

# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER





I am writing this pastor's paragraph on January 20, 2017, most of you will recognize this day as inauguration day. We have a brand new president, President Trump, the Lord commands us to pray for those in authority over us. Paul says in 1 Timothy 2:1-4: *"I urge, then first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."*

I know for some this day is a day of hope and for others a day of dread, but for us who are born of the spirit of Jesus we know three things, first President Trump is a fallible man as all of us are. He needs the wisdom of God for the task before him. That is why we are commanded to pray.

We also know that without God's blessings our nation will not prosper. Solomon wrote in Psalm 127: *"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain."*

And finally we know that this world is not our home, even though we love our land and pray for our land, it is not permanent, it will pass away. II Corinthians 5:1: *"Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."*

Today would also be my Mothers eight-first birthday. She was a staunch Democrat her whole life, today would have driven her insane. Each inauguration day she would either rejoice, and declare peace and prosperity for all if a Johnson or Carter was assuming the presidency or declare despair, gloom and the end of the world if a Nixon or Reagan took the office. Of course for her personally nothing changed, no matter who was in office. Her life was cut short by her personal choice of smoking, not by politics.

Often we think our lives will either be made horrible or terrible according to who is in an office in Indianapolis or Washington. The fact is the huge majority of our personal prosperity or problems are self-imposed. Do we do the things we should do? Do we make wise decisions? Do we live lives of abiding faith in Christ Jesus? Do we use our money and resources wisely and according to His word? For the vast majority the president makes little if any difference in our lives. For our nation he matters, for our world he matters; but our daily lives are hardly affected. Those who like my mom believed the sun rose or set with politics need to again listen to the words of our true king:

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"*

*"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

Our Savior is in control.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder*

Well, I had an article idea ready to type today, but felt like it wasn't for now after something from this morning's service. So, I will delay that one, and possibly do it later. In fact, I had a few different ideas during the day, so I might be as surprised as you at which thing I write this month. ☺

Tonight, one of the hymns I chose was "Alas and did my Savior Bleed" (otherwise known as "At the Cross.") I am old enough to remember the original (I presume) words used by the lyricist "would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?" I believe the word "worm" is imagery for our unworthiness, powerlessness, and filthiness compared to the greatness of God as well as His standards for us. It got changed in the late eighties (if not before) to "would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?" I guess sinner is less objectionable than a worm. ☺ But, truth be told, even sin is a "bad word" to many today. It is hard to say if the churches stopped preaching sin and sin got even worse, or sin got worse and churches stopped preaching it to keep from offending, but the world we have now is so much worse than it was even 10-15 years ago. I know I have seen a decline and decaying in society, and Judy agreed with me this morning after church.

Either way, at this point there are many churches who have dropped the ball (I know some will not preach against sin and prefer the "feel good" motivational type sermons). I certainly understand that people don't come to church to get beat up. Not every sermon has to be fire and brimstone, but, if we deny sin's existence, we deny our need for a Savior (there is nothing to be saved FROM). Then again there are those who deny hell itself. The good news is that Christ's sacrifice, His blood is sufficient to wash us clean, and we can still be transformed and have a home in Heaven. It would be better to get unpleasant news about our spiritual condition now (with time to change it) than to end up in hell with no way out. I liken that to whether we want a doctor to tell us the bad things so we have time to turn things around (or at least prepare) than to let us believe things were fine. I know my getting the cancer prognosis nine years ago wasn't pleasant, but it was far more kind to tell me, and remove it surgically, than it would have been to not tell me and for it to have spread to the point of my death. (Well, then again Heaven is better than this world, but you get my drift).

There has actually been a decline in society even before the 10-15 years that I mentioned earlier, and it seems to get worse and worse. We keep thinking we have hit bottom, but then we look ten years later and see that it was possible that things could decline further (because they have). I realize that the world IS going to get worse, but I feel like we need to go down swinging. As the song says "I've Read the Back of the Book and We Win", yet the devil certainly gets his licks in (even though he will lose in the end). He wants to take as many with him as he can, and our job is to keep him from getting as many as he can. I realize that it seems like a losing battle at times (seeing all of the evil in the world), but we need to press on. I still feel that time is short, but even if it isn't, someone's time might be short and each person going to hell is a loss and a fate that we all deserve, but none of us here want us, our loved ones or even strangers to experience.



by Paula Turnbow

## **FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE**

*“Worship and serve God with  
a clean heart and a willing mind”*

*1 Chronicles 28:9*

Are you eager to serve the Lord in any way He wants? He looks in your heart and sees when you serve Him with a happy and willing heart.

