

# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

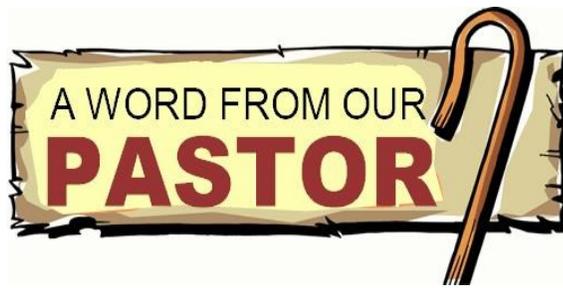
**AUGUST 2025**

**LORD,**

be gracious to us;  
we long for you.  
Be our strength every morning,  
**our salvation**  
**in time of distress.**

Isaiah 33:2, NIV





## A Holy Life

May the peace of God be with you always.

The summer, with its lingering heat, is slowly passing. Just yesterday, a breathtaking sunset softly lit up this city. I couldn't help but be in awe of the magnificence and greatness of God's handiwork. I hope our lives, too, would be beautifully colored like that sunset.

These days, I often listen to a praise song that goes like this:

"May Your kingdom and will be fulfilled in my life. I long to know You and to see only You. You, my God, who gives me the strength to live a holy life and the fearless faith. I praise Your perfect love."

This song leads me to pray:

"Lord, I long for Your kingdom and will to be fulfilled in my life."

"Lord, I want to live a holy life. I want to live with fearless faith."

As I pray, I find myself reflecting on holiness. Holiness is not just about being morally clean or blameless. It means belonging to God. The essence of holiness is to live a life set apart from the world, walking in fellowship with God.

We live in a world that is gradually losing its sense of holiness. Moreover, the world tells us that losing holiness is not a problem at all. In reality, many Christians are becoming secularized, choosing the values of the world over God. Perhaps you and I, too, have tried to live set apart in this world but have failed at times. Yet the Lord calls us not to give up on holiness.

"Be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy." (Leviticus 19:2)

St. Francis of Assisi was born in the 12th century in Assisi, Italy, as the son of a wealthy merchant. In his youth, he wore luxurious clothes and enjoyed lavish feasts with friends. He was someone who fully enjoyed the pleasures and wealth of the world. But God called him in the midst of that splendid life.

One day, as Francis was praying in a dilapidated church, he heard the voice of Jesus from the crucifix: "Francis, rebuild my house."

That one sentence changed the course of his life. He returned home, took off his father's expensive clothes, and chose to live among the poor. He no longer pursued worldly fame or wealth, but resolved to live according to the Gospel. He stayed among the poor and the sick, practicing holiness through love and service.

This is a time in which we desperately need a holiness that is set apart. If there is anything in our lives that does not please God, let us boldly remove it! Though it may not be easy, I pray that each of us can take another step toward holiness. God will be pleased! Amen!

I love and bless you all in Christ!

In Christ's love,  
Pastor **Jongmin**



*A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder*

Recently, something came to mind that does on occasion. I had a boss at a previous job where I was second in command. This was probably close to 30 years ago. He was leaving for the day, and I said something to the effect of "I'd try to have (whichever employee at that time) take out trash tonight". I had taken out numerous times over the years at the beginning, but I was working with the guy who had that as part of his duties as I moved up. In fact there had been a few by then. The employee was also the cashier that night, so letting him do that was a break away from the register for him, and I was able to start doing some of the counting down of money if there weren't many customers (the manager's office was feet away (though up a level). Nonetheless, I could see out with two-way glass, and get back down to assist customers if any came up in the meantime. (This is also how we caught some shoplifters).

I can't recall exactly his words, but I believe he said something to the effect "what was wrong with that" or something like that. It was more of a conversational thing, and not a scolding. But, I was puzzled. He said "remove the word try". In His mind, try was lacking commitment, but It was leaving room for failure. He wanted an attitude of "We'll get it done no matter what" attitude.

Though, I understand his point, my saying "try" didn't mean that I wasn't committed, it meant things out of our control sometimes happens, and I didn't want to say we would and end up lying if something happened. I fully intended to, and I am sure we did. But, try as we may, sometimes we fail to do what we intend to be it there, or life in general. Someone gets sick, there is a huge influx of customers.

