

# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER





Happy Birthday United States!

Since the husband and wife shot those two police officers in Nevada last week there has been a lot of discussion on TV and Radio about "Anti-Government" sympathizers. One report said "Anti-government sympathizers have apparently become so dangerous that the FBI issued an official warning about them yesterday." These extremists sometimes call themselves "sovereign citizens," and they may refuse to pay taxes, defy government regulations, or argue fervently for a return to the gold standard. They also pose a threat to law enforcement authorities.

What so many forget is These United States of America were founded upon Anti-Government beliefs. Our Founding Fathers had a real and abiding mistrust of Government, they pledged their lives and fortune and sacred honor to overthrow government, and they instituted a Constitution with the express purpose of limiting government, especially the Federal Government. They gave the national Government very few responsibilities and left the rest to the States and to the people.

Now we have Citizens who hear the different leaders take the oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, but when they read the Constitution and see what is going on and realize many of the things the government does are in direct violation of the Constitution they have made sacred promises to uphold. And then when they express their frustration they are called "radicals and extremists" and sometime much worse. Here is the question. Can you love this nation and be patriotic and hate what the leaders have done to our once great nation? It seems to me that when the IRS or the NSA or the FBI violates the Constitution they are the radicals and the extremists. It seems to me when the Government decides what light bulb you must buy, or what toilet you must buy or what health insurance you must buy they have overstepped their Constitutional authority. It seems to me when the Government chooses which citizens to reward and which citizens to punish because of religious and moral beliefs they have overstepped their Constitutional authority. It seems to me when the Government chooses which citizens to reward and which citizens to punish because of financial or business standing they have overstepped their Constitutional authority.

The founding fathers threw tea into the harbor, refused to obey intolerable acts, and went to war, because the Government was not reasonable by not listening to their many complaints.

I sure hope our Government is not so short sighted that rebellion and war breaks out again because I love these United States of America. Jesus said in Matthew 20: "*You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" The rulers of this world love to be lords, love to throw their weight around. They can only do that for so long before citizens grow weary and push back. Do not be fooled what is happening in many places around the world with violence, rebellion, and war in the streets can happen here as well. I pray it never does, but the unrest and dissatisfaction seems to be growing every day. Praise God we have a home in a different world, where there is only One Lord. Again Happy Birthday United States, I pray you have many more!

Pastor Charlie



*A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder*

Worship: the word means different things to different people. There are many churches with many styles of music that lead people with different tastes into worship. It isn't just music, however. So many things are equated with worship in modern society (at least in my opinion). Some don't feel like they have been in church unless their or others' sins are brought up and how eternity lies in the balance. Others, might want to hear how wonderful a life they can live on this earth if they have faith and a positive attitude. They don't want to hear anything bad. They just want to hear God is love and wants His children to prosper. To some church means an organ, a beautiful sanctuary and a high church type of approach. To others it means a full band with a rocking attitude and state of the art building and effects. Two people can go to the exact same service and one feels God's presence and another doesn't. You could take the same two people, put them in opposite types of church, and both would likely change 180 degrees.

A friend and I went to a concert in a church in Greenfield some years back. The facilities were nice, but more like an auditorium than what many here would consider "church." This friend was brought up in church as a child, but hasn't attended regularly since (he has gone to a few events over the years). He told me he didn't feel like he had been to church. In one sense, I fully understand that God makes us unique and things like music, preaching, etc. can be used to prepare us to worship. I also realize that because we are unique we tend to gravitate to one style or another and that makes it easier for us to seek God. But, I can't help but wonder where we have gone wrong. I have heard of some in other countries grabbing spoons, cups, whatever they had access to and using them to worship. As much as we have been blessed (and I love the blessings), I can't help but see the difference in worship. That brings to mind part of a line in the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory": "Rich in things and poor in soul." As humans, there will likely be days we just don't "feel" like worshipping. We might be carrying around problems from the week, the body might be tired, we might be distracted by things we plan on doing after church or things we need to do after church. In Luke: 19, Jesus talks about the rocks crying out if the disciples didn't offer their praises.

