

East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER



*Stop and consider
God's wonders.*

Job 37:14



With all the rain and the really hot humid days, I pity the folks who cut grass for a living right now. They have job security, the grass at the parsonage is growing faster than I can keep it mowed, and my neighbor said that's what I get for having it sprayed and fertilized, but it does look lush and green. (Thank you Lord and Garry). Yet down in the Jeffersonville area they have had very little rain and the grass is stagnate and brown. But husbands are able to come home and relax after work because no grass mowing is needed.

The grass reminded me about an old cartoon that appeared in a newspaper some time ago showing two fields divided by a fence. Both fields were about the same size and each had plenty of the same kind of grass, green and lush.

In each field there was a mule, and each mule had his head through the fence eating grass from the other mule's pasture. All around each mule in his own field was plenty of grass, yet the grass in the other field seemed greener or fresher, although it was harder to get. And in the process the mules were caught in the wires and were unable to extricate themselves.

How often we are like these mules, we are neither content, nor thankful with what we have and we are envious of what is in the next field.

The writer of Hebrews tells us: ***Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*** Hebrews 13:5.

But that is not the American way, a paper estimated that one hundred years ago it was figured that the average American had 70 wants. Now, a similar survey showed his grandson had nearly 700 on his list; and that list has no want, no longing for the God who gives every good and perfect gift. No wonder contentment is so hard to find.

Have you heard of the Quaker test? An old Quaker who advertised that he would give 40 acres of rich farm land to anyone who was perfectly satisfied with that which he had. One seeker came to see the Quaker. "Are thee perfectly satisfied with what thee hast?" "Yes," answered the hopeful guest. "Then why dost thee want this land?" was the old Quaker's significant reply.

We often find only after our necks are caught in the fence that the grass is just as tough, bitter and problem filled. And our lives become uncomfortable, troubled and filled with griefs. It is like Benjamin Franklin said "To the discontented man no chair is easy."

My deep prayer for all of us is that we could pass the Old Quaker test, that you will learn that your principal job here is to make it into Christ's glorious kingdom. That the worldly trappings that fade and fail, will not capture your hearts. That you will find in Christ service your true happiness. And that you will never find your necks caught in the fence, eating bitter grass, in an uncomfortable position.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I stated last month that I had other things to write about, but of course had to choose only one. There is a gospel singer, Michael K. Helwig, who sang lead with the Blackwood Brothers. Sometime back he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, but was later determined to have ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) instead.. He has shared a lot of his journey on Facebook. Some months ago he ended up having to step back from the group because he is unable to travel and sing as needed. He still joins them at times when he is able.

Many of you might remember Bryan Hutson from the times he has been here. He sang in place of the Christmas cantata a few years back, and he and his wife were here last year. (He also filled/shared from the pulpit during that visit too.) I bring up Bryan because I found out that Bryan filled in for Michael at the Memphis quartet show recently. I had at first typed in my description of the event, but decided to quote Michael directly instead.

"I want all of you to know a secret about Brian Hutson. This week at MQS not only did this man fill in for me, he stood in the shadows, with his microphone, while I was singing. Quietly, he sang along with me as to not arouse suspicion, only to be on time and flawlessly belt out a note when my breath ran out. He matched my tones so perfectly that none of you noticed what he was doing back there out of the spotlight. This level of professional, selfless performance is worthy of applause. Thank you my friend for all of your help."

I also found out that Bryan had driven 7.5 hours (each way) to do so, and then instead of leaving the next morning as planned, decided to drive on home through the night, because he missed his family.

God has a work for all of us to do. Sometimes it is in front of people, sometimes it is behind the scenes where maybe only we and God knows. What I feel is important is the motivation behind the person doing it. Some do things in front of people simply due to the nature of the job itself being public, and not to draw attention to oneself. Other times it might be to get the accolades or thanks. I can't help but think of Matthew 6: 1-4

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.² So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Sometimes we might feel like our contribution is small or what we have to offer, is small. I am going to close this article with some of the lyrics to a song that will refute that.

*In the harvest field now ripened there's a work for all to do;
Hark! the Master's voice is calling to the harvest calling you.
And does the place you're called to labor seem so small and little known?
It is great if God is in it, and He won't forsake His own*

*Little is much when God is in it, labor not for wealth or fame;
There's a crown, and you can win it, if you go in Jesus' name.*

*When the conflict here has ended and our race on earth is run,
He will say, if you've been faithful, "Welcome home, My child, well done!"*

*Little is much when God is in it, labor not for wealth or fame;
There's a crown, and you can win it, if you go in Jesus' name.*



by Paula Turnbow

MEMORY CHALLENGE **Fun! New! Prizes!**

Let's work our brains! Each month there will be a new verse or passages from the Bible to learn and memorize. When you are ready you can earn prizes for saying them! Remember you should know where to find it in the Bible. Challenge yourself, have fun, and good luck!

Bible Verses for This Month

**A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17*

**You are the God who performs miracles: You display your power among the peoples.
Psalms 77:14*

**And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Acts 2:21*

As you get ready to go back to school remember to pray and ask God for wisdom in all you do! I'll be praying.



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL **TROOP 549**

July 13 the troop worked at the 4-H Fair Scout Booth.

Our troop has another boy who is working on his Eagle rank. Thanks to the church for coming up with a project he could do. Hopefully, before the church block party it will be completed.

The troop will be working on its next 6 month calendar August 1.

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. Stop by and visit!

Boys age need to be 11 years old and less than 18 to join. Meeting time is Thursdays—6:30-8:00 at the Youth Center.

