

East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

GET READY
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At the time of writing The Islamic State (ISIS) militants have killed at least 500 members of the Christian minority during their violent rampage across northern Iraq. The Sunni Jihadists even buried some of their victims alive. News of the killings come as thousands of Christians fled their homes in the Kurdish region town of Sinjar to the mountains where they remain trapped without food and water.

I received word that CRU formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ is giving aid and we will be taking an offering on August 31 to help.

I must admit the news of these atrocities have me all tied up inside. These are brothers and sisters of ours and their death saddens and enrages me. But there is so little we can do except pray for our brothers and sisters to stand firm, and remember the words of the Lord and the scriptures that foretell these awful events.

Jesus says in Luke 21:10-19: *“Then he said to them: Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.”*

*“But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. This will result in your being witnesses to them. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. All men will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. **By standing firm you will gain life.**”*

Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10: *“All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.”*

And finally what is quickly becoming a favorite passage, Psalm 37:1-11; **Do not fret** because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; **do not fret** when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; **do not fret**—it leads only to evil. **For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.** A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.”

I have a feeling this world is going to get a lot worse in the very short future. May our faith become strong in the Lord and may we stand firm for Jesus to the very end, as have many of our brothers and sisters on Sinjar Mountain.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

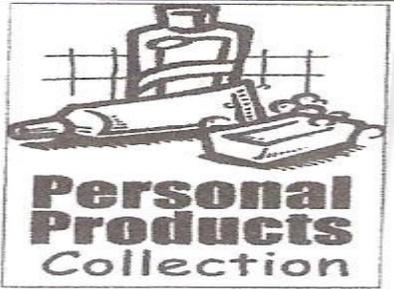
By the time most of you are reading this, choir will have started again and we likely will have sung a service or two. I usually get more time to do preparation and special projects when the choir is off, but in some ways have been just as busy (if not more so) with meetings, special rehearsals etc. Some of the special music I had hoped to do when the choir was off has not happened yet (due to people's schedules, VBS etc.) However, we were able to have others join me in a men's ensemble (Garry Taylor, Charlie Aigner, William Voils, Chuck Conley, Mark Parks, Mike Mattern and Jim Bozell) on the song, "Alpha and Omega." William wasn't able to make the first two rehearsals, but met with me 45 minutes before our last one so that I could practice his part with him. He was familiar with the song and mostly the arrangement, but I wanted to work with him since I had changed some things on the arrangement (to make it easier for eight guys to sing together without several rehearsals together) and he and Charlie didn't always have the melody. Chuck Conley and Mark Parks sang the baritone part (which is usually the most easy to sing range-wise for most in a men's group, but the hardest for people to "hear"). So, both worked with rehearsal CDs I made of their part to help them learn their part. Garry also practiced with a rehearsal CD I made to learn some of his part. I had sung tenor with him during rehearsal, but was at the Clavinova too, so I wasn't right next to him like the other guys were which made it harder for him to hear me. This gave him a chance to work on some trouble spots after he and I worked on them together. I also want to thank Chuck Dilsizian for meeting with us during our last rehearsal to help get the mics balanced. This helped our blend immensely. With eight vocalists having individual mics and being stretched across the stage, getting a good blend would be tough. I have sung in groups before that had a great blend until the sound person got a hold of things (which then destroyed the blend). No matter how well we might do at it, the mics being set incorrectly could have easily messed up our blend.

There are some other surprises I have planned. One group will have three women and a man. One member of that group will have not done any special music before, and this configuration of members will be different. In fact, I don't recall ever hearing three women and a guy sing together here before. This will be accompanied by some live instrumentalists too. Another that rehearsed together before choir stopped, but hasn't this summer is Testify (Mark and Karen Parks, Darla Bozell and Mike Mattern) doing some contemporary songs. They are a good quartet that I would love to have sing more often (other than leading the choruses much of the time).

One issue we have in groups is getting everyone to be able to rehearse (with busy, sometimes conflicting, schedules). Also, some are in more than one group, so that makes the time demands on them even more difficult.

Darla McFadden was here not long before the choir went on break. As many of you know, she has been here several times. I know people enjoy when she shares her talents here. We also had Mark Vice here for the first time in well over a decade and I believe the first as a solo artist. He brought several instruments and sang different styles. He also sang some different songs between the two services. We had some animal sounds from the congregation first service (you had to be here) and then he had a "guest harmonica player" and some others help during second (in lieu of the aforementioned song). There were others different as well.

