

East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Creation
Sings
God's
Praise





Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." John 6: 28, 29

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6

How important is Faith in Jesus Christ? Just these two verses are enough to send us to our knees. I found a wonderful list of quotes about faith. I hope they speak to your hearts.

"You will never learn faith in comfortable surroundings." -A.B. Simpson

"Faith does not wait until it understands; in that case it would not be faith." -Vance Harner

"Faith is saying 'Amen' to God." -Merv Rosell

"A simple childlike faith solves all the problems that come to us." -Helen Keller

"The only way to learn strong faith is to endure strong trials." -George Mueller

"All work that is worth anything is done in faith." -Albert Schweitzer

"Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation." -D.Elton Trueblood

"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the one who is leading." -Oswald Chambers

"Faith is knowing there is an ocean because you have seen a brook." -William Ward

"Faith is the conviction of realities I cannot see or feel." -Pamela Reeve

"Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe". -Saint Augustine

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I am sure most of you have heard of the term “the big picture.” Seeing the big picture is important. Knowing that the most important thing in eternity is a great use of the big picture. However, there might be some who are, as a song I first heard years ago put it, so Heavenly minded that they are no earthly good. I think sometimes the big picture is used to justify not caring about the day to day things or details as if the big picture cancels out the little one. I mentioned the parable of the talents a few months ago. A scripture came to mind that is coincidentally (at least on my part) from that very parable. His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!” Now, I am not sure that this was in mind when the following scripture was written, but I personally feel that the principles could apply to what I am writing in this article.

People who are detail-oriented are often called anal retentive. The term itself can be mocking or insulting. While true that it is possible to be far too uptight or particular or too focused on the little picture at the expense of the big picture (such as someone straightening pictures on the wall of a burning building), I believe the little things do often matter TO the big picture. One little detail that is ignored or pushed aside can have big consequences later on.

One recent local example is the problems with the injections some of the pain clinics had recently. What I heard was the problem was caused from bacteria due to employees not following procedures. Look at how much harm was done by one oversight or ignoring the protocols because someone was either lazy, didn't want to be bothered, didn't think it mattered, thought it was “anal,” or didn't agree with the standards. Another example is not making sure your car has enough Antifreeze. A friend of mine in high school did that and suffered a cracked head at the very least (let me be clear I am not saying his dad cracked his head for tearing up the engine ☺). Remember also during our recent drought that a lot of land near Walmart got burnt apparently because someone threw a cigarette butt on the ground without making sure it was extinguished. Someone who doesn't want to be bothered with the details of filling out properly or at all their income taxes risks finding out how important that is. Someone who forgets to take their keys out of their car could have several things happen. They might be locked out, find their car stolen, find their house broken into, and lose property or even life (if a victim of a home invasion). Sure some things are less likely to happen, but I think a big mistake many make is “it won't happen to me.” Someone who forgets or doesn't want to be bothered with putting a wet floor sign down might cause someone else to fall because they don't realize the floor was wet. Something as simple as not refilling the windshield washer reservoir can cause problems if you are on the road and the windshield needs cleaned in order to see.

I took Geometry as a sophomore at East. I missed a bit of school (I can't recall how much or how often) and was lost when I went back because everything is built on what I had already learned. Not having the knowledge from those missed days cost me when I did go back. Those of you who have worked on an assembly line probably know what one problem from earlier on the line can cause once it gets to you. If not dealt with or corrected, it might even get worse each time it goes down the line. Ignoring a leak could eventually cause a flood. A few drops of water might not seem to be a big deal, but each one adds to the other and before you know it, not only will the puddle grow, you might get mold. One ignored match can cause a forest fire.

Not everything has eternal consequences (although some of those could unknowingly be so to us or someone else). That reminds me of something I utilized in a past article. I am not going to take the time to find it, but I will do the best to sum it up as I remember it. Essentially a bus driver gave back a guy (who happened to be a pastor) a quarter too much in his change. The pastor was tempted to forget about it due to things such as not wanting to or having the time to deal with it, or justify it as saying that it was just a quarter. Well, if I remember correctly God spoke to him, so he went back and gave it to the driver. Come to find out, the driver knew he was a pastor and was testing him. Had the pastor not given it back perhaps the driver would have thought all Christians were hypocrites (if he didn't already) and if he wasn't saved, might have never been (all because of a simple quarter).



by Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner

Five members of All4ONE and one member of Think Tank participated in Transformed, a program of the Pregnancy Care Center, promoting purity and giving your best to God. Those completing the program were Justine Corya, Elizabeth Cox, Raeanna Cox, Emma Parks, Hannah Perry and Katie Prall. Thank you to the parents who agreed to participate with their daughters in order that they could complete this program.

