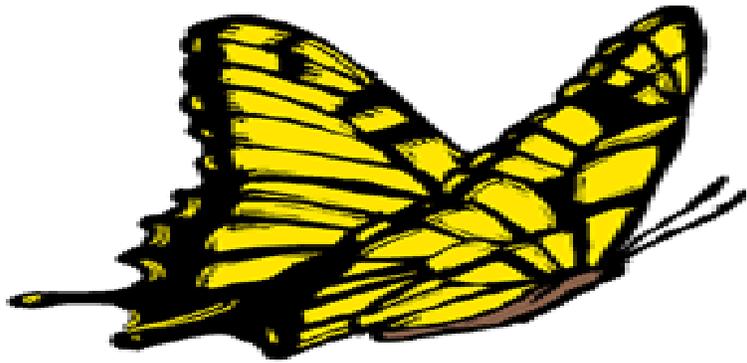


East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER

Christ
hath
made
us
free.



Galatians 5:1



I was heartbroken and enraged as I watched this so called doctor talk about the ways they could change their procedures so different parts of an infant's body could survive an abortion. And then she discussed what they could receive in payment for the preserved parts. If this will not open eyes to how barbaric and utterly evil the act of abortion is nothing will. There is a very hot place in hell for those who practice such evil. I read and wanted to share an article I read by Andrew Klavan in PJ Media.

“There will come a time when the people who run Planned Parenthood will be viewed as we view slaveholders today. Today, you hear young people say, “Why should we listen to the people of the past? Why should we admire their accomplishments? They held slaves. They were racists. They conquered other nations. Who cares what books they wrote? What discoveries they made? What governments they created? They owned people. They owned human beings as property. Why should we do anything but despise them?”

In the future, young people will say, “Who cares about 21st century technology? Those people murdered their babies. The very mothers who should have nurtured them had them torn out of their wombs piece by piece, their bodies sold in parts, burned for heat. Why should we admire their computers and phones? Their spaceships to Pluto? The medicines they discovered that we still use today? They killed their children. The very fathers who should have protected them, turned their backs and left them to die. Babies with no voice, no vote, no way to protect themselves. Those people slaughtered them just to insure they could have sex whenever they wanted, with whomever they wanted, without consequence to themselves. For their pleasure and convenience, they murdered millions and millions and millions.”

I sometimes try to explain to young people that the people of the past didn't have our perspective. They had to fashion the ideas we already have. You can't see what you can't see, I tell them. You can't know what you don't know. Have pity. Have compassion. Take the good from the past and leave the bad behind.

But the young have no pity. They have no compassion. They *feel* them, but they don't *have* them. That only comes with time. The people of the 18th century saw themselves as the forgers of new ideas and new nations and new ideas for nations. The young take all those things for granted. They see the men and women of the past only as slaveholders and racists and conquerors. Which they also were.

We see ourselves as inventing new machines, new medicines, new art forms, connecting human minds in new ways. The young of the future will take all those things for granted. They'll see us as the slaughterers of the helpless, the butchers of the silent, the small, the weak. The cannibals of our own children. Which we also are.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

It has been a tough few weeks to be a Christian. Don't get me wrong, we don't know tough weeks compared to those who have been beaten, beheaded and so on for their beliefs, but we've certainly seen that in other parts of the world in recent years. Still, it seems that every few days there is a new development here, that seems to drift further away from what I believe God would have for this country. It was hard to feel celebratory on Independence day, but America still has things going for it and is better than the other alternatives in the world.

We live in a country where wrong is not only called right, but celebrated. We live in a country where Christians are losing rights and voices and ridiculed, told we are behind the times and need to change our way of thinking about certain topics (even if that means going contrary to what the Bible says, it appears.) We live in a country where a few people who make a loud noise are listened to and appeased, even if the majority of people are affected negatively and disagree.

One day recently while at home I got on a debate on Facebook. The person said that a business owner cannot refuse to sell products or services to a certain group even if the ceremony being held went against this person's religious beliefs because this group was a "protected class." He said that the person could believe what they wanted, but that businesses have no rights. I tried to explain that businesses do not operate on their own and that a person has to start the business, invest time, money etc. and in fact have to make the product or perform the service, so therefore you couldn't really separate the two. He said I didn't understand and I saw it was getting nowhere to keep debating. I do want to clarify this was not refusing to serve them at all, but just for events that go against the Bible. To show I was fair, I even said making a satanist bake a cake that said "Jesus Is Lord" would be wrong (even though I know it is true and they are totally on the wrong side of our religion). It made no difference to this person who went on to say that a Christian baker should be forced to bake cakes for a satanic event because they were also a "protected class."

