

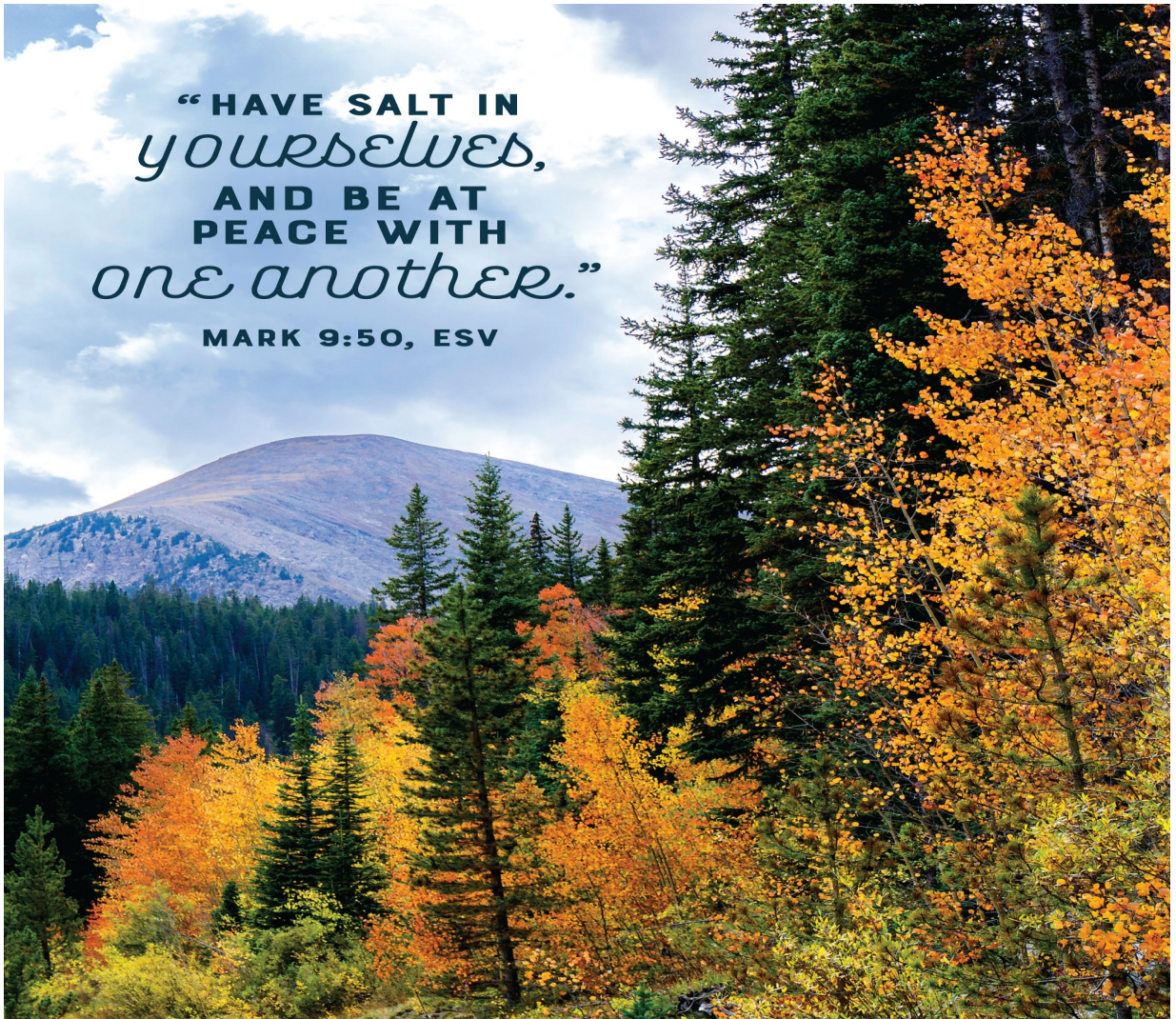


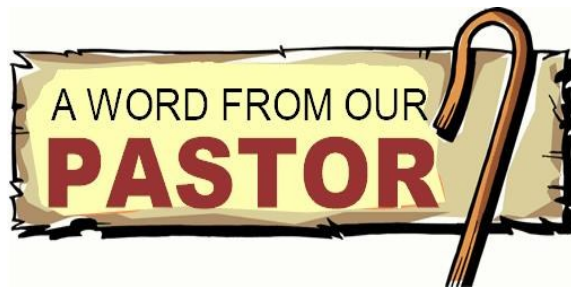
# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

**SEPTEMBER**

**“HAVE SALT IN  
*yourselves,*  
AND BE AT  
PEACE WITH  
*one another.*”**  
MARK 9:50, ESV





## “New Paper, New Day”

May the peace of God be with you always. There is a story written by an elementary school teacher. "The class had ended. The child came to my desk with trembling lips. 'Teacher, do you have a new paper? I messed up this one.' I took the stained paper and gave a clean new paper. And I whispered to the tired heart of that child. 'Hey, don't get discouraged. You'll do better this time!'

