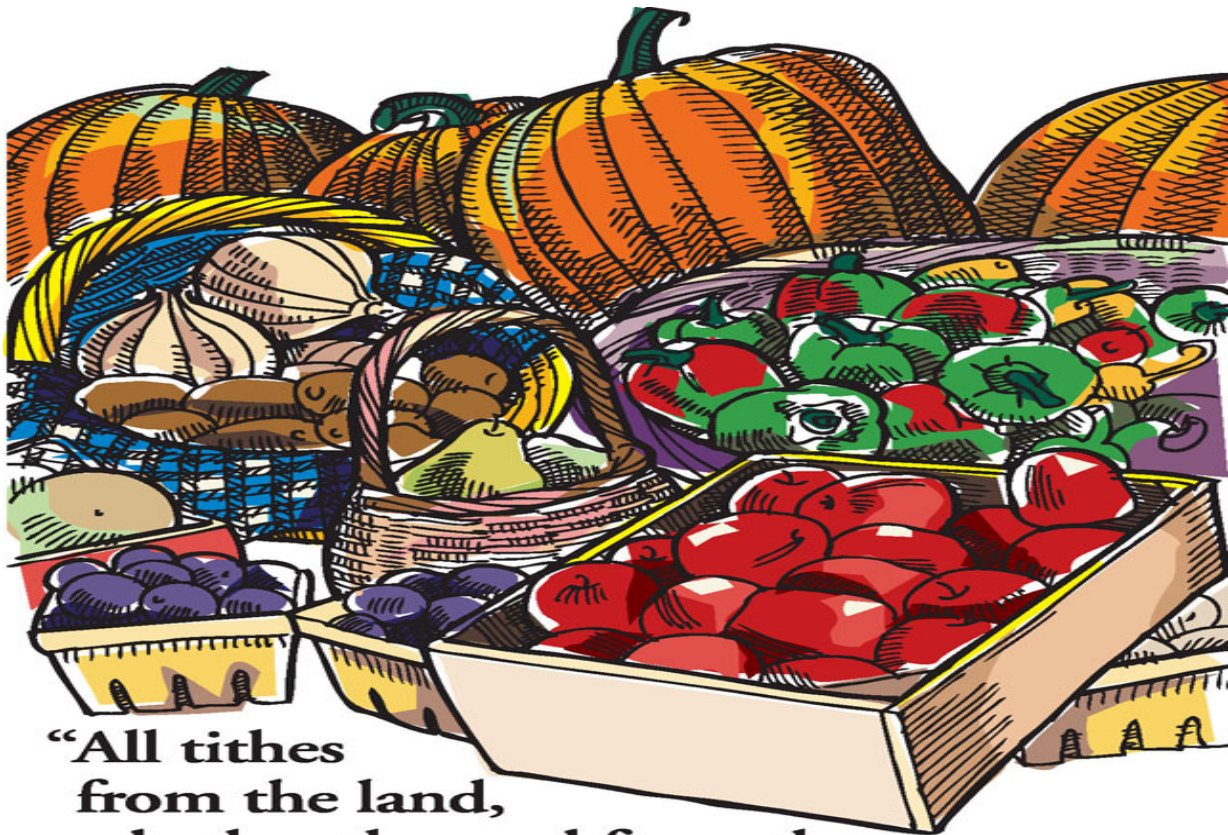




East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



**“All tithes
from the land,
whether the seed from the
ground or the fruit from the tree,
are the LORD’s; they are holy
to the LORD.”** **Leviticus 27:30, NRSV**



In winter and spring of 1944, the allied forces of New Zealand, Britain, India, Poland, Canada, and the United States invaded Italy and fought against a massive and well fortified German force on the beaches of Anzio and advanced toward the Gustave line with its fortress position of the Monastery at Monte Cassino. Part of the offensive, was to put resources away from northern Europe in preparation of D-day June 6, 1944, but the main reason was to take Italy away from the Axis powers. The Germans with the high ground pounded the allied troops for more than four months in back and forth fighting. The Allies had 105,000 casualties in the whole of the campaign, losing 800 men a day.

