

East Columbus
United
Methodist Church

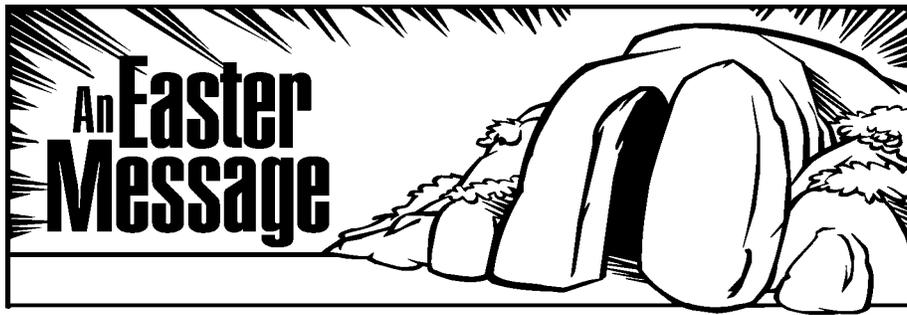
A Church for Everyone!

APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER



Worship the
LORD in the
splendor
of his
holiness.

1 Chronicles 16:29



The Apostle Paul wrote these words in Galatians 6:9-10:

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

April is going to be a very busy month in the life of our Church. I hope everyone will participate and have a lot of fun as we reach out to our community and share the love of Christ.



April 2: Silent Communion—4:30-9:00 p.m. Elements available in the Sanctuary. You may partake of the elements and stay as long as you wish to meditate and pray.

April 3: Good Friday service-7:00 p.m.

April 4: Easter Egg Hunt for all the children-10:00 a.m.

April 5: Easter Sunday

6:15 a.m.—Sunrise Service filled with music and praise.

Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall provided by the UMM.

8:30 a.m.—Worship- preaching and Cantata.

9:40 a.m.—Sunday School.

10:40 a.m.—Worship- preaching and Cantata.

April 18—Spring Cleanup day—9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Get a lot of the winter brushed away.

April 25—Block Party for our neighbors. We are inviting **500 households** in the area around the Church to come and visit our Church. We need **YOU** to be here to help greet them.

April 28—Love Chapel Mobile Food Pantry will be in our parking lot. We need several volunteers to help with both outside and inside duties. Contact the Church Office or Tom Hadley at 376-3424 if you can help.

God Bless you this month as you find ways to serve the Lord and help us **Grow the Family of God by Making Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.**

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

Newsletter articles can be funny sometimes. I am not referring to humor that might be put in them intentionally, or even that which happens unintentionally, but in how things work out sometimes. There have been times that I have had one written only to feel later that it needed to be delayed in favor of another subject. I already did that once this year. I delayed the one I had intended for February and used it last month instead. That article which was about having unsaved friends on Facebook had another “funny” thing related to it. I saw something someone posted on a church friend’s Facebook page (which Facebook calls a wall) not long at all after writing that article, that I knew this friend would not approve of. I told my friend about it when I could, so he could delete it. It turns by that time that Facebook had already suspended the person who posted its account and the objectionable content was gone. Then, as I recall, not long after I had submitted that same February article, a new Facebook friend of mine (who had ministry type things on their page) tagged me in some filth which made it show up on my Facebook wall. I deleted it as soon as I could. I have no way of knowing if their account had been hacked by someone else or if they had posted it on my wall themselves, but I didn’t want to take any chance, so I blocked them. This prevents them from adding me as a friend again or seeing me at all on Facebook for that matter.

Other times, Charlie and I will be on the same page as far as topic. Either I will plan to write something and he preaches about it, or I already have written it and he preaches on it in the meantime before it sees print. They are replacing the last breaker box as I type this article. The power is out in the church, but I had things here I needed to do (besides just choir rehearsal prep) and could do even without lights (except some sunlight in places), internet, my desktop computer etc. I am on the laptop typing at this point and am glad the battery was partially charged so I could add that to the list of things done. I do confess that it was harder moving around near the balcony than I realized it would be first thing this morning. I am used to being here at night, and do not use lights when I roam the hallways, but the exit lights help light the way. So, it was darker up there with no windows around and no exit lights to light the way. I have also found myself turning on the light switches in certain rooms only to be reminded that there is no electricity in here.