I am trying really hard not to get real political (even though I have many more opinions). But, I feel we Christians have gotten one sucker punch after the other in recent days. I said years ago that I believe that eventually speaking out against certain sin will be considered hate speech and that churches will either be shut down, fined or at the very least lose tax exempt status if they insist on speaking out against it. Not long after that, I started seeing things more and more leaning that direction with Christian business owners fined, forced to close etc. I truly believe that this particular group doesn't just want equality, but to silence anyone who dares say their choice is anything less than great.

By the time you read this, the ensemble should have already sung a song called "It's Almost Over." I feel the words in it are very true. I have thought for several years that we are heading towards or in the last days. I am not saying it will happen tomorrow or even in a year. I don't know when, but I believe it is pretty soon. I have also recently seen quite a few of those who are stronger theologians than I, who feel the same way. I have said for years that 2 Timothy seems so accurate with people and events, and it appears to become more accurate with each passing day

1"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5having a form of godliness but denying its power. "

For years I have heard songs like "I've Never Been This Homesick Before" and other songs where people are longing to go to Heaven. As a younger person, it was harder to identify with them a whole lot. Although I know Heaven will be better than the best day here magnified thousands of times, I still have a part of me that wants to be here for a while longer. But, more and more I just want to go Home. I have also seen others who are younger than I who want the Lord to come back and take us to Heaven. It is a mixed thing with me. I would love to leave this old world good-bye, but I also feel that we need to get as many on the road to Heaven as we can. So, in that regard, it is my hope that the Lord tarries and that we see a revival in the world.



by Paula Turnbow

August Bible Verse:

*“In the same way, let your light shine before men,
that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

When you're with your friends, do you talk about Jesus, or do you keep your friendship with him a secret? Are you afraid others will laugh if they find out you're a Christian? No earthly friend is ever as important or precious as Jesus. Let your love for him be seen.

As you prepare to go back to school remember this Bible verse.



Logan Skinner

Continuing our exciting new series, Nooma, we will explore Christ in our lives today. I challenge all the youth to pursue a deep relationship with Christ, deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Bible, and share the love of Christ with others in their community, friends, and family. So youth, I ask you this, “Is it well with your soul?”

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The Indiana Conference wants your input, ahead of our FCJ Step 2 consultation weekend later this year. **Please go to the following website to make your voice heard by Oct. 1:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FCJStep2Fall13>

(survey is anonymous & confidential). If you don't have internet access, there are paper copies available in the Information Area. Fill one out and drop it in the box, and the Growth Committee will enter it online for you!

AUGUST 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Regular Services	3 9am-UMW Service Group First Day of School	4 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Miriam Circle Picnic	5 7pm-Bible Study	6 6:30pm-Boy Scouts 5:30pm-Trustee Meeting	7	8
9 Regular Services	10 9am-UMW Service Group	11 1pm-Bible Study	12 7pm-Bible Study	13 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	14	15 8am-UM Men's Breakfast
16 Regular Services	17 9am-UMW Service Group	18 NO Bible Study	19 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study	20	21 7pm-Cols. Commu- nity Emmaus-First Baptist Church (Columbus)	22 1-4pm- 100th Birthday Celebration for Averill McClure Fellowship Hall
23 Regular Services	24 9am-UMW Service Group	25 1pm-Bible Study	26 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study	27 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	28	29
30 9:30am-Sunday Morning Service	31 9am-UMW Service Group					



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

Troop Calendar:

August 22-Rascals Go-Carts

We have been working on our next year's calendar and it's beginning to look very busy. September we will be doing the Feed My Starving Children. Also, there will be a 5K race in November sponsored by our council at Ceraland.

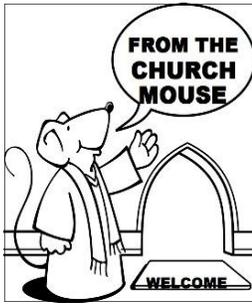
As always if any member of the church that is interested in Scouting be it a boy or adult we will be glad for your visit and interest. Stop by and visit! Boys need to be 11 years old and less than 18 to join. Meeting time is Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer, Scoutmaster
812-342-3583 H
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 3.... Wanda Bray | 17.... Emma Parks |
| 4.... Andrew Davidson | 21.... Ron Byrnes |
| 8.... Basil Brummet
Bill Latu | 23.... Emily Walker |
| 9.... Gini Jessup
Theron Mires | 26.... Averill McClure |
| 10.... Dr. Charles Greenwood | 27.... Carl Miller |
| 11.... Katie Schmidt
Emily Bailey | 28.... Devin Cox |
| 13.... Garrett Heisey
Catherine McDaniel | 29.... Jamie Barringer |
| 14... Jay Conley
Marie Williams | 30... Rev. Larry McIntosh |
| 16.... Beverly Greenwood
Kathy Wilhite | |





In the stillness of hot summer nights...remember...