We will be resuming regular youth meetings this month. The exception will be Mother's Day when there will not be an All4ONE meeting so that the members can spend time with their mothers. If you would like to host AfterALL during May, please contact Judy Aigner.

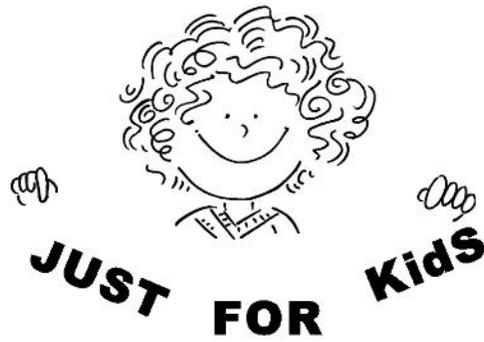
Our own Katie Schmidt has been named as salutatorian of the Class of 2013 for Columbus East High School. Emma Parks was inducted into the National Honor Society at East High School.

**High School Graduation
is Saturday, June 1, 2013
Columbus East is graduating at 10 a.m. and Columbus North at 1 p.m.**

Graduation "Open House" in honor of Nathaniel Staples is at noon on Sunday, May 19 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. Nathaniel will graduate from Jennings Co. High School and will attend Franklin College. You are invited to attend!

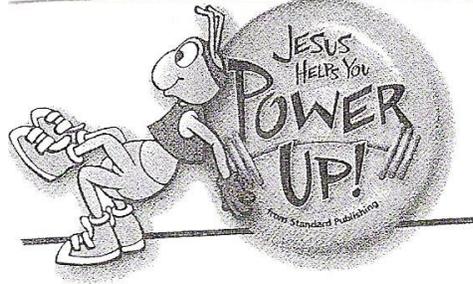
Graduation "Open House/Lunch" in honor of Billy Bettner on Saturday, June 1 in the Fellowship Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Billy will graduate from Columbus East. Everyone invited to attend!

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES</p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;">Charles Aigner, Senior Minister Carol McIntosh, Adm. Assistant Terry Snyder, Music Director Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner, Youth Directors Dereck Fields, Custodian</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2439 Indiana Avenue Columbus, IN 47201-7022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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>



by Paula Turnbow

Mark your calendar for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 10-14, 2013



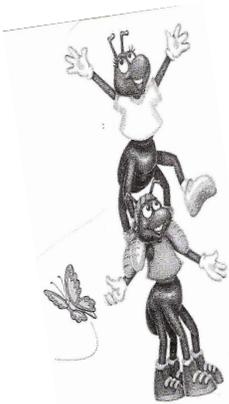
*Are you ready for this high impact spiritual workout? Each evening begins with a light supper at 5:15 in Fellowship Hall. At 6:00 the fun starts: songs, friends, puppets, crafts, food, recreation, and stories.

*How can you help? Be a part of the Workout Team. There are lots of ways to help. Please contact Paula Turnbow at 378-5288.

*Pray for V.B.S.

*Pre-register beginning May 19th in the Information Area. **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

Thank you to Betty Schaefer and the ladies in the Sewing Circle. The children at Care Club love their new "Pop Ice" holders.



Dear East Columbus Members,

If you have been handed a sheet of paper for a written devotion, we are needing them turned in to the Think Tankers or the church office. If you have not received a sheet to fill in and are interested in helping Think Tank with their special project, we need a sheet of paper with your name, scripture, and a one page devotion dealing with the advent season. At the bottom of the sheet we need a short prayer. These need to be in very soon, so our project can be completed. We need a total of 25 devotions and we only have three at this time. This inspirational booklet will be a true blessing to all.

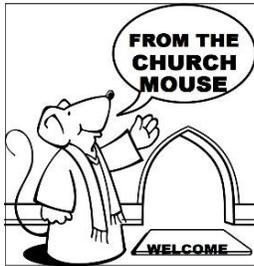
Thank you, from the Think Tank and sponsors

Notice, Sunday School Classes: A member of Think Tank had an adorable idea that classrooms needed signs or banners depicting their classroom name. Each class has a new banner displayed on the doors or in the room. We hope you enjoy a touch of color and meaning to your class name. Raeanna Cox came up with this idea. She is going to be a cheerleader at Central Junior High next year. Thanks Rae!

We need more 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to attend 4:30 to 6:00 pm on Sunday evenings. There is lots we can do with more attending.

