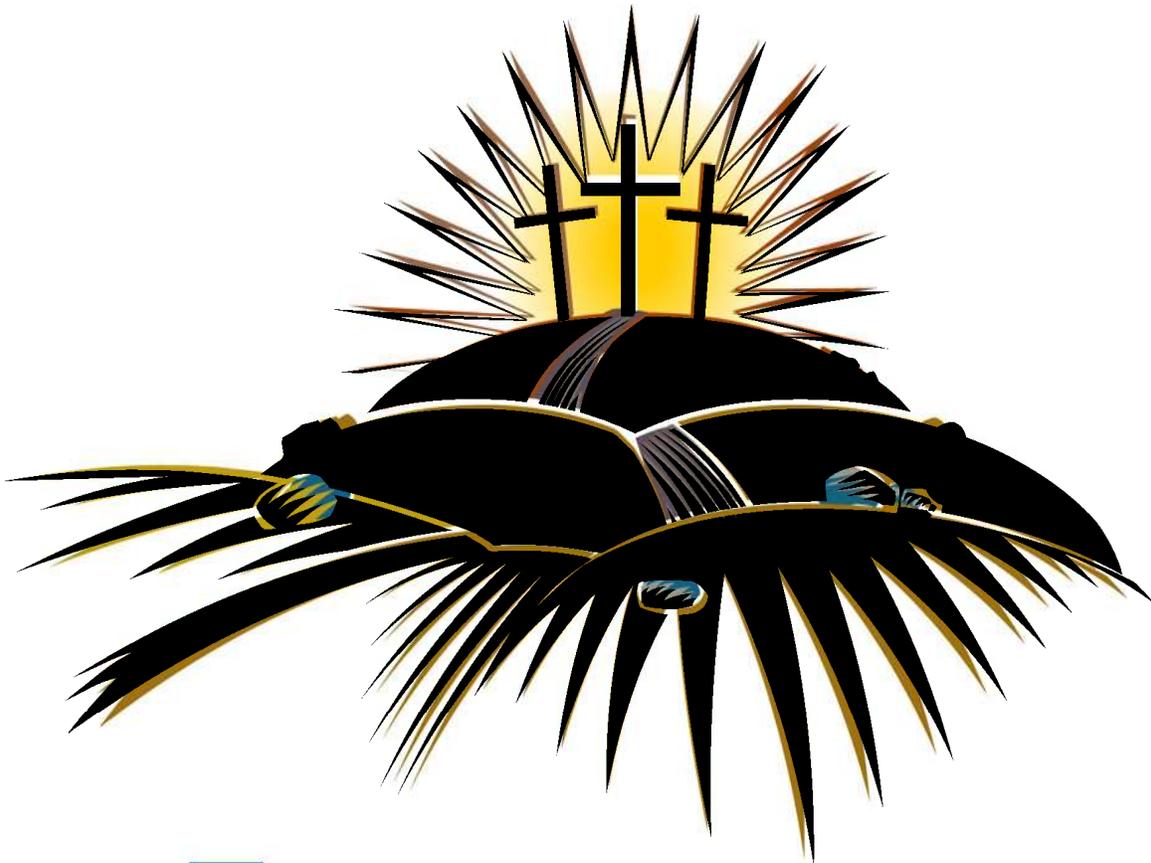


# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER



# LENT



John Heyl Vincent (February 23, 1832 – May 9, 1920) was a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1900 he was appointed Resident Bishop in Europe, stationed at Zurich, Switzerland, and served until 1904. Bishop Vincent did a number of extraordinary things during his life: he established the Northwest Sunday-School Quarterly (1865) and the Sunday-School Teacher (1866). He was corresponding secretary of the Sunday-school Union of our Church and editor of its publications. He was a co-founder of the Chautauqua Assembly (1874), and chancellor of Chautauqua Institution from its organization (1878). And he published 6 books about Church and Sunday school.

