



East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

AUGUST 2013 NEWSLETTER

*For the grace
of God
has appeared,
bringing
salvation
to all.*

Titus 2:11





Judy and I just returned from Milford, Massachusetts, and I must admit part of my heart is still there. Avagail is 7 months now and starting to crawl and explore and she loves to gnaw on carrots and apples and celery sticks. And she loves to laugh; her laugh can bring sunshine to the darkest room. But like most babies she is not gentle. When she grabs something she grabs it with all the strength her little hands possess. Glasses, pens, cheeks, hair, eye balls, tableware and drinking glasses all suffer by her little fingers. She seems to have an arm reach of about 15 feet, and her finger nails are ten little razor blades. Judy and I both have the little scratches to prove we spent a few glorious days with this precious child. Avagail also has a number of small scratches on her face and arms from self-inflicted wounds.

One of the great differences between a baby and an adult is also one of the big differences between a baby Christian and a mature Christian. It is the ability to be gentle. Jesus said in Matthew Chapter 11:28-30, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* Jesus treats His followers with a gentleness that only comes through a vast strength and maturity. He is not harsh and vengeful, he is gentle and loving. He commands us to have that same gentleness when we deal with one another and when we deal with those who have yet to call upon his name. Ephesians 4:2, *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."* I Peter 3:15, *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."*

Although the scriptures never say this I believe Christ would have us be gentle with ourselves, not excusing our sins and failures but remembering they have been washed away and we have been made new creatures by the very Lord who died to save us.

We are to not be like Avagail who in her rough grabbing, gave herself self-inflicted wounds. As we are to be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love, we should give to ourselves that same gentleness, even patience knowing God is working in us to bring us to a complete and holy standing before His Glorious throne. This Gentleness comes not through weakness but incredible strength, (the Strength of Christ), to love the unlovable, to bear the heavy burdens, to forgive when people hurt and disappoint, to hold our tongues or our fist when we want to lash out in anger. When we go against our worldly nature and live and act as Christ would have us act then we know we have gone from babes to maturity in our Lord.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

Lately I have felt like I might be hallucinating. I was leaving church one Sunday evening and decided to make a “pit stop.” I opened the window and within the period of probably two minutes or so I saw the following enter our parking lot: A mo-ped, a truck pulling a trailer, a police car, and two kids driving a motorized car followed by their mother (I presume) pushing a smaller kid in a stroller. I expected to see a three ring circus with a clown coming through if I stayed longer, so I left. Now, you would think that would be more than enough, right? Wrong. I went to get supper on the way home and heard ice rattling on my left when starting to fill my diet soda. So, I looked to my left, pushed the lever again, and saw ice falling down onto the counter. I looked up, and the lid to the machine (where they apparently fill the ice) wasn’t closed all of the way due to being overfilled with ice (thus causing an ice storm to come down when the lever was pushed).

Now, that is funny, but I have also seen so much that is not funny. So much that God calls wrong is being touted as right to the point of celebration under the guise of “tolerance” and “diversity” and being “open-minded.” We have heard “signs of the time are everywhere” sung for years and I have to wonder how much longer it will be.

I had debated online after the Scouts ruling was handed down after I saw someone say that those against it were “preaching hate.” I said even excluding religious objections (which I have) that it would be the same as putting me in charge of a bunch of young ladies in the woods, or having a teenage boy in the Girl Scouts sleeping in the same tent as the young ladies. I was ridiculed and called names by pretty much everyone except one person who sought to understand my position. I even made the comment that there was a reason why they had separate restrooms for men and women (which would be a similar thing). Well, less than a week later (I believe), a gospel singer posted about eating out in Nashville with his wife. There were some six feet tall men dressed like women there eating too. The singer’s wife went into the restroom and one of those guys was in there. At first she thought she had mistakenly entered the wrong restroom, but the guy said “it’s alright.” She told him “it is NOT alright” and went to see the manager. Instead of him asking the guy to get out of there, he told the lady to use the men’s room and he would stand guard to make sure no one came in. Then not long after, I saw that California is introducing a bill that would allow students of any gender to access public school bathrooms and locker rooms of their choice. It would also allow students to participate in sports activities based on “that student’s assertion that he or she identifies as having a different private sense of their own gender regardless of their biological gender at birth.”

A few weeks later after the Supreme Court decision concerning homosexual marriage, a friend of mine (who is a musician out of state) posted that at least they never said it was legal, but just left it up to the states. I made a few comments (respectfully) and one of his musician friends started insulting me and others who agreed with me. Now, it doesn’t even seem to apply to him as his profile shows him living with a woman. He went as far as to send me a private message cussing me, calling me a “stupid mouth breather and follower of nothing real.” I replied that he proved my point about having to resort to personal attacks and name-calling. He then sent a message that God could do a vulgar and disgusting thing to him. I never replied back from that point on.