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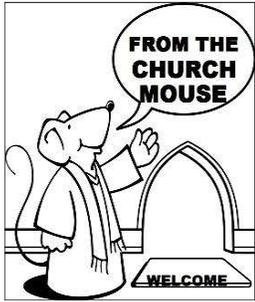
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Evangelism Mtg. 7pm-Miriam Circle	2 7pm-Bible Study	3	4	5
6 Communion Regular Services 6pm-Chapel Service	7 9am-UMW Service Group	8 1pm-Bible Study	9 5:15-Bells 7pm-Bible Study	10 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	11 6:30pm-Family Game Night	12 4:30pm-Mt. Hope Sheep-Fold Mtg.
13 Regular Services 6pm-Chapel Service	14 9am-UMW Service Group	15 1pm-Bible Study	16 5:15pm-Bells 6pm-Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study	17 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	18	19 8am-Men's Breakfast
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 1.... Oran Foley | 14... Jay Conley
Marie Williams |
| 3.... Wanda Bray | 16... Beverly Greenwood |
| 4.... Tim Horn | 17... Emma Parks |
| 8.... Basil Brummet
Bill Latu | 23... Emily Walker |
| 9.... Gini Jessup
Theron Mires | 27... Carl Miller |
| 10... Dr. Charles Greenwood | 28... Devin Cox |
| 11... Katie Schmidt | 30... Rev. Larry McIntosh |
| 13... Catherine McDaniel | |





Happy August, East COLUMBUS

Before long school will be back in session and the summer will officially be over. Unless, of course, if you live in Indiana ... then summer can linger as long as November or be gone as quick as September!

But regardless of the weather ... we all face the same challenges. New year, new classes and classmates. Some of those classmates may try to tempt you with “pleasures” or “enhancers” that they claim will make your life better, fuller, more complete. But don’t be fooled!

I recently heard an interview with the singer/songwriter, Sheryl Crow. One of the songs they played as they went to commercial was her hit “If It Makes You Happy” (at least I think that was the title). The lyrics that stuck in my head were these...

“If it makes you happy, then why are you so sad?”

I’m not sure of her interpretation of the word “sad” ... was she asking why you’re still so pitiful? Or was she asking why you were still so emotionally down?

But if something makes you happy for only a short period of time ... is it really worth it?

A big wedge of cheese makes this little mouse happy ... till I step on the scales ... then I’m sad because that momentary pleasure has added 10 pounds!!

Or maybe that late, late night TV show, movie or video game that makes you happy as you watch or play it. But the next morning when it’s time for church or school and your little tail is dragging, I’m sure you’re no longer quite so happy.

See it doesn’t have to be the really horrible things that you think will make you momentarily happy that are only the bad things that can tempt you. Even Jesus was tempted by His own friends and His words to them “Get thee behind me, Satan!” I’m sure Peter didn’t mean to tempt Jesus ... just as some of your friends might not intend to tempt you and lead you away from the teachings of Jesus.

Just remember ... what makes you happy today might not make you happy tomorrow. While you’re searching for happiness (and we all do it) ... look toward Jesus. He can fill you with happiness today and tomorrow ... without regret!

Have a WONDERFUL SCHOOL year TRUSTING IN JESUS to guide your Steps DOWN the PATH that They SHOULD go!

Till next month.....Timothy

News



From the Mail Box...

Note from Clarity: Know that your help extends past the pregnancy centers to include sexual integrity programming in area schools and churches, sexually transmitted disease treating and treatment at Clarity Testing Clinic and the healing after abortion bible study support groups. Your congregation contributed \$466.78 to the ministry through the baby bottle campaign at ECUMC. THANK YOU for supporting these vital services. Because of your generosity and that of others within our community, we're able to continue to provide the variety and depth of services that we do at no cost to those we serve.

Thanks to Peggy Skinner for taking the position of Communion Steward.

Thanks to Tom Schuyler for always making the coffee every Sunday morning for the Fellowship Time and for all the many other things you do for the Church.



In Memory of
June Mires
who went home to her
Heavenly Father
July 14, 2017

-Our sympathy to the family of June Mires at the passing of their loved one.

Never question the truth of what you fail to understand, for the world is filled with wonders.

-L. Frank Baum

Here's what's
happening!

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, August 1, 7 p.m. at the home of Darla Bozell, 2615 Carriage Drive, Columbus.

Evangelism Committee will meet Tuesday, August 1, 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

Family Game Night Friday, August 11, 2017, 6:30-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

*Bring Favorite Game

*Bring A Friend

*Bring Finger Food Snack to share.

Mount Hope Sheepfold Fellowship will meet on August 12 and August 26 in the Youth Center. For questions contact Janelle Quasebarth, 812-581-6150.

United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast is Saturday, August 19, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

A Work in Progress

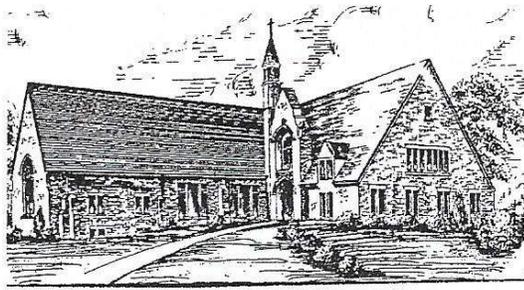
A Christian is always in the process of becoming, never in the state of having become. The Christian life is not being pious but becoming pious, not being healthy but becoming healthy, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet (what we are to be), but we are becoming it. It is not yet done and has not yet happened. It is, however, going on and coming to be. It is not the end, but is the way. -Martin Luther



Sunday Evening
Chapel Services

6 p.m.

Enter through the
Chapel Doors



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Return Service Requested

<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES</p> <p>9-9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>10:40 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>6 p.m. Chapel Service</p>	<p>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister Angie Sherfick, Adm. Assistant Terry Snyder, Music Director Bob Fear, Custodian</p>
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OUR CHURCH MISSION

**Growing the Family of God by Making
Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.**