

East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

JULY 2013 NEWSLETTER

DO NOT USE YOUR
FREEDOM
AS A COVER-UP
FOR EVIL; LIVE AS
SERVANTS OF GOD.

1 Peter 2:16, NIV





Max I. Reich tells of passing a repairing shop and in the window was a sign reading: "We mend everything except broken hearts." Brother Reich stepped back and entered the store, and when a beautiful young Hebrew woman came forward to serve him he said: "I saw your sign, and want to ask what you do with people who have broken hearts." "Oh!" she said, "We send them to the hospital."

"You are a Daughter of Abraham, are you not? Did you ever read [Isaiah 57:15](#)?"

For this is what the high and lofty One says--

he who lives forever, whose name is holy:

"I live in a high and holy place,

but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,

to revive the spirit of the lowly

and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Mr. Reich continued, he said, "And it was Jesus who read [Isaiah 61:1](#), in his hometown synagogue at Nazareth. The verse contains the words '*He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted.*' And the Messiah added, '*This day is the Scripture fulfilled in your eyes.*'" My dear lady it is Jesus who mends the broken hearts."

This has been a hard month for our congregation. There have been several deaths of parents, children, husbands, and brothers. Some were expected, some quite sudden and a shock. Each one caused a broken heart; hearts that only Jesus can mend.

Truly one of the greatest promises I find in the Scriptures is found in Revelation 21:4 "*He will wipe every tear from their eyes.*" When I speak with people about their greatest sorrows it is always about the broken relationships they have suffered.

Sometimes it is because of sin, a love gone sour because of a divorce, or a betrayal, or an action that has caused un-forgiveness and separation. But many times it is death that brings that deep sorrow. Almost everyone at sometime in their life finds themselves alone, crying into their pillow late at night in the darkness, from brokenness.

Jesus has promised there is coming a day when those tears of brokenness will be shed no more. For the relationships that matters most, our dwelling in the presence of the Lord, our reunion with the friends and family that have loved the Lord will never again be broken. Never again will be broken.

The world says we are longing for a "Pie in the Sky" religion, but for us who know the promises of Christ this is not hopeful thinking it is the sure promise of Him who never lies and who can do all things. In those hours when your heart is broken run to Him who said of himself, "*He hath sent ME to bind up the brokenhearted.*"

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I am sure most of you heard the phrase “the dog ate my homework.” Well, my last paragraph seemed to have been eaten in last month’s article (although I don’t think a dog did it). I never really check my articles after I submit them to Carol or Gini. I have different techniques in how I turn them in because each has their own way of doing things. Carol wants it on paper because she likes to re-type it while editing and proofreading (I believe). With Gini, I copy the text from where I typed it (in Word) and past it into her Publisher file. I print a copy so she can proof it on paper, and write on there that I put it in the computer. Now, it is no secret that my articles often run longer than most. So, normally I have to shrink the 12 point text I use in Word to fit in the Publisher box. Anyhow, my best guess is that the last sentences got cut off during this process, and I never caught it.

Like I said though, I normally don’t check it, but this time I did look it over before getting it ready to submit to be put online because there have been times that something was wrong, or didn’t convert right and I am trying to keep us from having to re-do and resubmit causing our webmaster undue problems. So, while doing that I looked over my article and noticed the last lines (which were really necessary) were not there. If you read it online, you will have seen the whole thing, but those of you who receive the paper copies, will have missed out (until now). The last paragraph was: *“To sum things up, here we have two very talented people; both considered greats on the same vocal part, but two very different ways of behaving. One is very egotistical and belligerent, and the other is kind, and humble. I will say that my respect for “Singer B” grew immensely with what I have said here and the things I can’t.”*

I had actually started writing an article yesterday I was going to use, but stopped. I might resume with that topic, but am not sure. Anyhow, this one sort of inspires me in different directions. These will be short points and possibly over the map, but I think each one deserves at least a mention even if I might not be able to make a whole article out of some of them individually (even though I am not usually at a loss for words here. ☺) I might expound on these at a later date if I haven’t already in the past.