That is the way people do in their lives sometimes. They roam around the hallways of life and are not tapped in to the power and have no one to light their way. They do not go to church, read the Bible, pray, meditate, talk to God, listen to God or even pay Him any mind at all sometimes. Then calamity hits and they are unprepared at all. Sometimes it is even worse and they die before accepting Him. But the difference is that they sometimes do not realize they are roaming around in the dark before it is too late. I found out really quickly that the power was out here, but it might take them years to find out and some only find out at death. Light is important. The star of Bethlehem lit the way for the wise men. Christ lights our way. Our job is to be a light to a dark and dying world. It has been my opinion that time is short, but even if I am wrong about that, it is almost definitely short to someone out in the world whose days are numbered. Let’s be a light to the dark and dying world and rescue as many as we can before it is too late.

Join us on Easter Sunday, April 5th at 8:30 or 10:40 a.m. as the choir presents the cantata, “The Only King.”

Join us on Sunday, April 12 at 8:30 or 10:40 a.m. as Mercy’s Well is here in concert. Both of these are great opportunities to invite people to ECUMC. There will be meditations on both Sundays.



by Paula Turnbow

April Bible Verse:

He is not here; He has risen! Luke 24:6

EASTER EGG HUNT

Pre-School to Grade 6

April 4, 2015

10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Bring your family, neighbors and friends!

SAVE THE DATE

VBS—JUNE 15-19

Please be praying for this wonderful ministry of our church.

HELP!!! Please save Egg Cartons, Popsicle Sticks, Paper Towel/Toilet Paper Rolls for VBS crafts.

<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES 8:30 & 10:40 a.m. Blended Worship 9:40-10:30 a.m. Sunday School 6 p.m.—Casual-Informal Praise Service</p>	<p>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister Angie Sherfick, Adm. Assistant Terry Snyder, Music Director Janelle Quasebarth, Youth Director Bob Fear, Custodian</p>
<p>2439 Indiana Avenue Columbus, IN 47201-7022</p>	<p>Phone: 812.376.7418 — FAX 812.376.7699 Office email: office@eastcolumbusumc.org music@eastcolumbusumc.org pastor@eastcolumbusumc.org web site: www.eastcolumbusumc.org</p>
<p align="center">OUR CHURCH MISSION Growing the Family of God by Making Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.</p>	

APRIL 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			<p>1 5:15pm-Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.</p>	<p>2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 4:30-9pm-Silent Communion</p>	<p>3 GOOD FRIDAY <u>Office Closed</u> 12noon-Ecumenical Good Fri. Service(Commons) 7pm-Good Fri. Service</p>	<p>4 10am-Easter Egg Hunt</p>
<p>5 Communion 6:30am-Sunrise Service 7:15am-Breakfast 8:30 & 10:40am-Easter Cantata <u>NO EVE. SERV. & YOUTH</u></p>	<p>6 9am-UMW Service Group</p>	<p>7 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Miriam Circle</p>	<p>8 5:15pm-Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.</p>	<p>9 <u>Men's Emmaus Walk</u> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10 <u>Men's Emmaus Walk</u></p>	<p>11 <u>Men's Emmaus Walk</u></p>
<p>12 <u>Men's Emmaus Walk</u> 8:30 & 10:40am. Mercy's Well here in Concert 5pm-All4ONE</p>	<p>13 9am-UMW Service Group</p>	<p>14 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Finance Meeting</p>	<p>15 5:15pm-Handbell Reh 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.</p>	<p>16 <u>Women's Emmaus Walk</u> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17 <u>Women's Emmaus Walk</u></p>	<p>18 <u>Women's Emmaus Walk</u> 8am-UM Men's Breakfast 9-3pm-Church Wide Cleanup Day</p>
<p>19 <u>Women's Emmaus Walk</u> Regular Services 5pm-All4ONE</p>	<p>20 9am-UMW Service Group</p>	<p>21 1pm-Bible Study</p>	<p>22 5:15pm-Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.</p>	<p>23 6:30pm-Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 11-1pm-Block Party</p>
<p>26 Regular Services 5pm-All4ONE</p>	<p>27 9am-UMW Service Group</p>	<p>28 9-12 Mobile Food Pantry in Parking Lot 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Love Chapel Mtg.</p>	<p>29 5:15pm-Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.</p>	<p>30 6:30pm-Boy Scouts</p>		



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

March 27-29 the Troop traveled to Clifty Falls State Park for a weekend campout. We worked on Orienteering for the preparedness of April's Spring Camporee.

