



# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER





Glenda Hotton wrote the ABC's for a happy family I thought was great; I hope you like it also.

**A** lways be on time

**B** e a model of honesty.

**C** are about the hurts of others.

**D** o acts of kindness.

**E** very day give hugs and kisses.

**F** orgive.

**G** ive occasional small gifts of love.

**H** ave a happy disposition and a merry heart.

**I** nvest quality time in one another

**J** ump for joy at someone's accomplishments.

**K** eep looking for the good and the positive in your family.

**L** isten to their cares, to their sorrows, to their victories and excitement.

**M** ake adjustments for physical problems and pain.

**N** ever criticize in public.

**O** nly say words that edify.

**P** atience, patience, patience.

**R** ecognize that each family member is unique, different, and specially gifted.

**S** pend much time together in worship and prayer.

**T** ake care of your health.

**U** ndertake big projects together.

**V** oice facts, thoughts, ideas, dreams, opinions, intuitions, with kindness.

**W** elcome friends into your home.

**X** -ray to the needs of the heart.

**Y** esterday does not have to dictate today.

**Z** ero violence in word or deed.

May our homes be a place where Jesus Christ is honored and obeyed.

*Pastor Charlie*



*A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder*

This week has been a Twilight Zone sort of week for both Angie and me, and I think it could be catching. The choir soloist tripped over some words first service this past Sunday (I think most of us singers have done that at one time or other no matter how prepared we are). Then, I heard a hum from the keyboard amp behind me while I was playing during prayer time second service. I muted the different active channels on the mixer one at a time, but the sound continued (in fact it started building). The instrument cable from the Clavinova to the keyboard amp was the only thing left. I unplugged that, and the sound stopped. I unplugged the instrument cable from the DOU (which made a pop) and plugged it in to the input on the Clavinova (making another pop). Well, I would have thought we were off to the races, but the offertory soloist forgot to turn on his vocal mic which meant all I could do was turn down his accompaniment and hope he was heard. (That reminds me of a professional singer who had her mic upside down and tried to sing :-)) Things like the former can easily happen too, but as far as the upside down mic... that might be more of a rarity.

I would like to say it stopped there, but Chuck had asked me to find, purchase and setup a CD player in the chapel for VBS practice as well as to be used for an alternate rain location for the block party (which would have been handy last year). I looked at the existing sound system in there and saw that all the inputs it has are XLR (microphone connector). So, I had to get other things to make it work. Anyhow, I went to hook it up Sunday night after church and realized that the inputs were male XLRs and not female (with female being the standard). I emailed the sound engineer at the place I bought the cables and things from and he said it "could not be correct." I emailed him a link to pictures of the same model for sale on eBay to prove to him that it was indeed correct. So, I had to get some adaptors to change from male to female. That is a great segue into some more Twilight Zone moments this week.

I was browsing Facebook this morning as I was eating breakfast. A friend posted that Target is going to be the first major retailer to allow people to use the restroom of their choice. I tell you, this world is becoming insane. Now, I have been hearing about battles in North Carolina (which has had some singers cancel gigs there), South Carolina, Virginia etc., as well as trying to get religious protection in Georgia (which failed). I could call my car a Porsche, but that doesn't make it one. It is hard sometimes not to get discouraged and / or angry. As far as the anger, we need to place that where it belongs, against Satan the one who is ultimately behind this. I admit, it is harder to keep that anger focused there when you see the hateful activists fighting so passionately for wrong. These are the ones who revel in their sin and fight for acceptance. But, there are also others who are struggling, I am sure. These are the ones more easily reached and it won't be by being angry or hateful. We all have temptations we have to fight, and theirs happens to be things we might not understand. We need to be able to see the struggling (but incorrect) person and show them the better way. In years past, many churches showed the anger and possibly hate towards them (maybe not even letting them in the church). In that regard, the church has failed. I do see things turning around in that regard (but don't get me started on the churches who swing the pendulum too far the other direction to where they will not speak out against sin and at times will glorify it).

