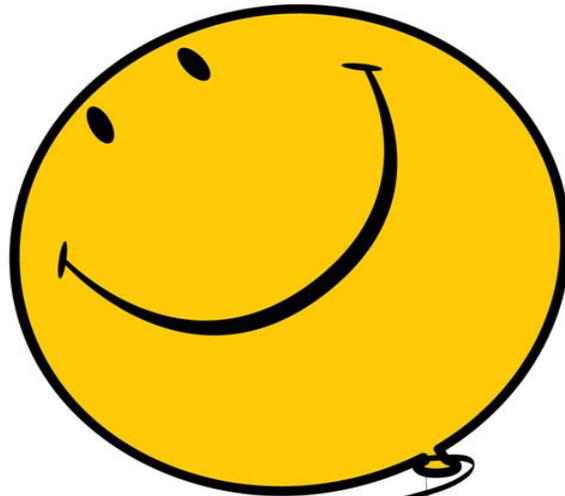


East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Make
Someone *Smile*



There is always despair and a deep sadness when we encounter problems that cannot be fixed: the car that is totaled, the marriage that has ended, the body that is beyond the help of medicine. For the Christian even when we come to these terrible problems there is hope. God has promised for his children and those who call upon his holy name and walk in his paths, there is a fix. It is a resurrection for a new and eternal life. When our finances are at an all time low, when our families are at one another's throats, when the grim reaper is seen in our living room, we know we have a savior, who is Christ the Lord. He is not only our ever present comfort, he has promised that in the end all things will work out for the good. If all things are not good then it is not the end, so take courage, He is not finished yet.

But there is one problem that even Jesus and His almighty Father cannot fix. I hope this does not sound like I am doubting the power of God, for he has written in His holy word that this is an unfixable problem, a problem that he paid a great deal to prevent, but it has no fix, no recourse, and no hope, not even from his almighty hand.

Hebrews chapter 2, verses 1-4 says: "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will." **How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?** There is no escape, no fix, and no remedy beyond what God has already done through the work of Jesus Christ. And to point to the obvious point here the writer of Hebrews clearly points out that to go to hell all you have to do is nothing, just ignore what He has already done.

The next time someone asks you what do you have to do to go to Heaven, swap it around in the conversation and ask them back: What must you do to go to Hell? The answer is nothing: **Nothing!!!!** Just ignore the gift given, just ignore the sacrifice made, just ignore the son, and do as you please and you will end up in hell. **How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?** Even our almighty God has no answer and no remedy.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I'll start out with a little bit of humor. How little humor it is will be up to each of you to determine. Charlie came up to me early in his ministry here with a gleam in his eye and asked if I had turned in my newsletter article. I could tell that he had and was hoping he had beaten me. I know many of you will be shocked that he is competitive and fun-loving, but bear with me. © I said something like "yeah I did last week". He was obviously deflated and I am laughing as I type this. We have had a friendly rivalry in this ever since and had some fun from it. Towards the end of last year he turned in 3 or 4 months of articles all at the same time. I told him something like it was akin to his starting running and then informing me we were racing. Anyhow, I bring that up not just for laughs, but because I am typing this article two weeks or so earlier than normal. As I type this, it is August 1st. It is also Chick-Fil-a day. I would really like to be there, but doubt I am able due to the timing.