Quiet time. There is nothing better than other people praying for you. I received this from an email friend and I wanted to share it with you. The instructions are to pick four people you want God to bless.

I pick you.

Please share this prayer with someone who might need a healing touch...a touch of friendship or just strength to make it through another day. This prayer is powerful, and prayer is one of the best gifts we receive. There is no cost but a lot of rewards. Let's always pray for one another and listen always for the Master's voice.

The prayer:

Father, Thank You for each and every day. You have blessed me with salvation and with Your grace. Thank You for Your tender mercies. Thank You for giving us friends and family with whom we can share our joys. I ask You, Father, to bless my friends, relatives and those I care for deeply, who are reading this right now. Give special blessings to those who are yet strangers to me but are already loved by You.

Where there is joy, sustain that joy.

Where there is pain, give them your peace and mercy.

Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence.

Where there is need, fulfill their needs.

You alone are the giver of all things.

Bless their homes, families, finances, their going out and their coming in...

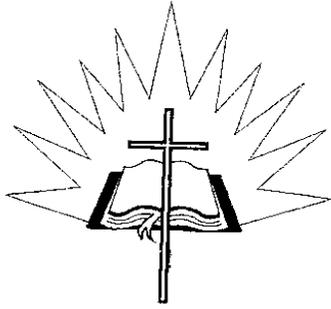
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Listening daily for His call...Timothy

BRIDGE OF HOPE

Applications are now being accepted for **Bridge of Hope** at Love Chapel. Bridge of Hope is a program for single mothers who are at risk of homelessness or are currently living in situations where they do not have the security or privacy of living in their own residence (i.e. living with family or friends, or other non-permanent housing). Bridge of Hope is a 12-24 month program that is built upon relationships. It provides support for a single mother who desires to work toward permanent housing and financial stability through employment by offering case support/management and a group of trained mentors that provide supportive friendships. The program also provides financial assistance to acquire permanent housing and then rental assistance on a decreasing basis, which allows the participant (homeless mother) to work toward goals that will lead to financial stability, which may include job training/education. Bridge of Hope requires commitment and investment on the part of the participant, but offers a wonderful opportunity for women who demonstrate a desire and willingness to build on their personal strengths. Love Chapel is a program site for The Bridge of Hope, which is a national organization that strives to end and prevent homelessness for women and children; you may learn more about it at <http://lovechapel.bridgeofhopeinc.org/>. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Bridge of Hope at Love Chapel, or would like to apply for the program, please call 812-372-9421 or ask for Dawn Whaley or email her at supportiveliving@columbuslovechapel.com.



Applying Bible Principles

When Samuel was seeking someone to succeed Saul as King of Israel, he examined the sons of Jesse. In that process, he considered their stature and physical characteristics in great detail, only to be told by God, “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

That *modus operandi* on God’s part has not changed over the centuries of time. He still looks at the hearts of men and women. He is not as interested in how things appear on the outside, but what they are really like on the inside. And God’s scrutiny extends to every area of our lives, including our giving.

Specifically, He wants to know not just what or when we are giving, but **why**. He is not so concerned about the amount or the percentage but with the reason or motive why we give. It’s not that amounts or percentages are not important, for they certainly are. But what is of greater importance is **why** we give.

If we only give out of a sense of duty, to impress someone, to keep a commitment we made, or to “do our part,” we’ve missed the point. If we only give a certain amount or percentage because we’ve always given that way, we’ve missed the point. If we parcel our money to help “poor ol’ God pay His bills,” we’ve missed the point.

God owns it all! He doesn’t need our money to pay His bills. He doesn’t want us to give out of a sense of obligation or duty or habit. Nor does He want us to give to impress someone else. He wants us to give out of hearts motivated by love for Him in response to His love for us. He wants us to give because giving is part of His way of growing Christians.