This society has become so into multitasking (myself included). They might be on the internet, have the TV on (sometimes with even more than one screen), be texting, etc. I think our attention spans and ability to focus all of our attentions on one thing has suffered greatly. Worship starts with each one of us. While there are tools and things that can prepare us for it during a worship service, preparation takes place in each of us. If we are distracted by other things, worn out from the previous day or week, not prepared, not plugging in, we aren't going to get much back. I wonder how much of our attention God even gets these days. He is worthy to be praised. He wants to be praised and I fear He gets shortchanged immensely.

Another thing about current culture is that there is so much red tape, programs, details and such that many find themselves unable to worship and give God the attention He wants and what they want to give. I have heard of at least four people here who have said essentially the same thing. They are caught with questions, requests, scolding, etc. that they aren't able to really worship like they want. Now, I confess, I have had a few times myself where I was caught with concerns, scolding and such right before services start and let me tell you, it is hard to worship under those circumstances. I have come in carrying weight on my shoulders a few other times over the years. God forgive me, there have been times I have been on the other side and caught people with concerns and such and possibly hindered people in preparing to worship. My intentions were good (in trying to let people know things they needed to know when I had access to them and was thinking of things), but still might have been a stumbling block. God forgive us and help us to give Him the attention and worship He deserves.



*by Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner*

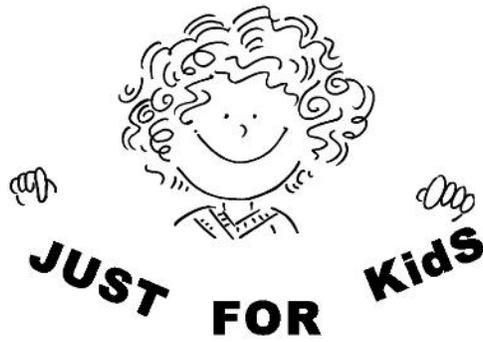
Once again All4ONE members would like to thank those who hosted AfterALL in June, the Eubanks, Matterns and Coxes. We always have great food and fellowship. In July the Eubanks will be hosting on the 20th, details coming later. The other Sundays have not yet been covered, so if anyone would like to host AfterALL in July or August, please let Judy Aigner know.

July will be a busy month. On July 4th, those who can will be helping Elizabeth Cox with her senior project—a 5K run at Ceraland. On June 7 and June 8, we’ll be camping at the Staples’ campsite. July 14-18, those who can will be helping with Vacation Bible School, Kiersten Henderson’s senior project. On June 22, we’ll be leaving the church at 7 a.m. for our annual outing to Holiday World.

Those youth who want to go to Red Bird in October need to be sure to add their names to the sign-up sheet on the hallway information board.

Hope everyone is having a fun, safe summer. God bless you all!

<p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES</b></p> <p><b>8:30 &amp; 10:40 a.m. Blended Worship</b>  <b>9:40-10:30 a.m. Sunday School</b>  <b>6 p.m.—Casual-Informal Praise Service</b></p>	<p><b>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister</b>  <b>Carol McIntosh, Adm. Assistant</b>  <b>Terry Snyder, Music Director</b>  <b>Pastor Charlie &amp; Judy Aigner, Youth Directors</b>  <b>Dereck Fields, Custodian</b></p>
<p><b>2439 Indiana Avenue</b>  <b>Columbus, IN 47201-7022</b></p>	<p><b>Phone: 812.376.7418 — FAX 812.376.7699</b>  <b>Office email: office@eastcolumbusumc.org</b>  <b>music@eastcolumbusumc.org</b>  <b>pastor@eastcolumbusumc.org</b>  <b>web site: www.eastcolumbusumc.org</b></p>



by Paula Turnbow

## **Uncover Jesus' Love Vacation Bible School 2014**

**What:** Children will learn a Bible story each night as well as bible verses, make crafts, play games, and make lasting friendships!