I am not getting into the homosexual debate per se even though I believe the Bible on it and have debated it time and time again on message boards and blogs when it's brought up. I am sure most of us are in agreement on the issue. What I am writing about is the lack of consistency and fairness many have shown. Regardless of one's stance (and make no mistake I believe homosexuality is wrong per the Bible). Mr. Cathy has been attacked for respectfully answering a question he was asked. He didn't picket, have a parade, or say he wouldn't hire or serve them in his restaurants. He simply said he believes in the Biblical definition of marriage. You would think that he had said they should all be put to death by the backlash received and some people are trying to keep his business from coming into their towns or states. This isn't the first time this sort of thing has happened. A few years back Miss USA contestant, Carrie Prejean, was put on the spot with a similar question. She probably replied even more "nicely" going out of her way to not be offensive (in my opinion a little too much so). Here are the quotes: Perez Hilton: "*Vermont recently became the fourth state to legalize same-sex marriage. Do you think every state should follow suit? Why or why not?*" Carrie Prejean: "*Well, I think it's great that Americans are able to choose one or the other. Umm, we live in a land that you can choose same-sex marriage or opposite marriage and, you know what, in my country and (she stammers here a little) in my family I think that I believe that a marriage should be between a man and a woman. No offense to anybody out there but that's how I was raised and that's how I think that it should be between a man and a woman. Thank you.*"

After giving that answer she was viscerally attacked. She was called about every name in the book. They dug in her past to find anything she had ever done wrong to embarrass and discredit her. This was all because they didn't like her answer to a question she was asked. We live in a world where I believe Christians are trying to be silenced (which I think will get a lot worse), but that is a whole other topic. What shows further hypocrisy is that at the time Prejean's views mirrored the President's who received little or no flack for having the same views. I guess the tolerance, open-mindedness and freedom of thought and speech they espouse works only one way. I have other examples of this, but do not have the space to mention them here. To their credit though, some homosexuals did come forward to defend Prejean's right to speak her opinion and spoke against the treatment she received. One person I know online (whose stance on same-sex marriage I am unsure of) was going to go eat at Chick-Fil-A today to support Mr. Cathy's right to speak his opinions and donate money wherever he wished (if not for the stance itself).

JCPenney and Target have had pro-gay marriage ad campaigns recently. The day I saw JCPenney's, I unsubscribed from their email list and would have typed in why had I been given the chance. They are free to do that if they want (although I think it better for their business if they kept a neutral stance). It is also my right not to support them (just as it is others right to support or not support Chick-Fil-A). That isn't enough for some. I don't understand how someone can look at this (no matter their beliefs) and not see the hypocrisy except they don't like the views. I recently saw someone post that the first same-sex couple were getting divorced and were saying something like "I told you so". Well, although I don't support same-sex marriage, heterosexual couples (even Christian ones) really have no room to talk concerning divorce as approximately half of marriages fail and the church's numbers in general are about the same or worse. (Not ours who has many examples to the contrary). So, I can be consistent even if I disagree.

God, on the other hand, has certain rules which He doesn't change for anyone. Everyone is treated equally. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. All have a chance to go to Heaven. He doesn't play favorites or have rules for some and not for others. We can depend on Him. I am glad that He has given all the same chance and that we can know where He stands on things. There is no ambiguity or lack of consistency with Him.



by Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner

All4ONE members had a great month getting back to our regular schedule of meetings on Sunday evenings. They also started back to school and extracurricular activities, so it's been a busy month for our youth! We want to thank the Hadleys, Heiseys and Staples for hosting AfterALL. The food was great and the fellowship was wonderful! We did a new thing on August 12 by attending Synergy, a gathering of youth groups from all over the city, which was held at CCC. Our own Jesse Roberts won the male category of the hard-boiled egg eating contest! We also had the Annual East/North lock-in on Friday, August 24.

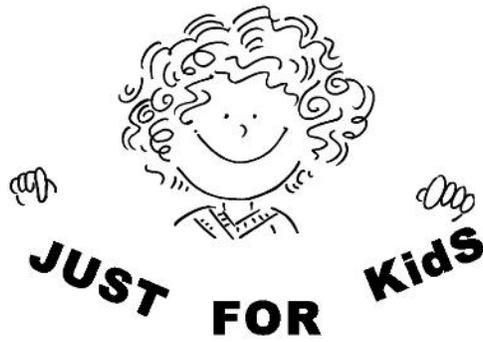
September holds a different schedule for All4ONE meetings again. There will be NO meeting on September 2 due to the Labor Day week-end. On September 9 (while Pastor Charlie and Judy are gone), they will meet at Ben and Shelley Walker's house from 6-7:30pm. So we will need a parent to provide transportation from the church for some of our youth that night. September 16 there will be NO youth meeting at all. On September 23 we will resume our regular schedule and the Turnbows are hosting AfterALL. September 30 Sharon Wheeler will be hosting AfterALL at the church.

