



# East Columbus United Methodist Church

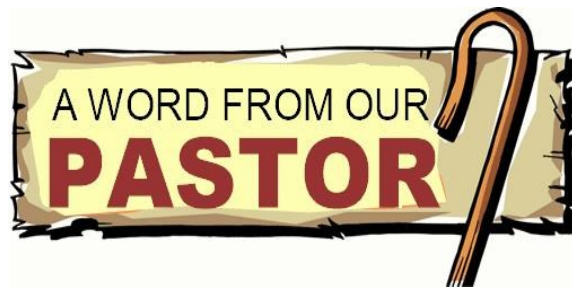
*A Church for Everyone!*

AUGUST



*In him our  
hearts rejoice,  
for we trust in  
his holy name.*

*Psalm 33:21*



## “Preach the Gospel

Children from our church and many others from different places visited our VBS. It was a great opportunity to meet kids living near the Columbus area. Some children I may meet again, while others I might never see again. God gives me a warm heart. “Preach the gospel to the children!”

Imagine if, for one child, this gospel message is the first and the last they ever hear in their life. How precious would those words be? On the last day, before the children left, I shared the message of the gospel, and the children who wanted to believe in Jesus raised their hands. All the children raised their hands and followed along with the prayer I led. "Dear Lord, I believe in Jesus. I am a sinner. Jesus, please forgive my sins. I accept the risen Jesus as my Savior. Lord, please be with me forever. Thank you for making me a child of God. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen!"

In Romans chapter 10, "Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation." (Romans 10:9-10) Through this opportunity, through this time, through confessing this prayer, if even one child received salvation, there is nothing that could bring more joy and gratitude.

My beloved brothers and sisters, look around you. There are surely people who need God's gospel message somewhere. Let them know that God loves them. If someone opens the door to heaven through your message, what could be more joyful?

"We were all born sinners, but through belief in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and saved." Let's proclaim this simple yet most powerful message! We are the messengers of the Lord!

Love in Christ,  
Pastor **Jongmin**



*A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder*

I saw a quote in passing that said that **churches have made programs to make people comfortable and it easier to “worship” God, but in reality worshiping isn’t easy**, it is a sacrifice. It is singing a song we may not like (I would clarify providing the lyrics are sound), it is worshiping and praising God even if it’s been one of those mornings, it means allowing kids to see how the adults worship during the service rather than letting them go to other things), it is serving and loving people even when we don’t feel like it, it is us sacrificing our wants to serve others. **Many of us in America do not like sacrificing.** To us, a sacrifice may be getting a smaller drink or French fry, giving someone something from our bountiful supply, or getting a slightly different shade of clothing that we want, (but only because of the one we wanted is either out of stock, no longer available, or on backorder and we don’t want to wait). The last one is also to an extent a forced sacrifice and not one we would choose if we had the better option.

It was a blessing that churches had technology to have services online when we weren’t open during Covid-19. It was a blessing to keep connected via technology when we couldn’t be together in person. Not as good in many ways (though some like the convenience of it and other things) **It is a blessing to reach shut-ins and people traveling who are not able to go to church either online, DVDS, radio, TV etc. But, some of these blessing have also had some bad results.** I have read about, and even know someone who attends another church, who has found the online services to be a good reason to stay at home in their pajamas instead of making the sacrifice of going to the church that they faithfully attended prior. Churches, however, usually cannot do their mission or even survive without people faithfully serving, supporting, attending in person etc. **We have many here who serve week after week, and others who fill in needed gaps on the rare week those people are not here. It would be difficult to do church without them.** The off site viewing of the services would be no more, or lesser quality (with things such as the camera not moving or zooming in, no slides for people at home to see etc.)

**I also saw someone online whom I have never met recently write that that they can worship just fine themselves at home, they don’t NEED a church.** I interjected something to the effect of “**it’s also possible to live in another state than your spouse, and only see them online, but I don’t recommend it**”. I understand it isn’t a perfect analogy. We can worship God and spend time with Him anywhere and anytime in or out of a church building. But, **Christianity is more than about us.** Our purpose is more than being a spectator of a service, or participating on our own. It is more than the service being programmed to our liking. It is even more than worshipping God. It is encouraging one another when the other has fallen, is down, lacks faith, needs a hug, needs help, needs a sympathetic ear, or needs a body united in prayer. Sometimes we are the giver, and sometimes receiver. Sometimes we may be both. In-person church is also being a witness and example to others. **I still remember people in the pews who were great examples to me as a kid, and there are still some now. I don’t think that seeing services online would have had the same impact on me.** I am not going to name people. I will however quote something Buck Percifield said a few years back as to why he attended church even when his illness and / or medication caused him to sleep here at times. **He wanted people to know whose side he was on.** Just the act of coming here was a statement and likely a witness. People are watching, neighbors at home or church may see us dressing up and going to church every week. Many of the lost will not likely look for our online service to watch ,but they may one day finally set foot in the building themselves when they find their lives in a mess or are looking for answers if they see people coming and going

**The church has lost its standing and place in society.** Reasons may include: poor behavior and witness from those under the name Christian, being wrapped up in our own interests, prioritizing other activities and things to church (if not also God Himself), and most certainly the devil. **Church just doesn’t hold the priority it once did (even with saved people), and I can’t help but think we have seen the results in society.** Churches are closing down, the percentage of people who are believers is dwindling, and many people have no interest in God or anything about Him.

