




East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

APRIL 2023



**He was
raised on
the third
day in
accordance
with the
Scriptures.**

1 Corinthians 15:4, ESV



“I am the resurrection and the life”

"Remember you are the dust, and to dust, you shall return." Lent, which began with this declaration, is going toward resurrection. It is like crossing from death to life. And there is only one bridge between death and life. The name of that bridge is Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

Jesus is the source of eternal life and the only way to overcome death. And those who confess their faith in him with their lips will never die. This is a simple yet profound mystery. Romans also said this. "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

We can only confess with our lips what we truly believe in our hearts. Let's take a pause now and confess together. "Jesus is the resurrection and the life. I believe that He is the Messiah, the Son of God!"

This confession is more than just words. This confession will change our lives. This confession brings a miracle into our lives. Because Jesus embraces us tightly.

Imagine that Jesus is coming to our rescue in a helicopter. What if we grab onto the rope of salvation when it comes down to us? After the helicopter flies away, our strength will run out after a while, and we will miss that rope and fall.

But please remember. It is not we are holding on to the rope, but Jesus has tied us to the rope. We are bound to Jesus.

Jesus defeated death. Jesus has risen. Jesus came to us. He broke our chains of sin and bound us with the rope of life. This confession is the rock on where we are standing.

So, let's fly with Christ!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jongmin



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

Most probably know that we record our services, but some may not know quite how our system is set up. We originally had the audio from our mixer going directly into the camera, but there were times that no audio at all showed up. I spent hours troubleshooting, experimenting, talking to the company we bought the camera from (as well as the manufacturer and others). I never did find the cause, except they seemed to think it was something else besides the camera. We tried different cables from the main company I use for audio, and the expert from there was even dumbfounded. My hunch was (and is) that the mixer or output is flaky. We used the internal mic on the camera, but it picks up noise and is not a great solution. I ended up attaching a digital audio recorder I had, edit that audio, and replace the audio that the camera mic records. Even then, sometimes one channel will be missing from the audio (which confirms that at least one problem is not from the camera). As I type this, we had to use the camera audio last Sunday after the digital recorder had no new audio on it for some reason.

I say all of that to say this, the camera mic picks up pretty well. If there are discussions going on, or comments made, it picks them up. If done during the slide show or even the service, those end up on the recording. It also sends that audio to the TV in the information area, as well as the toddler room (whether recording or not). One day, knowing that, I was in the balcony getting the slides set up for the service, and Tom and Tim were sitting in the information area. I think you should all sit down before reading this, but I decided to be mischievous and said something like "Boy, that Tom and Tim..." figuring that they would hear me through the TV..

Face it, gossip sells. It can be true, opinion, conjecture, a misrepresentation, or an outright lie. Regardless, it can hurt. There are sites and shows that make good money from it. People eat it up. But, if they happen to be the subject of it, watch out. I can't by any means claim innocence in my life from saying bad things (true, misunderstanding, or opinion). Most of us would guard our words more carefully if we knew the mic was picking us up and others (that we didn't want to hear) were hearing what we said. The thing is, God hears and even knows our thoughts before they leave our mouths.

Sometimes people base their opinions on a person strictly from what they have heard or read. They can be things that were said or written years ago, that may have been true back then, but not now. Or they could be something that had some element of truth, but told by someone with an agenda, an innocent misunderstanding, different taste, opinion or perspective on something, or even something technically true, but presented in a way with necessary info left out, to make the story more juicy. An extreme example may be, "I saw a man on the beach hitting a woman on the chest." What they didn't tell is the man was giving the woman CPR. There are legitimate news sources that I have seen word a headline in such a way to get attention, that was misleading. Knowing the source of something is important. It might be a person upset about a breakup and make up lies about the person. It could be someone lying on someone to keep themselves out of trouble, get a promotion etc. Knowing the rest of the story can matter. Even employers can lie about a former employee, or give opinions that may have been true back then, but not anymore, were an incorrect opinion to begin with, but presented as fact, or retaliatory either due to not liking the employee, or being upset that they left their company.

I think about Jesus, and how He was called a prophet (not the whole picture), a drunkard (A lie although He did turn the water into wine), violating the sabbath (He had the right to, and correctly pointed out their hypocrisy in this regard), healing by demonic power (that one was absolutely false), and so forth. Even today people lie about Him. Some say He was only a good man. Others say He either never existed, or is not God. Others may believe in Him, but make Him into something He is not. They may make Him wink at sin and accept all into Heaven, or make Him into an unforgiving taskmaster who can't wait until we make a sin with our eternity hanging in the balance every time we fall short.

After the crucifixion, many (correctly for a short season) said He had been crucified, and was gone. What they didn't have at the time, was the rest of the story, He overcame death and sin, rose from grave, lives and reigns and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He is faithful and just, but also has grace for us who need it if we repent. He welcomes us back if we leave Him. It isn't His will that ANY should perish, and has provided a way for us to have eternal life if we repent and accept Him.

HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL

Troop 549



April 1st Columbus Amateur Radio Club's Annual Hamfest (Flea market)
April 22nd Scout-A-Palooza at Maumee Scout Reservation

March 11th was our trail workday at Maumee Scout Reservation. We had 5 boys attend and one new parent who will become part of our troop committee. We had 3 new boys out of 5. This was their first outing with the troop in the field. They worked very hard and for a lot longer than I expected. They all earned 8 hours of service time hours. They got a lot done and had a great time.

March 24th – 26th was our spring campout at Maumee Scout Reservation where we backpacked into a remote part of the trail and camped primitively. They carried the tools needed to work on building of the trails. This helped prepare the boys in the troop to learn about wilderness camping. They learned how to make fire starters and was given tins to carry their fire-starting tools in. They learned how to cook on an outdoor fire but first had to build a fire for each meal. They also learned how to navigate to the camping spot using a map and a compass. Doing this in the dark was an additional challenge for them.