1. As mentioned before, details can make a big difference.
2. People often will hear part of a story or incident in modern times or take a Bible verse out of context (whether intentionally or not) and it is important to get the entire scripture or story to understand the meaning or incident. One such thing would be the “Judge not” verse which is misused by most people who use it.
3. Using the Gini and Carol differences noted above, there are different forms of Worship, music, etc. The mistake some people make is thinking that their way is the only way, or “God’s way” on matters that are preference.
4. Good things can come out of mistakes. In this case, it gave me a topic for this month’s article (I will leave it up to each of you on whether it is good on your end or not) and in my case, I can beat Charlie’s time in submitting next month’s article with a greater lead than normal. ☺

That reminded me of teasing Mabel Baker on Sunday mornings. We arrive here at nearly the same time on Sunday mornings. Sometimes I beat her, other times she beats me. One time recently she was in the parking lot first, but didn’t come in, so I told her it didn’t count. ☺ Charlie came in and started picking on me about being competitive (even though I am just teasing and really not competitive like that) which is sort of like the Pope accusing a new convert of being Catholic. But, I digress. That reminded me of the fact that we are running a race. In that race, it isn’t important who gets there first, but that we all cross the finish line. We need to keep our eyes on the prize and not get discouraged or give up. If we are successful with these, we will win.



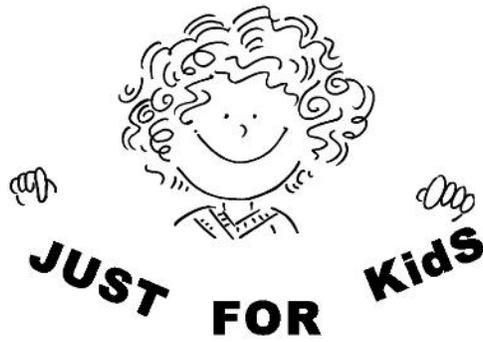
by Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner

All4ONE members enjoyed getting back to a more regular schedule this last month. We would like to thank our AfterALL hosts, Carl and Karen Miller at Putt-Putt, Tony and Donita Barringer, Charlie and Judy Aigner, and Mark and Melissa Voils. Our picnic at Mill Race Park on June 23 was rained out, but we had a great time at the church. We also want to thank the church for their support as we led the 10:40 a.m. service on Sunday, June 30. We will continue our regular Sunday night meetings through July except there will not be a meeting on July 21.

July is going to be a full month. On Monday, July 1, we will be going to the Creation Museum, and on Monday, July 8, we will be going to Holiday World.

July 11 and 12, we will have an Electronic Deprivation-athon. This is a fundraiser, and we will be taking pledges over the next two weeks, e.g. \$1.00 per hour would be a donation of \$30. We will be camping and spending 30 hours without any electronic/electrical equipment (no cell phones, MP3 players, hair dryers, etc.). During this time we will be having times of Bible study and prayer. There will be a box in the Information Area if you have a prayer request you would like the youth to bring before the Lord during these 30 hours. Your request may be anonymous. The youth will be using these funds for youth activities, including to help those who are going to Red Bird in October.

<p>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>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister Carol McIntosh, Adm. Assistant Terry Snyder, Music Director Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner, Youth Directors Dereck Fields, Custodian</p>
<p>2439 Indiana Avenue Columbus, IN 47201-7022</p>	<p>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

VBS Follow up

Thank you to everyone who took part in this years VBS! What a blessing this wonderful mission is to our church.

God is able to build you up!

We raised over \$500.00 for the tornado victims in Oklahoma. A truck load of food and school supplies were delivered to Love Chapel.

God is able to build you up!

Hanz, Franz and Reuben want you to remember:

God will PUMP YOU UP!

Care Club is now a LEVEL 3 Paths to Quality provider!

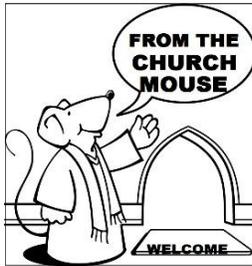
We are very happy and proud to announce that our ministry is now a Level 3 with the statewide Paths to Quality program. This achievement means higher standards for the care and education children will be receiving. Please join us in celebrating and congratulating the hard work of the staff with a balloon release ceremony on Thursday, July 11 at 4:00 pm out on the playground at Care Club.

OUR CHURCH MISSION

THE EAST COLUMBUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS SEEKING TO BECOME A MORE SERVING CONGREGATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST AND THROUGH THE PROMPTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. GOD HAS CALLED US TOGETHER TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST AND TO WORSHIP AND GROW SPIRITUALLY; THEREFORE, WE WILL WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL IN ALL OUR ACTIVITIES FOR THE WINNING OF SOULS TO CHRIST.

