

East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER



*Honor her for all
that her hands
have done,
and let her
works bring her
praise at the
city gate.*

PROVERBS 31:31, NIV



Unusual stuff always attracts our attention, perhaps that is why so many try to shock their community or to just be weird. Perhaps that is why this story caught my attention this past week: “A North Carolina man, Larry Upright, in his obituary asked two things of friends and family: instead of sending flowers for the funeral, give the money to charity and don’t vote for Hillary Rodham Clinton in 2016.”

At the hour of death I believe your mind needs to be on bigger things than earthy politics.

On November 20, 1798, in his Last Will and Testament, Patrick Henry wrote: “This is all the inheritance I give to my dear family. The religion of Christ will give them one which will make them rich indeed.”

Samuel Adams in his Last Will and Testament wrote these words: “Principally, and first of all, I resign my soul to the Almighty Being who gave it, and my body I commit to the dust, relying on the merits of Jesus Christ for the pardon of my sins.”

Richard Stockton, a signer of the declaration of independence, in his last Will and Testament declared in writing that he was a Christian: “I, Richard Stockton, being sick and weak in body but sound of memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: First, I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereby named, in hopes through the merits of Jesus Christ to obtain a joyful resurrection.”

Sir Michael Faraday, (brilliant English scientist 1791—1867), was asked when he was near death: “What are your speculations now?” He answered, “I have no speculations. I rest upon Jesus Christ who died, and rose again from death.”

Stephen the first Christian Martyr, as he was being stoned to death by the Pharisees, assisted by Saul cried out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this he fell asleep.

Perhaps it may sound a bit morbid but what will you say to your family and to a lost world when you are facing the immanent prospect of going home to Jesus? Will it be something funny or weird, will it point to things destined to pass away or will it point to the things that are eternal and truly great?

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I once told a friend how I observed an employee doing something unsanitary preceding handling my prepared food and my efforts at getting a refund. The friend told me about his having worked at another restaurant in town some decades previous. They shared some of the things the cooks did (unknown and unseen by the customers since they were mostly hidden from the customers). They then said something that bothered me and has stuck with me all of this time. I cannot tell you the exact words but it was something to the effect of "things were a lot better when the cooks could not be seen like they are in some restaurants now." This really bothers me. First, just because someone doesn't see or know about something wrong being done doesn't make it right or make it not affect them. Secondly, I find that whole attitude wrong. It isn't "they (or we) shouldn't have done that, but I am glad no one knew." It wasn't "what is the right thing to do?", but "how do we not get caught doing wrong?" It wasn't "I will do right for right's sake or God's sake," but "life was much easier and better when people weren't under such scrutiny." Now, they may not have meant it quite that extremely, but that seemed to be the message to at least an extent". I have seen a quote for years that has been credited anywhere from Abraham Lincoln to Ronald Reagan that says something like "Character is doing the right thing when no one is watching." Of course as Christians we know that someone is always watching, but even removing that from the equation, wrong is wrong whether we get caught or not. For example a shoplifter might not get caught on this earth, but theft is still wrong.

Scrutiny is yet another thing. Most of us probably don't always like scrutiny even if we are doing or planning on doing nothing wrong. When I started driving, I hated having a police car following me because of the scrutiny. It wasn't that I was (or planned on) speeding, running signs or lights, but it just made me nervous. Sometimes we don't like someone looking over our shoulder even if we are doing everything right. But, scrutiny can be a good thing. People can tell us in love if we are in danger, doing something wrong (even unknowingly) and so forth. But scrutiny is really hated by those who do wrong or want to do wrong. Shining light on darkness is not pleasant for the darkness, but is still good and right.

I am sure we have all done things that we would hate to have known (whether covered by the blood or not). I am not so much talking about the past (although sometimes things can come out years later), but what one is currently doing. Even things decades old can be discovered, but even if not, God knows and will make things right. My point is that our sin being hidden can work to our advantage in some ways, but not always in the most important ways. Sometimes our sin has to be stopped or revealed to us or sometimes it takes it being discovered for us to get better and get help. One example of this would be an alcoholic's problem being discovered so they get help, but other examples could be spiritual only in nature and not hurt us physically.

