

East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER



I WILL WALK
ABOUT IN FREEDOM,
FOR I HAVE SOUGHT
OUT YOUR PRECEPTS.

PSALM 119:45, NIV



Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. ***The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.***" John 8:42-47

Truth, what an extraordinary word and concept. In this crazy mixed-up world we now inhabit, all the foundations we have cherished are under attack. What we believe are decent and good are now called evil and bigoted.

Even in the church we have theologians and pastors who call the clear word of God lies, and myths, and discredited opinions of men long dead. Some laugh and snicker at Bible believing people as stupid, narrow minded, and uninformed.

But truth is a stubborn thing. There is only one truth; not many *only one*, lies can have a thousand sisters, but truth stands alone. Paul in the book of Titus writes an amazing truth. He says "A faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time." Our faith and our knowledge does not rest on this world or the promises of this world or the blessings of this world; they rest upon the promise of eternal life. Not our living here, but our living there. What will come to light is when we stand before the Father and see Him in his Glory and then His truth (that is revealed in His Holy Word) will be confirmed. Until then we persevere, we believe his promises, and his warnings, we proclaim those promises and warnings to those around us. As Christ messengers we implore others to trust his Name and not be deceived by the lies of this world guided by the devil and his demons.

But so many today are blinded by the things this world says are true and good when in reality they are the lies that will cause people to stumble and fall and be kept out of God's Kingdom.

Who and what you believe are crucial, God never has said a thing in His holy word that is not true. We take upon ourselves very dangerous consequences when we call evil what God has called good and good what God has called evil. No amount of slogans, celebrations, candle light vigils, Supreme Court decrees, brightly colored flags, or presidential executive orders, will change His truth.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I have written before about the shape that the world is in and certain hot topic issues. It has been a few days since the Orlando nightclub shooting. Chick-Fil-A as many know has taken quite a lot of flack for their support of traditional marriage and has been accused of many things such as intolerance, hate, etc. There were many who boycotted them (and I know some still do). Some cities will not even let them open locations there. I have respect for the company's values and in the fact they close on Sunday to allow employees to worship at church without interference from work, as well as a day to get rest. I mention them because they did something great. Workers in a Chick-Fil-A in Orlando quietly opened up their location, made several hundred sandwiches and brewed dozens of gallons of their sweet tea to take to people standing in line to give blood to victims in this shooting. This was done without charge or pomp and circumstance. They just quietly showed compassion and ministered in this tragedy. Often times businesses might capitalize on such things to make money (even if at the expense of others). I have heard of some car rental places hiking up their fees on rentals tremendously during tragedies when people desperately needed transportation. Other times celebrities or businesses will do things with pomp and circumstance to promote themselves, get accolades etc. Others will only help those they like or their own. Chick-Fil-A did none of these things. Word simply got out on social media from people expressing appreciation.

Christians seem to get a bad rap. As I have said before, if you want to know who is the most immoral and jerky person in current sitcoms and, it will typically be the Christian or pastor. Now, I confess there have been instances where there have been moral issues in churches and with us Christians. There have been things done in the name of the church over the years that are not good. There are people like Westboro Baptist who do not show the love of Christ even if they have some valid beliefs mixed in. But, getting the bad rap isn't just in fiction. Christians take the blame for all the ills in the world it seems. A friend of mine (who played for different professional groups and is now a Worship Pastor in Delaware) woke up yesterday to hear a news network blame the shooting on Christians who believe homosexuality is wrong. He then got on Twitter and saw several gay activists / ACLU attorneys / and bloggers blaming Christians. He then heard about an "idiot" (his word) preacher in California praising the shooter and saying they needed to be purged and THAT is the person many news outlets showed to represent Christianity when in reality there is only a small percentage like this guy (and those in Westboro) who feel that way. Well my friend lost it temper-wise and put a rant on Facebook (which I don't think really showed the degree of temper he said he had). He later said he could count on two fingers the times he has been that mad. He finally had to get away for several hours to cool off and regroup. He later apologized not for his stances, but how he reacted.