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am-UMW Service Group All4ONE to Creation Museum	2 1pm-Bible Study 6pm-Missions Comm. Mtg.	3 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	4 OFFICE CLOSED  Independence Day	5	6
7 Holy Communion Regular Services 4:30pm-Women's Bible Study	8 9am-UMW Service Group All4ONE to Holiday World	9 1pm-Bible Study <i>Happy Birthday to Judy Aigner</i>	10 7pm – Bible Study	11 Youth Fundraiser 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	12 Youth Fundraiser	13
14 Regular Services 4:30pm-Women's Bible Study	15 9am-UMW Service Group	16 1pm-Bible Study	17 7pm-Bible Study	18 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	19 7pm-Columbus Community Emmaus Gathering	20 8am-UMM Breakfast
21 Regular Services 4:30pm-Women's Bible Study	22 9am – UMW Service Group	23 1pm – Bible Study 6:30pm-Church Council Mtg. 7pm-Ecumenical Assy. Quarterly Mtg.	24 7pm-Bible Study	25 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	26	27
28 Regular Services 2-4pm-50th Wedding Anniversary Open House in honor of Butch & Lois Mires. 4:30pm-Women's Bible Study	29 9am-UMW Service Group	30 1pm-Bible Study	31 7pm-Bible Study			



Happy Independence Day, East Columbus!

I watched the flag pass by one day. It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it, and then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform; so young, so tall, so proud.
With hair cut square and eyes alert, he'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil; how many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down? How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
NO, FREEDOM ISN'T FREE!

I heard the sound of Taps one night, when everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times that Taps had meant 'Amen'
When a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands with interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea.
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
NO, FREEDOM ISN'T FREE!

Enjoy your freedom and ask God to always bless our troops.
As you read this, please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our servicemen.
Of all the gifts you could give a U.S. Soldier, prayer is the very best one.

Thank God for His Son who set us free by paying the price on Calvary and for those who keep us free to praise His name...

Till next month.....**Timothy**





HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

Troop 549 did service hours at New Zion Methodist Church in June and had six boys attend.

Summer Camp was June 16-22, and we had three boys attending camp this year. We would love to have more boys attend next year.

July 15-25, is the National Jamboree in West Virginia.

August 8, we are planning to swim at Roger's house.

There is one boy who is now working on his Eagle rank and let's plan to help him get it.

Thank you to the church for supporting Troop 549. If any adult or boy would be interested in scouting we will welcome your visit. To join scouting, a boy must be 11 years old and less than 18.

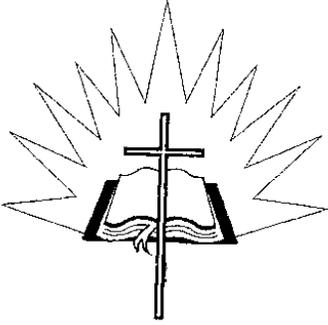
Meeting time is on Thursday from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer
Scoutmaster
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JULY BIRTHDAYS

1....	Megan Bozell Lisa Welch	15....	Erin Mattern
3....	Sue Carey	16....	Desirae Fear
7....	Becky Schuyler Tracy Warren	17....	Brian Carey Keith Reeves
8....	Janice Jackson	19....	Dustin Parks
9....	Judy Aigner Sue Cole Anna Conner Heather Steele	20....	Tony Barringer
10....	Ron Briner Jace Jordan	23....	Wanda Tucker Melissa Voils
11....	Marcia Harbaugh Marsha Stuckey	24....	John Harris Jake Helton
12....	Rita Eckhart Judy Strasser	26....	Wayne Wilhite
13....	Jim Rosenberger	29....	Jim Bozell Dirk James
14....	Robin Muellenberg	30....	Ethan Krise
		31....	Elizabeth McKinney Jane Reed





Applying Bible Principles

Here's a little true or false test. Be forewarned that the question is somewhat tricky. True or false: A Christian can expect to have all of his or her needs supplied by God.

On the surface, that would seem to be true. After all, Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." But what many people fail to realize is that this promise is a conditional promise. The reason God will supply all of our needs is based on Philippians 4:18 where the Apostle Paul describes how his needs were met by the Christians at Philippi through the sacrificial offering which they had sent to him.

In other words, although those first-century Christians gave to Paul with the desire of assisting him in his ministry to the early church, because of their giving, they earned the "right" to expect that God would fully meet all of their needs. Because of their willingness to share their resources with Paul, as he indicated in Philippians 4:17, fruit would abound to their account. They could then look to God to supply all of their needs. Although they did not "give to get," they would "get" because they gave.