There’s an old Indian fable about a mouse who, like all mice, was afraid of cats. A wizard felt sorry for him and offered to help him lose his fear. With the mouse’s approval, the wizard turned him into a cat. The cat, however, was afraid of dogs, so the wizard turned the cat into a dog. But the dog was afraid of tigers, so the wizard turned the dog into a tiger. When the wizard discovered the tiger was afraid of hunters, he exclaimed in disgust, “You’re hopeless. What you need is a change of heart. And that I cannot give you.”

If our giving is motivated by anything other than a heart of love for God, we need a change of heart. We need to realize afresh that God owns everything and that we are just managers and stewards. We need to realize that when we give, we are only giving back to God what was rightfully His in the first place. And we need to understand that when we give out of love for God and not out of habit or duty or obligation, we are giving in a way that truly honors and glorifies Him.

News



From the Mail Box...

Thanks to all who attended my birthday celebration on Saturday, June 6. It was such a treat to see and visit with so many people I've missed for so long. God Bless You All, Imogene Butler

Sara Wilson thanks everyone for the cards and well wishes for her graduation.

Gladys Tuttle wants to thank Nancy Menefee and The Caring Ministry for the visit and flowers on her birthday and also the Care Club Kids for the package of drawings and good wishes she received in the mail.

Dear East Columbus United Methodist Church:
Thank you for paying for summer camp so I could go. I had a lot of fun. It was a really great experience for me. If you guys didn't pay I couldn't go. I really thank you guys for helping me go. If I didn't go I would not know what I do now. I enjoyed all of my classes. I took archery, camping, cooking, first aid, and welding. I enjoyed welding. In first aid I got to do CPR, now I know how to save peoples lives. Cooking was fun because the guy was funny and I know how to cook safely in camping. I learned where to put a tent on campouts. In archery I got to shot bows. I got a couple bulls eyes. I had a lot of fun.

Sincerely, Curtis Havard
Boy Scout Troop 549
Age 12

Thanks for the Sympathy Cards sent to me at the passing of Jim & Janelle Rager. Thanks to the Church for the beautiful plant I received for Easter. Thanks so much for placing my name on the door of the Sunday School Room. Janelle would have been in the Nursing Home 8 years in April. The Caring Ministry and Personal Outreach blessed her in those years with cards, flowers and balloons. Love and prayers to our Church Family.
-Nellie Rager

Our sincere thanks to Pastor Charlie for his hospital and home visits during Louis' illness and passing and to the women who prepared the funeral dinner. It was delicious. Thanks also to all who visited, sent cards, flowers and prayers. We thank God for your kindness and support.
-The Sylvia Family

Thanks to ECUMC for the planter sent at the loss of my Mom.
-Wayne & Kathy Wilhite



Miriam Circle Picnic is Tuesday August 4, 4:30 p.m. hosted by Nancy Menefee.

Trustee Meeting is Thursday, August 6 at 5:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast is Saturday, August 15 in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

Columbus Community Emmaus Gathering will meet Friday, August 21 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Columbus. .

100th Birthday Celebration for Averill McClure is Saturday, August 22 from 1-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please NO Gifts! (Cards Acceptable)

FIFTH SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 there will be one combined service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School to follow.



In Memory of
Cleon Sweeney
Who went home to his
Heavenly Father
July 5, 2015

In Memory of
Louis Sylvia
Who went home to his
Heavenly Father
July 15, 2015

*Our sympathy to the family of Cleon Sweeney at his passing.

*Our sympathy to Kathy Wilhite and family at the passing of step-mother, Donna Mosley.

*Our sympathy to Shirley Sylvia and family at the passing of loved one, Louis Sylvia.

Mark your calendars for:

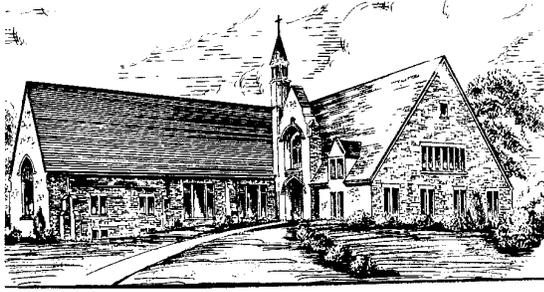
*The "FCJ Step 2 Consultation " weekend of November 6-8.

*Save Saturday, November 7 for our "All-church Workshop" from 10:15-3:00 (lunch provided).

*Christmas Circus will be on Saturday, November 14.

*Thanksgiving Dinner to be at the church following services on November 15.

There have been seven deliveries of produce taken to Love Chapel from the ECUM gardens.



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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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