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm-Chancel Choir Re- hearsal 7pm-Bible Study	2 National Day of Prayer Service at The Com- mons 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	3 7pm-Movie Night & Snacks	4
5 Holy Commuion Regular Ser- vices 4:30pm- Women's Bible Study	6 9am-UMW Service Group 6pm-Cub Scouts	7 1pm-Bible Study	8 6pm-Chancel Choir Re- hearsal 7pm – Bible Study	9 6:30pm – Boy Scouts	10	11 8am-1pm- Fishing Tour- nament 2-4pm- Graduation "Open House" In honor of Angela Fields
12 Mother's Day Regular Ser- vices <u>No Evening Service</u>	13 9am-UMW Service Group 6pm-Cub Scouts	14 1pm Bible Study	15 6pm-Chancel Choir Re- hearsal 7pm-Bible Study	16 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	17 6pm-4th Day Gathering 7pm-Cols. Comm. Em- maus Gather- ing/Pitch-in	18 Armed Forces Day 8am-United Methodist Men Breakfast 9:30am- Church-wide Cleanup Day
19 Pentecost Sunday Regular Services Noon-Grad. Open House – Nathaniel Staples 4:30pm-Wom- en's Bible Study	20 9am – UMW Service Group 6pm-Cub Scouts	21 1pm – Bible Study 7pm- Ecumenical Assembly Board Meet- ing	22 6pm-Chancel Choir Re- hearsal 7pm-Bible Study	23 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	24	25
26 Regular Ser- vices <u>No Evening Service</u>	27  OFFICE CLOSED	28 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm- Church Coun- cil Mtg.	29 6pm-Chancel Choir Re- hearsal 7pm-Bible Study	30 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	31	



I received this from an email buddy and I thought it special enough to share with all of my church friends, too. I hope you enjoy it.

I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away.

I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things...a curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return.

So...while we have it...it's best we love it...and care for it...and fix it when it's broken...and heal it when it's sick. This is true for marriage...and old cars...and children with bad report cards...and dogs with bad hips...and aging parents...and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Some things we keep...like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special...and so, we keep them close!

TEN THINGS GOD WON'T ASK ON YOUR JUDGEMENT DAY.

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
4. God won't ask what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
6. God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
7. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
8. God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.
9. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.
10. God won't have to ask how many people you shared this with, He already knows your decision.

I received this from someone who things I am a 'keeper', so I've shared it to the people I think of in the same way. I hope you'll let those 'keepers' in your life know how much they mean to you.

Good friends are like stars...you don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Keep them close.

Till next month.. Keep your steps on His path and take your friends along with you!

Timothy



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

To finish up April, the Troop helped with Fodrea Schools Spring Fair on April 5. A Spring Camporee was held April 26-28. The theme was Zombies (Chemistry Merit Badge).

In May we hope to have a joint outing with the new Cub Pack.

In June we will attend Summer Camp the week of June 16-22.

July 14-25, we will attend the National Jamboree in West Virginia.

Again, we want to thank the church for supporting Troop 549. If anyone is interested in Scouting be it a boy or an adult we will be glad for you to visit.

To join scouting, a boy must be 11 years old and less than 18.

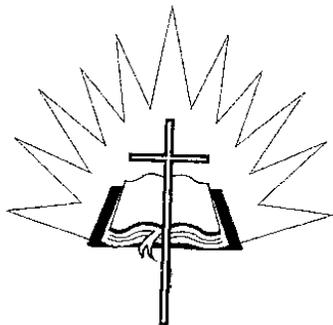
Meeting time is on Thursday from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer
Scoutmaster
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|-------|--|--------|---|
| 1.... | Emily Kain | 10.... | Jacob Corya
Jim Leckron |
| 2.... | Linda McDaniel | 11.... | Shirley Sylvia |
| 3.... | Lois Lambert | 12.... | Paula Turnbow |
| 5.... | Kay Brown
Imogene Butler | 23.... | David Conway
Bruce Wilson |
| 6.... | Patty Allman
Matthew Fear
Mark Schaefer
Kathryn Staples | 14.... | Jim Line |
| 8.... | Dana Fields
Karen Parks
Max Perry | 15.... | Renita Bettner
Gabriel Mattern
Philip Mattern |
| 9... | Judy Bray
Lauri Bray
Jane Dilsizian
Ben Walker | 20.... | Delores Wedan |
| | | 23.... | Jonathan Latu |
| | | 24.... | Claire Fear |
| | | 30.... | Ciara Matern |





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 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)?