Then of course, September 30 is the fifth Sunday of the month which means—Youth Sunday. All4ONE will be in charge of the second service and Drew Wheeler will be preaching.

Thank you to the trustees for the new carpet in the youth room. It looks wonderful. We have a few more things to “tweak” in the room and then we will be hosting an open house and dedication for our newly redone room.

If you ordered bakery items from our bake sale, they can be picked up between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 31 and on Sunday, September 2. Thanks to everyone who was able to support us during this fundraiser. We hope to sell them again in December for all your Christmas needs, as well as for gifts for those people who may be hard to buy for!

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| <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> |
| <p>2439 Indiana Avenue Columbus, IN 47201-7022</p> | <p>Phone: 812.376.7418 — FAX 812.376.7699 Office email: office@eastcolumbusumc.org music@eastcolumbusumc.org pastor@eastcolumbusumc.org web site: www.eastcolumbusumc.org</p> |



by Paula Turnbow

**Hey kids
mark your calendar for
September 23
for the church picnic
at Mill Race Park!
We will have a special
Treasure Hunt
before lunch and a surprise
after we eat.
It will be "TOO MUCH FUN!"**

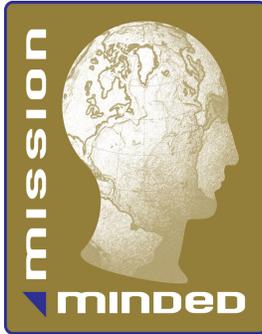
A big **THANK YOU** to our acolytes. You do a great service to the church and we are thankful.

If you are interested in becoming an acolyte please call Ms. Paula at 376-0732.



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.



HOME AGAIN

We left the guest house in Port Au Prince yesterday morning and after more than 16 hours of traveling through four airports, three flights, and two bus rides we were finally home! It is always difficult to come back. You have mixed emotions. On one hand you are so thankful for basic necessities like clean water and sanitation, and the ability to use warm/hot water to take a shower. On the other hand you feel like you have left part of yourself there.

It is hard to explain just how life-changing the experience is to someone who hasn't been there. There are mosquitoes, intense heat (where sweat runs down your body like water for hours every day), lots of dust, very bumpy roads, cultural differences, language barriers, cold water showers, and long days. But there is also another side. There are lots of happy children who can't get enough of your love; that climb all over you and want hugs and kisses; that have hope in the face of extreme adversity; and that touch our hearts so deeply from the moment we see them.

There are those that are humble and, while they do not have much by our American standards, show thankfulness for what they do have and are willing to openly share it with others. They understand 'community' and what it means to live together and care for one another in fellowship. Many of us barely know (if we know at all) all of our neighbors on our street or in our neighborhood because we are often far more consumed with our own lives and schedules than we are anyone else. Most importantly, the presence of God can be felt so strongly in Haiti. When you are there all of the challenges we face here at home do not exist. Our jobs, our errands, our to-do lists, etc. are not there with us. You get to separate yourself from all of those things that demand your time and pull you away from God. When you are there God is your central focus every minute of every day. Our team was amazing this year, and we got to serve alongside some amazing people from another team. Nineteen people (many of whom didn't know each other prior to the trip) living under one roof for 8 days can have its challenges. We laughed so hard our sides hurt (thanks Susan!), we cried for the things that broke our hearts, we encouraged each other, we shared what we had, we prayed together, ate meals together, and served and worshiped God together. That is a picture of the 'church'.

It is all about relationships. As each of us transition back into our normal lives, my prayer is that each of us will find a 'new normal' incorporating our experiences from this past week into a stronger relationship with God and a greater appreciation for the blessings we have been given.