As I sat and listened to the accounts of this fighting and the incredible bravery of the men of the First Armored Division who fought there and who remembered with tears in their eyes for the friends they lost there I felt so inadequate to even sit in the company of men of such honor and courage. My father-in-law was telling about his part in the battle, driving an ambulance taking the wounded to the field hospitals or to the beach to board the ship hospitals: He told about digging in with a hole large enough to fit the ambulance underneath a tank that had been destroyed by artillery fire. And now (68 years later) laughing at the new recruits who would stick their heads out when they heard incoming shells, (but, he said they would not do it twice). I talked to a man named Joe (a tank commander) who had been taken prisoner earlier in North Africa at the Kasserine pass, and the pain he went through. As I listened to these men the word sacrifice kept coming to my mind. We tend to forget how much some have given that the rest of us can live in freedom and peace.

The men of the First Armored Division now head quartered at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, have not forgotten. They held a huge banquet for these World War II veterans and the other members of the First Armored Division from its fledgling days when they entered into their first battles, to the men now on active duty. As General Patard spoke and introduced the veterans of Afghanistan, Iraq, the first Iraq war, Korea, and Viet Nam, each received recognition but it was the men who fought in Northern Africa, Anzio and across Italy now all between the ages of 87 and 94 who received the well deserved standing ovation.

We met some incredible men and saw some incredible equipment in El Paso (I got to drive an Abrams m1a tank simulator) but as we drove home my mind kept going back to those words "Sacrifice" "Honor" "Bravery". The men today share those same traits with the men who stood on the beaches of Anzio. They train at Fort Bliss, in the deserts of west Texas and East New Mexico where a 105 degree day is considered cool, they still are willing to fight and even die if need be to protect our freedom and peace. It was very moving to see these brothers and sisters in arms sharing the stories and sharing the mutual respect for the service they have given. They will not forget the sacrifices of those who almost seventy years ago started the first armored division and fought and many times died for their country, I pray we do not forget either.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

We recently observed Labor Day and the election will be here before we know it. I have been thinking about how many laws, committees, rules, etc. with which we have to deal. I also put unions in this category. I have never worked for one before, and this article isn't going to be pro or anti-union per se. Years ago a friend of mine got scolded at work because he moved something that was in the way of his doing his job. He wasn't told, coerced or pressured to move it. It was in his way, so he moved it. Well, it turned out that he wasn't "supposed" to do that. He was supposed to get a material handler to do it for him. Now, I am sure unions were probably created because there were some bosses and companies who took advantage of their strength and position to bully and abuse workers. I suspect some unions still help prevent this today. Then on the other end of the pendulum you have some unions bullying employers where some workers can get by with not doing their jobs due to protection from the unions. Life would be so much simpler and better if each employee and employer simply lived by the Golden Rule and would do what is right (regardless of who held the upper hand). I have seen companies abuse and take advantage of employees and I have seen employees get by with what they can get by with as well. It seems that the pendulum swings back and forth at times. Whoever has the most power seems to abuse it and don't do as they should. It seems that people will get by with whatever they can get by with regardless of what is right or wrong. There seems to be little honor left in the world at times. I have seen changes in working conditions in my short time in the workforce during the past three decades or so. Often the changes were not for the better. It seemed before that workers and companies would have long, successful, mutually beneficial partnerships. Somewhere all of that seems to have changed. Companies often had no allegiance to employees nor did employees to the companies. Each seemed to be out to get what they could get and to get by with whatever they could.

I had a friend many years ago who was in a professional job that dealt with the public. For many years there was an extreme shortage in people who could fill his position. The company had to get people from other locations or towns to fill in for vacations and such. This shortage went on for well over a decade and perhaps a good deal longer. Finally, the company found itself with a small overage of people who could do this job. Not a lot mind you, but still a bit more than needed. They cut the amount of total hours with which he and his fellow workers (in this vocation) had to work. He was the highest ranking one in this position, so he tried calling to get answers. His calls were ignored. Now, this friend was great at his job, well-liked and a good person. After getting the brush off, he applied to their competitor who was more than happy to hire him. They were less than a block away from where he had worked and put a "welcome" with his name on their sign for all of his previous customers to see. Another one in that position quit and went to yet another competitor. Then some months down the line another had an accident and passed away. The company due to its arrogance and cockiness (because they felt they had everyone over the barrelhead) found themselves with a big shortage again and I am not sure if they ever fully recovered. I am not sure that my friend might not have stayed had they simply talked with him, but they didn't. Although I don't know this, I suspect they lost customers due to his leaving and the competitor who hired him got many of said customers.