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer service will be held at noon at The Commons on Thursday, May 2. Leaders from as many as two dozen local churches will stand together to worship God and ask for his help. This year’s theme, “Pray for America,” is based on Matthew 12:21, which reminds people that “in his name the nations will put their hope.” This is a non-denominational service and everyone is welcome.

FISHING TOURNAMENT

Are you ready to go fishing? East Columbus UMC is having a “Fishing Tournament” on Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Monroe Cutright Ramp. Entry fee is \$5. NOTE! Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Information Area. See Wayne Wilhite or Rob Lilly for details.

News



From the Mail Box...

Your sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be gratefully remembered and deeply appreciated.

-The family of Luana Robertson, Melissa Voil's Grandmother.

Thank you to the Caring Ministry for the beautiful lily that I received for Easter and for remembering me.

-Elsie Champion

Thank you to my church family for all of your love and support and cards that were given at the passing of my husband, Robert Henry. Thank you to Pastor Charlie for the beautiful service and Terry Snyder for the music and to the women's group for the meal that was fixed for the family. Everything was very much appreciated.

-Glenda Henry

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

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-The family of Leona Byrne

To all of the Church family-Thanks for the flowers and your thoughts when Charles was in the hospital and recuperating at home.

-Charles & Lora Sites

The UMW Service Group (Missions) needs more sheets, yarn, Campbell labels, and box tops. They collect sewing notions of cotton yard goods, boys shorts, girls sun dresses, first aide supplies, school supplies, flip flops, etc. If you have any of these items, please leave them in the Mission room. Thank you.



In memory of
Marianne Taylor
Who went home to
Her Heavenly Father
April 16, 2013.



Our sympathy to Pauline Greenlee and family at the loss of Pauline's sister, Vearl Krebs.



Our sympathy to Don Carey and family at the loss of cousin, Barbara Landreth.



Our sympathy to Georgia Dix and family at loss of cousin, Larry Rowe.



Our sympathy to Ralph and Jenny Carroll and family at loss of Ralph's mother.



Our sympathy to Roxanne (Lisa) Schultz and family at loss of Marianna Taylor.

Here's what's happening!

A new Women's Bible Study will begin Sunday, May 5 from 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. in the Philathea S.S. room. This is a 12-week study. The study is "Living Above Worry and Stress" a "Women of Faith" study guide. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Information Area. See Darla Cox if you have questions.

The National Day of Prayer service will be held at noon on Thursday, May 2. See Bible Principle page for details.

Movie Night—Come one come all! The movie "The Apostle Peter and the Last Supper" will be shown Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will enjoy popcorn and lemonade for a snack.

Are you ready to go fishing? Fishing Tournament May 11. See Bible Principle page for details.

Graduation "Open House" in honor of Angela Fields is Saturday, May 11 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Angela is graduating from IUPUC and is receiving her Elementary Education Degree. Everyone is invited to attend!

Columbus Emmaus Community Gathering/Pitch-in is Friday, May 17, at First Christian Church, The 4th. Day Gathering is at 6 p.m. and the Columbus Community Emmaus Gathering/Pitch is at 7 p.m.

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

Church-wide Cleanup Day is Saturday, May 18 from 9:30 a.m.—3 p.m. 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. You can take your time. We just need lots of helpers. Please bring a bucket with you. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Information Area.

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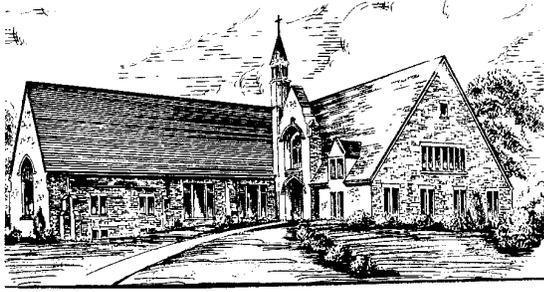
Church Council will meet Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Ecumenical Assembly board meeting is Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m. at Love Chapel Pantry.

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A BIG "THANK YOU" to Morris Percifield for taking time out of his day to unlock and lock the church back for the volunteers cleaning up in East Columbus on Saturday, April 20. All your help was appreciated.



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Return Service Requested



Pregnancy Care Center “Baby Bottle” Campaign
will begin at East Columbus UMC
during the month of May.

Baby bottles will be available in the Information Area
on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12 for your taking.

Please fill the bottles with coins and bills/checks
and return your bottle to the church
on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 16.

The Pregnancy Care Center is a
Christian, life-affirming ministry
that shares the love of Christ
with those in our community facing pregnancy related issues.