The choir started rehearsing some new songs before we took the break and by now will have hopefully refreshed our memories on those by the time you are reading this. Stay tuned to see what else will be in store for the music department. I have other ideas I have not mentioned as of yet.



Sharon Johnson will be coming back to ECUMC for our Mission Conference on Saturday, October 25. When new residents arrive at Hope Royale they arrive without basic toiletries. Hope Royale could use some basic men's toiletries to stock their pantry. You don't have to purchase everything on the following list .. anything we can help to supply will lessen the burden on this mission. You can purchase about everything on this list at Wal-Mart

(some brand name/some Wal-Mart brand) and spend about \$25. If you would prefer to donate instead of purchase items, mark your donation for Hope Royale and the money collected will be sent to Hope Royale to purchase items.

Items Needed:

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| Soap (Purchase bar soap) | Comb |
| Shampoo (purchase shampoo + conditioner) | Brush |
| Deodorant | Disposable Razors |
| Toothpaste | Shaving Cream |
| Toothbrush | Towels |
| Dental Floss | Wash Cloths |
| Mouthwash | |

Please place your donations in the plastic tote under the coat rack in the foyer by Sunday, October 19. Questions, please contact Kathy Henry, kathy.henry@cummins.com or 812-375-0420.

Your help in supporting this wonderful mission is greatly appreciated.

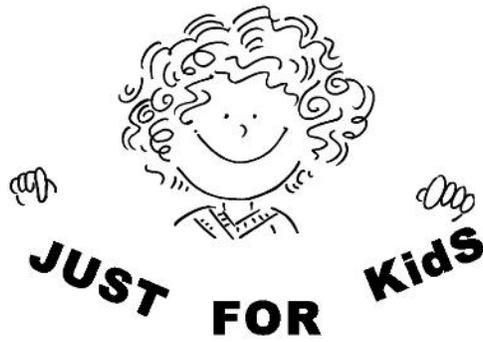
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

Friday, September 5 and Saturday, September 6

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Asbury UMC

Meals will be packed for the MobilePack for hungry children. Check the email site: <http://asburycolumbus.org/missions/feed-my-starving-children>. Then select (click here for details) and this will take you directly to the Asbury MobilePack Page on the FMSC site. There are times that people cannot make the day and time they have chosen and this will leave an extra space to volunteer to help pack.

<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 Bob Fear, 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

Read Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”*

Hey kids, Children’s Church will begin Sunday, September 7. Please join us for Bible stories, games and activities every Sunday after Children’s Moment, 1st and 2nd Service.

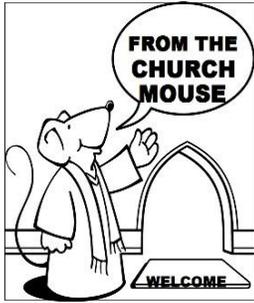


OUR CHURCH MISSION

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.

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED 	2 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Miriam Circle Mtg.	3 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	4 2-5pm-AED/CPR Training 5:30pm-Trustees Mtg. 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	5 Feed My Starving Children Event (Asbury UMC-Sept 5 & 6)	6 9am-1pm-(Laity) 9am-1pm-Fruitful Cong. Journey Mtg Greensburg UMC
7 Holy Communion Regular Services	8 9am-UMW Service Group	9 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Joy of Hope Foundation Special Needs Support Group Mtg	10 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	11 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	12	13
14 Regular Services	15 9am-UMW Service Group	16 1pm-Bible Study 6:15pm-Church Growth Mtg.	17 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	18 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	19 7pm-Cols. Community Emmaus Gathering	20 8am-UMM Breakfast 10:30am-Pregnancy Care Center "Walk for Life"
21 Regular Services	22 9am-UMW Service Group	23 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Church Council Mtg. 7pm-Ecum. Assbly. Board Mtg.	24 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	25 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	26	27
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Happy Fall Y'all!

I received this story from an email buddy and thought it so precious I wanted to share it with you!

A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

One morning, they were eating breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

"Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice.

"Oklahoma," they answered.

"Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said, "What do you do for a living?"

"I teach at a seminary," he replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really great story for you." And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple.

The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great, just what I need...another preacher story!"

The man started, "See that mountain over there? (Pointing out the restaurant window). Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, "Hey boy, who's your daddy?" Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question, "Who's your daddy?"

He would hide at recess and lunch time from other students. He would avoid going into stores because that question hurt him so bad. When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, "Who's your daddy?"

But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast that he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd.

Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, "Son, who's your daddy?"

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church was looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, "Who's your daddy?"

This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to that scared little boy. "Wait a minute! I know who you are! I see the family resemblance now, you are a child of God."