According to the Christian Observer Bishop Vincent had the custom of repeating to himself each morning the following simple but far-reaching solution, which may serve as a model for us:

**"I will this day try to live a simple, sincere, and serene life; repelling promptly every thought of discontent, impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God."**

How often do we go through our days living complicated, deceitful, hectic, thoroughly discontented, self-centered, down in the dumps, noisy, over spending and fret filled lives? Too much news, too many T.V. ads telling us we are not enough, too much stuff filling our minds with clutter, way too much thinking about ourselves and way too little thinking about our Savior.

Cut this out or print it off and put on your mirror and read it every day perhaps we too just might learn to live contented lives filled with real joy.

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*Pastor Charlie*



*A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder*

I enjoy watching movies at times. I do not do it too often, and pretty much always end up watching one on a disc at home instead of going to the theater. As I get older, I seem to like dealing with the theater less and less (although there are advantages), and normally don't really mind waiting for the home release anymore. There was a time I would go pretty early on to new Super Hero movies or religious movies (usually with friends), but schedules can be hard to sync, and I seem to prefer watching from the comfort of home when in the mood and I have the time. Strangely enough, I am behind a couple of movies (I believe) on more than one Super Hero franchise now and one in some others. In fact, I remember "clocking out" (there isn't a time clock, but I signed out on my calendar) and seeing a Spider-man movie one day during my early years here, and then writing a newsletter article comparing Spider-man to things in the Christian life. (A quick search tells me it was August '04 and Spider-man 2).

Lately I kind of got stuck on a particular theme of movies, which I guess I would classify as body changing / role-reversal type movies (think Freaky Friday), but I also like the fish out of water ones (like the Beverly Hillbillies TV show). For some reason, those often appeal to me. I don't know if it is the fish out of water aspect (I am sure it is a huge part) or the being someone else (which might also be in part), but most likely the former would be the biggest reason.

There is value in putting one's self in someone else's shoes. It can be easy to armchair quarter back, but we often do not know what someone is going through or has gone through and although there are Biblical standards, often people will just judge someone's actions without understanding what they might struggle with or difficulties they have that we might not, or even just not have all of the information. I really wish I remembered where I saw this (movie / TV/ book / article etc.), but I recall once about a child (I believe) who would not have friends to their house. Come to find out, they were living in bad conditions or possibly had a drunken parent or something. It would have been easy for all of the kids to be offended that the child didn't invite them (thinking they didn't like them, was antisocial, liked taking advantage of other's kindness, but not reciprocating, or whatever).

In the aforementioned movies, often the people who changed bodies (or who traded places from poor to rich and so forth) learned valuable lessons. It could be they never truly understood the point of view of the other person, they may have misjudged (thinking all rich people were snobbish or never had problems) etc. and the rich might forget struggling from day to day.

I talked with a friend today as I was getting lunch. She told me about a time as a teen where she and another young lady were supposed to sing at a Wednesday night youth service, but were not allowed to sing because she had not worn a dress that evening. (This would have been in the mid to late nineties, I believe). Perhaps she didn't have any dresses, hers had torn, or all were dirty. None of those were true (as far as I know), but the pastor at the time might not have known the reason. But, I really mentioned that because I was proud to see the opposite in effect here. There was a young lady who came here for a short while who might not have had "appropriate" clothes at times, but I figured she either didn't know better, or maybe that was all she had. (\*Appropriate was about lack of modesty to an extent, and not dressiness or condition of clothes although those could apply to some people). I was so proud to see people here take her under their wings and show love and concern for her. There was a time when some churches might have chastised her or ordered her to clean up and then come back (some still might). Often this could turn people off and possibly lose the only chance to reach them for Christ. We can still lovingly correct someone (if there are problems that are negatively affecting other's walks or their own walk) and can stand firm against trouble-makers or those whose intent are to disrupt. But all should be done in love instead of anger or feeling superior.