I had Chuck Dilsizian sing “People Need the Lord.” The phrase “in a world where wrong seems right” hit me between the eyes. It appears we live in such a world more every day. The Bible talks about the world hating Christians and I have never seen it as much in my own line of sight as I have in recent times. Christians, God and the Bible are mocked and ridiculed. Christians are accused of hate and judging and you can almost always guess that in TV, movies, or books that the sinner will be made to be the nice guy and the Christian the idiot or degenerate. God help us with strength and wisdom and to be a light in a dark world no matter the cost.



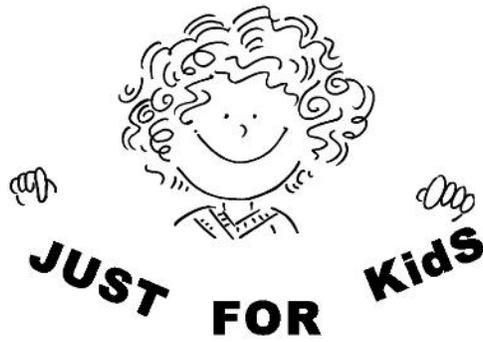
by Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner

The month of July was a busy one for All4ONE. We had a great time at the Creation Museum on July 1 and Holiday World on July 8. Thank you to the Trustees for providing the van for us to go to Holiday World, being able to all ride together was awesome. Then on July 11 and 12, 3 guys and 3 girls plus Charlie and Judy spent 30 hours camping for our Electronic Deprivation-athon. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, study and fun. We want to thank John and Kathryn Staples for sharing their campsite with us and also Nathaniel's grandfather for letting us use his paddle boat. We want to thank all of you who pledged to support us, be watching the bulletin to find out how much we raised. We also would like to thank the Philathea Class, Donita and Tony Baringer and the Matterns for hosting AfterALL during this month.

August means back-to-school and also welcoming our new members! We welcome Jacob Corya, Raeanna Cox, and Braxton Knowland. AfterALL hosts for August are the Fidelis Bible Class at Dorothy Christophel's on August 4, Chuck and Jane Dilsizian at the church on August 11. There will be no Youth Group on August 18. The annual East/North lock-in will be held on Friday, August 30.

But with saying hello to our 7th graders, we are also saying good-bye to our seniors, Billy Bettner and Nathaniel Staples (although we will welcome them back for visits whenever they wish). Nathaniel will be attending Franklin College to study psychology and music. Billy will be attending Indiana University-Bloomington to major in graphic design with the possibility of a minor in entrepreneurship in the Kelley School of Business at IU. Billy received a Silver Key from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for his piece, "Self-Accusation," in Digital Art. He received an honorable mention from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for his poetry collection. His artwork has been on display at Clowes Hall at Butler University. We wish them both well and will be praying for them.

<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>
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by Paula Turnbow



As most of you head back to school, let's pray this prayer together:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for our many blessings. Thank you for school, teachers, friends. Help us to do our best, listen to our teachers and put YOU first in all we do.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 AT THE END OF THE 8:30 A.M. SERVICE.

LEFT BEHIND

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city," he said, "but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

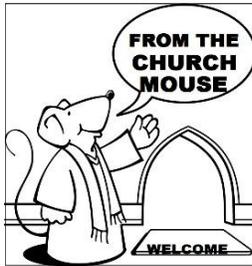
The boy asked, "What happened to the flea?"

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.

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30pm-Trustees Mtg. 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	2	3 10am-4pm-Missions Fund-raiser Food Booth (Hodler's home)
4 Holy Communion Regular Services	5 9am-UMW Service Group	6 1pm-Bible Study 6pm- Finance Comm. Mtg.	7 7pm-Bible Study	8 6:30pm-Boy Scouts (swimming)	9	10 11:30am-Miriam Circle (Lunch at Aunt Aimee's Tea Room, Hope)
11 Regular Services Sunday School Promotion after 1st Service 4:30pm-Women's Bible Study	12 9am-UMW Service Group	13 1pm-Bible Study	14 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	15 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	16 7pm-Columbus Community Emmaus Gathering (First Nazarene Church, Seymour)	17 8am-UMM Breakfast 8am-1pm-Missions Free Car Wash Fundraiser (Church Parking Lot)
18 Regular Services No Evening Service 6pm Installation of Rev. Perry Southeast Dist Supt. (First UMC)	19 9am-UMW Service Group	20 1pm-Bible Study	21 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	22 6:30pm-Boy Scouts (Court of Honor)	23	24
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Welcome to the “Dog Days of Summer!”