To sum this article up (I will call this the Cliff's notes version):

1. Wrong is wrong regardless of who sees or knows about it.
2. We are called as Christians to do right no matter who is watching (although God is always watching).
3. Scrutiny may not only protect the one scrutinizing (or who they are representing), but can protect the one being scrutinized by keeping them from eventual harm. It is better as Barney says to "nip it in the bud."
4. We may get by with things on this earth, but God knows and will make things right.



by Paula Turnbow

May Bible Verse

*“Trust in the Lord
With all thine heart;
And lean not unto
Thine own understanding.”
Proverbs 3:5*

Hey parents...good news—we will continue through the summer!
Big thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for your dedication.

SAVE THE DATE

VBS

June 15-18

6-8 p.m.

Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m.

Program will be on June 19.

<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@eastcolumbusmc.org music@eastcolumbusmc.org pastor@eastcolumbusmc.org web site: www.eastcolumbusmc.org</p>
<p>OUR CHURCH MISSION Growing the Family of God by Making Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.</p>	

MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Regular Services 3-5pm— “Get Their Name” Workshop at As- bury <u>NO EVE. SERV.</u>	4 9am-UMW Service Group	5 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Miriam Circle 6am-6pm- Voting at Church	6 5:15pm- Handbell Reh 6pm-Chancel Choir 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh	7 National Day of Prayer at Commons 6:30pm-Boy Scouts 5:30pm Worship Comm. Mtg.	8	9
10 Mother's Day Regular Morning Service <u>NO EVENING SERVICE</u>	11 9am-UMW Service Group	12 1pm-Bible Study 5:30pm-Growth Committee Meeting	13 5:15pm- Handbell Reh 6pm-Chancel Choir 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh	14 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	15	16 8am-UM Men's Breakfast Men's Workday
17 Regular Services 5pm-ALL4ONE	18 9am-UMW Service Group	19 1pm-Bible Study	20 5:15pm- Handbell Reh 6pm-Chancel Choir 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh	21 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	22	23
24 MEMORIAL SUNDAY Regular Services	25  <i>Memorial Day</i> <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	26 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Church Council Mtg. 7pm-Ecum. Assy Board Mtg	27 5:15pm- Handbell Reh 6pm-Chancel Choir 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh	28 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	29	30
31 Regular Services 5pm-ALL4ONE Pastor Charlie & Judy's 35th Wedding Anniversary						



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

On April 24-26 the Troop attended the Council's Spring Camporee at Camp Maumee. Orienteering was the theme. I'll post later how we did as a Troop.

May campout will be at Henryville Clark State Forest.

June 14-20 is Summer Camp. We will have 8 boys and 2 adults attending this year. Should be a great week for all.

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.

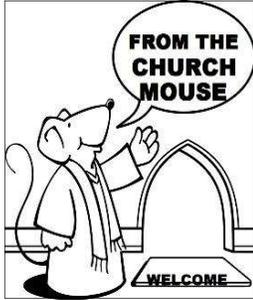
Meeting time is Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer
Scoutmaster
812-342-3583 H
812-350-9707 C

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1....	Emily Kain	11....	Shirley Sylvia Gwen Ward
2....	Linda McDaniel	12....	Paula Turnbow
3....	Lois Lambert	14....	Jim Line
5....	Kay Brown Imogene Butler	15....	Renita Bettner Gabriel Mattern Philip Mattern
6....	Patty Allman Kathyrn Staples Mark Schaefer Matthew Fear	19....	Joss Bailey
8....	Dana Fields Karen Parks Max Perry	20....	John Ferguson
9....	Judy Bray Jane Dilsizian Ben Walker Lauri Bray	24....	Claire Fear
10....	Jacob Corya Jimmy Leckron	30....	Ciara Matern





HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

Here's a poem I found and wanted to share it with you...
It is simply entitled "Mother."
I hope you enjoy it.

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came and the storm, and the path was dark and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near and no harm can come."

And the morning came and there was a hill ahead and the children climbed and grew weary and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed and when they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you."

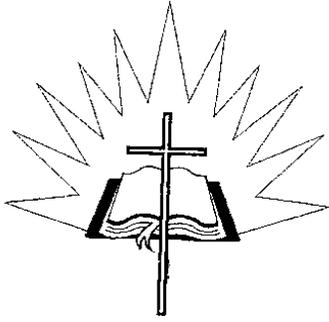
And the mother, when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today, I've given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil and the children groped and stumbled and the mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory...She is a living presence..."

Until next month...Timothy



Applying Bible Principles

Describing the Macedonian Christians, Paul wrote, “Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability” (2 Cor. 8:2-3).

What does it mean to give beyond our ability? In some ways, it means to discard our treasured calculators and push our giving to the point where the numbers don’t add up. It means to give when the proverbial bottom line indicates we shouldn’t give. It might also mean to give away not just the luxuries, but also some of life’s necessities.