People may think when I say it's being cutesy or super religious "Lord willing", but I realize how much out of control we are at times. In fact, as I was typing that, I recall saying that to a guy at Subway last week when he said "see you next Sunday". I don't always go there, but actually tried today. But I noticed a cart left out by the bus barn, called Don to make sure it was ours, and had a tire blow as I was driving back. I didn't know what happened, and thought something broke on the front end as I had been having some symptoms with it the prior week, and thought I would take it in to a local mechanic this week. So, with that, I could have been as committed as anyone, but obviously that didn't happen, nor did my getting lunch from Subway.

For that matter, I intended on doing laundry last Monday and Tuesday, but a broken washer kept that from happening, as had the dryer vent elbow coming loose and falling down kept me from getting as many loads done as I had intended a couple of days before. And all of this has changed other plans today. Sure, I could have gone back to Subway, and I couldn't have taken laundry to the laundromat, but both would not have been as planned

This makes me think of two things. Yes, we should be committed to good things: Job, marriage, family, church, the Lord etc. Sometimes we may be only one foot in, and one out. But, we should also realize that we don't have the info that God has, nor are we in control of so many variables. We don't even know if we will have a next breath. I am sure the folks on September 11<sup>th</sup> had plans of where they were headed, when they were headed back, and some may have had five-year plans. I am not saying planning is wrong, but it should be done in what we think God would have us do, and with the understanding of who is ultimately in control.

# HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL

## Troop 549

### Scouting News



The Eagle scout project was postponed because of rain. July 26<sup>th</sup> was the date that Tucker picked to work on his Eagle Scout Project for the church. We painted the bus barn, swing set, the white trim of the youth center and trimmed the large tree to give more room for activities under it. Tucker learned a lot by organizing and completing his Eagle project.

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>

This weekend is our Order of the Arrow work weekend and the ordeal weekend for newly selected Order of the Arrow nominee's. We have two scout's that were chosen to belong to the Order of the Arrow this year during summer camp. Gavin Klakamp and Johnathan Hynes. We will be attending the weekend together. It is an honor to have these two scouts to service as fellow Arrowmen.

August 16<sup>th</sup>

This is a day event for the troop. We have not decided what we will do for this event. I am sure it will be something fun for all the scouts.

Summer has flown by, and school is just around the corner. We have scouts that are playing football, swimming, band and finishing up summer jobs. September starts our busiest time of the year. At least the weather will hopefully cool down. I will be looking forward to camping in the fall. Fall is by far my favorite time of the year. The beautiful colors that God creates every year and the smells are amazing. Spring is nice too, but I have always enjoyed fall the most.

If you know any boys that are 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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## *Faith is ...*

I tried another crossword ...

all of the answers can be found in Hebrews 11 ...

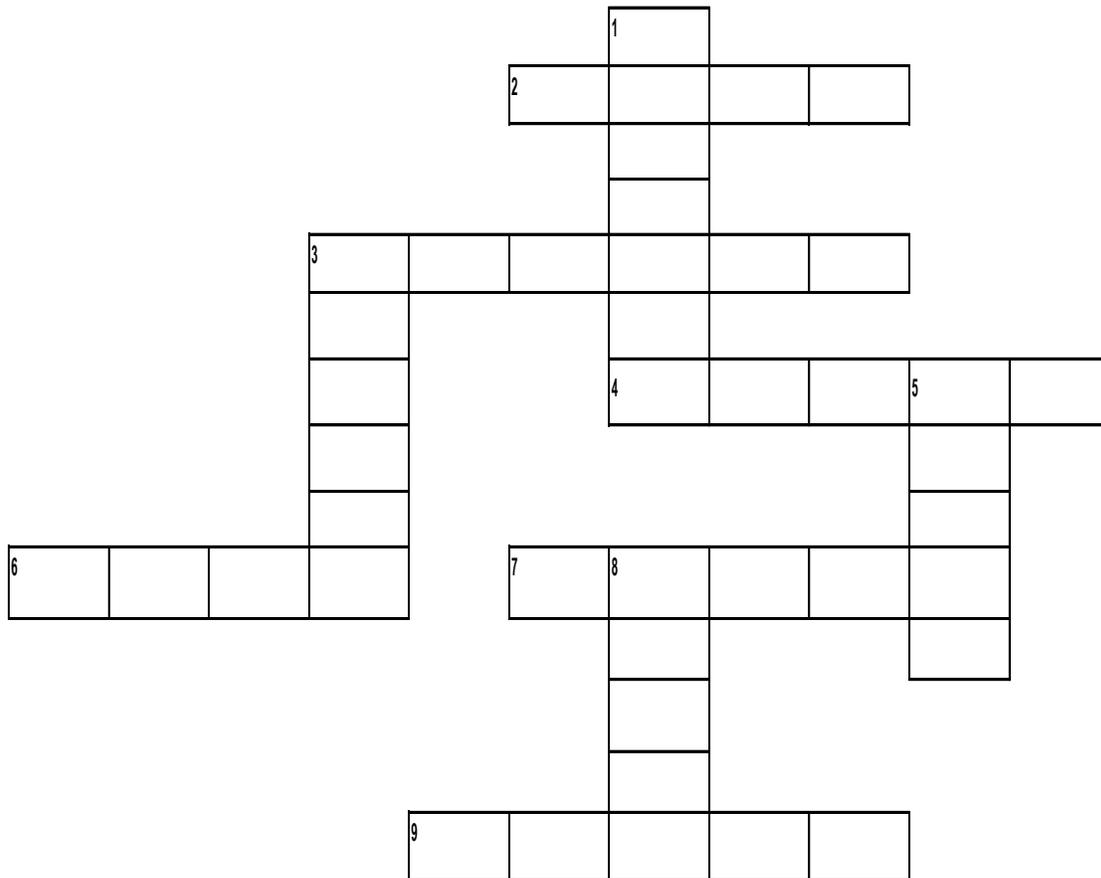
each of the people showed their faith in God ... have fun!