**Who:** Any child age 4—last completed grade 6.

**Where:** East Columbus United Methodist Church

**Address:** 2439 Indiana Avenue, Columbus, IN 47201

**When:** Monday, July 14—Friday, July 18

**Time:** 6:00—8:00 p.m.

\*A light dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. each evening and anyone and everyone is welcome!

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**Monday:** Bring a friend.

**Tuesday:** Dress as a Secret Agent: Picture Night!

**Wednesday:** Bring an item from the list (given on 7:14) for *Joys for Jocelyn*.

**Thursday:** Continue bringing items for *Joys for Jocelyn* fundraiser. Bring a friend.

**Friday:** Parents are welcome to come for a program at 7:00 where the children will show what they have learned in the past week! VBS for children will still begin at 6:00.

**Register now Online at [www.eastcolumbusumc.org](http://www.eastcolumbusumc.org)  
or pick up a form at the Church! We can't wait to see you there!**

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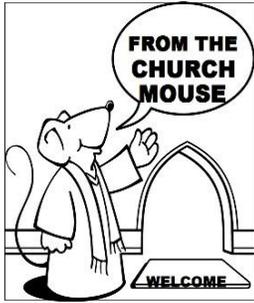
\*Please be in prayer for this wonderful ministry of our church.

\*Watch for “sacks” hanging in the foyer. Take one or two, fill it and bring it back.

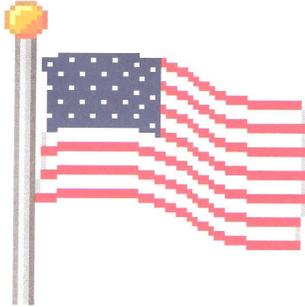
\*Please save paper towel tubes, Pringle cans and plastic lids of any kind.

# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 1pm-Bible Study 6:15pm-Church Growth Committee Mtg.	<b>2</b> 7pm-Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>  <b>4<sup>th</sup> of July</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 HOLY COMMUNION</b> Regular Services 6pm-Casual – Informal Praise Service	<b>7 All4ONE Youth Camping</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>8</b> <u>NO 1pm-Bible Study</u>	<b>9</b> <u>Happy Birthday Judy Aigner</u> 7pm-Bible Study	<b>10</b> 5:30pm-Trustees Mtg. 6:30pm-Boy Scouts (Putt-Putt)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Regular Services Noon-2pm-25th Wedding Anniversary Vow Renewal (see News page)	<b>14</b> 9am-UMW Service Group 5:15pm-Light VBS Meal 6-8pm-VBS	<b>15</b> 1pm-Bible Study 5:15pm-Light VBS Meal 6-8pm-VBS	<b>16</b> <u>NO Bible Study</u> 5:15pm-Light VBS Meal 6-8pm-VBS	<b>17</b> 5:15pm-Light VBS Meal 6-8pm-VBS	<b>18</b> 5:15pm-Light VBS Meal 6-8pm-VBS 7pm-Cols. Comm. Emmaus Gathering—Seymour	<b>19</b> 8am-United Methodist Men's Breakfast
<b>20</b> Regular Services-Mark Vice in Concert 6pm-Casual Informal Praise Service	<b>21</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>22</b> <u>NO 1pm Bible Study</u> 6:30pm-Church Council Mtg. 7pm-Ecum. Assy. Quarterly Mtg.	<b>23</b> 7pm-Bible Study	<b>24</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Regular Services 6pm-Casual Informal Praise Service	<b>28</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>29</b> 1pm-Bible Study	<b>30</b> 7pm-Bible Study	<b>31</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts (swimming)		



## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



Wave your flag! See the fireworks light up the sky!  
Praise God for the freedom that we enjoy to assemble to  
celebrate...to live without fear...and most of all to wor-  
ship freely the God of our fathers!

And...as you travel...whether near or  
far...be safe and remember to share the  
love of Christ with everyone you meet!



