

East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER





I believe one of the darkest things a Christian can do is have a heart of resentment and envy, in Christ Jesus we have been given everything. In Him we have life, in Him we have love, in Him we have peace, in Him we have a family no one can number, in Him we have an inheritance, in Him we have unspeakable joy. But in this world it is so easy to forget what we have; we look at our surroundings and think there should be more or better. Or we look at others and are envious believing that someone is getting more or better and we think in our hearts, “life is not fair, I deserve more.”

Paul tells us in Philippians 2:14, **do everything without complaining or arguing.** But somehow we cannot bring ourselves to be happy and content. It seems beyond our power, and it is so against our culture. Just go to your family and tell them you are completely happy, or go to your boss and tell him or her that you are completely satisfied with your work environment, or live in a house and not think this wall needs to be moved and who in the world would have ever picked such hideous colors? People will look at you like you are some kind of extraterrestrial or just plain nuts. No one is supposed to be content. No one is supposed to be satisfied, “get more,” “improve,” “change,” “buy,” if no other reason than for the sake of change is our way. Find fault, complain, and be dissatisfied is the American way.

With the absolute attitude that happiness and peace are somewhere in the future, when all our smallest complaints are finally satisfied and not what God gives through His blessings of love and joy in the spirit, no wonder we are a nation of miserable people.

Tim Horn gave me a reading that might help us all to find the contentment that should be ours in Christ Jesus.

B Body, pray for the physical needs and protection of our loved ones and ourselves.

L Labor, pray for our jobs that they will honor God whether at work or school.

E Emotions, pray for our emotional health and strength.

S Social, pray for our many relationships , they reflect God’s goodness.

S Spiritual, pray for a growing and thriving relationship with Jesus for ourselves families, friends, and the lost.

These are the truly important things that bring true joy and peace.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

Several months back Mike was talking to me before an ensemble rehearsal (I believe) about hearing or reading that the meaning of certain words had been changed in the dictionary to reflect how they were currently being used. I cannot recall the examples, but it seems like the updated meaning of at least one was the total opposite from what it had traditionally meant. I have an issue with that. People are probably divided on whether a dictionary's role is to set the meanings of the words, or to reflect how they are used. I can understand both sides, but if the dictionary simply reflects how a word at that time is used, then a word's meaning can change overnight and the dictionary no longer be accurate. Also, if the dictionary doesn't establish the meaning of the word, who does? Is it the majority? If that is the case, 51% of the people could decide that a dog was now going to be a cat and there could be mass confusion. This would especially be true in more extreme examples. What if you called and asked for an ambulance, but someone redefined a hearse as an ambulance? Imagine a hearse showing up for a sick person. Yes, that is a silly and crazy example, but I feel it reflects how absurd it is to change established words. Even if a dictionary never set the meaning of words, but simply published established meanings, in my opinion it then became the "go to" reference for us to seek the meaning of words and at that point needs to be left alone (except to add newer words nonexistent previously).

Our society has done our own redefining in certain ways, but not just with words from Webster's, but in God's Word. Some will take verses out of context to fit their ideas or desires, while others might honestly believe it and not realize they are seeing what they want to see. Other times it seems more nefarious and something instigated from below. Looking at that, we could say it goes back to Adam and Eve in the garden. The serpent twisted scripture to manipulate them into doing what was bad for them. Satan (lowercase intentional) tried the same tactic to tempt Jesus in the wilderness, but of course Christ didn't fall for it. Not only that, but Jesus was able to use scripture to refute what he said.

I have seen people use the "judge not lest ye be judged" verse not realizing what follows it. Christians are called to judge using the Bible as the standard. No we do not judge whether they are going to hell (only one can do that), but we can tell them the Bible says they will go to hell if they are not born again. I believe we have to be sensitive in how and where we do this, but we do need to let others know the need of a Savior and the result that will occur if we reject Him. But, there are smaller examples of judging (which should be done in love).

I have also seen pastors use scripture to say Christians will be prosperous, not get sick, not have any troubles etc. if they have faith. They fail to consider that Job (and Jesus Himself) had troubles. They fail to look at the verse about it raining on the just and the unjust.

Other people use scripture to embrace sin, and redefine words instead of calling things what they really are. We have "alternative lifestyles," "choice," and the list could go on and on. We even hear people say they identify with the opposite gender of how they were born and want to redefine their gender. This has already caused chaos with public restrooms, showers, clubs etc. and will simply get worse as people become more deceived and depraved.