### ACROSS

- 2 He offered a perfect sacrifice
- 3 He fought the battle of Jericho
- 4 He parted the Red Sea
- 6 He built an ark
- 7 He trusted God with his life
- 9 She helped spies escape

### DOWN

- 1 He trusted God with his son
- 3 He served in Pharaoh's house
- 5 He didn't die
- 8 She bore a son in her old age



*Get your Bible, have fun and good luck! ... Timothy*

- Answers:
1. Abraham
  2. Abel
  3. Joshua & Joseph
  4. Moses
  5. Enoch
  6. Noah
  7. Isaac
  8. Sarah
  9. Rahab

# News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and cards.

—Shirley Sylvia

Thank you for all the prayers, calls and cards sent to us and also a special thank you to Mary Gorman for all you do and have done for us. —Helen & Chuck Conley

God bless everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards for the healing of my knee.

Thank you to everyone that has donated items for the Blessing Box. The Lord is doing mighty things thru you —Kathy Henry



Here's what's happening!

**Grace's Table Free Meal**, Sunday, August 10 at 5pm in the Youth Center. All are welcome!

**Weekly Prayer Hour**, Every Tuesday a prayer time is held from 10am to 11am in the sanctuary.

Come and pray for a few minutes or the entire hour. Please enter through the Elevator Door.

August  
Weekly Prayer Hour;  
Tuesday, Aug. 5  
Tuesday, Aug. 12  
Tuesday, Aug. 19  
Tuesday, Aug. 26  
10am - 11am



**Baby Bottle Campaign**  
We raised \$540.61!

Clarity is very grateful for our partnership and participation!



## FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report



**REPORT  
NOT  
AVAILABLE  
ONLINE**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report



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# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3 Communion</b> 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday School	4	<b>5</b> 10am - Prayer Hour	<b>6</b> 6pm-Choir  BCSC 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School	<b>7</b> 6:30pm-Scouts	8	9
<b>10</b> 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday School 5pm-Grace's Table	11	<b>12</b> 10am - Prayer Hour	<b>13</b> 6pm- Choir	<b>14</b> 6:30pm-Scouts	15	16
<b>17</b> 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday School	18	<b>19</b> 10am - Prayer Hour	<b>20</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>21</b> 6:30pm- Scouts	22	23
<b>24</b> 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday School	25	<b>26</b> 10am-Prayer Hour	<b>27</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>28</b> 6:30pm- Scouts	29	30
<b>31</b> 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday School						

## AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

- Aug. 3 ... Wanda Bray
- Aug. 4 ... Tim Horn
- Aug. 5 ... Karen Snyder
- Aug. 9 ... Gini Jessup
- Aug. 27 ... Carl Miller
- Aug. 30 ... Larry McIntosh





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**9:00 am - Worship Service**

**10:10am - Sunday School**

**OUR CHURCH MISSION**

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