With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it."

With that the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, "Who's your daddy?" he'd just tell them, "I'm a Child of God."

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?" The professor responded that it really was a great story!

As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably never would have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked her, "Do you know who that man was—the one who just left that was sitting at our table?"

The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's governor of Tennessee!"

Remember...no matter who you are, what road you travel or who you grow up to be...you will *always, always, always* be one of God's Children! Remind someone you love or even a stranger you pass on the street that God loves them!

Till next month... Timothy



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

August 1-3, the troop went to Wright Patterson AFB. The boys enjoyed their visit.

Saturday, September 6, the troop will help for two hours at "Feed My Starving Children" at Asbury United Methodist Church.

September 19-21, we will have a campout at Camp Louise Ernest.

October 24-26, we will enjoy a campout at Brown County.

December 12-14, will be a cabin campout to close out the year.

Fall Popcorn is coming as a fundraiser for the troop. Be watching for the dates to buy popcorn.

If anyone is interested in helping out with scouting or if a boy would like to join the troop we will welcome a visit. Boys need to be 11 years old to join and less than 18.

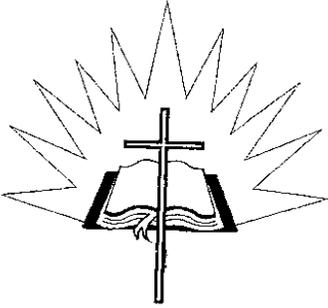
Meeting time is Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer
Scoutmaster
812-342-3583 H
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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 | 20.... Dorothy Walker |
| Nathaniel Staples | 21.... Carrie Carothers |
| 6.... Trenton Bozell | 22.... Jared Eubanks |
| Susan Warner-Conway | 23.... Madelyn Fear |
| 7.... Roland Barringer | 24.... Clarence Brown |
| Darla Bozell | Andrew Muellenberg |
| 8.... Becky Mayfield | 25.... Bob Moody |
| Mitch Turnbow | 28.... Morris Percifield |
| 9.... Ashtyn Bozell | Michael Voelz |
| Steven Lane | Rose Marie Voelz |
| 10.... Rodney Bray | 29.... Karen Hauber |
| Hope Latu | 30.... Don McGill |
| 12.... Janet Wiley | Andrew Jordan |
| 13.... Justin Corya | |
| Blake Fields | |
| Brittany Krise | |





Applying Bible Principles

Dr. M.R. DeHaan, physician and founder of the Radio Bible Class, had a small sign on his desk. The sign had only two words: “Perhaps Today.” Those who knew Dr. DeHaan and worked closely with him recall that hardly a day passed that he did not consider those words. Each day as he entered his office, that little sign, “Perhaps Today,” provided a fresh reminder to him that the Lord Jesus Christ could come that very day.

That sense of heightened expectation certainly characterized believers in New Testament times. They were looking for Jesus to return at any moment, something that might be described as the “imminent return of Christ.” Like Abraham, they viewed themselves as strangers and pilgrims, “... looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God” (Heb. 11:10). As a result, their interest in things of this world took second place to spiritual priorities. They saw money and material possessions primarily as instruments by which they could advance the kingdom of God and through which they could fulfill the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20).

Sad to say, most Christians today do not share their expectation concerning Christ’s return. Certainly most Christians would not have a sign on their desk as did Dr. DeHaan: “Perhaps Today.” Let’s face it—most present-day Christians are not anticipating or looking for Christ’s return.

And this has affected how people view money and material possessions. Instead of seeing them as the means to fulfilling the Great Commission and as tools to further the kingdom of God, They see them as goods to be hoarded or spent on passing pleasures. Instead of “Laying up treasures in heaven” through giving here on earth as the Lord Jesus instructed, most people lay up treasures only in mutual funds, CDs or money market accounts.

John Piper wrote these thought-provoking words:

God is not glorified when we keep for ourselves (no matter how thankfully) what we ought to be using to alleviate the misery of unevangelized, uneducated, unmedicated and unfed millions. The evidence that many professing Christians have been deceived by this doctrine is how little they give and how much they own. God has prospered them.

And by an almost irresistible law of consumer culture (baptized by a doctrine of health, wealth and prosperity), they have bought bigger (and more) houses, newer (and more) cars, fancier (and more) clothes, better (and more) meat, and all manner of trinkets and gadgets and containers and devices and equipment to make life more fun. They will object: Does not the Old Testament promise that God will prosper His people? Indeed! God increases our yield so that by giving, we can prove our yield is not our god... God prospers a business so that...unreached peoples can be reached with the Gospel.