**Join Us!**

**Jesus Loves Me Tea Party**

**February 12, 2017**

**during Sunday School**

---

**It's time to start planning for 2017 VBS!!!!**

Please be praying for this wonderful ministry of our church.



Logan Skinner

Unwavering Faith. Throughout the past few weeks I've spent a lot of time with my family at the hospital. My mother-in-law is recovering from a major diabetic episode. My grandpa got the news that he has stage 4 cancer. While spending time at the hospital, I've had a lot of time to think, pray, and listen to what God has to say. I've listened to Christian stations almost constantly and the words of the songs have spoken to my heart so much that I was overwhelmed with emotions. My grandpa who has been a mentor to me throughout the years continues to praise God and stand on His promises. When the doctor told him about the cancer, my grandpa asked the doctor if he knew Jesus. Here my grandpa is getting some of the worst news of his life and he is trying to tell the doctors about Christ. Unwavering faith is exactly what my grandpa has. Despite his condition, he continues to improve. And the more he improves, the more he praises God. I know this letter is a mess, but my last few weeks have been a mess. The point I want to make is that no matter how dismal your life may seem, be a light for Christ and give him praise. God will deliver you from whatever trials you are facing. And when He is ready, He will take you to a place with no more sorrow or pain. God bless you all and may your faith be as unwavering as my grandpa's.

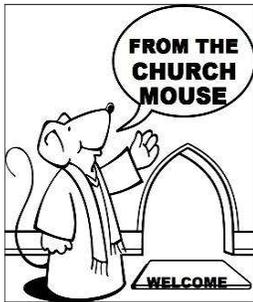
# FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 5:15pm-Bells 6pm- Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15-Praise Team	<b>2</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 COMMUNION Scout Sunday Regular Services</b>	<b>6</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>7</b> 1pm-Bible Study	<b>8</b> 5:15pm-Bells 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team	<b>9</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 6:30-9pm-Family Game Night	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Regular Services	<b>13</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 1pm-Bible Study	<b>15</b> 5:15pm-Bells 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team	<b>16</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 7pm-Emmaus Gathering	<b>18</b> 8am-Men's Breakfast
<b>19</b> Regular Services	<b>20</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>21</b> NO-Bible Study	<b>22</b> 5:15pm-Bells 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team	<b>23</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Regular Services	<b>27</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>28</b> 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Ecum. Assy. Mtg.				

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 2.... Lillian Hammond               | 17.... Greg Walker                                    |
| 6.... Michael Reeves                | 18.... Robert Murphy                                  |
| 7.... Debra Jackson Davis           | 21.... Kathy Henry<br>Luke Barringer<br>Karen Neptune |
| 8.... Mike Mattern                  | 23.... Deb Lilly                                      |
| 10.... Betty Schaefer               | 24.... Karen Miller                                   |
| 11.... Tammi Wood<br>Robert Brown   | 25.... Floyd Wood                                     |
| 13.... Robert Johnson               | 27.... Vera Brummet                                   |
| 14.... Gerald Walker                | 28.... Bob Fear<br>Amanda Jo (AJ) Henry               |
| 15.... Angela Fields                |   |
| 16.... Brent Harris<br>Teresa James |   |





## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, EAST COLUMBUS

How will you show your special someone you care? Will you treat them to a special cheese dinner? Or maybe you'll clean your room every day.

Remember the story in 1 Kings of the drought but God had commanded Elijah to go to Zarephath who would take care of him. Elijah asked the widow for a drink of water and a piece of bread. Unfortunately, the widow had just enough flour and oil for one last loaf of bread for her son and herself. But Elijah asked her to make the food for him instead. He promised her that it would be alright if she trusted him.

You know the story...she trusted that God would take care of her and her son... so she used the last of her flour and oil to bake a small loaf of bread for Elijah. And from that day forward the flour and oil jars were never empty.

She trusted and gave all she had. God doesn't ask us to give all we have ... but He does ask for our trust in Him that He will take care of us. Today, won't you turn it over to God? No matter what "it" may be in your life ... give it to God ...give it all to God and He will take care of you just as he took care of the widow and her son.