There is an old saying that says "you can't fool mother nature." Well, we can't fool God. We can call things whatever we want. We can even believe them, but ultimately God defines what is truth and sets the standard. We will be held accountable regardless of our beliefs. May our hearts be open and receptive to the truth and may we share it with others.



by Paula Turnbow

APRIL BIBLE VERSE

“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Matthew 6:33

Do you put God first in your life? What gets in the way of...going to church, reading the Bible, helping others? Put Him first and He will help you to find room for many other things!



**Save the date...
VBS
June 6-9**



Logan Skinner

April showers bring May flowers and beauty begins to return to the world. This time of year, I am always reminded of the journey that we need to continually make with Christ. We have to be sure that we are planting good seeds. If your seeds aren't good and strong, nothing will grow. Second, we need to make sure we are giving our seeds good soil to grow in. We have to surround people with encouragement, kindness, and love. We have to shower them with prayer and make sure that they are running towards the Son. So just like our garden, we need to make sure that our young, maturing, and new Christians are growing. And also, it's a time in our lives that we need to make sure we are pruning our lives of the things that are harming us and hindering our growth. And now, we need to make sure we are producing good fruit. So this April, make sure you are being a great gardener in your lives and the lives of those around you.

God Bless you all,
Logan Skinner

APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Regular Services	4 9am-UMW Service Group	5 7pm-Miriam Circle	6 5:15pm- Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-BibleStudy 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.	7 6:30pm-Boy Scouts 5:30pm- Trustee Meet- ing	8 Men's Emmaus Walk 6:30-9pm-Family Game Night Fellowship Hall	9 April 7-10
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HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

Troop Calendar:

April 23-24-Spring Camporee
May 13-15—Campout
June 12-18—Summer Camp

After you get this newsletter we will have completed a Board of Review for one of our boys for his Eagle rank. Let's rejoice in his work towards this achievement

The troop had a Court of Honor on March 10 and all boys got a merit badge award with one boy earning a rank of first class.

The Spring Camporee should be an interesting one for us. All programs will start after 9:00 pm and will end at 2 am. The theme is NightHawk. Looking forward to this interesting event.

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. Boys should be 11 years and less than 18 to join.

Meeting time is Thursday at 6:30 – 8:00 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

5.... Benjamin Walker
Juanita Johns

6.... Kayla Beier
Stacie Harris
Shelley Walker

7.... Bill Jackson

8.... Dorothy McMillan
Ruby Sherfick

11.... Barry Turnbow

12.... Darla Cox
Len Eckhart

13.... Amy Mayfield

18.... Glenda Henry
Alfreda Walker

21.... Tom Aigner
Doris Bridgewater
Helen Reed
Savannah Steele

22.... Mary Alice Lanham
Collis Mayfield, Jr.

23.... Bruce Wilson

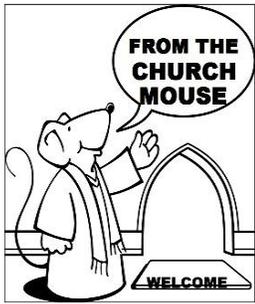
24.... Chaz Leckron

26.... Lilly Perry
Mark Voils

28.... Collis Mayfield, Sr.

29... Harriet Goss
Carolyn Harris
Fonz Hauber





“Why can’t you just shut up and listen?”

Recently this little mouse was out shopping and heard this very frustrated question asked by a young woman to someone she was speaking with on the phone.

And it got me thinking...

I wonder if God ever feels that way? How many times do we come to Him in prayer and just jabber on and on about our problems ... our desires ... our joys ... our concerns. How often do we simply stop and listen?

Please don’t misunderstand ... God is our refuge when the trials of life just overwhelm us ... you can always count on Him to be there ... to listen. But don’t you agree that He has stuff to tell us as well? Maybe we need to be patient ... maybe we need to take action ... maybe we need to be redirected toward a different goal. How will we ever know if we don’t take a moment (or maybe 10) and just listen for His wisdom for our lives?

So today ... amid the hustle and bustle of our busy lives ... I encourage you to take a moment to ... “Be still and know that I am God.”

Till next month..... *Timothy*



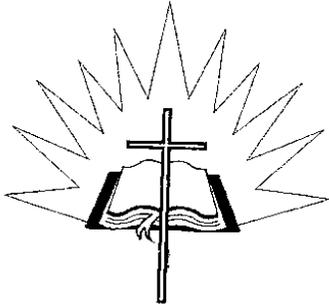
Saturday, April 16, 2016

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. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Information Area.

Lunch will be provided at noon in the Fellowship Hall.



Applying Bible Principles

In 1935, Dr. R.A. Forrest, president of Toccoa Falls College in Georgia, embarked on a trip to visit former students who were serving the Lord on the mission field. R.A. LeTourneau, a prominent Christian businessman, heard him speak in Omaha and was very encouraged by what he heard. The night before Dr. Forrest sailed to Japan, a letter arrived at his hotel containing a check from Mr. LeTourneau for \$1,000. Mr. LeTourneau thought it would be nice if Dr. Forrest “had some money in his pocket as he went around the world to give to folks in a tough spot.”