That same principle holds true today. As one person expressed it so well, "We do not give to get, but when we give, we get." That's what the Lord Jesus said in Luke 6:38. He indicated that by whatever measure we give, we will in turn receive.

Jack Hartman, a Christian businessman, said it this way: "...the more we give to God, the more this opens the channel for Him to see that we receive abundantly in return. If we withhold our giving, we are actually withholding the blessing that God wants to give us."

Someone described non-essentials in life as "...playing Scrabble on the *Hindenburg* or rearranging deck chairs on the *Titanic*." Maybe that's a picture of how you view giving—as a non-essential, something not very important in the totality of life. Could it be that is why your needs are not being met in full?

Think about this: What would happen if you began to place a rightful priority on your giving, even to the point of giving sacrificially? You see, you would then have the "right" to claim Philippians 4:19 with the expectation that in response to your giving, God would meet all of your needs. Your obedience to God's direction in your life to give would then result in having Him meet your needs, even with the same "measure" that you give to Him.

Remember, "We do not give to get, but when we give, we get."

News



From the Mail Box...

A big "thank you" to the United Methodist Men for the fantastic job they did on our yard getting it ready for summer. It was very much appreciated.

-Louis & Shirley Sylvia

Thank you to Pastor Charlie for his loving kindness throughout mother's hospital and Hospice stay (Bertha Bradley), and a thank you to the ladies of the church for preparing a meal for the family.

-Joyce Winters & family

Dear ECUMC: Thank you so much for the Bible, Devotional Book, Walmart Gift Card, and all of your thoughts and wishes. This church has given me so much throughout my life, and I cannot be thankful enough. As I move forward in my life, and reach upwards to all my goals, I will never forget to look behind me to remember who has helped me in my journey, and to strengthen the foundations of my faith. Thank you for everything. With love and thanksgiving.

-Billy Bettner

Thank you to everyone for letting the United Methodist Men help you on their workday and thank you for all of your donations. It was our pleasure to help you!

-Don Wilson

Thank you for the birthday card that I received from Personal Outreach Ministry and from the Fidelis-Bible Class.

-Beverly Abbett



In Memory of
Dan Fear
Who went home to his
Heavenly Father
June 14, 2013

-  Our sympathy to the Fear family at the loss of loved one, Dan Fear.
-  Our sympathy to Susan Conway and family at the loss of loved one, David Conway.
-  Our sympathy to Steve & Michele Bloomer & family at the loss of Steve's father & at the loss of Michele's brother, Douglas Colbeck.
-  Our sympathy to Nathan & Tiffany Heisey at the loss of aunts, Freda Heisey & Nadine Morehouse.

Here's what's happening!

Please pray for Nancy Owens. Nancy will be going on a mission trip to Haiti from July 9 through 18. If anyone would like to donate money to help purchase Bibles to take to Haiti, please see Nancy.

Columbus Community Emmaus Gathering is Friday, July 19, 7 p.m.

United Methodist Men's breakfast is Saturday, July 20, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men invited to attend.

Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Ecumenical Assembly quarterly meeting is Tuesday, July 23, 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

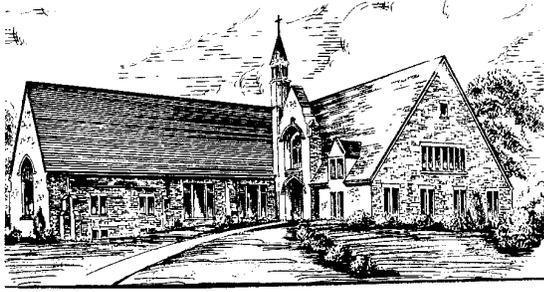
50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration/Open House in honor of Theron (Butch) and Lois Mires is Sunday, July 28 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone invited. Open House is given by their family. No gifts, please!

East Columbus United Methodist Church:
Words cannot express our appreciation for your thoughtfulness and prayers. Your support and continued prayers were treasured. May God bless you all. With out deepest thanks. -The Dan Fear family

Our giving to the Church Ministry and programs: 1/1/2013—4/30/2013	
Income:	\$140,359.52
Expenses:	\$144,265.36
	(-\$3,905.84)



Celebrate Our
Freedom to Worship



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Return Service Requested



FREEDOM

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way-
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*