

# East Columbus United Methodist Church

**A Church for Everyone!**

**2012 April Newsletter**

“He has risen  
from the dead ...”

Matthew 28:7, NIV





As most of you know, Judy and I are enjoying working with our youth; we are getting to know one another and figuring out what we can do together for growth and for fun.

We have learned that each of the youth is special in his or her own way. We have the serious and the fun loving, we have the shy, and we have those who have never met a stranger. In other words, they are just like us and we love our time together.

One of the very special things the youth have done is taken upon themselves a theme verse and it comes from 1 Timothy 4:12, "*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.*" They have put this verse on the back of their T-shirts and will soon have it on the wall of the youth room. They are intending to make this verse a goal for their living and worship, as they go to school, and as they work and fellowship in this congregation. Their goal is to honor Christ and be examples to the rest of us what God wants for and in His people.

I hope you already feel encouraged about what is happening in the life of the people of Christ. The role of every person in Christ is to be that person that encourages another to be all they can be in the Lord. The writer of Hebrews wrote in Chapter 10, "*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching*". This is true for the youth and it is also true for each one of us who call upon the name of Jesus. Each of us should daily ask: "How can we make sure that not only is my soul safe in His kingdom but also the souls of those around us?"

Judy and I also love that the youth are excited to be in evening service. (For those who have fallen out of the habit of evening worship you are going to have to step up your game to stay up with these wonderful youth.)

What always brings great joy to the heart of the Church is when the faith we so cling to, the faith that brings joy, peace and life, becomes not something we are trying to hold over our youth but it becomes *their faith*, and Jesus becomes their savior and their Lord. There is no greater joy than to know we will share eternity with the children that God has loaned to us.

Judy and I are also very grateful for the way the church have opened up your homes to the youth for "AfterALL". Your support is a vital part of the youth ministry and we thank all who have given generously. Please continue to keep the youth in your prayers and keep Judy and me in your prayers that we would be effective leaders in sharing our wonderful savior with the youth of this great congregation.

—*Pastor Charlie*



## *A Note from Terry Snyder*

There is a term called “worship wars” that has been used for some time now. Essentially, it is two different ways to worship and sadly often end up with churches splitting. Usually, it seems to boil down to contemporary versus traditional, I think, but I believe there could be other areas that might qualify. Face it, we all have different tastes. Some like a legalistic, fire and brimstone preacher and believe if you don’t feel each week you are one sin away from hell you aren’t being preached to. Another might want the prosperity gospel. This is the type that states that God doesn’t want you to be sick or have problems in life and with enough faith, you won’t. Another wants the kind that says that God is love and He not only accepts you as you are, but that you can do or almost do anything and not give up your ticket to Heaven. Yet another might like a scholarly approach where it is more of an academic, intellectual thing. Still others prefer screamers and others like soft-spoken, mild-mannered pastors. In fact, I was just recently asked by someone I know who is thinking of visiting here if Charlie is a screamer because they don’t like that. I joked something to the effect that he’s been known to scream while he is at play, but not while preaching. I do believe some of these beliefs are totally wrong (not the style themselves), but there are several that are more a matter of taste as long as the word of God is accurately preached. They aren’t right or wrong in and of themselves, but as the old TV show said “different strokes”. When my predecessor, Sam Chizmar, was here, he left me in good shape, but as time has gone on I have organized music, files, etc. differently. When Gini does the newsletter, I paste my article in her existing Publisher file which she changes as needed. Carol prefers a hard copy which she re-types herself. Neither is wrong, just different.

Now, I don’t have the eclectic tastes of music that some of my friends do. I can respect the skill that it takes to do certain styles of music but either only listen in small doses or not at all. There are one or two others that I don’t care for at all, and even calling one of them music could be a stretch. Then there are ones I like at least some music in such as Southern Gospel, Contemporary, Praise Music, Pop, AC, Rock, Soul and Country. However, I prefer some more than others and some fit certain situations or voices better than others. For instance, Maranatha Praise Music would be more helpful to relax than Rock or Soul. As far as voices are concerned, some voices are suited to some styles better than others. Sometimes we can be surprised, but face it. Placido Domingo singing “Thank God I’m A Country Boy” wouldn’t work nor would Bill Monroe singing “Ave Maria”. Even if the lyrics were changed to fit the singers, the styles certainly do not.