May we be more open and mindful of the needs in our communities here at home, and may we show the same love and kindness to others in our daily lives that we did to the beautiful people of Haiti.

Until next time...God bless. Nancy Owens

SEPTEMBER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 Chrysalis Flight Sept 1-3 |
| 2 Holy Communion Regular Services | 3  OFFICE CLOSED | 4 1pm – Bible Study 6:30 pm- Women Bible Study (Revelation) 7pm-Miriam Circle Mtg. | 5 5:15pm- Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm – Bible Study | 6 6:30pm – Boy Scouts | 7 | 8 Housing Partnerships Workday |
| 9 Regular Services 5pm-UMW Exec. Meeting | 10 9am – United Methodist Women Service Group | 11 <u>NO</u> 1pm Bible Study 6:30pm- Women’s Bible Study (Revelation) | 12 5:15pm- Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal <u>NO</u> 7pm- Bible Study | 13 6:30 pm-Boy Scouts | 14 | 15 8 am –UMM Breakfast |
| 16 Regular Services | 17 9 am – United Methodist Women Service Group | 18 1 pm – Bible Study 6:30pm- Women’s Bible Study (Revelation) | 19 5:15pm- Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study | 20 6:30 pm – Boy Scouts 6:30pm– Finance Meeting | 21 6pm- Chrysalis Hoot & 7pm-Cols. Comm. Emmaus Gathering (First Lutheran Church, 25th Street) | 22 9:30am- UMW Southeast District Annual Mtg. (Hamline Chapel, Lawrenceburg, IN) |
| 23 Worship Service at Mill Race Park at 9:30 a.m. Church picnic following worship service | 24 9 am-United Methodist Women Service Group | 25 1 pm- Bible Study 6:30pm Church Council Mtg. 6:30pm-Women’s Bible Study (Revelation) 6:30pm-Ecum. Assembly Board Meeting | 26 5:15pm- Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study | 27 6:30pm-Boy Scouts | 28 “Feed My Starving Children Project” (Asbury UMC) | 29 “Feed My Starving Children Project” Pregnancy Care Center “Walk for Life” 9:30am- Registration (E.Cols Christian Church) |
| 30 Regular Services | | | | | | |



“What now, God?” Did you ever have one of those days...weeks...months...or maybe even years?? As I sit and write, it has been one of those months for this little mouse.

Work has been overwhelming; personal relationships have been strained. Too much to do and never enough time to get it all done...or a least do it right. And then the phone rang...and the thought that entered my mind was “What **now**, God?”

Oh, I longed not to answer it...just let it ring...let whoever was on the other end figure out their problem without my help...**JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!**

But, of course, I answered it. And wouldn't you know...it was someone calling to check on me...God had put me as a burden on someone's heart. Oh what a blessing it was to chat for a while!

Then I got to thinking about those three little words and how different their meaning depending on where you put the emphasis.

“What? Now, God?” Hearing His voice calling to you in the middle of the night...calling you to prayer...calling you to care even when it's inconvenient. What if that wonderful angel had ignored His voice and never called me? Oh what a blessing I would have missed...what laughter wouldn't have been shared between two friends!

And then there's “What now, God?” spoken gently and prayerfully...asking maybe pleading for God to show us what the next step was to be in His great and wonderful plan for our lives. How many times do we fail to simply ask God to show us what is next? Even if what is next is more stress, more grief, more turmoil...but there could also be more love, more blessings, more angels sent to give us comfort and strength...all we need to do is ask God to show us what is next on this journey with Him.

So as we start to enjoy **Fall** ... I encourage you to ask “What now God?” I'll leave the emphasis up to you. Just ask...He'll answer...He always does!

Until next month...I hope you **fall** into step with God's plan for your life.

Yours in Christ...Timothy



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 549

On September 8, Scout Troop 549 will be helping at a 5K run for cancer.

Our campout from September 14-16 will be held at Ceraland with a rocket shoot on Saturday evening.