Just imagine, had Adam and Eve not introduced sin into this world, there would be no need for so many laws. These laws are attempts to make up for our sin-nature and force us to do what we should or pay the price. How much easier and pleasant would life be if each person just did what was right because it was right? This leads to character, in my opinion. People have different definitions for character, but people without character can still do the right things at times, but for the wrong reasons. It has been said (and I tend to agree) that character is revealed in what people do when no one is watching. For instance they might not steal if they know they are being watched and there is a chance of getting caught and punished. However, they might do so if someone isn't watching (even though we know that God is always watching). So, the fact that they didn't steal in the first scenario doesn't make them people of character, it just means they might not want to take the risk. I also want to add that character is when people do things because they are right regardless of what they might receive out of doing so or even if they have to pay a price for doing the right thing. Doing right can cost us sometimes, but I think God often honors that here on earth. However, even if He doesn't here or right away, I have to believe that He will in the next life.



by Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner

All4ONE had a little different month in September. A big thanks goes to Benjamin and Shelley Walker who hosted the youth at their home on September 9 when Charlie and Judy were gone. There was no meeting on September 16, but we did enjoy getting together again on September 23 for the evening service and AfterALL at the Aigners. Thank you to Sharon Wheeler for hosting AfterALL on September 30. Thank you in advance to the Aigners, Barringers and Coryas for hosting AfterALL this coming month.

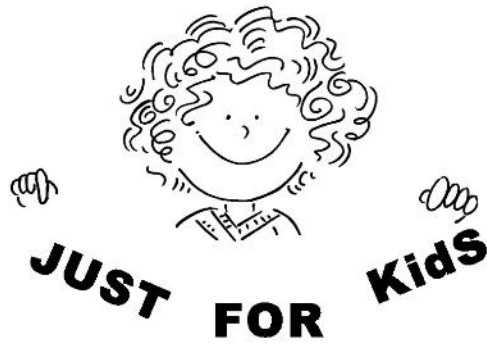
Another big thank you goes to Darla Cox for all her work with our Gramz Bakery fundraiser. We raised \$415.00.

On October 14, Elizabeth Cox, Emma Parks, and Katie Prall will join the mission team to Red Bird. Please keep them in your prayers. Two of our youth, Drew Wheeler and Nathaniel Staples, attended Chrysallis this past month and had a “spectacular” experience (in their words).

We had two youth on the homecoming courts at East the last Friday in September. Devin Cox, a senior, and William Voils, a junior. As of this typing results were not available, so check the paper or next month’s newsletter for an update. Emma Parks, Hannah Perry and Ben Walker are busy with the flag corps and band, putting in lots of time practicing for the band contests. William Voils is entering tennis sectionals and is a member of the show choir. Sabrina Fear is playing volleyball for Central. Thomas Voils is playing football for Northside. Nathaniel Staples is running cross country for Jennings County and is a member of their show choir. Drew Wheeler has begun conditioning for baseball. Justin Corya is playing soccer for Jennings County. Katie Prall is playing football for a travel team. Elizabeth Cox has joined our bell choir, does dance at a studio and is a cheer coach at Smith Elementary. Jesse Roberts is very involved in our Boy Scout troop. Katie Schmidt, senior at Columbus East, was awarded a \$750.00 scholarship from Leadership Bartholomew County. Congratulations Katie!

We will continue to provide updates of our All4ONE members very busy schedules! Keep them (and their parents) in your prayers.

<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

Thank you, thank you to Emma Parks and Elizabeth Cox for helping with the Kids' Club activities at Mill Race Park. I knew you would have too much **fun**.

**Mark your calendar for
Fall Family Fun Night
October 27, 2012
4 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Trunk or Treat in the parking lot.**

There will be games, prizes and Trunk or Treat and food will be provided. Bring friends and a "Big Bag" for all the goodies!



October is the month that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for their hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious assignments— the spiritual well-being of His flock.

Pastor Charlie and Judy, please know that your church family loves both of you. Pastor Charlie, we appreciate the time that you take to be there in our happy times and in our hours of need.

Judy, we appreciate all that you do, the beautiful piano playing, and helping in so many other ways here in the church.