Your church mouse is planning to eat lots of cheese this 4th...Join me as we **“Let freedom ring!”**

*Till next month..... Timothy*

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### Enjoy Your Freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it's easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally let them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would've been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus his life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement: “For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (NRSV).

We're no longer bound by sin and death. That “independence” is worth celebrating every day!



### Bible Quiz

Both the Old and New Testaments speak of God's people as seeking and achieving freedom. The freedom we Americans have to worship without government restriction has deep roots in our Judeo-Christian heritage.

Which Bible verse about freedom is inscribed on the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia?

- A. “Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof” (Lev 25:10).
- B. “And ye...had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor (Jeremiah 34:15).
- C. “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free” (Galatians 5:1).
- D. “As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God” (1 Peter 2:16).

Answer

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## HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

We had great fun at summer camp June 15-21. There were six boys and two leaders that attended.

August 1-3, we will be going to Wright Patterson AFB.

If I may brag a little bit, I received my 50 years "Veterans Award" for being involved in Scouting. Toot! Toot!

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

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1.... Megan Bozell  
Lisa Welch

3.... Sue Carey

7.... Becky Schuyler  
Tracey Warren

8.... Janice Jackson

9.... Judy Aigner  
Sue Cole  
Anna Conner  
Heather Steele

10.... Ron Briner  
Caroline Kain

11.... Marcia Harbaugh  
Marsha Stuckey

12.... Rita Eckhart  
Judy Strasser

13.... James Rosenberger

14.... Robin Muellenberg

15.... Erin Mattern

16.... Desirae Fear

17.... Brian Carey  
Keith Reeves

19.... Dustin Parks

20.... Tony Barringer  
Stacey Batres Gramajo

23.... Wanda Tucker  
Melissa Voils

24.... John Harris  
Jake Helton

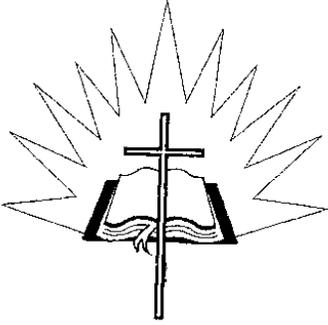
26.... Wayne Wilhite

27.... Jamie Eubanks

29.... Jim Bozell  
Dirk James

31.... Elizabeth (Libby) McKinney  
Jane Reed





# Applying Bible Principles

Many illustrations found in the Scriptures have to do with an agrarian economy. Farmers in particular find much in the Bible with which they identify directly.

For example, both Old and New Testaments indicate that the ox which is treading out the grain should be allowed to eat of the grain. The owner of that ox is not to place a muzzle on the animal to prevent it from enjoying that which is being produced. But that illustration is to provide insight into a greater truth, namely, that the person who is producing the harvest should share in the harvest. And just in case we're confused about what this means, the Scripture provides clarity by stating, "...those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (Cor. 9:14).

That is why we support our pastor and others who in one way or another are involved in preaching the gospel. That is why we support financially the work and outreach of our church. That is why we give to the work of the Lord here at East Columbus United Methodist Church. Yes, we give out of our love and devotion to Christ. Yes, we give because of all that we have in Him. Yes, we give because God owns everything and we are just managers and stewards. But we also give so that those who preach the gospel might receive their living from the gospel, so that they might give their full attention to their divine calling without being side-tracked by the necessity of other work.

A lady named Mrs. Jones passed away without any survivors—that is, without any human survivors. She left three dogs to mourn her passing: Dolly, Skippy and Bozo. She specified that her estate (consisting of \$72,800) should go for the "care and maintenance of the dogs." When the dogs are dead, what is left is to be given to her church. A veterinarian examined the dogs and, finding them in "excellent health," made this statement: "The church may have to wait as long as twelve years to say 'dog-gone' and receive the money."

How much better to support the work and ministry of the church as a priority. How much better to place first things first. And while we may not have oxen that tread out the grain as part of the harvesting process, we can learn much from that apt illustration. Just as the owner of the ox allows it to eat of the grain it is producing, in the same way, "...the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel."