Let’s fact it—most Christians (including most of us) do not give beyond our ability. Most of us do not give out of proportion to our income. In effect, we claim 1 Corinthians 16:2 as our life’s verse concerning giving, where we are admonished to give as God has prospered us or in direct proportion to our income. Make no mistake about it—that’s a good pattern for giving, a pattern that every child of God should be following. But sometimes, God calls us to give out of proportion to our income. He calls us to give sacrificially in order that His kingdom might advance and prosper.

Such giving is unguarded, spontaneous, and uncalculated. This type of giving refuses to count the cost of giving, but instead, counts only the joy of fully obeying how God has directed in our lives. Such giving is frequently lavish and represents an act of love and discipleship. Such giving is exemplified by the widow who gave all that she had (Mark 12) and by the Macedonian Christians.

David Livingston, pioneer missionary to Africa almost two centuries ago, was described as having “sacrificed” his life in service for Christ on that continent. His response is highly relevant to our living and our giving:

Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of the great debt owing to our God which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own reward of healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege...when we remember the great sacrifice which He made who left His Father’s throne on high to give Himself for us.

As you consider your giving, are you giving less than your ability, according to your ability, or beyond your ability?

News



From the Mail Box...

Thanks to the Caring Ministries for the Lily and to the children for Easter Cards. -Louis & Shirley Sylvia

Thanks to the Caring Ministry and Betty Schaefer for the nice visit and beautiful Easter Lily. -Gladys Tuttle

Dear friends at East Columbus UMC-
Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$500. We are so grateful for your partnership. We're honored and humbled that you choose to include us in your giving, especially since there are so many worthy ministries which you could support. God continues to do exciting things among Muslims in our day. Thank you for helping to make our work possible. -Brett & Maria Westbrook

Ladies-If you are spring cleaning the Mission's Room still collects the following items for Missions. Some for Africa and some for Red Bird. Please leave items on the table in the work room by the east door. Thanks, Betty Schaefer

Clothing: New or good quality for all ages.

Shoes: All shoes (except high heels) for all ages.

Layette Kits: Diapers, diaper pins, rubber pants, blankets, newborn outfit, baby powder, etc.

Medical Supplies: aspirin, antacids, vitamins, cough syrup, etc.

First Aid supplies and basic home health equipment.

Linens: Sheets, blankets, towels, washcloths

Personal Hygiene Kits: Shampoo, deodorant, etc.

Sewing Kits and Supplies

School Kits and Supplies

Rolled Bandages

Eye Glasses

Cancelled Stamps, Gold and Silver Items: Sold to help with the shipping costs.



In Memory of
Anna Conner
Who went home to
Her Heavenly Father
April 12, 2015

-Our sympathy to the family of Anna Conner on her passing.

Here's what's
happening!

"Get Their Name" Workshop will be held Sunday, May 3, 2015, 3-5 pm at Asbury UMC. For more info go to www.inumc.org/newsdetail/841594.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m. at Kathy Warner's home.

National Day of Prayer service is Thursday, May 7, noon at the Commons

Worship Committee Meeting will meet Thursday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. Mothers will be recognized in the 8:30 and 10:40 a.m. services. There will be no Evening Service.

United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast is Saturday, May 16 in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

Men's Workday is Saturday, May 16. If you have work you need the men to do the Sign Up sheet is in the Information Area or see Don Wilson.

Memorial Sunday is Sunday, May 24. .

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25. The Office will be closed.

Church Council Meeting will meet Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Assembly Board Meeting will meet Tuesday May 26, 7 p.m. at Love Chapel.

PASTOR CHARLIE AND JUDY WILL CELEBRATE THEIR 35TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MAY 31.

2015 National Day of Prayer Bible Readers Needed!
ECUMC will be reading on Tues., May 5 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. from the steps of City Hall. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Information Area. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Kathy Henry, 812-375-0420 or email at kathy.henry@cummins.com.

"Lord, Hear Our Cry" is the theme for the 2015 National Day of Prayer service which will be held on May 7 from noon to 1:00 pm in the Custer-Nugent Auditorium at The Commons. Please be in prayer for this service and for the Bible reading marathon leading up to the service. If you are unable to attend, the service will be broadcast live over WYGS and The Bridge radio stations. If questions regarding the service or how you can be involved in this community event next year, please contact Kathy Henry.



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Return Service Requested



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for our
NATION