Dr. DeHaan was right, you know. Jesus is coming again. “Perhaps Today.” In light of His return, will you live and give here at East Columbus United Methodist Church so that others may hear the good news of salvation, so that others may experience the life-changing grace of the Gospel?

News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you to my church family for all of your prayers and cards that I have received. I appreciate all of them.
-Georgia Dix

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, called or said prayers for me and my family at the death of my sister, Hazel Settle.
-Oscar Wood

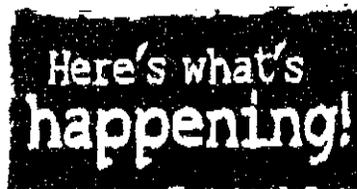
Thank you to Pastor Charlie, Judy and our Church Family for all of your prayers, love and friendship thru the years. Our love and God's blessings to all.
-Mary Alice and Gus Lanham

To East Columbus United Methodist:
Thank you so much for allowing me to "come home" Sunday morning, July 20th. It truly brought back memories. It was a blessing to be with you and your love offering was greatly appreciated. It will be used to advance "HIS KINGDOM!" Until we meet again, God Bless!
-Mark Vice



In Memory of
Donna Whipker
Who went home to
Her Heavenly Father
August 5, 2014

- Our sympathy to Betty Schaefer and family at loss of loved one, Sandra Brandt.
- Our sympathy to Stephanie Tetrick at the loss of great-nephew, Chance Tetrick.
- Our sympathy to Nancy Menefee and family at loss of Wilbur Haycox.
- Our sympathy to Joe Whipker and all of the family at the loss of loved one, Donna Whipker.



Chrysalis Flight Weekend is Aug. 30 through Sept. 1.

Office Closed Monday, Sept. 1 due to Labor Day.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED/CPR) training will be held Thurs., Sept. 4 from 2-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This session is for church staff, ushers, and members interested in the training.

Trustees will meet Thurs. Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Fruitful Congregation Journey FCJ laity will meet Sat., Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Greensburg UMC.

Joys of Hope Foundation "special needs support group" will meet Tues., Sept. 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Questions, see Jennifer Eubanks or Darla Cox.

Church Growth committee will meet Tues., Sept. 16, 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Columbus Community Emmaus gathering is Friday, September 19, 7 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church, 7th St. If you have attended an Emmaus Walk you are welcome to attend.

United Methodist Men's breakfast is Sat., Sept. 20, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men invited to attend.

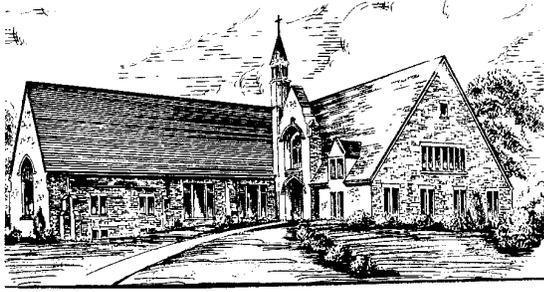
Church Council will meet Tues., Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Ecumenical Assembly board meeting is Tues., Sept. 23, 7 p.m. at Love Chapel.

Finance Information

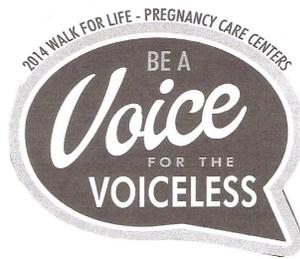
Our giving to the Church's Ministry & Programs
(Note new accounting system implemented as of June 1)

Current Expense Income 1/1/14-6/30/14	\$132,227.95
Current Expense 1/1/14-6/30/14	\$158,444.87
	(\$26,216.92)
Borrowed from savings	\$25,840.03
Balance 6/30/14	(\$376.89)



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Return Service Requested



PREGNANCY CARE CENTER “2014 WALK FOR LIFE”

Saturday, September 20, 2014

The walk is being held at the East Columbus Christian Church, 3170 Indiana Ave., Columbus. Registration and Family Fun Activities are from 9:30-10:30 a.m. After registering, enjoy activities for the whole family including jump houses, face painting, clowns, balloons, and music from a live band.. The walk begins at 10 a.m. It is an easy 2-mile walk along the trails of Clifty Park. Strollers to wheelchairs, people of all ages can participate.

Lunch and family fun activities will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A hot dog lunch will be provided for all participants while family fun activities continue.

Pledge to walk forms can be found on the table in the Information Area.