



East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER





On May 22, a suicide bomber targeted children going to a concert. Children from the age of 8 to 18 were among the at least 22 who were killed. That same day a little 2 year old wandered in front of a pickup truck along Highway 3 and was instantly killed. What resources and strength do we have to deal with such unspeakable horrors? In England where it is estimated that only ten percent now go to church, where so many no longer believe in a loving God who died to save us from our sins and give us an eternal home; where do they go?

Paul says in I Thessalonians 4, that we are people who do not grieve as those who have no hope. He knew exactly what he was talking about. He lived among pagans who knew nothing of a loving God, He lived among Sadducees who believed in the God of Abraham but also professed there was nothing beyond the life in this world. They were people who lived desperate and hopeless lives.

England, the cradle of Methodism, now has a very small percentage of people who know the truth of God's amazing love. If the news reports are to be believed pleasure seeking and drunkenness is rampant, the teens and twenty somethings wander aimlessly without purpose except for some electronic entertainment, or their next "high". The pubs are full and the churches are empty. Politicians have no solutions and wonder why people live with such anger and, rage.

What we do in church is much more than give hope for the afterlife, we give hope and purpose for the here and now, Christ is a very present help in times of trouble. He is our constant friend reminding us that in the worst of times he is by our side carrying us when we cannot walk on our own. He reminds us that evil will not win, that goodness and righteousness will be victorious. And beyond all of those things He gives purpose, a reason to live, we live to serve, we live to love, we live to share His love with others, we live to build an investment account in His Heaven, we live to model before one another the marks of a true child of God love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in increasing measure, and we live to learn to forgive even as we have been forgiven.

Are you struggling to be more like Jesus every day, then your life has meaning and purpose. Are you struggling to just get by, to have a day filled with pleasure, to collect more junk that you cannot keep and will burn in the end, then sadly your life has no meaning.

Trouble will come to each of us, that is guaranteed, even unspeakable horrors but the Gospel of the Cross of Christ will carry those who put their faith in Him. Jesus is the only truth and life.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

As I woke up this morning, I saw an announcement that the bass singer of the group Pentatonix is going to quit the group. Pentatonix is a 5 member A Cappella group that is best known for singing pop covers (covers being songs previously released and made popular by someone else) or redoing Christmas songs. They are talented (from the few songs I have heard over the years), but I haven't really followed them closely. The singer who is resigning said that he is quitting due to needing to be home more and not wanting to keep up the pace that they have for the past 6 years.

This gentleman is giving up what is likely a lucrative job where he has lots of fans, and is probably what he really wanted to be doing when the group first got together (and probably even before there even was a group). But, he finds himself wanting to be with family now more than doing this. There are certainly sacrifices made and a price to pay to do pretty much anything well. From people on Broadway who have to study for hours, sing, practice, and so forth, to someone making a scientific breakthrough, or to another starting a business, or someone preparing a 5 course meal, there is a price to pay. Sometimes someone either finds the price too high, or are too lazy, or simply do not want to pay the price for what is received in return. They might sit around complaining about not getting the result they want, but aren't willing to put forth the effort. I am not saying that he is making a bad decision at all, but talking in general terms using his news as an example. Other times they might pay the price only to find that it wasn't worth it in the end. I plan on writing a future article delving into putting the effort and energy into bad things or better things.

But, for the purpose of this article, I just want to say that we often want the result without putting in the effort. It can be wanting to lose weight, but not wanting to sacrifice eating deserts and having to exercise instead of doing more fun things, to wanting things, but not wanting to work (which is one reason you see thieves take the easier way out).

My mind turns to Jesus and what He did for us. There was a huge price paid so that we can have eternal life. What if He had not paid the price? The answer is we would be lost without hope. Jesus gave all so that we can live forever if we repent of our sins and accept Him. Some would say that the price He paid was much too high, but I for one am glad He did even though I hate the price that He had to pay to do so. This brings to mind a song Larnelle Harris recorded a few decades ago entitled "Much too High a Price" I will close with some of the lyrics from that song.