Or as the Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 6:6, "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor."

# News



From the Mail Box...

Dear Friends at East Columbus United Methodist Church:

Thank you so much for thinking of us at the loss of our husband and father, Ken Veters. The blue vase with yellow flowers were beautiful. The support of our Christian brothers and sisters is a help in this time of loss for our family.

In Christ, The Family of Rev. Ken Veters

Bev Abbett would like to thank all who sent her birthday cards and thank the ladies in the United Methodist Women Service Group for the nice birthday party and the cupcakes. It was very much appreciated!

Book Sale—The church library is being updated. There will be a “book sale” between services on Sunday, July 20. Make a donation or just take what you want. All monies collected will go back in refurbishing the library. Questions, please see Darla Cox or Jennifer Eubanks.

Children’s Church—We are in need of a person to take over the coordination of the Children’s Church program that will begin again in September. The volunteer position consists of recruiting and organizing teachers, get stories and activity pages ready, etc. If you are interested in filling this much needed position, please call the church office (376-7418).



For what other  
**great nation**  
has a god so  
near to it as the  
**LORD our God**  
is whenever we  
call to him?

DEUTERONOMY 4:7, NRSV

Here's what's  
happening!

Church Growth committee will meet Tuesday, July 1, 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Trustees meeting is Thursday, July 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School—Vacation Bible School is coming July 14-18 from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. The children will “Uncover Jesus’ Love” during VBS week. There will be a light meal served at 5:15 p.m. each evening in the Fellowship Hall. A “registration party” and a special show “Magic by Drew” is Monday, July 14 at 5 p.m. This is where you come in! We need workers for VBS, please sign the sheet on the table in the Information Area. Kiersten Henderson is coordinating this year’s VBS as her Senior Project. Contact Kiersten by emailing her at [kiersten-hen12@hotmail.com](mailto:kiersten-hen12@hotmail.com), call (812) 374-7535 or text her.

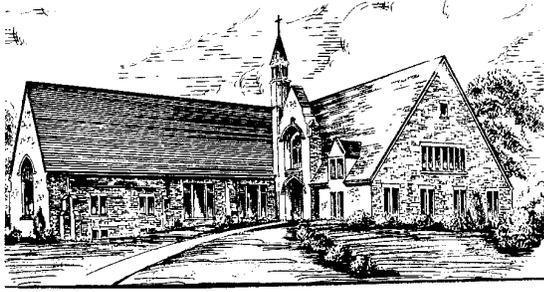
25th Wedding Anniversary “Vow Renewal” in honor of Fonz and Karen Hauber is Sunday, July 13 at noon in the Sanctuary of ECUMC. Cake and punch will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the renewal. Everyone is invited! After the reception of cake and punch we will be going to Sirloin Stockade for lunch. This is a pay as you go lunch if you would like to join us! RSVP if you plan on joining us at the Sirloin Stockade at [k\\_hauber@hotmail.com](mailto:k_hauber@hotmail.com) or phone 812-344-9565.

Columbus Community Emmaus gathering is Friday, July 18, 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church, 1088 Sarasota Dr., Seymour.

United Methodist Men’s Breakfast is Saturday, July 19, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Ecumenical Assembly quarterly meeting is Tuesday, July 20, 7p.m. at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church.



## **East Columbus United Methodist Church**

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**Return Service Requested**

### **Mark Vice** *“A Servant W/A Song”*

Come and join us as Mark Vice returns to East Columbus on Sunday, July 20th at 8:30 and 10:40 a.m. Mark Vice’s grandmother, Florence Sanders, was church secretary here for 34 years. Mark is an educator and recently accepted the position of Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Learning for the North Lawrence Community School Corporation in Bedford, IN. He plays multiple instruments (including guitar, banjo, dobro, harmonica and fiddle), sings various styles of music (such as Southern Gospel and Contemporary), and has a heart for ministry and children (implementing children into his concerts). We hope to see you all here.