I also saw an article about a bi-vocational pastor who got fired from his public job due to sermons he preached against topics such as homosexuality and evolution. That shows where the world is. They want to silence anyone who preaches against sin (no matter how loving the messenger is). The church has a battle and it is not directly against the ones who are doing the evil work. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." I sometimes fear for the world my nephews and nieces are inheriting and wonder how long the Lord will tarry. Still, we do know who ultimately wins, but we need to try to carry forth His work until that day comes.



by Paula Turnbow

## MAY MEMORY VERSE

*"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."* Psalm 119:11

Store God's word in your heart!  
Read ... Study ... Memorize... Your Bible!



**The Good Old West**  
VBS  
June 6-9  
5:15 p.m. Dinner  
6-8 p.m.  
Ages: PreK to 6th Grade  
(grade just completed)  
Worship, Songs, Crafts  
Recreation, Food  
Program: June 9, 2016



**More volunteers are needed to help!**



Logan Skinner

In May, we will be exploring what it means to stand for Christ. The good, the bad, and the not so pleasant reality that standing for Christ means that we will face persecution in this life. And in today's society, that persecution is becoming even stronger. My challenge to the youth is, are you willing to stand for Christ no matter the cost? Romans 8:31 says, *"If God is for me, who can stand against me?"* David stood before Goliath and God gave him victory. Shadrack, Meshack and Abindigo stood up for God and were thrown into the fiery furnace, but God took them out of the fire unharmed. What are you willing to stand against to be fully committed to Christ? In Matthew 10:33 Christ says, *"If you deny me before others, I will deny you before my father."* Are you willing to deny Christ and give up your eternal life or willing to stand for Christ and accept the prosecution of the people in your life? We'll be talking more about this and how to stand for Christ in a broken world this month.

# MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Bryan & Yvonne Hutson Singers 8:30 & 10:40 am Services	<b>2</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>3</b> 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Growth Comm. Mtg 7pm-Miriam Circle	<b>4</b> 5:15pm-Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.	<b>5</b> Natl. Day of Prayer service-noon At YES cinema 6:30 pm-Boy Scouts	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Communion Regular Services  Mother's Day <u>No Eve. Service</u>	<b>9</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>10</b> 1pm-Bible Study	<b>11</b> 5:15pm-Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.	<b>12</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>13</b> 6:30-9pm-Family Game Night Fellowship Hall	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> Regular Services  NO YOUTH GROUP	<b>23</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>24</b> 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Church Council Meeting	<b>25</b> 5:15pm-Handbell Reh. 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.	<b>26</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts  6:30pm-Evangelism Comm. Mtg.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Graduation Ceremonies: Cols. North at 10 a.m. Cols. East at 1 p.m.
<b>29</b> <u>ONE SERVICE</u> At 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 10:40 a.m.	<b>30</b> OFFICE CLOSED   MEMORIAL DAY	<b>31</b> 1pm-Bible Study Pastor Charlie & Judy's 36th Wedding Anniversary				



## HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

Troop Calendar:

April 23-24—Spring Camporee

May 13-15—Campout-Jackson/Washington State Forest

June 12-18—Summer Camp at Maumee

A Court of Honor has been completed by Blake Kinsel. He has earned the highest rank in scouting EAGLE!

By the time this newsletter went out we would have been on the spring Camporee. Hopefully we will do well on this outing.

The troop is selling beef sticks for fund raising. If you would like to buy one see Brian Carey.

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.

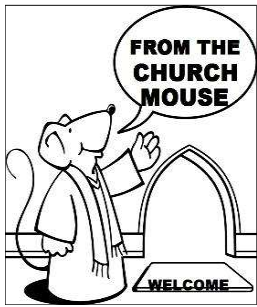
Meeting time is Thursday at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer  
Scoutmaster  
812-342-3583 H  
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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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





## ***HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY***

I received this photo last year of a new Mom and her precious baby boy. This picture just touched my heart... for a great many reasons... but primarily because of the smile on this newborn's face.