There are other benefits to putting ourselves in other's shoes. We might better understand their position (we might even modify ours) or we might be able to minister in a new way. Empathizing can add a whole new level of care and concern as well as how we look at things. We can show love and care to someone, but often those who have had the same or similar struggle can be more effective, because they know how it feels and have hopefully come out the other side (or at least overcome aspects of the problems). This can be anything from losing a child or spouse, fire, being bed-ridden or physically challenged, being single in a pool of married people, struggling with bills, having had times where there was no food etc. I believe at times that God allows things to happen so that we can minister to those ahead of us more effectively. Of course other times it might be to make us learn to lean on Him, to strengthen our faith, to teach us, or sometimes just simply a result of our own poor choices.

I am sure we have all felt at times like no one has had to deal with what we have, or that no one understands what we are going through, but I am sure there is someone who has (and quite likely even worse). That brings to mind Christ. He took on all of our sins unto Himself, became man, and therefore had struggles like you or I do. God is love and cares like no other, but it might have been easy to think that God never had to pay a bill, go hungry, lose a loved one or whatever, but God saw fit to become a man to in a sense "walk in our shoes." He knows the grief of loss, the feeling of betrayal, of being lied about, of being tired after a hard day's work etc. He not only cares and has a solution, but He KNOWS, understands, and empathizes (like no one else completely can).



by Paula Turnbow

### **MARCH MEMORY VERSE**

*“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control.”*

*Galatians 5:22-23*

VBS Planning Meeting will be March 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Information Area. If you can not attend this meeting please contact Paula at 812-343-6491.

Please be praying for this wonderful ministry of our church.

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## **HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549**

Troop Calendar:

February 25—Merit Badge Day in Seymour

March 24-25—Hiking at Brown County

Thanks for allowing us to present the Church Charter to the church on Scout Sunday. Currently we have 2 boys at Life Scout. Both are now working on the Eagle Rank.

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  
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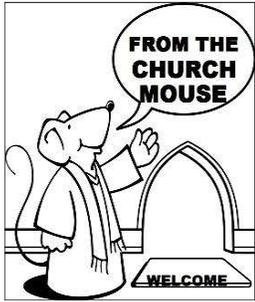
# MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur-
			<b>1</b> 7pm-Ash Wednesday Services	<b>2</b> 5:30pm-Trustees Meeting 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> COMMUNION Regular Services	<b>6</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>7</b> 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-FCJ Growth Comm, Mtg	<b>8</b> 5:15pm-Bells 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team	<b>9</b> 6pm-VBS Meet- ing 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 6:30-9pm-Family Game Night	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Daylight Sav- ing Time Begins Regular Services	<b>13</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>14</b> 1pm-Bible Study	<b>15</b> 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day 7pm-Emmaus Gathering	<b>18</b> 8am-Men's Breakfast 9am-3pm-All Church Work- day
<b>19</b> Regular Services	<b>20</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>21</b> 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm- Council Mtg.	<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> NO-BIBLE STUDY 7pm-Ecum. Assy. Mtg.	<b>29</b> 5:15pm-Bells 6pm-Choir Reh. NO BIBLE STUDY 7:15pm-Praise Team	<b>30</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>31</b>	

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|--|---------------------------|
| 1.... William Voils                      | 19.... Levi Lewellyn      |
| 2.... Jason Warner                       | 21.... Tricia Helton      |
| 6.... Donald Carey<br>Kennedy Turnbow    | 24.... Karen Lambert      |
| 7.... Lt. Col. Collis Mayfield           | 25.... Janelle Quasebarth |
| 9.... Dorothy Lane                       | 26.... Hayley Nichols     |
| 12.... Joan Neff                         | 27.... Vivian Thayer      |
| 14.... Cheryl Reeves<br>Matthew Lewellyn | 28.... Ryan Bozell        |
| 15.... Turner Nichols                    | 29.... Garry Taylor       |





## SPRING IS SPRUNG ... THE GRASS IS RIS'N!!

How wonderful when Spring comes ... even if the winter wasn't a bitter one filled with snowy days. We all have things to be grateful for; don't we?