I heard a statistic that I have mentioned before which said that people who only attended 1 Sunday out of six considered themselves to be active church goers. A quote from a song that I believe I have mentioned before, comes to mind again. **“What kind of church would my church be, if every member were just like me?”** I am certainly not picking on anyone, and actually didn’t “plan” this article to go quite the direction it has. I even removed some things because of length. Sometimes things I type or read step on my toes too and I have pretty big feet.



**HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL**  
**Troop 549**



I want to thank everyone for their prayers and more than that, God answering my prayers to allow me to ride with every kid and group that wanted to go on a mountain bike trail ride. I averaged between 9 and 15 miles a day starting at 9am and most days riding until 11pm at night with lights, which by the way is my favorite way to ride in the summer. Less people and it is usually cooler outside. In 4 weeks, we had almost 100 scouts and 20 staffers with some leaders also riding the trails. Everyone had smiles on their faces. To say it was a success was an understatement. We had a few wrecks but no trips to the first aid building was needed. I was able to award cycling merit badge to 4 scouts.

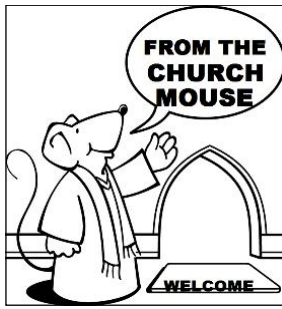
July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup> was our first time going to the Boundary Waters Canoe area for a 6-day canoe trip. We had 4 adults and 4 scouts going this year. The scouts had such a great time seeing nature as God has designed it. Minus the flies and mosquitoes.

August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Is the fall Order of the Arrow ordeal weekend. We have one scout that was selected.

August 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Is our campout in the Hoosier National Forest. I am not sure our destination at this time. We have a few boys that need to do a 5 mile hike for their next rank advancement.

If you know anyone that is interested in scouting the door is always open for their visit on our scout nights. Please feel free to pass my contact information to anyone interested in visiting or joining our troop. Boys ages need to be 11 years old to join and less than 18. Meeting time Thursday is at 6:30 – 8:00 at the Youth Center.

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## Greetings, Christian Followers!

This little mouse received this story a while back and it got me to looking inward at my own actions. It is so thought provoking and has such a good message I wanted to share it with you.....

### **The Yellow Light**

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I apologize for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally...I assumed you had stolen the car."

You never know who is watching your actions or listening to your words. You may be in a store, at work, at school, at home or even at church. You can be the example for others to follow. Live in such a way that your words and actions are leading others to Christ not making them doubt you are who you claim to be. We are all human...well, some of us are a little mousey...and we will all fail from time to time. But put your trust in Christ and He will guide your actions in all situations.

"They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him." Titus 1:16

***Till next month.....Your humble church mouse.....Timothy***

# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6pm-Choir	3  6:30pm-Scouts	4	5
6 <b>Communion</b> 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	7	8	9 6pm-Choir	10 5:30pm-Trustee Meeting 6:30pm-Scouts	11	12
13 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School <b>5pm-Grace's Table</b>	14	15	16 6pm-Choir	17 6:30pm-Scouts	18	19
20 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	21	22	23 6pm-Choir	24 6:30pm-Scouts	25	26
27 <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>Sharon Johnson</b> 10:10am-Sunday School	28	29	30 6pm-Choir	31 6:30pm-Scouts		



Aug. 1....Oran Foley  
 Aug. 3....Wanda Bray  
 Aug. 4....Tim Horn  
 Aug. 5....Karen Snyder  
 Aug. 9....Gini Jessup  
 Aug. 10...Dr. Charles Greenwood  
 Aug. 16...Beverly Greenwood  
 Aug. 27...Carl Miller

# News



From the Mail Box...



## FIVE GIFTS FROM GOD

Love makes our friends a little dearer.

Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.

Faith makes our paths a little clearer.

Hope makes our lives a little brighter.

Peace brings us all a little nearer.

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## THANK YOU

Thanks to Katie Niespodziani and all of her volunteer helpers in making VBS a BIG SUCCESS. There were 28 children and 20 adult helpers. A collection of over \$100 was donated to Clarity.

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Thanks for giving me the opportunity to speak to your church. It was a wonderful morning and thank you for supporting Mission Resource International. God Bless—Steve Gross



Redbird Mission Trip will be Sept. 24-28, cost per person is \$200. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board for anyone interested. Questions contact Garry Taylor.

Here's what's happening!

Trustee meeting Thursday, August 10 at 5:30 pm.

Grace's Table Dinner Church, Sunday, Aug. 13 at 5:00 pm in the Youth Center.

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## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

“August is like the Sunday of summer,” an online meme proclaims. But that means different things to different people.

If you see Sunday as the end of a week—a chance to sleep in, do “nothing,” relax and play—then August might be your downtime at the end of a busy summer. If Sunday feels heavy because the onslaught of the work-week is approaching, then August may carry the dread of falling leaves and falling temperatures.

But if you view Sunday as a fresh start to the week, then August, with a new school year and new church programming around the corner, can be exciting. And if you honor Sunday as the Sabbath, indeed “August is like the Sunday of summer.” God invites us to enjoy these holy days and give thanks to him, the Creator of all seasons.

*Heidi Mann*



Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass will be appearing in concert at Asbury United Methodist Church Tuesday, August 1 at 7pm. No tickets - just a Free Will offering.



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## **Return Service Requested**

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**9:00am-Worship Service**

**10:10am- Sunday School**

### **OUR CHURCH MISSION**

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