The Troop is preparing for our Fall Camporee on October 27. The event will be held at Brownstown, IN at the fairgrounds. The Fall Camporee will be a Council outing and we are expecting over 1,000 scouts to attend. If you have time, please stop by for a visit.

If a boy or an adult member of the church would be interested in helping with Scouting we would welcome a visit.

Boys must be 11 years old or older, and younger than 18 to join Scouting.

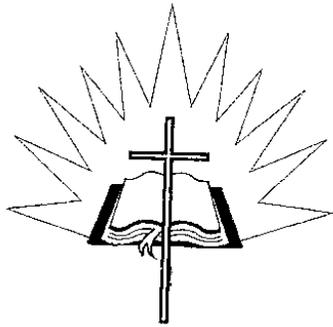
Meeting time is Thursday from 6:30—8:00 p.m. in the Youth Center building.

Roger Schaefer
Scoutmaster
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3.... | Glenn Line | 16.... | Steve Carothers |
| 4.... | Chandon Leckron | | Charlotte Hadley |
| | Lukas Schaefer | | Kim Leckron |
| 5.... | Dana Schmidt | 18.... | Margaret Burton |
| | Nathaniel Staples | 20.... | Dorothy Walker |
| 6.... | Susan Conway | 21.... | Carrie Carothers |
| 7.... | Roland Barringer | 23.... | Madelyn Fear |
| | Darla Bozell | 24.... | Clarence Brown |
| 8.... | Becky Mayfield | | Andrew Muellenberg |
| | Mitch Turnbow | 25.... | Robert Moody |
| 9.... | Steven Lane | 28.... | Morris Percifield |
| 10.... | Rodney Bray | | Michael Voelz |
| | Hope Latu | | Rose Marie Voelz |
| 11.... | Carmine Hudson | 29.... | Karen Hauber |
| 12.... | Janet Wiley | 30.... | Andrew Jordan |
| 13.... | Justine Corya | | Don McGill |
| | Blake Fields | | Cleon Sweeney |
| | Brittany Krise | | |





Applying Bible Principles

How rich are you? Most of us would respond to that question with a recitation of our material possessions. We would list bank accounts and their contents, stocks, bonds, houses, vehicles, and other so-called assets as tangible evidence of our wealth.

But is that how rich we are? Not really. Adrian Rogers said this, “If you want to know how rich you are, add up everything you have that money can’t buy and what you’ve sent on to heaven. That’s how rich you really are.”

There are two ways to send money on to heaven, or as the Bible phrases it, to “lay up treasures in heaven.” One is to give to the work of the Lord. As we do that, particularly through giving our tithes and offerings here at East Columbus United Methodist Church, we make deposits in what one writer described as the “Bank of Heaven.” Another way to accomplish that goal is to give to meet the needs of other people. That’s the admonition provided by the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 6:17-19 when he instructed Timothy, “Command those who are rich in this present world...to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age...”

Compared to many people in the world, all of us—to one degree or another—have been richly blessed by God. That’s why we need to apply Paul’s counsel to our lives. As we follow his instruction, giving in the name of the Lord Jesus to meet the needs of others, we “lay up treasure” for the coming age.

One of the primary reasons God provides material blessings to us His children is that we might through those material provisions minister in His name to other people. According to Matthew 25:40, when we do that, even to what Jesus described as the “least” of His brothers, it is as though we have done it unto Him.

As one writer expressed it so well, “Investing in the lives of others and growing in our relationship with God are spiritual treasures. They are not subject to destruction or thievery. They are fully protected. Their value never diminishes.” Or as an anonymous poet wrote, “Shall the great Judge say, when my task is through, that my soul had gathered some riches, too. Or shall at the last it be mine to find that all I had worked for was left behind?”

As you consider your true wealth and what really counts for eternity, think about this: How much better to be a poor person who is spiritually rich than a rich person who is spiritually poor.

How rich are you?