Having different tastes is fine. Where the problem tends to lie is something I have seen by some on both sides of the fence (contemporary versus traditional). This is what some think that their side is God’s music and that the other side is all bad (if not morally wrong). Now, there are duds (if you will) on both sides and there is some good music on both sides. But it goes beyond musically. Some think if you don’t speak in tongues you don’t have the Holy Spirit. Others think if you wear slacks or don’t have your hair stacked up high, you are a sinner or heathen. These are just two examples. Sometimes their beliefs are based on scripture (even if not accurately interpreted), and other times it is just something that they have presumably decided themselves (or were taught), but are stating as God’s word. There are so many denominations out there with differences in beliefs. Even staying within our own denomination and looking at four or five of our larger, local UMC churches there is a big difference in style at the very least. That can be a good thing as long as people don’t think the others are wrong about matters that are strictly taste only. Some people express worship in different ways. Some raise hands, dance, or shout while others are more reserved. Neither is right or wrong nor can we necessarily accurately assess what is in their hearts by outward expressions. Some who shout might be doing it the same way they would at a rock concert, and not be focusing on God while others cannot contain the excitement of serving the Lord. Some who are quiet might be feeling the Holy Spirit move to the point of nearly crying, while others might be asleep. God knows what is in their hearts, we don’t.

You know though, it reaches even further than that. Often people want to try to tell others how to live their lives, how they should do things, what they are doing wrong, etc. They will look at someone and make judgments on how they conduct themselves, how they dress, choices they have made, things they would do differently, etc. Make no mistake; I am not talking about out telling a brother or sister in love that something they are doing is morally wrong or destructive or in preaching against sin. I am talking about a lot of preferences that in the grand scheme of things mean nothing at all. We all have different opinions, strengths, weaknesses, shortcomings, failures, etc. However, I think that God wants us to deal more with eternal things and our own lives than trying to talk to or about a brother or sister and the Mickey Mouse stuff that is unimportant. Lord knows, I have enough with myself to deal with. I don’t need to worry about others in these regards. How much simpler would life be if we only dealt in the eternal, spiritual and moral while choosing not to get so bogged down in things others are doing that might not be the way we would do them or how we would prefer them? How much more happy would people be if they lived their lives the way they chose and allowed others the freedom to live theirs the way they want? (Once within Biblical guidelines, of course).

—Terry



*by Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner*

All4One teens had a great time in March at our two AfterALL fellowships. Thank you to Kathy Henry and Bob and Brenda Hodler for hosting us in your homes. AfterALL hosts for the month of April are Larry and Darla Cox (April 1), Ben and Shelley Walker (April 15), and Frank and Sue Cole (April 22). There will be no meetings on Easter Sunday, April 8 and Sunday, April 29. Thank you to Bob and Diana Fear and Larry and Darla Cox for taking us to WinterJam on March 30.

The teens will be helping the Mission Committee with the Dinner and a Movie plus a Silent Auction night on Saturday, April 14. They may even have some things for you to bid on that night. So don't miss out on all the fun! We hope to see you there.

Sunday, April 29, the teens will again be leading the 10:40 a.m. service. Watch the bulletin for who will be preaching that day. After the 10:40 a.m. service, Kids' Club, Think Tank and All4One will be sharing a luncheon in the church Fellowship Hall and then heading over to the bowling alley for an afternoon of fun. So it will be a full morning and afternoon of fellowship and fun. There will not be a meeting Sunday evening, April 29.

The Trustees have given us their permission to give the stairwell heading up to the Youth Room a fresh coat of paint. We will decide when to do this at our first meeting in April. It may possibly be in conjunction with the all church cleanup day on Saturday, April 21.

Oh, I almost forgot! Our new T-shirts have arrived. When we wear them you will not be able to miss us in the lime green shirts!

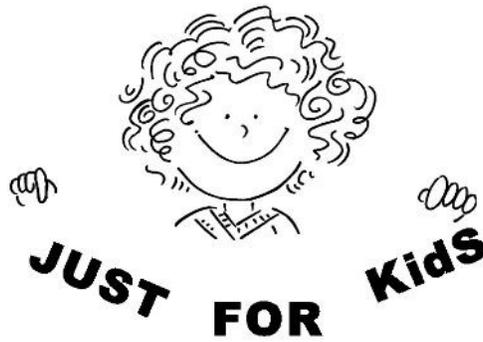
**To continue helping everyone get to know us better we've included two more profiles. This month we are profiling Drew Wheeler and Devin Cox.**

**Hello, my name is Drew Wheeler.** I go to Columbus North High School. I play baseball, and I love music and can play the piano. My favorite color is teal, and my favorite animal is a liopleurondon. I love, love, love, love the band "Skillet". I am from Reno, Nevada and moved to Columbus in August. I live with my grandparents. (Oh, and I can move my bottom set of eyelids sideways.)