We Christians have such obstacles to overcome. Where decades ago men of God and Christians were seen and shown with respect, "Church" and "Christian" have become bad words. Some churches will not even use the term church to describe themselves. Although I admit some of our ranks have failed morally, some do not represent Christianity well, and some do horrible things in the name of Christ. Still, these are a small percentage of our ranks. I think there are a lot more in our ranks who are lethargic or do not hold on to certain sections of the Bible as true (editing out what we don't like or what society teaches is bad) then who behave the way shown. It is true though, I am sure, that there are many who do not live the lives we should (if nothing else the standard of perfection is impossible which is where Christ comes in), but not to the extremes shown. It is obvious this is also in the spirit realm with the devil leading the charge to discredit us, Christianity, and most of all God. The Bible talks about Christians being hated and persecuted because of Him. We American Christians have been blessed in this regard in contrast to places who have had Christians martyred for the cause. But, I also see things becoming far worse here as times go on. Yes, we have a lot of work to do and things to overcome, but we must do what we can to be God's hands and feet and try to do His work in spite of it. True change in this world starts with God first, but then in each of us. I feel time is short.



by Paula Turnbow

JULY MEMORY VERSE

*“May the God of hope fill you with a joy
and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

Thank you to all the teachers and helpers that helped with VBS this year. I could not have done it without any of you. We raised just under \$300 for the Angel fund. Thanks Darla



Logan Skinner

Summer is finally here and it is warm in Columbus. As we move towards July 4th, I start to think about what this country was founded on and the ideas that brought the Colonies together to fight against England. They fought for their right to worship freely, to live as a free people, and to enjoy the freedoms they worked hard to preserve. The freedom of religion was for all people but the idea behind it was one nation under God. The founders of this country believed that God gave us a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The ability to choose how to live life, where to live it, and how to thank God for what he has given us. I think of all the men and women throughout our nation's history that have given their very lives to defend that idea. To give us that ability to choose. Christ also gave us that ability. And while some people choose to disrespect that freedom and even choose to try and destroy that freedom, men and women strive to keep that freedom alive. Our military and service members boldly stand to protect our freedom, but where there is freedom, there is a cost. Even to this day, freedom is at risk. People seek to destroy hope, peace, and the right to choose. Christ called us to love one another. Not only if they are Christians, but everyone in this world. It means that we are to treat others with respect, kindness, and be like Christ. That doesn't mean that we have to be silent, it just means that we have to love through our words and actions. The terrible event in Orlando is the wake up call to all Christians. While the choices people make are not what we agree with, the people were all created by God and loved by him. As Christians we are called to love them like Christ. To show compassion and ask forgiveness for our sins and theirs. This month, as we begin with a celebration of freedom, let us remember what we are celebrating, why we are celebrating it, and what Christ wants us to do as we move forward. The attack in Orlando will not be the last that our nation will see. So let's prepare our hearts and be ready to stand boldly for Christ and share his love with a world in desperate need for Him.

JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Regular Service 5pm-ALL4One Youth	4 OFFICE CLOSED  Independence Day No UMW Svc Grp	5 1pm-Bible Study	6 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.	7 5:30pm-Worship Comm Mtg 6:30pm-Boy Scouts 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	8 6:30-9pm-Family Game Night	9
10 Regular Services 5pm-ALL4One Youth	11 9am-UMW Service Group	12 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm - Evan- gelism Comm. Meeting	13 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.	14 6:30-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	15 7pm-Emmaus Gathering- Cornerstone Comm. Church Seymour, IN	16 8am-Men's Breakfast
17 Regular Services 5pm-ALL4One Youth	18 9am-UMW Service Group	19 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Finance Comm. Meeting	20 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.	21 6:30-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	22	23
24 Gideon Speaker Regular Services 5pm-ALL4One Youth	25 9am-UMW Service Group	26 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Church Council Meet- ing	27 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.	28 6:30-Women's Bible Study <u>NO Boy Scouts</u>	29	30
31 ONE SERVICE Guest Speaker; Howard Gamer At 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 10:40 a.m. Lunch@12noon						



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

Troop Calendar:

August 5-7-Campout at Clifty Falls

Summer Camp was a blast, we had each boy work on at least four Merit Badges and almost all of them completed. The week started off very hot but at the end was very nice. Nicholas and myself completed the mile swim. We have one boy from France and he was on his first summer camp. He had many first time things happen. He got to shoot a 22 rifle, catch a fish, clean it and eat it. He had the biggest smile on his face.