Church family, please take time during this month, and also during the year to show Pastor Charlie and Judy how much you love them and how much they mean to you. We are so blessed to have them.

OUR CHURCH MISSION

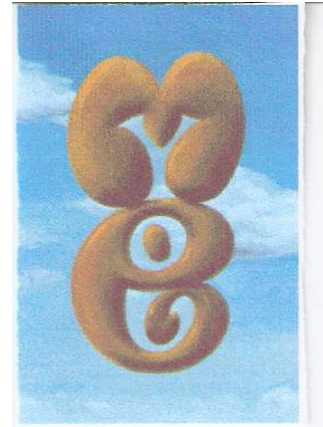
THE EAST COLUMBUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS SEEKING TO BECOME A MORE SERVING CONGREGATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST AND THROUGH THE PROMPTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. GOD HAS CALLED US TOGETHER TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST AND TO WORSHIP AND GROW SPIRITUALLY; THEREFORE, WE WILL WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL IN ALL OUR ACTIVITIES FOR THE WINNING OF SOULS TO CHRIST.

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am-United Methodist Women Service Group	2 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	3 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	4 6:30pm-Boy Scouts 6:30pm-Staff-Parish Relations Mtg.	5	6 Alzheimer's Walk 8am-2pm-Katie Schmidt Garage Sale (Senior Project)
7 <u>World Communion Sunday</u> Regular Services 5pm-United Meth. Women Exec.	8 Columbus Day 9am-United Methodist Women Service Group	9 1pm – Bible Study 6:30 pm-Women Bible Study	10 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm – Bible Study	11 6:30pm – Boy Scouts	12 UMW Annual Mtg. at Avon UMC, Indpls. (Oct. 12 & 13)	13 Housing Partnerships Workday
14 Red Bird Mission Trip Oct 14-20) Morning Services 4pm-Southeast Dist. Cont. (leadership & budget)	15 9am – United Methodist Women Service Group 2013 Budgets Due	16 <u>NO</u> 1pm Bible Study 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	17 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 Men's Emmaus Walk (Oct 18-21) 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	19	20 8am –UMM Breakfast
21 Women's Sunday at 8:30am & 10:40am Services 6pm-Evening Service	22 9am – United Methodist Women Service Group	23 1pm – Bible Study 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study 7pm-Ecum. Assy. Quarterly Mtg.	24 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	25 Women's Emmaus Walk (Oct 25-28) 6:30pm – Boy Scouts	26	27 4pm-Fall Family Fun Night
28 Regular Services	29 9am-United Methodist Women Service Group	30 1pm– Bible Study	31 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study			



**Do
others
see
YOU
in
ME?**



Have you ever asked yourself this question? Do you live your life daily so that others look through you and see the Jesus in you? It's a very hard question to ask yourself...and even harder to live up to most of the time. It's so easy to expect that the world is all about me...me...ME.

For example...the gift I received was tacky and cheap...not seeing that the person who gave it did so out of love.

Or this one...the guy in the car in front of me failed to turn left on the arrow causing me to miss the left turn arrow and making me late for work (or church).

Amazingly enough, the world doesn't revolve around me or even you. Our world, our daily walk should revolve around Jesus!

So as you walk with Jesus remember to put Him in the center of your daily life. You may still get stuck at that red light or behind someone who doesn't see that particular shade of green...but He'll give you the patience you need to breathe a little slower and forgive a little more freely.

Till next month...I wish you green lights; precious memories; quiet, peaceful days; enough to live; and a heart filled with sharing what you have with others.

Sharing the Love of Jesus with you...Timothy

Thanks to the Matterns, those who helped load and unload gear, or helped lead during the service at Mill Race Park. Terry



Trenton Robert Bozell
is the new son of
Kevin and Megan Bozell.
He was born
September 6, 2012.
He weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs.
Proud grandparents are
Jim and Darla Bozell.
Congratulations!

Thanks to the Sunday school classes for helping to feed the needy of Columbus. Food will be served at Asbury church at 5 pm on Tuesdays in October. October 2-Fidelis Bible; October 9-Corner Stone and Youth and anyone who can help (chili) contact Darla Cox about this; October 16, Round Table; October Philathea; October 30-Corner Stone.