I think back to another young mother with a very special Child...a Child...a child that would one day give His life for people yet to be born. How that mother must have cherished those moments with her Son.

So this photo goes out to all Mothers...young and old; those just learning and those wise beyond their years; and especially those yet to be...cherish those special moments with your special baby. And for all those Mothers whose children are resting in the arms of Jesus already...this is the smile that is on their faces thru all eternity...and one day you'll see that smile again, too!

Take a moment to wish that special lady in your life a Happy Mother's Day...whether you call her Mother, Mom, Mommy, Granny, Nana, Grandma (great or extra-ordinary), or Friend if she cares for you like a Mother though adopted by love!

Till next month..... *Timothy*

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### **Labels for Education**

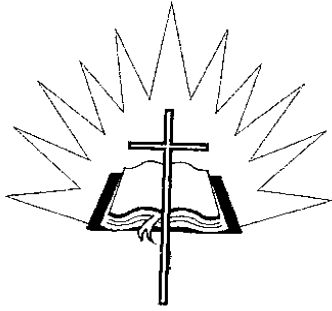
For the past 42 years, Campbell has proudly offered Labels for Education which has contributed more than \$110 million in school supplies to tens of thousands of schools across the U.S. during the past year, we've been assessing the impact of these programs and through this, we've seen that participation in Labels for Education has declined considerably. At this point we have no choice but to make the very difficult decision to wind down the program. During the 2016-17 school year and beyond we will continue to honor labels only from schools currently registered with the program. **DON'T STOP SAVING THE LABELS—JUST GET THEM IN ASAP AFTER USE!** We will continue to support American kids through a program called "Grand Stand for School" that will run annually in August and September. If you have any questions please call 1-800-424-5331 or visit [www.LabelsForEducation.com](http://www.LabelsForEducation.com).



Large Print Hymnals (Words Only) are available. They are located in the back pews. Please return them at the end of each service so those who need them the next service can locate them easily.

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"If you have a mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been."



## Applying Bible Principles

The vast majority of people like to excel at something. Most of us like to do what we do in a manner that is truly first-class. Whether we are involved in one of the trades, or whether we are working in a profession, we like to excel in what we do.

Similarly, in the Christian life, most of us like to demonstrate our love for the Lord in ways that will reflect properly on Him and that will bring honor to Him. As His servants, we take great care that our Christian service is of such quality that what we do for His sake is first-class. Thus, whether we sing a solo in a worship service at church, prepare a meal for someone who is a shut-in, or teach a Bible class, we strive to do what we do for God in the very best way possible.

The Apostle Paul indicates we are also to excel in the grace of giving. "... just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8:7). In other words, just as we might seek to excel in other ways which demonstrate our Christian faith in action, we are also to excel in the grace of giving.

In the context of the verse we just read, Paul commends the Macedonian Christians for giving as much as they were able and more. When we follow their example, we experience "grace giving" in action, not only giving as we are able, but also, giving beyond our ability. This is possible only as we demonstrate the fruit of the Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit within us. As we step out by faith (which is one of the signs of a Spirit-controlled life), we are able to give in ways which might seem improbable or impossible at first. The Spirit of God thereby motivates us and compels us to excel in the grace of giving!

One anonymous writer penned these powerful words: "God has a storehouse of blessings. Prayer is the key to that storehouse. But faith both turns the key and unlocks the door."

Say, are you excelling in the grace of giving? If not, why not take God at His Word—by faith— and begin today?

### National Day of Prayer Bible Reading

**May 3—May 5 on the steps of City Hall.**



Please be in prayer for this event. ECUMC will be reading on Tuesday, May 3 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is in the Information Area. I hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of the Bible reading leading up to the NDP service which will be held in **YES Cinema at noon on May 5**. Can't be a reader? I'm in charge of the hospitality tent and refreshments for our readers again this year. If you can help with bottled water (prefer the smaller bottles); snacks (prefer no nuts or chocolate) or monetary donations for ice and paper goods are appreciated. Or if you would like to help by checking/restocking the table during the day. **Most importantly, be in prayer for our nation as we proclaim the Word of the Lord!**



# News



From the Mail Box...

