel Lewellyn baby shower Fellowship Hall 6pm-Casual- Informal Praise Service	<b>10</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>11</b> 1pm-Bible Study	<b>12</b> 5:15pm- Handbell 6pm-Chancel Choir Re- hearsal 7pm-Bible Study	<b>13</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> Happy Valentine's Day  QMix Love Songs for Love Chapel	<b>15</b> 8am-United Methodist Men's Break- fast
<b>16</b> Regular Ser- vices 6pm-Casual- Informal Praise Ser- vice	<b>17</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>18</b> 1pm-Bible Study	<b>19</b> 5:15pm- Handbell 6pm-Chancel Choir Re- hearsal 7pm-Bible Study	<b>20</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> 7pm-Cols. Community Emmaus Gath- ering	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Regular Ser- vices 6pm-Casual- Informal Praise Ser- vice	<b>24</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>25</b> <u>NO Bible</u> <u>Study</u> 7 pm Ecum. Assembly Mtg. (Love Chapel)	<b>26</b> 5:15pm- Handbell 6pm-Chancel Choir Re- hearsal 7pm-Bible Study	<b>27</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>28</b>	



*Happy Valentine's Day, East Columbus!!*

Last month I encouraged you to wipe the slate clean of anything from 2013 that might cause you to stumble. Later, I thought of something else along this same idea.

Another way to look at the "clean slate" plan....

What if you had only one plate from which to eat your food? No biggie, right? You just toss it in the dishwasher or actually wash it by hand after each use. But what if you couldn't? What if you had to eat off that same plate meal after meal without ever being washed? How gross!

The old food left on your plate builds up until the new food with which you need to nourish your body tastes funny or becomes dangerous from the bacteria growing there.

That's what it's like when we won't let go of our sins...when we won't let go of those hurts caused by a friend (or enemy) or those prayer requests that we "turn over to Jesus" but continue to hold and harbor down in our hearts. You've got to let them go...give them wholly and completely to Him.

So this month I wanted to encourage you to start with a clean plate every single day! Let Jesus wash away that crusty left-over food from your plate so He can fill it to the brim with all the goodness and love that only He can truly give.

*Till next month, I wish for you a clean plate on which to enjoy the blessings from Jesus!!*

**Timothy**

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## CHRISTIAN ONE LINERS

-Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

-Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

-Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

-It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

-The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

-People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and back of the church.

-Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

-God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

-Peace starts with a smile.

-I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

-Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell.

-Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

-Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

-Forbidden fruits create many jams.

-God grades on the cross, not the curve.

-He who angers you, controls you!

-Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!

-We don't change the message, the message changes us.

-You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him/her.



## HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

Sunday, February 9 is Boy Scout Sunday and the troop will participate in the 8:30 a.m. service

Saturday, March 1 is Scout Merit Badge Day.

There will be a Spring Camporee from April 25-27.

As we start another year in Scouting a lot of planning goes on by a lot of people to make a program that works for the boys. As we take part in Scout Sunday, I want to thank everyone for their support, for a place to meet, and your support to the boys of our community.

If a boy or an adult is interested in Scouting we will welcome your visit. Boys need to be 11 years old and less than 18 years to join.

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

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5.... Lillian Hammond

6.... Michael Reeves  
Neva Reeves

7.... Debra Davis

8.... Mike Mattern

10.... Betty Schaefer

11.... Robert Brown  
Tammi Wood

12.... Linda Bundick

13.... Robert Johnson

14.... Gerald Walker

15.... Angela Fields

16.... Brent Harris  
Teresa James  
Velma Richard

18.... Zola Miller  
Rob Murphy

21.... Luke Barringer  
Katy Bray  
Kathy Henry

23.... Charlotte Bray  
Debbie Lilly

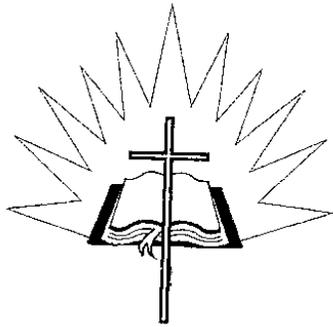
24.... Karen Miller

25.... Floyd Wood

27.... Vera Brummet

28.... Bob Fear





## Applying Bible Principles

Male peacocks are interesting creatures. They love to be noticed, so they spread their bright plumage for any and all to see (especially female peacocks!)

Many people are like that, especially when it comes to their financial support of the Lord's work. They want people to notice their act of giving, when they give, how much they give, and the causes to which they give. Some even announce publicly how much they give, supposedly to challenge others to follow their pattern of generosity.