Dr. Forrest was elated and kept a detailed accounting of how he used that money to minister to people in need. When he returned to New York, he mailed the records to Mr. LeTourneau. A few days later, a reply came from Mr. LeTourneau that simply read, “Come see me.” When Dr. Forrest arrived at Mr. LeTourneau’s office in Peoria, he found a man who was deeply moved by Dr. Forrest’s record of changed lives. He said, “If you can be trusted with \$1,000 and make that kind of impact, you can be trusted with \$10,000” and gave him a check in that amount

Dr. Forrest had received “freely,” and he gave “freely” (Matt. 10:8). He typified the kind of giving that God expects each of us to demonstrate as we respond to His good gifts by giving back to Him what was rightfully His in the first place.

Charles Stanley wrote this: “When God deals with us, it is always in abundant grace. He is lavish with His love and forgiveness. None of us can ever repay Christ for what He did for us at Calvary. He generously gave His life so we could enjoy eternal life.” He went on to say, “There are two kinds of people: givers and keepers... If you decide to be a keeper, you will miss God’s richest blessings. But when you give yourself away, you will reap the goodness of God.”

That’s because it is impossible to outgive God who has a unique accounting system. He never divides; He always multiplies. Will you trust Him today by giving generously to Him who “richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment” (1 Tim. 6:17)?

News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for me & Charlie. Thank you also for the beautiful flowers. They sure brighten up the room. Charlie is in Silver Oaks Nursing home Room 604 for the next 6-8 weeks.

-Lora & Charlie Sites

The family of Bill J. Dix wish to thank the church family for their support, prayers, cards and phone calls. We appreciated those who prepared the dinner following the service. Rev. Charles Aigner's words were such a comfort to us, bringing Billy's memory to life. Words cannot truly express the depth of your kindness and all it meant to our family as we celebrated Billy's life.

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." **Rev: 21:4**

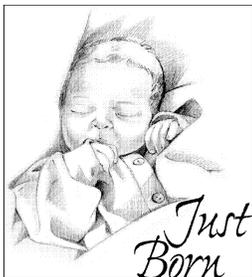
Wilma Jean Grove thanks everyone for the birthday cards sent to her.

Thank you for your prayers, offers of food and the wonderful hugs during Hazel Doup's illness and passing. I love my church family and appreciate all of you so much!

-Kathy Henry & the Doup Family

Thanks for the beautiful floral arrangement in memory of my sister Ila Jean Ritchey.

-Alfreda & Gerald Walker



Andrew Ransom Bundick
Son of Rev. John & Linda
Bundick
Born
February 24, 2016
Grandparents
Max & Renita Bettner
Great Grandparents
Gerald & Alfreda Walker

Kennedy Lane Turnbow
Daughter of Mitch &
Finley Turnbow
Born
March 6, 2016
Grandparents
Paula & Barry Turnbow
Great GrandMother
Dorothy McMillan

Here's what's
happening!

Red Bird Mission Collected Items, Thursday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m. We will be loading all the collected items into a truck/trailer (along with the pews). Help is needed to get this monumental task done.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, April 5, 2016 7 p.m. at the home of Sharon Brown.

Trustees will meet Thursday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Family Game Night is Friday, April 8, 2016 6:30-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

*Bring Favorite Game

*Bring A Friend

*Bring Finger Food Snack to share.

Men's Emmaus Walk is scheduled April 7-10, 2016.

Women's Emmaus Walk is scheduled April 14-17.

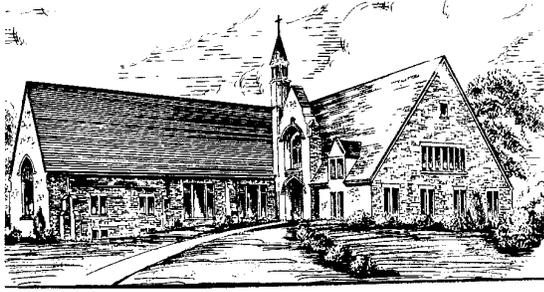
Church Spring Clean-up Day is Saturday, April 16, 2016. Breakfast will be served by UMM at 8 a.m. and work will begin at 9 a.m.

Ecumenical Assembly Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Columbus, Tuesday, April 26, 7pm.



In Memory of
Nancy Rosenberger
Who went home to her
Heavenly Father
March 13, 2016

-Our sympathy to Jim Rosenberger and family at the passing of their loved one, Nancy.



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Return Service Requested

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

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Growing the Family of God by Making
Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.