These things make scouting enjoyable.

In July we will be playing Put-Put.

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
812-350-9707 C

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1.... Lisa Welch
Megan Bozell

3.... Sue Carey

7.... Becky Schuyler
Tracey Warren

8.... Janice Jackson

9.... Judy Aigner
Sue Cole

10.... Ron Briner

11... Marcia Harbaugh
Marsha Stuckey

12... Judy Strasser
Rita Eckhart

13... Jim Rosenberger

15.... Erin Mattern

16.... Desirae Fear

17.... Keith Reeves
Brian Carey

19.... Dustin Parks

20.... Tony Barringer

23.... Wanda Tucker
Melissa Voils

24... John Harris
Jake Helton
Janet Foley

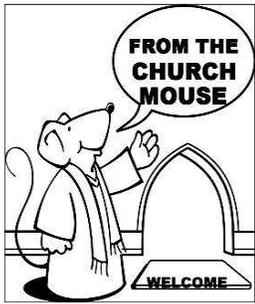
26.... Wayne Wilhite

29.... Jim Bozell
Dirk James

30.... Ethan Krise

31.... Jane Reed
Samantha Smith



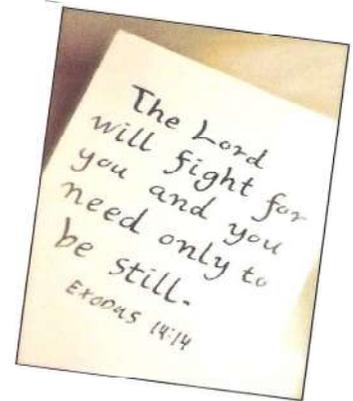


Remembering our forefathers and all who've given their all for our freedom....

“Thank you” seems so small for what you’ve sacrificed for our freedom.

Remembering Exodus 14:14...

Remember to honor those who helped us to be free to worship without fear; free to respectfully disagree with our governing officials; free to vote and serve without reprisal.



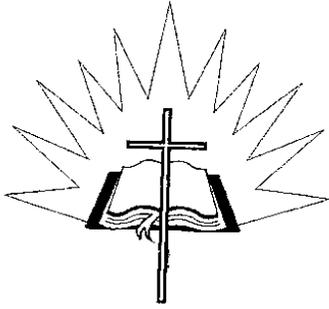
Thank you, Lord, for the wisdom of our Founding Fathers!

Let us all pray for continued wisdom for the men and women who lead our country today and tomorrow. May they be people who make good and Godly decisions for our country.

Till next month ... Happy 4th of July!! Timothy

Guest Speaker, Howard Gamber

I was called to serve in Haiti in February 2014. I went to Haiti and on that trip I met Ms Lynn (founder) and Ms Kim (manager) of Mission of Grace. They both told me they needed men to come for long term missions. Number 1) to be a presence for the orphans so they would have a male influence. Number 2) to help the men on Carries become Christian men. And number 3) men are needed to do everyday maintenance and construction. I spent many, many days in prayer to God that He would allow me to serve in Haiti. I made a second trip to Haiti in 2015 in February and again Ms Lynn made the same request of needing men to serve. Today I am HAPPY to tell you I am the evidence of God’s miraculous work for His will in my life.



Applying Bible Principles

One day, as you open the mail, you discover a letter from the credit card company which indicates that because you are such a valued customer, your credit limit is being raised to \$5,000. The next day, because you were late sending in a payment of \$19.25, you receive another letter from the same company. The second letter makes you feel like a terrible person and states rather emphatically that if you don't pay up immediately, the company will take action against you. What a mixed signal that would be!

God never sends mixed signals. He is always consistently clear in providing direction to us, even when His instruction runs counter to our natural tendencies. This is especially true when it comes to our giving. Remember, giving to the Lord's work at East Columbus United Methodist Church is not to help "Poor God" pay His bills. Rather giving is one of God's ways to growing Christians and of causing us to be more like Christ. That's why God calls us to resist the natural tendency to hoard and to be stingy. That's why God calls us to give, not only out of our abundance, but also when our financial resources are limited.