**Hello, my name is Devin Cox.** I am a junior at Columbus East High School. I have two sisters, Elizabeth and Raeanna. I like being very active and I enjoy playing baseball and disc golf. I also like to be outdoors.

(As an added note, both teens made their respective high school baseball teams.)

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by Paula Turnbow



**See you at the Easter Celebration  
Saturday, March 31  
10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Bring a friend for a special Easter Story  
and Egg Hunt!

Hey Kids, we need your help to celebrate  
Palm Sunday. We will wave palm branches  
just like they did when Jesus entered into  
Jerusalem! Please meet in the Information  
Area before each service.

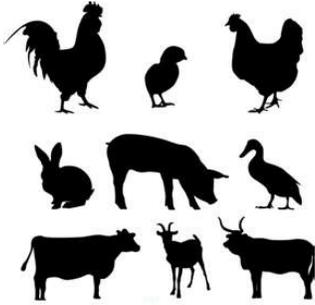


**Kids' Club Outing!  
Let's go bowling Sunday, April 29!**

After the second service we will have some lunch  
together. We will be going to the bowling center  
after we eat. Your family is invited. Call Paula  
if you have questions.

#### **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.



## Help Think Tanker Youth

Raise your hand if you have loose change sitting around your house. Maybe you have a “piggy bank” collecting dust that has some old change in it. Everybody does, right? Well, the Think Tankers as a group decided that we were going to help the **Heifer Project**. To do this we are going to place buckets or jars in each Sunday School class and the foyer for everyone to put change into to help us in this endeavor. Each Sunday night we will collect them and put it all together until we can buy animals.

These animals could save a life of a child every day. As we learned, a simple goat that cost \$20 could give milk to the family. This would help nourish the children in the family.

Also, the milk can be sold to other families for money and this money will help them to afford to let their children go to school, just like us. Having an education would be a big help to the children in needy countries.

We can also buy chickens, cows, water buffalo, and sheep. The possibilities are endless. Please help! It is every easy! Just drop your coins into the containers every Sunday, and we will keep you posted on the results. We would like to do this until the end of May or the current school year. You can even help with as much as a penny.

**Thank you for your help,  
Think Tankers**

### **Church-wide Cleanup Day Saturday, April 21 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Please come young and old. We need several people who will help tidy up our church inside and out for spring cleaning. You can work as little or as long as you want. You can take your time. We just need lots of helpers. Please bring a bucket with you. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheet on the table in the Information Area.



### **“OPEN HOUSE”**

Collis and Dora Mayfield are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary with an “Open House” in their honor on Sunday, April 29 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The open house is given by their family. No gifts, please! Just your presence is requested.



### **Palm Sunday, April 1**

8:30 & 10:40 a.m. – The Children’s Procession of the Palms/Blended  
Worship Service  
6 p.m. – Evening Worship Service

### **Tuesday, April 3**

1 p.m. – Bible Study

### **Wednesday, April 4**

7 p.m. – Bible Study

### **Maundy Thursday, April 5**

6-8 p.m. – Holy Communion (elements available in sanctuary)  
You may partake of the elements and stay as long as  
you wish to meditate and pray.  
6 p.m. – Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall

### **Good Friday, April 6**

7 p.m. – Good Friday Worship Service in the sanctuary

### **Easter Sunday Celebration, April 8**

6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Celebration Worship  
7:15 a.m. (approx.) – Easter Breakfast (prepared by the  
United Methodist Men in the Fellowship Hall)  
8:30 & 10:40 a.m. – Easter Cantata “Mercy, Grace, and Love” presented  
by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Terry  
Snyder, Music Director, and Rev. Charles Aigner  
will bring an Easter meditation.