The family of Nancy Rosenberger gives our sincere thanks to Pastor Charlie and everyone for your thoughtfulness and prayers during this sorrowful time of Nancy's passing. Special thanks for the hospitality during the funeral dinner and for the kindness of everyone.

-Jim Rosenberger & family

In loving memory of Nancy Rosenberger. God bless you and your congregation and the work you do in the community in Jesus name.

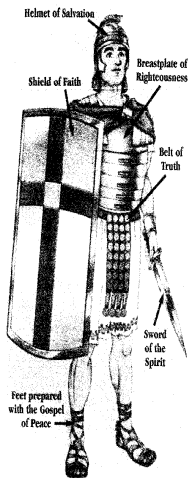
-Diana Black

Thank you for your donation of crocheted blankets. God Bless You!

-Pregnancy Care Center

I am writing to thank you for your faithful payment of your 2015 tithes and district askings. According to our records, you are one of 620 churches which tithed at or above the 90% level. May God continue to bless you with generous hearts and with abundant resources to share. Yours in Christ.

-Bishop Michael Coyner



Thank you to all the ladies who attended the Monday night Bible study of Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer. We had two with perfect attendance, Judy Strasser and Sharon Taylor. Sometimes we cried, sometimes we laughed, but above all we learned how necessary it is to have the "Armor of God" on at all times. Congratulations to Sharon Brown, Sharon Elkins, Sharon Taylor, Darla Cox, Elizabeth Cox, Judy Strasser, Judy Krebs for finishing this study. We really missed Jane Dilsizian, Lisa Welch, and Sandra Whipker, and hope you can join us again. I really enjoyed sharing with all of you. Diane Fear

ECUMC will be collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly for the Salvation Army Food Pantry in the month of May. Please put items in the tote under the coat rack.

Pastor Charlie and Judy will celebrate their 36th Wedding Anniversary Tuesday, May 31.

Here's what's happening!

Bryan & Yvonne Hutson will be in concert Sunday, May 1 at the 8:30 & 10:40 a.m. services. Their focus is sharing the gospel through song and testimony. Music style is progressive southern/light contemporary/praise and worship.

Growth Committee will meet Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, May 3, 2016 7 p.m. at the home of Kathy Warner, 2612 Griffa Avenue.

65th Annual National Day of Prayer "Wake Up America" service will be held at YES Cinema, Tuesday, May 5 at noon. The event scripture is Isaiah 58:1a, "*Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.*"

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8, 2016. Mothers will be recognized in the 8:30 and 10:40 a.m. services.

Family Game Night is Friday, May 13, 2016 6:30-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

- \*Bring Favorite Game
- \*Bring A Friend
- \*Bring Finger Food Snack to share.

Emmaus Gathering Dinner will be held Friday, May 20, 7 p.m. at Parkview Church of the Nazarene, Nashville, 1750 S.R. 46 W., 47448.

UMM Workday will be Saturday, May 21. Meet at 7:45 a.m. at the church and go to a restaurant for breakfast then divide into teams for the workday.

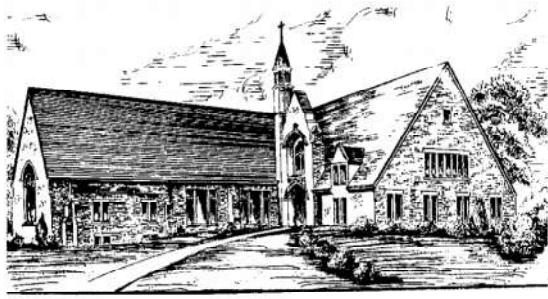
Church Council will meet Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Evangelism Committee will meet Thursday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Graduation Ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 28-Columbus North at 10 a.m.—Columbus East 1 p.m.

**COMBINED ONE WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 29. Worship at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:40**

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30. The Office will be closed.



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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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