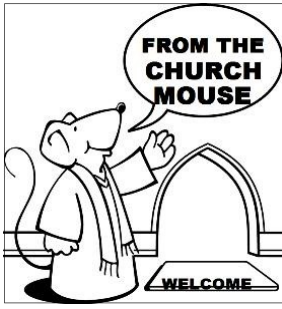
April 1st is our New Charter Organization the Columbus Amateur Radio Club's annual Hamfest. This year it is being held at Columbus North High Schools Cafeteria. This is a fun time for the boys. They have never seen so many electronics and stuff in one place. We also hold Amateur Radio testing for anyone that is wanting to get their Amateur radio license. I am one of the Volunteer Examiners that administers the tests. The Hamfest starts at 8:00am until 12:00PM.

We are hoping that the troop can sell and serve biscuits and gravy as a fundraiser at the event. We will be staying at the youth center on Friday and Saturday night to help teach the new scouts some camping skills.

April 22nd is our first Scout-A-Palooza Event that will feature the mountain bike trails we have been building for the last 3 years at Camp Maumee. This will be an introduction to all scouts that have never ridden a mountain bike or have never ridden on a trail through the woods. It will be a great time for everyone. There is also shooting sports, camping skills, orienteering map skills and into to leadership outdoor skills that will be offered. This is a single day event, but the troop will be staying the entire weekend.

If you know anyone that is interested in scouting the door is always open for their visit on our scout nights. Please feel free to pass my contact information to anyone interested in visiting or joining our troop. Boys ages need to be 11 years old to join and less than 18. Meeting time Thursday is at 6:30 – 8:00 at the Youth Center.

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**“April showers bring May flowers”....
and Spring and EASTER!!**

I recently read a story about a young Christian woman who had great faith but lacked the initiative to show her faith by helping others. One story about her life revealed that she was part of a prayer group at her church. It was custom to make personal contact with the person or situation you were given to pray about each week. This particular week she was given the name of a woman she didn't know very well. After learning her telephone had been disconnected, she decided to leave a card at the woman's home. As she pulled up to the curb she saw Halloween pumpkins smashed, eggs on the siding and windows, and the trash from her cans strewn over the yard. This young woman picked her way across the yard and stuck her card in the door. A nice gesture, right? To let this stranger know that she was being prayed about and quietly slip away.....but that's not enough! Our young woman did get in her car and drive to the end of the street and at that point she realized she had a choice to make.....to drive away and leave this stranger to clean up her own mess; or to go back and put her faith to work. She chose to put her faith to work and returned with cleaning supplies. While she was working, the lady's neighbors and children appeared and began helping. As they worked, she shared with the neighbors that she didn't know the woman whose house they were cleaning but that she had been praying for her. And as they worked she was given opportunities to share her faith and love of Christ with the neighbor as well as encourage her to pray for this lady.

Although we will all be busy with preparations for Easter, take the time to put your faith into action. Don't just extend the invitation to friends and family to come join you for Easter service, be there to encourage and strengthen your friends and neighbors to walk closer to Jesus every day. Renew your own relationship with Jesus and you'll find your step lighter and your smile a little brighter!

Wishing you Easter blessings today and always

Timothy

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Palm Sunday Communion 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	3	4	5 6pm-Choir	6 Maundy Thursday 5pm-8pm-Open Communion 6:30-Scouts	7 Good Friday Service -6pm NO BCSC School	8
9 Easter 8:30am-Breakfast 9:30am-S.S. 10:30am-Worship 5pm-Grace's Table	10	11	12 6pm- Choir	13 6:30pm-Scouts	14	15
16 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	17	18	19 6pm-Choir	20 Redbird School Free Choir Concert 6:30pm 6:30pm- Scouts	21	22
23 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	24	25	26 6pm-Choir	27 6:30pm-Scouts	28	29

30 Reg. Services
 12:30pm-Spring Fellowship Dinner with White-creek UMC

Apr. 2..Donita Barringer
 Sharon Brown
 Sharon Wheeler-Elkins

 Apr. 11..Barry Turnbow

 Apr. 12..Jim Kamp

 Apr. 18..Glenda Henry
 Alfreda Walker

Apr. 20..Esther Lee

 Apr. 22..Mary Alice Lanham
 Collis Mayfield

 Apr. 27..Joel Mattern

 Apr. 29..Carolyn Harris
 Pastor Jongmin Lee



News



From the Mail Box...

Wayne Jessup thanks everyone for their prayers, cards and calls during his recent hospital stay.

MUSIC News



The Cardinal Singers are a select group of high school students from Red Bird Mission School located in Beverly, KY. These 16 students will share a variety of songs, testimony, dramas, and also feature a mountain dulcimer choir. They will be in concert at the church on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 pm.

A free will offering will be collected. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come and support the Red Bird Christian School Student Choir.



SPRING FAMILY

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Sunday, April 30

12:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Whitcreek UMC will join us for a Spring Fellowship Dinner Everyone will be asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share.

Here's what's
happening!

Grace's Table Dinner Church Sunday, April 9 at 5:00 pm in the Youth Center.



Palm Sunday-April 2, Procession of the Palms and Communion.

Maundy Thursday Open Communion

April 6, 5-8pm. Elements will be available in the Sanctuary for anyone to come and partake.

Good Friday Service-April 7, 6pm in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday- April 9, Easter Breakfast begins at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School will begin at 9:30am followed by Easter Service at 10:30am.





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9:00am-Worship Service

10:10am- Sunday School

OUR CHURCH MISSION

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