Coming up April 24-26 will be the Orienteering Camporee at Camp Maumee.

May campout will be at Henryville Clark State Forest.

We have added one boy to the Troop in March.

Thanks again for your support for the past 55 years you have been our sponsor.

If anyone is interested in helping out with scouting or if a boy would like to join the troop we will welcome a visit. Boys need to be 11 years old to join and less than 18.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2....	Donita Barringer Sharon Brown Sharon Wheeler-Elkins	17....	Bernice Barks Stacey McCarty
5....	Benjamin Walker Juanita Johns	18....	Glenda Henry Alfreda Walker
6....	Kayla Beier Stacie Harris Shelley Walker	21....	Doris Bridgewater Savannah Steele Tom Aigner Helen Reed
7....	Bill Jackson	22....	Mary Alice Lanham Collis G. Mayfield
8....	Dorothy McMillan Ruby Sherfick	23....	Bruce Wilson
11....	Barry Turnbow	24....	Chaz Leckron
12....	Darla Cox Len Eckhart	25....	Hailee Eckhart
13....	Amy Mayfield	26....	Lilly Perry Mark Voils
15....	Cathy Walker	28....	Collis L. Mayfield
16....	Jewel Lucas	29....	Harriet Goss Carolyn Harris Fonz Hauber





I SERVE A RISEN SAVIOR!!

How about you?

What a glorious time in the life of Christians! Easter is all about new life...rebirth...when the caterpillar becomes the butterfly. Praise the Lord that our Savior gave up everything for us! And He did so willingly...without regret...without conditions...He hung there on that tree suffering the pain that we should have suffered. But most importantly He AROSE because the grave could not hold Him!

And as the song goes..

I serve a risen Savior who's in the world today!
I know that He is risen whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer.
And just the time I need Him; He's always near!
HE LIVES! HE LIVES!

I pray He's living in your life and heart every day of the year...not just at Christmas and Easter but all those other ordinary days as well.

Wishing you a Happy, Joyous Easter!!

Till next month...Timothy

Church Cleanup



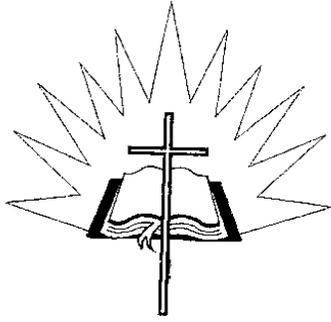
Saturday, April 18, 2015
9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Come one! Come all! Bring a bucket, rakes, and a shovel. You can work however many hours you want. We will tidy up our church inside and outside (weather permitting).

Lunch will be provided at noon.

Please sign-up to help.

Thanks, Trustees



Applying Bible Principles

“Coercion” is action which makes us do something, usually by force or threat or punishment. For example, the threat of a ticket or the fine which results causes us to regularly check our speed when driving. We are “coerced” into obeying the law, whether we want to or not.

Some people give to God because of coercion. They envision God as a glorified “bully” who is seeking to extract from them some of their hard-earned money. They reason, howbeit incorrectly, that if they fail to give to Him, then somehow, divine punishment will result.

That concept is totally foreign to the Scriptures. In fact, as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, God wants us to give not because we have to, out of fear, or because we are required to do so. Rather, His desire is for us to give because we want to, because we have decided in our hearts to give in a manner which makes our giving something to be richly enjoyed.

Search the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, and you will discover God’s universal principle concerning giving: Give willingly from the heart. Not because someone is “coercing” you to give. Not because in a moment of emotional duress you made a commitment to give. Not because you desire to avoid punishment or discipline. Give because you want to, because you’ve decided in your heart to give.

A gentleman known as “Chaplain McCabe” was seeking to raise a million dollars for missions. In his quest, he often struggled with discouragement and disappointment as he encountered tight-fisted Christians who refused to give to God. One day, while going through the mail, he came across a tattered note from a young boy. Written in a boyish scrawl and liberally punctuated with blots, the letter read: “I’m sure you’re going to get a million dollars for missions. And I’m going to help you get it, too. So here’s a nickel towards it. It’s all I’ve got right now, but if you need any more, just call on me.”