News



From the Mail Box...

A huge thanks to Pastor Charlie and Ralph Carroll for the wonderful ramp at Mom's house. It is so much easier for her to go out and come in...it gives her a little more freedom. It is such a blessing to have supportive church family who do so much to help. Thanks so much.
-Kathy Henry

The Golden Rule Sunday School Class would like to thank everyone that has helped with their class in any way through the years. The class decided to disband and attend other classes since there are so few members left. They want to especially thank all of the faithful and good teachers they have had. The teachers were Frank Cole, Tom Gorman, Ralph Carroll and Diana Fear.

-From Lola Waltz, Pres. and all the Golden Rule class members.

Many thanks for the cards, calls, prayers, and flowers from the Church family and from my Fidelis Bible Class when I had my eye surgery in Indianapolis. Special thanks to Pastor Charlie for his concern and visit with me and Basil. Everything is so very much appreciated. God bless all of you.

-Vera & Basil Brummet

Thank you for all the cards, calls, and prayers I have received since my fall. I am home and doing much better. Thanks, too, for the birthday cards you sent.

-Norma Percifield



Ken and Rita Eckhart of 3338 Berkdale Dr., Columbus, 47203, joined our church family on Sunday, August 12, 2012.

Baby Baptized August 19, 2012
Arceli Saphia Batres Wright
Daughter of Yeri and Stacey Batres Gramajo
320 Broad St., Hope In 47246

Here's what's happening!

Chrysalis Flight for youth is Saturday, September 1 through Monday, September 3.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, September 4, 7 p.m. at the home of Diana Fear.

United Methodist Women executive committee meeting is Sunday, September 9, 5 p.m. in the Bible Round Table room.

United Methodist Men breakfast is Saturday, September 15, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Chrysalis Hoot is at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 21 and the Columbus Community Emmaus gathering is at 7 p.m. Both are held at the First Lutheran Church, 3600 25th St., Columbus.

United Methodist Women of the Southeast District will have their annual meeting Saturday, September 22, 9:30 a.m. at Lawrenceburg Hamlin Chapel.

Church Picnic/Mill Race Service September 23- see back page for more details.

Church Council will meet Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Ecumenical Assembly board meeting is Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m. at Love Chapel.

Pregnancy Care Center "Walk for Life" is Saturday, September 29. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and the walk is at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. Family activities are planned. The walk will be held at the East Columbus Christian Church on Indiana Ave. "Let There Be Life" is the theme for this year's walk.

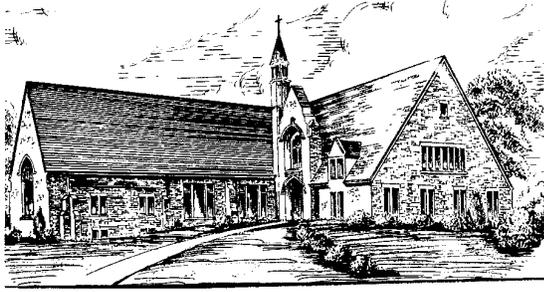


In Memory of
Helen Land
who went home to her
Heavenly Father
August 16, 2012.

In Memory of
Bonnie Tyree
Who went home to her
Heavenly Father
August 28, 2012.

-Our sympathy to the family of Helen Land at the loss of their loved one.

-Our sympathy to the Charlie Tyree family at the loss of their loved one.



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Return Service Requested



**WORSHIP AT
MILL RACE PARK
AND CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

A worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the amphitheater at Mill Race Park. There will be one service on this day with no Sunday School.

Casual dress is the attire and you are welcome to wear your "favorite" T-shirt!

Church picnic will immediately follow the service. We have reserved the small picnic shelter house near the playground area. Bring a side dish of food to share and your lawn chairs/blankets. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and place settings will be furnished.

Bring a friend! This is the perfect opportunity to bring someone who might not normally go to church.

In case of rain the service will be held at the church at 9:30 a.m. and the picnic will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service.