John Templeton, founder of the Templeton group of mutual funds, concluded a speech to the International Association for Financial Planning by confiding that he had been asked by a financial planner at the convention to mention the name of the "very best opportunity" for investing in the world today. Templeton said, "I told him that the most risk-free investment, the most rewarding investment was ... giving of your income to your church. In my 46 years of experience, I have never known anyone who regretted that investment. I have never known anyone who has made that investment for ten years without being rewarded with both happiness and prosperity.

John Templeton was only echoing advice that God had given to Solomon centuries earlier. "He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." As you consider your life and giving, will you be part of God's eternal plan by giving in a refreshing manner to the East Columbus United Methodist church ministry today and in the months ahead? Remember this: No one ever went broke trying to out give God.

News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you to all who made VBS such a memorable experience for my son! The dinners, snacks, ice cream, teachers, hard work, etc. did not go unnoticed. We were lucky to be a part of such an enjoyable event. Thanks to all of you. The Selbys, John, Abby & Briar

Thank you for the plant, your prayers and cards. We are so blessed to have such a loving congregation. Thank you for your calls and visits. God Bless each one of you!
Ray, Dale & Terry Grammer, Frank & Sue Cole

The family of Lois Mires would like to express their sincere gratitude for all the expressions of sympathy of her passing to her heavenly home. Thank you to Pastor Charlie and everyone for the visits, for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and for the wonderful meal.
With many thanks, Butch Mires & family

Beverly Abbett thanks the Church Family for her Birthday Cards.



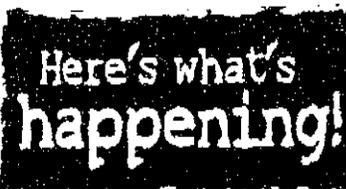
In Memory of
Lois Mires
who went home to
her Heavenly Father
May 31, 2016

Our sympathy to Frank & Sue Cole on the passing of Sue's sister, Gail Grammer.

Our sympathy to the Mires family at the passing of loved one, Lois Mires.

Our sympathy to the Whipker family at the passing of Joe Bill Whipker.

Our sympathy to Wanda & Tom Bray at the loss of Wanda's sister, Susan Fuller.



Monday, July 4, in Observance of Independence Day the Office will be closed

Worship Comm. Meeting will be held Thursday, July 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Family Game Night is Friday, July 8, 2016 6:30-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

*Bring Favorite Game

*Bring A Friend

*Bring Finger Food Snack to share.

Evangelism Committee Meeting is Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

Emmaus Gathering will be held Friday, July 15, 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church, 1088 Sarasota Drive, Seymour.

United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast is Saturday, July 16 at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

Finance Committee Meeting is Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Gideon Speaker from the International Gideon Convention that is held in Indianapolis will bring us the message on Sunday, July 24 at both morning services.

Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

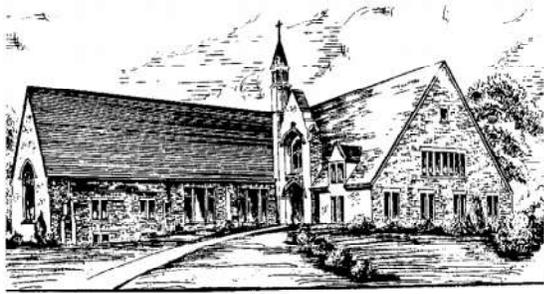
ONE SERVICE JULY 31 AT 9:30 am—Sunday School following at 10:40 am.

After Sunday School approx. 12 noon there will be a FREE LUNCH provided by the Missions committee (not a pitch-in). A sign-up sheet will be available on the table in the Info Area and on the Bulletin Board to help with preparation for the luncheon.

Guest Speaker will be Howard Gamber. More information is on the Mouse Page.

Tithes & Offerings

Giving to Support Current Budget 5/31/16	\$114,421.93
Current Budgeted Expenses 5/31/16	\$122,510.80
Net	-\$8,088.87



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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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OUR CHURCH MISSION
Growing the Family of God by Making
Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.