No – Evening Worship Service

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Palm Sunday Communion</b>  Regular Services  5 p.m. – UMW Exec. Comm. Mtg.	<b>2</b>  9 a.m. – United Methodist Women Service Group	<b>3</b>  1 p.m. – Bible Study  7 p.m. – Miriam Circle Mtg.	<b>4</b>  5:15 p.m. – Handbell Reh.  6 p.m. – Chancel Choir Reh.  7 p.m. – Bible Study	<b>5 Maundy Thursday</b>  6-8 p.m. – Holy Communion (come and go)  6 p.m. – Seder Meal	<b>6 Good Friday</b> Office Closed  Noon – Ecumenical Good Friday Service (Commons) 7 p.m. – Good Friday Service at ECUMC	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Easter</b>  6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service 7:15 a.m. – Breakfast 8:30 & 10:40 a.m. – Easter Worship No Evening Service	<b>9</b>  9 a.m. – United Methodist Women Service Group	<b>10</b>  1 p.m. – Bible Study	<b>11</b>  5:15 p.m. – Handbell Reh.  6 p.m. – Chancel Choir Reh.  7 p.m. – Bible Study	<b>12</b>  Men’s Emmaus Walk (April 12-14)  6:30 p.m. – Boy Scouts	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Dinner, Movie, Silent Auction (Mission Fundraiser)
<b>15 Faith Promise Sunday/ Missions Conference</b>  Regular Services	<b>16</b>  9 a.m. – United Methodist Women Service Group	<b>17</b>  1 p.m. – Bible Study	<b>18</b>  5:15 p.m. – Handbell Reh.  6 p.m. – Chancel Choir Reh.  7 p.m. – Bible Study	<b>19</b>  Women’s Emmaus Walk (April 19-21)  5:30 p.m. – Education Mtg.  6:30 p.m. – Boy Scouts	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  8 a.m. – United Methodist Men’s Breakfast  9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Church-wide Cleanup Day
<b>22</b>  Regular Services	<b>23</b>  9 a.m. – United Methodist Women Service Group	<b>24</b>  General Conference of UMC April 24-May 4 (Tampa, FL)  1 p.m. – Bible Study	<b>25</b>  5:15 p.m. – Handbell Reh.  6 p.m. – Chancel Choir Reh.  7 p.m. – Bible Study	<b>26</b>  6:30 p.m. – Boy Scouts  7 p.m. – Ecumenical Assy. Quar. Mtg.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  Regular Services  2-4 p.m. – 70th Anniversary “Open House” for Collis & Dora Mayfield	<b>30</b>  9 a.m. – United Methodist Women Service Group					



## EASTER GREETINGS!

I hope you have been enjoying the study on the book “The 24 Hours That Changed the World” as I have. It made this little mouse stop and think, that’s for certain.

Of all the words spoken and read on this subject, these are what have really struck this little mouse’s heart in particular....

*“Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”*

Can you imagine the relief that thief felt? He knew he deserved to die for his sins and yet he humbly asked Christ to remember him to His Father. Even though he had only moments to live for Christ, he made the choice to ask for forgiveness and accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior.

I hope you also know the relief that the thief did.....that when your life ends here on earth that you will be with Jesus in paradise. I hope you have the faith to believe that what waits for you on the other side of death is **LIFE!** And most importantly, life like we’ve never known here on earth!

What joy fills this little mouse heart just to think about what waits for us who have accepted the saving grace of Jesus! To think that He gave up everything just to come to earth to suffer for me....**FOR ME AND FOR YOU!** Oh how He loved us then and loves us still!

Forgive me for rambling but I can’t find the words to show you the joy that’s in my heart! Yes, I know it’s a wee little mouse heart....but Jesus loves little mouse hearts as much as big human hearts.

So until next time....may you know the joy that only comes from a close personal relationship with our Lord.

*Happy Easter to you and yours.....**Timothy***



**HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
TROOP 549**

On March 3, Zach Mehleck received his Eagle Scout rank and March 11, Justin Schrelick received his Eagle Scout rank. Congratulations to both boys for a job well done! Thank you to the church for allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall for the ceremonies.

The boys had a wonderful time on a campout at Camp Maumee the weekend of March 10. Seven boys attended and many of them completed items on their scouting ranks.

Troop 549 is looking forward to and preparing for the Spring Camporee on April 27-29 at the Decatur County fairgrounds.

If any member of the church is interested in scouting whether you are a boy or an adult we will be glad for your visit and interest. Boys need to be 11 years old to join and less than 18 years old.