The day came to an end. With a trembling heart, I went before the Lord. The Lord took my stained day and gave me a clean new day. And He whispered to my tired heart. 'Dear one, it's okay even if you didn't do well! This time, try to do it with more joy and happiness.'"

God gives us new days. It's another opportunity, and it's another forgiveness. All the life we have lived so far has been God's grace. When we stain our white clothes with the ink of sin, God has washed them clean. Just like a mother cheering for a child going to school in clean clothes the next day, God cheers for us.

Especially for me, every moment of serving the church as a pastor has been God's grace. Sometimes, I made mistakes, failed, and even forgot God's will, but God kept enabling me to stand and walk again. God is truly good to us.

As the hot heat of summer passes and the beautiful colors of autumn arrive, I hope we can gather our hands in prayer to God once again. Our world is complicated and unpredictable, but God is still working out His plans here. Let's love God, love our neighbors, and love the church. Let's read the Bible and pray. Let's love all the days God has given us and sing songs of gratitude.

Every day, Jesus loves you all! Amen.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor **Jongmin**



*A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder*

I may have shared part of this before, but it came to mind. **I once worked for a woman in my previous job years ago who would change the rules to whatever benefitted her at the moment. It was basically often a “do as I say, not as I do”, and standards seemed to change according to what benefitted her at the moment.** She would expect you to do such and such because she was on the other side, but then would totally flip things 180 degrees to benefit her when the positions were reversed. I can't remember who coined it, but the term “same rules don't apply” started being bandied about at work. I even think sometimes it would be changed to S.R.D.A. for people to say it more freely to each other.

I also remembered how we would have visits from the brass. They were often presented by the district manager as a secret he had found out in advance, and was passing on to us to bust our rears and get the store to a certain standard before the visit. Never mind that the standard was unreasonable for an operating store to obtain. The brass either didn't realize, forgot, or never knew what working in an operating store was like. They wanted essentially a museum. Nonetheless, we would work our tails off to get the store, backroom and all spiffed up, among other things. We had a closet at the original location that was only accessible from the outside alley where we stored old wood shelving that was used on the walls. **There were times things were hidden in there before a visit. It could be overstock, no longer carried items waiting for them to send us markdowns or return labels for, and the like.** I remember a woman messing with one of my sections in the store that I ordered. She was going to tear off and throw away shelf labels and spread out stock we had because the warehouse had shorted the times that belonged in the empty space(s). She acted like they wouldn't listen or understand that it was not our fault. The problem is, at that point we had no way to make our own labels and we ordered the store stock ourselves. I was fortunate to stop her (even though she was my boss) and talk her in to putting the tags on the empty shelves underneath the stock we were going to fill the section in, so that I could put the labels back where they belonged when they left, and would have the info to keep reordering until the warehouse got it back and stock and sent to us.

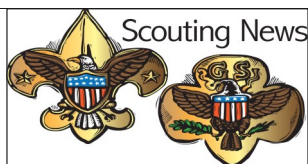
**I started thinking of employees who have known how the “play the game” and fool people on the outside looking in.** They managed to either suck up and fake their way with higher ups, or they managed to make it look like they were doing as they should, knowing just how to fool people. Sometimes they were maybe never found out. Other times they were found out later (sometimes by their successor) when the whole thing avalanched. I admit to wanting people to see how things really were, and at times would get frustrated over their prospering in spite of their deception often not only at the company's expense, but those of us picking up the slack, or else taken for granted while the schmoozer or deceiver got ahead.

There were at least a few gospel singers who were honest about becoming saved years or decades into their careers. They were previously on stage singing and maybe even testifying. I don't think any were wolves in sheep's clothing, they may have believed what they said, and either thought they were saved, had doubts they were fighting, or maybe just said and did the right things expected (known as “playing church”). Nonetheless, they eventually realized they were not saved. There was a time where maybe many faithful (maybe as good as they could be on their own) people sitting in pews and unsaved. Now, I am not sure they even make it to the pews.

I then started thinking of the end times and eternity. You see, **it is easy for church people to sort of play a part.** You see, we learn the right ways to behave as we are supposed to, or try to meet expectations, or sometimes even fake our way to meeting those expectations. Some may try to change God's rules because the rules cost us. All along the way, God sees the heart. He knows the unpleasant things. He knows what is real and not. Come judgement day, all of the storerooms with hidden garbage will come to light. God actually already knows. How we are perceived to others isn't as important as what is real, and whether our sins are forgiven. **We may fool some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but God none of the time!**

# HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL

## Troop 549



Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Fall Camporee  
Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Cub Scout Shootoree  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Phi Beta PSI Fundraiser

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 that went this year. We had a great time. The weather was fantastic. It did rain a few nights while we were asleep. It stopped raining by daybreak. The biting black flies were more of an annoyance than the mosquitoes. They would even bite through your clothing. Most everyone caught fish. The food was great. The sunsets were amazing every night. We are hoping to make this a yearly trip.