Here are few fun, modern examples of why we love children (a/k/a “Kids Say the Darndest Things!) Anyone besides this little mouse remember that show??...

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, “The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents!”

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. “Mommy can’t come to the phone to talk to you right now, she’s hitting the bottle.”

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women’s locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, “What’s the matter, haven’t you ever seen a little boy before?”

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, “Are you a cop?” “Yes,” I answered and continued writing the report. “My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?” “Yes, that’s right,” I told her. “Well, then” she said as she extended her foot toward me, “would you please tie my shoe?”

How often have we neglected to ask for help when we really needed it? Maybe all we needed was to have our shoe tied...or maybe we needed a hug...or maybe we needed a Savior. I hope that no one hesitates to ask for help...whether you need your shoe tied or whether you need our Savior, Jesus Christ. He can help in any situation...no matter how big or how small. And before you chuckle and doubt that He can tie your shoe...I would stake my life on it...He will send someone into your life to help you tie that shoestring!

So as you travel through these hot, dog days of summer...watch for the opportunity to help someone walking the road with you...maybe you can tie their shoe...or give them a hug...or help them find the Savior.

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



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

Troop #549 had a great time at summer camp this year. There were over 10 merit badges earned by the three boys that went to camp. Two of our boys in the troop were elected to the Order of the Arrow. One boy is working staff this year and is having the time of his life.

Thursday, August 8, the troop will have a swimming party at Roger Schaefer's home.

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.

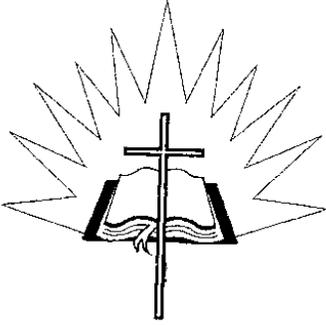
Meeting time is on Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer, Scoutmaster
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3.... Wanda Bray	16.... Beverly Greenwood Kathy Wilhite
4.... Andrew Davidson	17.... Emma Parks
6.... Jared Corya	21.... Ron Byrnes
8.... Basil Brummet Bill Latu	22.... Jamie Barringer
9.... Gini Jessup Theron (Butch) Mires	23.... Norma Percifield Emily Walker
10.... Beth Corya Dr. Charles Greenwood	26.... Averill McClure
11.... Katie Schmidt	27.... Carl Miller
13.... Garrett Heisey Catherine McDaniel	28.... Devin Cox
14.... Jay Conley Cody Jordan Marie Williams	30.... Rev. Larry McIntosh





Applying Bible Principles

General Norman Schwarzkopf once recalled when he was the Assistant Commander for Personnel at the Pentagon. He had been in this assignment for two weeks when his superior left for an eight week trip to the Orient. General Schwarzkopf expressed concern about his ability, even as a major general, to handle this new responsibility. His superior told him to follow “Rule 13.” When Schwarzkopf asked what “Rule 13” was, his superior told him, “When given command, take charge.” “But what if I don’t know what to do?” asked Schwarzkopf. The reply was that he should follow “Rule 14—Do what is right.”

Sometimes Christians are in a similar predicament, especially concerning actions based on feelings. We do many things in the Christian life because they are “right,” not because we necessarily want to do them or feel like doing them. Nowhere is this more true than concerning our giving. Even when perhaps we do not feel like giving, mature Christians give because doing so is “right” and because God has motivated our hearts to give.

Unfortunately, some people follow the life principle of giving only when they feel like it. The problem is that they seldom feel like it. Oh, they might give to a special project now and then or respond to a special need that appeals to them. Otherwise, though, they usually fail to give unless they happen to feel like it.

In some ways, such individuals who give only when they feel like it fit Abraham Lincoln’s description of those who achieve financial success but little else in life. “Financial success,” he once said, “is purely metallic. The person who gains it has four metallic attributes: gold in his palm, silver on his tongue, brass in his face, and iron in his heart.”

“In contrast,” writes Randy Alcorn, “The Macedonian believers ‘urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service (giving) to the saints’ (2 Cor. 8:4). When we catch a vision of God’s grace, we will give according to our duty, yes, but far more, we will give beyond our duty, voluntarily captivated by the grace of our ever-giving Lord.”



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

East Columbus UMC will participate in this project at Asbury UMC on Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7 to help put together feeding packs. The office has been informed that the web site to register is up and running for churches to register. The link is: <http://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register/mobilepack/event.aspx?event=1309-106>. “Feed My Starving Children” T-shirts will be available soon. Asbury UMC will have the T-shirts at the church and you can get them to teams or individuals prior to the Mobile Pack so they can be worn then if you desire. A \$10 donation will purchase one shirt in different sizes. To see the shirt and to check out the sizes, please see the bulletin board in the foyer.