*Your love endured the cross,
Despising all the shame,
That afternoon when midnight fell
Your suffering cleared my name.
And that sin-swept hill became
The open door to paradise,
Because You paid so high a price.*

*You paid much too high a price for me
Your tears, Your blood, the pain,
To have my soul just stirred at times,
Yet never truly changed.
You deserve a fiery love
That won't ignore Your sacrifice,
Because You paid much too high a price.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Dinner Served
at 5:15pm**

June 11-13

**VBS Activities
6-8pm**



Bring along your friends and journey back in time to meet friends of Jesus, visit a Marketplace near Jerusalem, play games, and discover God's amazing love along the way! You will not want to miss this amazing 3 day journey!

Hey Kids, get a head start on memorizing the Bible Verses!

Luke 2:49 — “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

John 11:40 — Then Jesus said “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

John 20:19 — Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

***Volunteers are still needed in lots of areas! Please Call Paula Turnbow (812-343-6491) to find out how you can help. Please pray for all our volunteers, children and families!**



**HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL
TROOP 549**

Troop Calendar:

June 11-17—Summer Camp

May Campout was cancelled due to not having 2 leadership deep. Troop helped out for the church garage sale.

June is Summer Camp. We have 6 boys going this year.

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. Stop by and visit!

Boys age need to be 11 years old and less than 18 to join. Meeting time is Thursdays—6:30-8:00 at the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer, Scoutmaster
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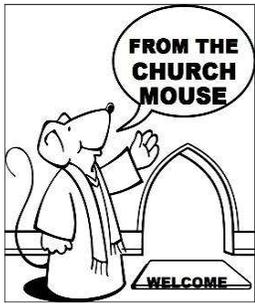
SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

				1 5:30pm-Trustee Mtg. 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	2 7:30pm-New Tech Graduation	3 10am-East Graduation 1pm-North Graduation 4:30pm-Mt Hope Sheep-fold Fellowship
4 Graduation Sunday Communion Regular Services	5 9am-UMW Service Group	6 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Miriam Circle	7 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team	8 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	9 6:30-9pm-Family Game Night	10
11 Regular Services <u>NO EVE SERV.</u>	12 9am-UMW Service Group	13 1pm-Bible Study	14 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team	15 <u>NO-Boy Scouts</u>	16	17 8am-Men's Breakfast 4:30pm-Mt Hope Sheep-fold Fellowship
18 Father's Day Regular Services <u>NO EVENING SERVICE</u>	19 9am-UMW Service Group	20 <u>NO BIBLE STUDY</u>	21 6pm-Choir Reh. <u>NO BIBLE STUDY</u> 7:15pm-Praise Team	22 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	23	24
25 Guest Speaker <u>NO EVENING SERVICE</u>	26 9am-UMW Service Group	27 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Ecumenical Meeting	28 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team	29 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	30 Pastor Charlie's Birthday	

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1.... Karen Helton
Sharon Johnson | 14.... Eric Schuyler |
| 5.... Diana Fear | 15... Joe Schmidt
John Staples |
| 6.... Don Wilson | 17.... Alice Sechrest |
| 7.... Cindi McClure
Tom Gorman | 19.... Peggy Skinner |
| 9.... Bob Hodler | 21.... Sherri Hanna |
| 10.... Brenda Hodler
Brenda Wilson | 22.... Tom Hadley
Thomas Voils |
| 12.... David Nichols | 23.... Beverly Abbett |
| 13.... Doris Barkes
June Fiesbeck
Sydney Conley | 25.... Nita Basey |
| | 30.... Rev. Charles Aigner |





HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Have you ever wondered, Dad, how important you are to your family? Sometimes we forget to tell you or even show you how much you mean to us. I heard a story not long ago about an “experiment” involving a pride of elephants ... the story goes like this ...

There was a “good” pride of elephants. The pride was “well mannered” and non-disruptive. They looked after their own faithfully.

One day a group of scientists ran an “experiment” on this good pride of elephants. They removed all of the adult male elephants from the pride. It wasn't long before the younger male elephants began to misbehave. They were abusive to the males younger than them as well as abusive to the females of the pride. No longer was there the bond in the pride to care for the weaker and younger elephants.

Dad, you're our male elephants. We need you to show us the way to behave ... how to act not only within our own “pride” or family but in the world around us. We know it's a tough job and sometimes we forget to tell you how grateful we are that you guide us along the right path.

Dads ... even when we neglect you or assume you know how precious you are to us ... forgive us and continue to love us and guide us the best way that you know how.