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 549

In September we had a rocket shoot on a Saturday evening at Ceraland. Cub Scout Pack 505 from Taylorsville joined us and fun was had by all.

The Troop is preparing for the Fall Camporee coming up October 27. This event will be held at the fairgrounds in Brownstown, IN. The Camporee will be a Council outing and we are anticipating over 1000 scouts to attend. If you have time, please stop by for a visit.

Popcorn sales have started. Please support scouting by purchasing popcorn from the boys.

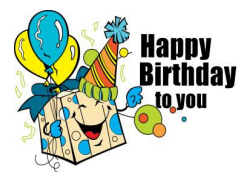
Boys must be 11 years old or older, and younger than 18 to join Scouting.

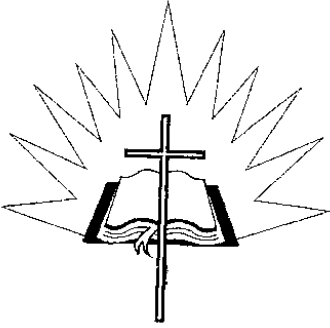
Meeting time is Thursday from 6:30—8:00 p.m. in the Youth Center building.

Roger Schaefer
Scoutmaster
812-342-3583 H
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3....	Richard Bray	18....	Steven Lane
5....	Jane Berry Billy Bettner	19....	Elizabeth Cox
6....	Bella Leckron Joyce Winters	22....	Dereck Fields Chase Leckron
7....	Rosie Adams Cameron Bozell	23....	Helen Conley
9....	Frank Cole Steven McDaniel	25....	Lyla Jo Stasney
10....	Roger Warner	27....	Dora Bingham Judy Burns Dorothy Christophel Ernest Wright
12....	Wayne Jessup	29....	Dorothy Briner Jeff Whittington
14....	Fred Neff		
15....	Jimmy Fisher Kaleb Holler		
16....	LeAnn Lane		





Applying Bible Principles

The vast majority of people like to excel at something. Most of us like to do what we do in a manner that is truly first-class. Whether we are involved in one of the trades, or whether we are working in a profession, we like to excel in what we do.

Similarly, in the Christian life, most of us like to demonstrate our love for the Lord in ways that will reflect properly on Him and that will bring honor to Him. As His servants, we take great care that our Christian service is of such quality that what we do for His sake is first-class. Thus, whether we sing a solo in a worship service at church, prepare a meal for someone who is a shut-in, or teach a Bible class, we strive to do what we do for God in the very best way possible.

The Apostle Paul indicates we are also to excel in the grace of giving. "... just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8:7). In other words, just as we might seek to excel in other ways which demonstrate our Christian faith in action, we are also to excel in the grace of giving.

In the context of the verse we just read, Paul commends the Macedonian Christians for giving as much as they were able and more. When we follow their example, we experience "grace giving" in action, not only giving as we are able, but also, giving beyond our ability. This is possible only as we demonstrate the fruit of the Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit within us. As we step out by faith (which is one of the signs of a Spirit-controlled life), we are able to give in ways which might seem improbable or impossible at first. The Spirit of God thereby motivates us and compels us to excel in the grace of giving!

One anonymous writer penned these powerful words: "God has a storehouse of blessings. Prayer is the key to that storehouse. But faith both turns the key and unlocks the door."

Say, are you excelling in the grace of giving? If not, why not take God at His Word—by faith—and begin today?

HELP NEEDED

The "Food Locker" committee (once a month meal for CEHS students) is looking for a dedicated, organized and enthusiastic leader. The committee members are willing to work, they just need a committee chairperson! If interested, please contact Shelley Walker at 372-8872 for more information.

Festival of Lights Parade is Saturday, December 1, 6 p.m. in downtown Columbus. If anyone would be interested in organizing and entering East Columbus UMC in the parade with a float, bus decorated, etc., please contact the church office for additional information and entry forms. Deadline to enter is November 16.

News



From the Mail Box...

To the East Columbus United Methodist Church family, thank you for the flowers that are still brightening our days. Thank you Pastor Charlie for your visit at the hospital. Your visit brightened our day.

- Charlie & Lora Sites

Thank you to the church family for the cards, prayers, phone calls and flowers during my surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Charlie for being with Tom and I the day of surgery.