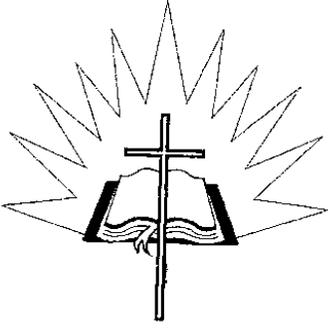
Meeting time is Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer, Scoutmaster  
812-342-3584 (H)  
812-350-9707 (C)

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**



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|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 .... Donita Barringer<br>Sharon Wheeler-Elkins      | 17.... Bernice Barkes<br>Stacey McCarty                    |
| 5 .... Juanita Johns<br>Benjamin Walker               | 18 .... Glenda Henry<br>Alfreda Walker                     |
| 6 .... Kayla Beier<br>Stacie Harris<br>Shelley Walker | 21 .... Tom Aigner<br>Doris Bridgewater<br>Savannah Steele |
| 7 .... Bill Jackson                                   | 22 .... Mary Alice Lanham<br>Collis Mayfield, Jr.          |
| 8 .... Dorothy McMillan<br>Ruby Sherfick              | 23 .... David Conway                                       |
| 11 .... Barry Turnbow                                 | 24 .... Chaz Leckron                                       |
| 12 .... Darla Cox                                     | 26 .... Lilly Perry<br>Mark Voils                          |
| 13 .... Amy Mayfield                                  | 28 .... Collis Mayfield, Sr.                               |
| 15 .... Cathy Walker                                  | 29 .... Harriet Goss<br>Carolyn Harris                     |
| 16 .... Jewel Lucas                                   |                                                            |



## Applying Bible Principles

Dr. M. R. DeHaan, physician and founder of the Radio Bible Class, had a small sign on his desk. The sign had only two words: “Perhaps Today.” Those who knew Dr. DeHaan and worked closely with him recall that hardly a day passed that he did not consider those words. Each day as he entered his office, that little sign, “Perhaps Today,” provided a fresh reminder to him that the Lord Jesus Christ could come that very day.

That sense of heightened expectation certainly characterized believers in New Testament times. They were looking for Jesus to return at any moment, something that might be described as the “Imminent return of Christ.” Like Abraham, they viewed themselves as strangers and pilgrims, “. . . looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God” (Hebrews 11:10). As a result, their interest in things of this world took second place to spiritual priorities. They saw money and material possessions primarily as instruments by which they could advance the kingdom of God and through which they could fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

Sad to say, most Christians today do not share their expectation concerning Christ’s return. Certainly most Christians would not have a sign on their desk as did Dr. DeHaan: “Perhaps Today.” Let’s face it—most present-day Christians are not anticipating or looking for Christ’s return.

And this has affected how people view money and material possessions. Instead of seeing them as the means to fulfilling the Great Commission and as tools to further the kingdom of God, they see them as goods to be hoarded or spent on passing pleasures. Instead of “laying up treasures in heaven” through giving here on earth as the Lord Jesus instructed, most people lay up treasures only in mutual funds, CD’s or money market accounts.

John Piper wrote these thought-provoking words:

God is not glorified when we keep ourselves (no matter how thankfully) what we ought to be using to alleviate the misery of unevangelized, uneducated, unmedicated and unfed millions. The evidence that many professing Christians have been deceived by this doctrine is how little they give and how much they own. God has prospered them. And by an almost irresistible law of consumer culture (baptized by a doctrine of health, wealth and prosperity), they have bought bigger (and more) houses, newer (and more) cars, fancier (and more) clothes, better (and more) meat, and all manner of trinkets and gadgets and containers and devices and equipment to make life more fun. They will object: Does not the Old Testament promise that God will prosper His people? Indeed! God increases our yield so that by giving, we can prove our yield is not our god . . . God prospers a business so that . . . unreached peoples can be reached with the Gospel.

Dr. DeHaan was right, you know. **Jesus is coming again, “Perhaps Today.”** In light of His return, will you live and give here at East Columbus United Methodist Church so that others may hear the good news of salvation, so that others may experience the life-changing grace of the Gospel?

# News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you to the Caring Ministry for my beautiful flowers for my 97th birthday March 12.

—Elsie Champion

Thank you to the Personal Outreach Ministry for the beautiful flowers I received after my eye surgery.

—Tom Schuyler

## Some Holy Humor!

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, “Boys and girls, what do we know about God?” A hand shot up in the air. “He is an artist!” said the kindergarten boy. “Really? How do you know?” the teacher asked. “You know — Our Father, who does art in Heaven...”

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Sunday after church, a mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, “Don’t be scared, you’ll get your quilt.” Needless to say, the mom was perplexed...Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the mom asked him what that morning’s Sunday School lesson was about. He said, “Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.”