Remember the story of the little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus to feed the 5000? I'm quite sure he was grateful to have his small lunch ... knowing there were so many who had traveled far to see Jesus and hear His words who were not so fortunate to have such a wonderful feast.

Yet, without being asked, he gave his meager lunch to Jesus who used that food to feed the multitude.

As with us even today, Jesus will take our offerings and gifts to help light the way for so many others in our world. Our gifts do not need to be huge ... even the widow's mite was received with joy because it was given in love.

So as Spring brings the warmth of the new season, won't you bring your gift whether large or small to the Lord? Present it with love and know that He will use it to further His kingdom and spread His love of forgiveness to the world in which we live.

*Till next month..... Timothy*



**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**We need volunteers!!!**

Please come young and old. We need several people who will tidy up our church inside and out. You can work as little or as long as you want. We need lots of helpers. Please bring your cleaning buckets, rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows.

Lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall.

# News



From the Mail Box...

Dear Church Members: Thank you for your donation of ten handmade quilts. God Bless you!

-Clarity Pregnancy Service

East Columbus United Methodist Church.

Thank you for the beautiful angel and thank you for the love and support given to our grandparents over the years and upon the passing of dad. They loved this church and they loved the Lord.

-Love, the Mayfield Family

Our hearts are filled with emotions at the passing of our Mom. This amazing church family's out pouring of love and support in so many ways has been a blessing! Thank you for everything and all the ways you helped us celebrate Dorothy McMillan's life.

-Paula Turnbow, Diane Cox and families



Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings  
Time Begins Sunday,  
March 12, 2017.  
Don't forget to set  
your clocks ahead one  
hour.



In Memory of  
Dorothy McMillan  
who went home to her  
Heavenly Father  
Sunday, February 5, 2017

-Our sympathy to the family of Dorothy McMillan at the passing of their loved one.

Here's what's  
happening!

Ash Wednesday Services at the Church will be held  
March 1 at 7 p.m.

Trustee Meeting will be held Thursday, March 2 at 5:30  
p.m. in the Chapel.

FCJ Growth Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday,  
March 7 at 6:30 p.m.

VBS Committee will meet Thursday, March 9 at 6:00  
p.m. in the Information Center.

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

\*Bring Favorite Game

\*Bring A Friend

\*Bring Finger Food Snack to share.

Emmaus Gathering will meet Friday, March 17,  
7 p.m. at Central Christian Church, 1434 W. 2nd St.  
Seymour, Indiana.

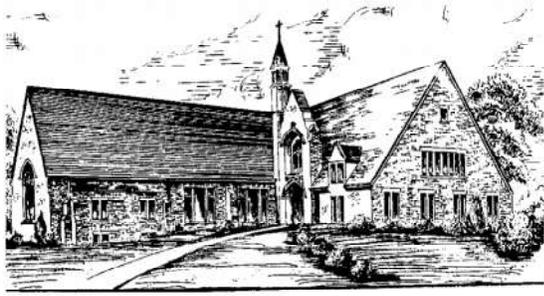
United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast is Saturday,  
March 18, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are  
invited to attend.

All Church Workday is Saturday, March 18, 9am-3 p.m.

Church Council Meeting will meet Tuesday, March 21,  
6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Ecumenical Assembly Meeting will meet Tuesday,  
March 28, 7 p.m. at Love Chapel, 292 Center St., Co-  
lumbus, IN.

Mount Hope Sheepfold Fellowship will be meeting on  
March 11 and March 25 in the Youth Center. Pitch-in  
meal will be at 4:30. For questions contact Janelle  
Quasebarth, 812-581-6151.



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**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>Bob Fear, Custodian</b></p>
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