Heavenly Father, we often fail to thank You for all guidance You provide for us daily. Forgive us when we choose to ignore You.

Till next month..... Timothy



During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello—and one of many such opportunities that mark life. “God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements,” writes Bernie Siegel. “Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.” Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. So dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

Caleb Barringer—Trine University
Samantha Barringer—IUPUC
Billy Bettner—Indiana University
Katie Schmidt—Hanover College
Nathaniel Staples—Franklin College

Our graduates will be recognized during the morning service on Sunday, June 4.

News



From the Mail Box...

Thanks to the Caring Ministry for the beautiful roses for Mother's Day. -Shirley Sylvia

Thanks in remembrance of my mother, Joanne Loyd, a glorious Peace Lilly arrived from her church family. Her devout faith helped carry her through her extended illness.

Thank you from Averill McClure's family for the prayers, cards, flowers and visits during the last few years of her life before she went to be with Jesus. Thanks to the women who provided the funeral luncheon after the service and to Pastor Charlie for the communion he brought to our Mother and for the beautiful service. She was so proud and committed to her church.

The Clarity of South Central Indiana thanks ECUMC for the commitment to God's work in this place. Your gifts are impacting the next generation. -Teresa Russell

Thank you so much to our church family for all the cards, prayers, thoughts, and visits to the funeral home at the loss of our loved one, Norma Grider. Thank you for the beautiful angel that was sent to us. A special thank you to Pastor Aigner for his visit to the funeral home. -Rev Larry and Carol McIntosh

A BIG thank you for all the donations, baked items, and everyone who helped to make the Yard/Bake sale a huge success. -The Trustees leaving for Oz!

ECUMC has collected 66 jars of Peanut Butter and 10 jars of Jelly for the Salvation Army.



In Memory of
Don Carey
Who went home to his
Heavenly Father
May 13, 2017.

In Memory of
Sue Carey
Who went home to her
Heavenly Father
May 19, 2017

-Our sympathy to Carol McIntosh and family at the passing of their loved one, Norma Grider.

-Our sympathy to the Brian Carey and family at the passing of their loved ones, Don and Sue Carey.

Here's what's happening!

Trustee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 1 in the Chapel.

New Tech Graduation, 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 2.

Saturday, June 3 10 a.m. East Graduation
1 p.m. North Graduation

Mt. Hope Sheepfold Fellowship will be meeting on June 3 & 17 in the Youth Center. Pitch-in meal at 4:30.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, June 6, 7 p.m. at the home of Nancy Menefee, 21294 E. 300 N. Hartsville

Family Game Night Friday, June 9, 2017
6:30-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

*Bring Favorite Game

*Bring A Friend

*Bring Finger Food Snack to share.

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 11, Monday, June 12 and Tuesday, June 13—5:15—8 p.m.

United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast is Saturday, June 17, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

Father's Day is June 18. All fathers will be honored during the service. There will be no evening service.

Ecumenical Assembly Meeting will meet Tuesday, June 27, 7 p.m. at 292 Center Street.

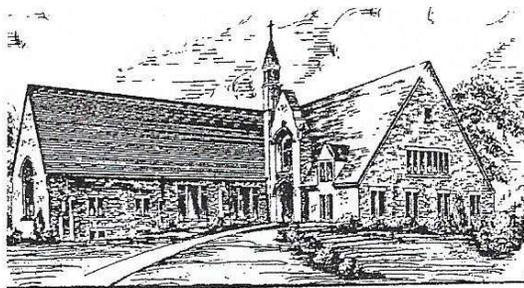
Pastor Charlie's Birthday is Friday, June 30.

Big thanks to everyone who helped make the 2017 Bible Reading Marathon and National Day of Prayer a great success. Thank you to the readers for lending your voices so the word of God could be proclaimed and to Pastor Charlie for helping me get the goodies to and from the car! Special thanks to anyone who helped to hold the tent in place during the awful wind ... and especially the reader who kept on reading even when the tent felt like it leaving for Oz!

-Kathy Henry



ECUMC is partnering with Clarity by hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign through Sunday, June 18. Pickup a baby bottle in the Information Area, fill it with change and return by Sunday, June 18. This is a great way for you and your family to be a part of a life saving ministry.



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Return Service Requested

<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES 9-9:30a.m. Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship 10:40 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 Bob Fear, Custodian</p>
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