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A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, “I know what the Bible means!” His father smiled and replied, “What do you mean, you ‘know’ what the Bible means? The son replied, “I do know!” “Okay,” said the father. “What does the Bible mean?” “That’s easy, Daddy...” the young boy replied excitedly, It stands for ‘Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.’

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. “Is there anything breakable in here?” asked the postal clerk. “Only the Ten Commandments,” answered the lady.

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“Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good morning, Lord,” and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good Lord, it’s morning.”

Here's what's happening!

**United Methodist Women** executive committee will meet Sunday, April 1, 5 p.m. in the Bible Round Table room.

**Miriam Circle** will meet Tuesday, April 3, 7 p.m. at the home of Betty Schaefer.

**Maundy Thursday Seder Meal** is Thursday, April 5, 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (see Mission page for more info.). **Holy Communion** elements will be available in the Sanctuary from 6 to 8 p.m. You may partake of the elements and stay as long as you wish to pray and meditate.

**Community Good Friday Service** sponsored by the Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County is April 6 at noon at The Commons. Various clergy will participate. There will be singing of hymns, special music and musical offerings. Everyone invited to attend.

**Good Friday** service at East Columbus UMC is April 6, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Men’s Emmaus Walk** — April 12-15  
**Women’s Emmaus Walk** — April 19-22.

**Dinner, Movie and a Silent Auction** fundraiser for Missions is Saturday, April 14. (See Mission news for more info.)

**Faith Promise/Mission Conference** is Sunday, April 15 at the 8:30 and 10:40 a.m. services. (See Mission news for more info.)

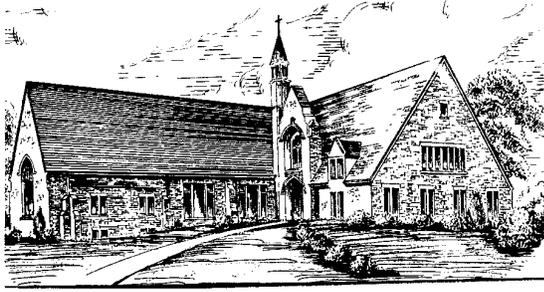
**Education Committee** will meet Thursday, April 19, 5:30 p.m. in the Information Area.

**United Methodist Men’s** breakfast is Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men invited to attend.

**Church-wide** cleanup day is Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (See article in newsletter for more info.)

**Ecumenical Assembly** quarterly meeting is Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m.

**All4One youth** will be in charge of the 10:40 a.m. service Sunday, April 29. Please come and support our youth.



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**Return Service Requested**

**MISSION NEWS**

A **Seder Meal** is planned for Maundy Thursday, April 5, 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available from Donita Barringer or Pastor Charlie. Ticket prices are \$10 per person or \$20 per family. **Holy Communion** elements will be available in the Sanctuary from 6 to 8 p.m. You may partake of the elements and stay as long as you wish to pray and meditate.

A **Dinner, Movie, and Silent Auction** are planned as a mission fundraiser Saturday, April 14. The dinner is from 4 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The dinner menu will include pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, salad, dessert and a drink (coffee, iced tea and water), all for a free-will offering. A Silent Auction will be held from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the movie, "Courageous" will be shown in the Sanctuary. Be sure to invite your friends and family for this fun evening of food, silent auction bidding and a great movie. If you have very good items to donate for the Silent Auction, please call Judy Strasser at 342-6970. All monies collected will be used to assist individuals who want to participate in short-term mission trips. This year trips are planned for Haiti in June of 2012, Kodiak Mission, Kodiak, Alaska in July 2012 and Red Bird Mission, Beverly, KY, October 14-20. Sign-up sheets for the mission trips are on the foyer bulletin board.

**Faith Promise Mission Sunday is April 15.** Dr. Cameron Gongwer and his wife, Anne, and daughter, Caylor, began their missionary career in Ghana, Africa, in March 1998. They serve through The Mission Society and the Methodist Church of Ghana. Dr. Cameron Gongwer will speak at the 8:30 and 10:40 a.m. services.

**The Orphan Grain Train** is a Christian volunteer network located near the town of Azalia, IN. Volunteers gather donations and distribute where needed. They are currently working on donations for the tornado victims of Southern Indiana and Kentucky. Volunteers are needed for sorting and packing clothing and moving boxes. If you or a group of people would like to volunteer, please call Gene Wint (579-6884).