Isn't it wonderful how God shows His love for us each day ... and not just on Valentine's Day. May you receive God's love and blessings every day!

*Till next month..... Timothy*



### **HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549**

Troop Calendar:

January 30—Scouts in Government day

February 4-5—Sleep over in the Youth Center then Scout Sunday

February 25—Merit Badge Day in Seymour

In January the boys worked on their calendar for outings up to September. We have several on our plates and we hope we can represent ECUM in a great way this next year.

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  
812-342-3583 H—812-350-9707 C

# News



From the Mail Box...

Thanks to the caring Ministry and our church family for the beautiful anniversary flowers and for all the cards and calls we received through the holidays. We love you. Georgia & Gerald Dix

## TURNING POINT DANCE MARATHON 2017

Drew Helton is taking monetary donations to purchase "slider buns" for the 2017 Turning Point Dance Marathon. The mission of Turning Point is to work towards the prevention and the elimination of domestic and dating violence. This event helps raise money for our local shelter and bring awareness to Teens and Young Adults in the Columbus Area. Drew's goal is to raise \$150 to purchase 600 slider buns. If you would like to help make this event a great success, donations can be made through the church office or directly to the Helton's before February 12.

Thank you my church family for all the prayers during my recent surgery and post-surgical complications. Thanks to Pastor Charlie for praying with Doug and I before surgery; to Darla Bozell, Karen Parks, Mary Gorman, Tami Wood and Paula Turnbow for your calls and texts; to Trish McDonnell and Shelley Walker for teaching Sunday School for me in the Toddler Room...you are all much appreciated!! God bless my entire ECUMC family!  
-Kathy Henry



In Memory of  
Collis Mayfield  
who went home to his  
Heavenly Father  
Saturday, January 21, 2017

-Our sympathy to the Mayfield family at the passing of loved one, Collis Mayfield.

Here's what's  
happening!

Family Game Night is Friday, February 10, 2017  
6:30-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

- \*Bring Favorite Game
- \*Bring A Friend
- \*Bring Finger Food Snack to share.

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



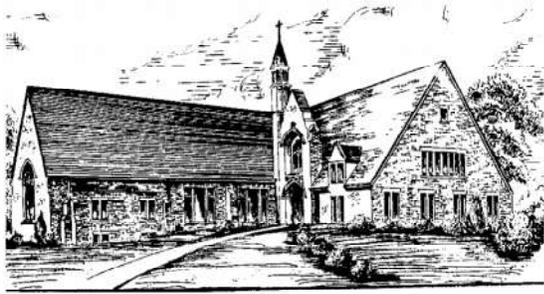
Emmaus Gathering will meet Friday, February 17,  
7 p.m. at Ogilville Christian Church, 7891 W 450 S,  
Columbus, Indiana.

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

Ecumenical Assembly Meeting will meet Tuesday, February  
28, 7 p.m. at Love Chapel, 292 Center St., Columbus,  
IN.

## Valentines to Give Your Children

- \*Acceptance—Teach kids that you love them for who and what they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- \*Self-confidence—Help children understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- \*Life without needless fears—Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.
- \*Appreciation—Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- \*Faith—Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday.



**East Columbus United Methodist Church**  
2439 Indiana Avenue, Columbus, IN 47201-7022

**Return Service Requested**

<p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES</b></p> <p>9-9:30a.m. Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School 6 p.m. Casual-Informal Praise Service</p>	<p><b>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister</b> <b>Angie Sherfick, Adm. Assistant</b> <b>Terry Snyder, Music Director</b> <b>Logan Skinner, Youth Director</b> <b>Bob Fear, Custodian</b></p>
<p>Phone: 812.376.7418 — FAX 812.376.7699 Office email: <a href="mailto:office@eastcolumbusumc.org">office@eastcolumbusumc.org</a> <a href="mailto:music@eastcolumbusumc.org">music@eastcolumbusumc.org</a> <a href="mailto:pastor@eastcolumbusumc.org">pastor@eastcolumbusumc.org</a> web site: <a href="http://www.eastcolumbusumc.org">www.eastcolumbusumc.org</a></p>	<p><b>2439 Indiana Avenue</b> <b>Columbus, IN 47201</b></p>
<p><b>OUR CHURCH MISSION</b> <b>Growing the Family of God by Making</b> <b>Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.</b></p>	