-Wanda Bray

Thank you so very much for the book "The Story." I've already started reading it and am enjoying it very much. It has been an honor and privilege to help with communion at ECUMC. To bake bread for the Lord's meal is such a blessing I can't tell you how much Ralph and I are going to miss our truly wonderful church family. Our years in Columbus will always be remembered as a very rewarding chapter in our lives. God Bless you all.

-Jenny Carroll

Thank you all for the book "The Story." It is the greatest story. It has been an honor to have been able to help with communion for the last few years. I will truly miss serving. God Bless

-Donna Whipker

Dear Church Family, thank you for the beautiful peace lily sent to Larry's memorial service. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are greatly appreciated.

-Angela Bray and family

Thank you Terry for the microphone and stand for the Fidelis-Bible class. We can hear the teachers as they share God's word.

Thank you so much for a beautiful and very touching resurrection service for Bonnie Tyree. The music was beautiful as was the singing by Pastor Charles Aigner. The personal touches (reading notes from Bonnie's Bible) were so special and I love how much your church family surrounded us with compassion. A special "thank you" to the ladies for the delicious homemade lunch for our family. In today's busy world of fast food...home cooking was so nourishing to our bodies and souls!

-Family of Bonnie Tyree



-Our sympathy to Gerald and Georgia Dix and family at the loss of sister, Alberta Coffey.

-Our sympathy to Mike Mattern and family at loss of aunt, Vickie Wasser.

-Our sympathy to Jim and Darla Bozell and family at loss of Darla's mother, Patricia Harlan.

Here's what's
happening!

Staff-Parish Relations will meet Thursday, October 4, 6:30 p.m. in the Information Area.

Let's help Katie! Katie Schmidt is having a "garage sale" in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is part of her senior project. The proceeds will go towards Blessings in a Backpack. You can help Katie by donating items you no longer use or need to her garage sale. Please take items to the Fellowship Hall before October 6. See Katie if you have questions or email her: 13schmidtk@gmail.com

Columbus "Walk to End Alzheimers" at Mill Race Center on Saturday, October 6. Registration 8:30 a.m. Register at alz.org/indiana.com or call 800-272-3900.

World Communion Sunday is October 7.

United Methodist Women executive committee will meet Sunday, October 7, 5 p.m. in the Bible Round Table room.

United Methodist Women will have their annual meeting at Avon United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, on October 12 and 13.

United Methodist Women Sunday is October 21 at the 8:30 and 10:40 a.m. services. Sarah Dismore from Pregnancy Care Center will speak on abortion recovery and God's forgiveness and grace.

Red Bird mission trip is October 14-20 at Beverly, KY. Several of our church family will attend. Please keep them in your prayers.

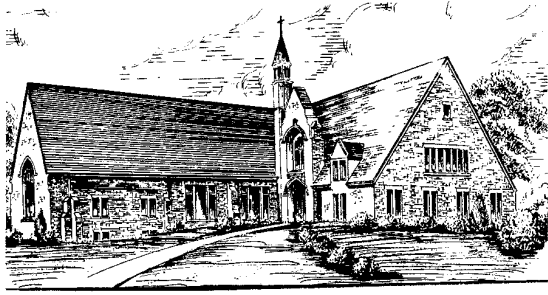
Men's Emmaus Walk is October 14-20 and the Women's Emmaus Walk is October 25-28. Please keep the people attending the walks in your prayers.

2013 Budget forms are due in the office by Monday, October 15.

United Methodist Men will have their monthly breakfast Saturday, October 20, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men invited to attend.

Ecumenical Assembly quarterly meeting is Tuesday, October 23, 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 27th Street, Columbus.

Fall Family Fun Night will be Saturday, October 27 beginning at 4 p.m. See Kid's page for more details.



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DISTRICT DAYS ACROSS INDIANA
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Bishop Coyner will meet with the Southeast District at First United Methodist Church, Columbus, for “District Days” on Tuesday, October 23. Bishop Coyner will meet with District Superintendent, staff, and leadership.

In the afternoon he will meet with pastors.

A reception for the Bishop will be held at First United Methodist Church, 8th. Street Columbus, IN, from 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m. At 7 p.m. Bishop Coyner will speak on his plans for the next four years. Everyone is invited to attend the reception.

Please RSVP to southeast.district@inumc.org if you plan to attend the reception.