News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you for the lovely planter in memory of our mom. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

-Joyce Winters, Rick & Dixie Perkinson

We want to "thank" Pastor Charlie for being with us the day of David's surgery. Also for the beautiful flowers from the church. We love our Pastor and our church. Thanks again.

-David & Marsha Stuckey

ECUM Church Family -

Thank you for the flowers, cards, blessings and prayers that were given to me at the loss of my husband, David.

-Susan Warner-Conway

Thank you for my gift and for providing me with such a loving, godly church family. At Hanover I will continue to work hard and follow God's will for my life.

God bless, Katie Schmidt

East Columbus United Methodist Church:

Thank you for blessing us by allowing us to use your church for the Pregnancy Care Center training. It is a nice room to be able to use. Thanks to Carol for letting us in and Dereck for making us coffee one morning. We were really excited about the training and about what God can do through the new volunteers. Thanks for being willing! In His Service,

Christy Shaw, Volunteer Coordinator

United Methodist Women Group is in need of sheets and Campbell labels. Questions, please see Betty Schaefer.

Nancy Owens would like to thank everyone for their donations of over-the-counter medicines, money for Bibles and other needs. It was all greatly appreciated and used for needs that God provided. We saw 65 women and children from the Ravine area in Port au Prince and 325 at the medical clinic we held at Croix des Bouquets. I gave money to two pastors in Port au Prince and the orphanage director in Gonsaives to provide Bibles and money to Esther to help feed the orphans at Source Sable. Also thanks to your prayers the hurricane went around Haiti and all we received was some wind and rain. The children in the No. 1 Hope Street Orphanage loved the DVD notebooks that the ladies from church made. Thank you so much for your generosity and because of you many lives were touched, including mine.

Here's what's happening!

Trustees will meet Thursday, August 1, 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, August 6, 6 p.m. in the Information Area.

Miriam Circle will meet Saturday, August 10, 11:30 a.m. for lunch at the Strawberry Fields Mercantile/Aunt Aimee's Tea room on the Hope town square.

Sunday School Promotion is Sunday, August 11 at the end of the 8:30 a.m. service.

Columbus Community Emmaus gathering is Friday, August 16, 7 p.m. at the First Nazarene Church, 311 Meyer St., Seymour.

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

Fundraiser Car Wash—The Missions committee will have a free car wash (donations appreciated) in the church parking lot on Saturday, August 17 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Money raised by the car wash will be used toward assisting people going to Red Bird Mission in October. Committee members will be taking pledges.

Welcome our new Southeast District Superintendent! Rev. Beverly Perry will be installed as our new Southeast District Superintendent on Sunday, August 18, 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Columbus. A reception will follow the service. Everyone invited to attend! There will be no evening worship on this evening.

Our giving to the Church Ministry and programs:
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Income:	\$222,003.97
Expenses:	\$231,167.95
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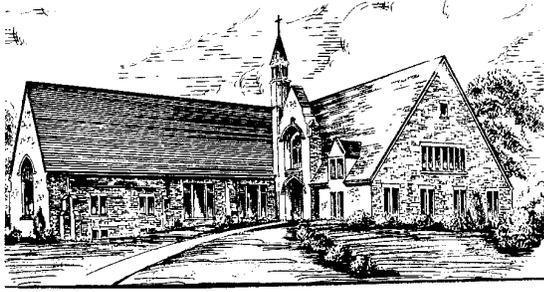
It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Jason and Emily-Lilly Kain on the birth of their new daughter, Caroline Ruth Kain, born July 10, 2013. She weighed 6 lbs 6 oz and was 22 inches long. Happy Grandparents are Rob and Deb Lilly.

Sympathy



Our sympathy to Steve and Michele Bloomer and Family at the loss of Michele's cousin, Mike.



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Return Service Requested



Announcing the return of Mercy's Well to ECUMC.

Mercy's Well will be singing at both morning services on September 1. Mercy's Well was last at ECUMC at the evening service July 25, 2010. Those who missed them really missed out and will hopefully get another chance. Many of you might have heard their current single, "Beautiful Terrible Cross" on WYGS. Mercy's Well is a men's trio and does various styles of music: hymns, praise music, southern gospel, country-styled songs, etc. To quote from their website bio: "The group's versatility makes them a favorite among young audiences and older music lovers alike. Their ability to adapt to any setting, without compromising the message they present, makes Mercy's Well a favorite wherever their music is shared." There is no admission charge, but we will take up a love offering to help the group with its expenses. They are based in Greensboro, NC and do not make it this way too often. Feel free to invite friends, relatives, and neighbors. We hope to see you here.