Chaplain McCabe told that wonderful story around the world, and it was greatly used by God to challenge people everywhere to give literally millions of dollars to missions. As far as we know, no one forced that young boy to give all he had or even to write a letter. No one pressured him to part with his nickel. He did so willingly because somewhere in the recesses of his heart, he had decided to do so.

As you consider the East Columbus United Methodist Church ministry and all that takes place in and through our church for God’s glory, will you do the same? Will you give “not reluctantly or under compulsion,” but willingly from the heart, with the full realization that “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7)?

News



From the Mail Box...

Thanks for all the prayers, cards and flowers during the illness and passing of my daughter, Barbara Fish.

-Mabel Baker

My Dear Congregation at ECUMC,

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful cards, gifts, and words of encouragement that I have received since my retirement. I tried to treat everyone in my church family the same way and not make a difference. You see, I love every one of you! It was a true joy to work with all of you to share in your happiness at the birth of a child or a grandchild, the loss of a loved one or a fellow church family member. Thank you for all of the love and support you gave me all of my 30 years at ECUMC. I truly enjoyed working with all of the staff and all of the support that I received and I especially enjoyed working with Pastor Charlie for 10 years (longest of any pastor I worked for). He is such a good servant of our Lord and so willing to do anything for anyone and he is very humble. The Lord gave me this job to work for Him and what a joy it was! I will close by telling you that when Larry retired at Annual Conference in 2007, there was one question that Bishop Coyner asked each pastor and his wife and that was "How would you describe your many years of working in the ministry?" I will close by giving you the same answer that I gave to Bishop Coyner that day. "It has been a pleasure!"

Love to each one,
Carol McIntosh



-Our sympathy to Mabel Baker and family at the loss of loved one, Barbara Fish.

-Our sympathy to Nellie Rager at the loss of Nellie's daughter, Janelle.

NELLIE RAGER ROOM

Nellie Rager has faithfully served as a Sunday School teacher and has not missed a Sunday in over 50 years. We are pleased to dedicate her Sunday School Class room "Nellie Rager Room" in her honor. What a wonderful service she has provided for our church. Thank you so much Nellie!

Here's what's
happening!

Good Friday Ecumenical Services will be held Friday, April 3, noon at the Commons.

ECUMC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m. at the home of Sharon Brown.

Men's Emmaus Walk will be April 9, 10 and 11.

Mercy's Well will be here in concert April 12, 8:30 and 10:40 a.m. Services.

Women's Emmaus Walk will be April 16, 17, and 18.

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

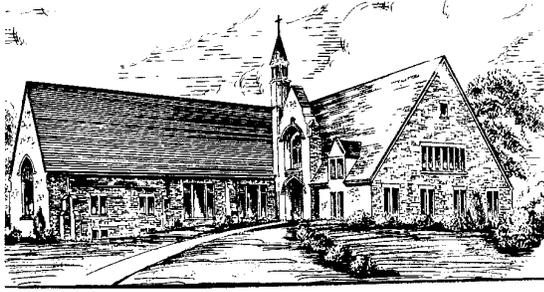
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Community Block Party will be held Saturday, April 25. See back page for more details.

Mobile Food Pantry will be held in the church parking lot, Tuesday, April 28, 9 a.m.—noon.

Love Chapel board meeting is Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m.

National Day of Prayer Bible Reading—May 4 thru May 7 on the steps of City Hall. Please be in prayer for this event. ECUMC will again be reading scripture so watch for the sign-up sheet in the Information Area in the weeks to come. I hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of the Bible reading leading up to NDP service which will be held in The Commons at noon on May 7. Can't be a reader? I'm in charge of the hospitality tent and refreshments for our readers again this year. I'll be looking for donations of bottled water (prefer the smaller bottles) and snacks (prefer no nuts or chocolate). Monetary donations appreciated for ice and paper goods. **Most importantly, be in prayer for salvation for all who hear the Word of the Lord!**



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Return Service Requested

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY
Saturday, April 25, 2015
11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to hang door hangers in the church neighborhood informing residents of the upcoming Block Party. We will meet at the church Saturday, April 11, 9:00 a.m. and/or Sunday, April 19, 2:00 p.m. If you can help there will be Sign-up Sheets in the Information Area.

We are asking for donations of \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards for drawing give aways. Please consider this great outreach opportunity. Please turn your donations in to Kathy Warner or contact her with any questions or concerns.