But is that God's way? A simple examination of the sixth chapter of Matthew's gospel reveals the answer. The Lord Jesus said that our giving is to be done secretly. If we take His instruction at face value, then it is apparent that we are not to let others know the extent of our giving. In fact, Jesus went so far as to say (figuratively, of course) that we shouldn't even let one hand know what the other is doing when it comes to our giving.

Sometimes, our giving will be seen by men. Sometimes, that's unavoidable. But Christ's point concerns our motive. We should give to please our Lord, not in order to be seen by other people so that we receive their commendation or accolades. In other words, we are to avoid what one writer described as "advertised piety."

A well-known evangelist said that the world has yet to see what could be accomplished for the sake of the gospel if we would quit being concerned about who gets the credit for what gets done in the kingdom of God. That includes our giving. In fact, one of the greatest tests for us as God's children is whether we are able to give cheerfully of ourselves and our resources without getting the credit.

Unless we give by cash and choose to forgo a tax deduction for our giving (hmm...now there's a novel idea!), probably the person who handles the church's financial affairs will be aware of our giving. Otherwise, though, it's a good idea to keep our giving a matter that's between ourselves and the Lord. Actually, it's more than a good idea. It's something Christ said we should do...

# News



From the Mail Box...

Here's what's happening!

Thanks to my church family for the flowers, cards, prayers and phone calls at the loss of my brother and my recent surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Charlie for staying with us at the hospital.

-Love you all, Rosie Adams

Dear Church Family:

Thank you so much for all you did for our 70th Anniversary and Gerald's birthday. We really appreciated all of it. So glad to have our children in church with us Sunday. Billy Jo didn't make it but know his spirit was with us all day. Thanks to all that came to our party at Golden Corral. It was a great day and full of joy. We can't thank you enough and we love all of you. All the cards, gifts and everything was appreciated.

God Bless everyone. -Gerald & Georgia Dix

16th Annual "Empty Bowls" event is Saturday, February 1, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Central Middle School. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread including entertainment by local favorites, The Banisters. You are invited to purchase a handcrafted bowl to take home with you. All food is donated by community members and volunteers serve the meal. Tickets: adult meal—soup, bread, drink \$10; meal with artisan keepsake bowl—\$20; children 10 and under—\$3; desserts—\$1. All monies received will be distributed between local area food banks.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, February 4, 7 p.m. at the home of Betty Schaefer.

Trustees will meet Thursday, February 6, 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Boy Scout Sunday will be recognized on February 9 at the 8:30 a.m. service.

You are invited to a baby shower/luncheon for Rachel Aigner-Lewellyn on Sunday, February 9 after second service at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rachel is registered at Amazon and Walmart. RSVP Donita Barringer at 371-3504.

United Methodist Men will have their monthly breakfast on Saturday, February 15, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men invited to attend!

Columbus Community Emmaus gathering is Friday, February 21, 7 p.m.

Ecumenical Assembly board meeting is Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m. at Love Chapel.

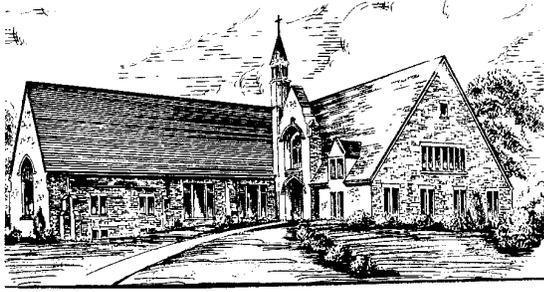
Love Songs for Love Chapel—QMix Radio, February 14. See back page for details.



Our sympathy to Gerald & Alfreda Walker at the loss of Alfreda's cousin, Roberta Keller.

Our giving to the Church Ministry and programs:  
1/1/2013—12/31/2013

Beginning Balance 1/1/2013	\$ 17, 811.20
Income 1/1/2013—12/31/2013	\$271,003.26
Budgeted Expenses 1/1/2013-12/31/2013	\$305,977.16
Cash Flow (negative)	\$ (17,162.70)
Borrowed from Savings	\$ 26,350.29
Bank Balance 12/31/2013	\$ 9,187.59



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**Return Service Requested**

**LOOKING FOR A CREATIVE GIFT FOR A LOVED ONE FOR  
VALENTINE'S DAY?**

The annual fundraiser  
"Love Songs for Love Chapel"  
is Friday, February 14, 2014.

All you have to do is call  
QMIX 107.3 at 379-1077  
or go on line at

<http://www.qmix.com/love-songs-for-love-chapel/>  
(fill out a form) to request your favorite love song  
to be played for your favorite Valentine.

Pledge if you are able \$10 or more to support Love Chapel.  
100% of the proceeds will provide emergency assistance for those in need.  
It provides food, financial assistance, overnight housing, toiletries, etc.