August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> was the fall Order of the Arrow ordeal weekend. We had one scout that was selected at summer camp this year. He completed his Ordeal and is officially an Order of the Arrow member.

September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Camporee. This year the theme is a cardboard regatta where the troops will build boats out of cardboard, tape, glue and paint. They will have several scouts get inside and paddle the boat around the lake. There are awards for the best design, fastest boat during a race, etc. This is always a fun time.

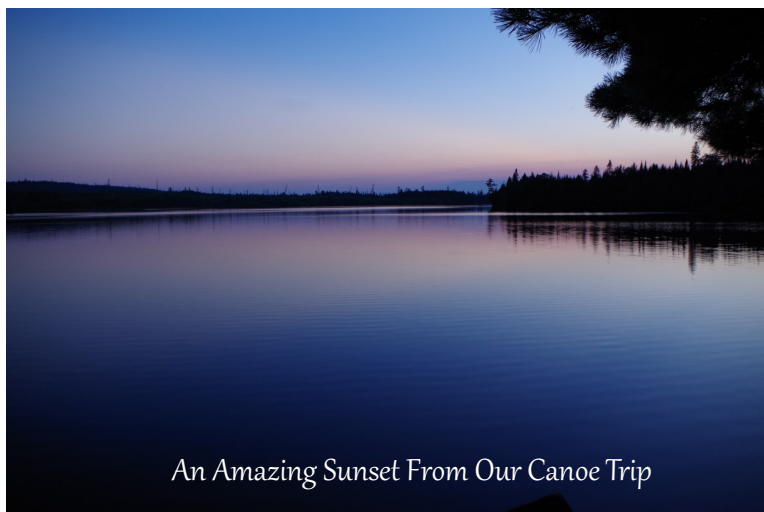
September 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> is the Cub Scout Shootoree at Maumee Scout Reservation. This is an event that we always volunteer to run stations for the cub scouts to participate in. We have ran the rubber band shoot, sling shots, and water guns in the past. It is always fun watching the young scouts laugh and smiling while they are having fun.

September 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> is the Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship. This weekend is when all the Order of the Arrow Members get together for a fun weekend of games and food. It is a good time to get to know other Arrowmen.

September 26<sup>th</sup> is our Phi Beta PSI Fundraiser. This is a purse Bingo fundraiser that is held at the Commons Mall. We serve food to the participants during the evening while their event is going on. This event happens twice a year. Once in the spring and once in the fall. We always have a good time.

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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*An Amazing Sunset From Our Canoe Trip*



***Sometimes we just need to slow down and enjoy the beauty of fall ...***



So this fall ... take your time while you rake those leaves ... enjoy the color and remember the Creator of those leaves ... and thank God for all the beauty that he gives us each year.

*Wishing you the beauty of fall and the patience to slow down and enjoy it!*

*Till next month .... Timothy*



# september



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> <b>Communion</b> 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	<b>4 LABOR DAY</b> <b>office closed</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">NO BCSC SCHOOL</div>	5	<b>6</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>7</b> 5:30pm-Trustee Meeting 6:30pm-Scouts	8	9
<b>10</b> 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School <b>5pm-Grace's Table</b>	11	12	<b>13</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>14</b> Worship Comm. Meeting-4:30pm 6:30pm-Scouts	15	16
<b>17</b> 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	18	19	<b>20</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>21</b> 6:30pm- Scouts	<b>22</b> <b>1st Day of Autumn</b>	23
<b>24</b> 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	25	26	<b>27</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>28</b> 6:30pm-Scouts	29	30
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">RED BIRD MISSION TRIP—Sept 24–28</div>						



Sept 6—Kanynn Lawrence

Susan Warner-Conway

Sept 7—Darla Bozell

Roland Barringer

Sept 8—Becky Mayfield

Sept 9—Pete Grimm

Sept 16—Steve Carothers

Charlotte Hadley

Sept 21—Carrie Carothers

Sept 25—Bob Moody

Sept 28— Morris Percifield

# News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you so much for feeding our family after the funeral for Todd! Everything was so good. And thank you for all the flowers, cards and prayers. We love our church.

David & Marsha Stuckey

The Jackson family thanks the church members for remembering their mother, Janice

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## GOD'S LEFT HAND

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because" said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."



Our condolences to David and Marsha Stuckey and family at the loss of their loved one, Todd.

Our condolences to the Jackson family at the loss of loved one Janice.

Here's what's happening!

Office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Trustee meeting Thursday, September 7 at 5:30 pm.

Grace's Table Dinner Church, Sunday, September 10 at 5:00 pm in the Youth Center.

Worship Committee Meeting will meet Thursday, September 14 at 4:30pm.

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The Youth Center Air Conditioning Unit needs to be replaced. The Trustees are working to get this done soon.

If you have not noticed work has begun on the front lawn. More improvements are to be made in the next few weeks. We will keep you updated.



## A TIME FOR PEACE

"We must never allow September 11th to become a time for protest and division. Instead, this day must remain a time for promoting peace and mutual respect."

-Archbishop Timothy Dolan



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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.**