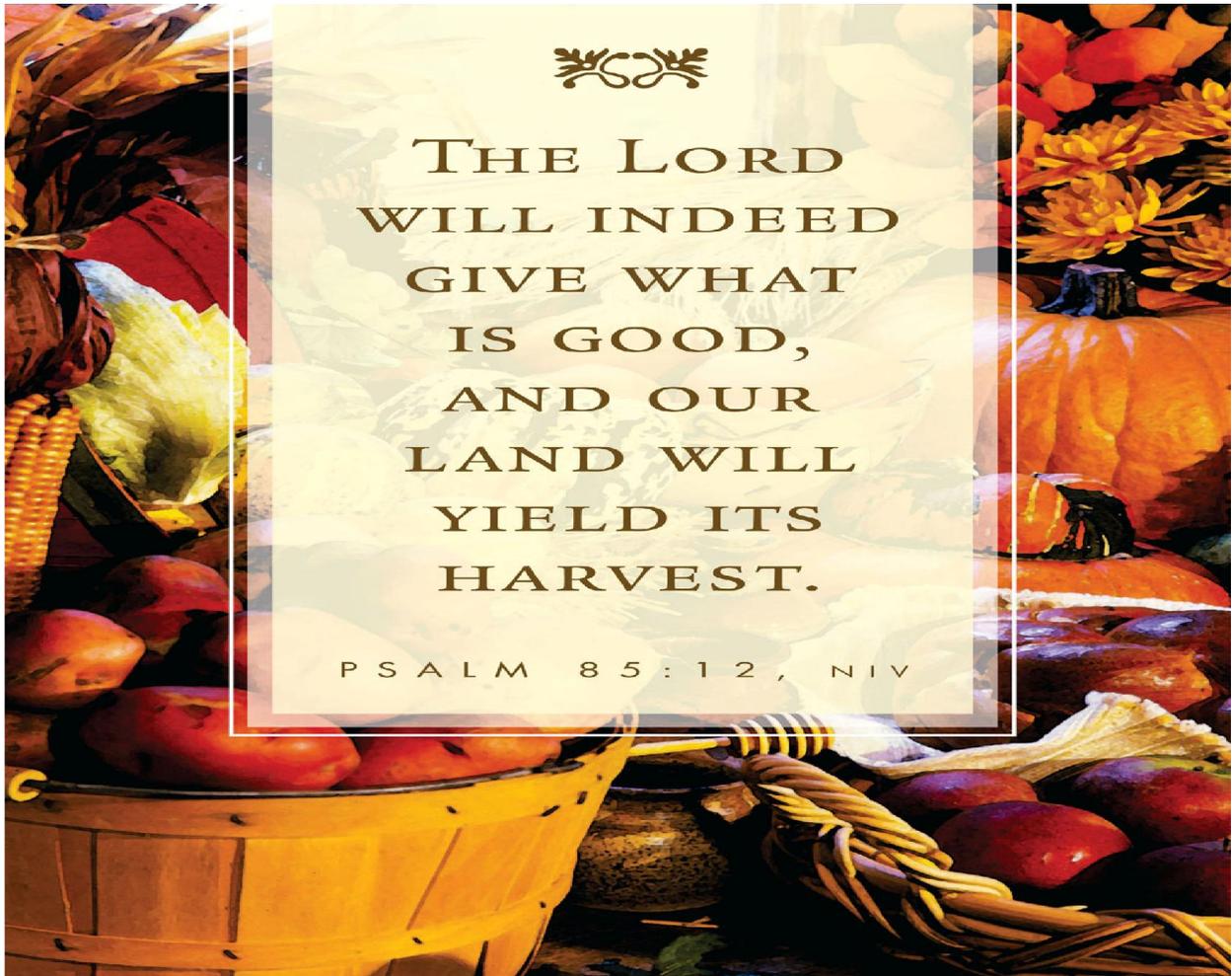




# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



THE LORD  
WILL INDEED  
GIVE WHAT  
IS GOOD,  
AND OUR  
LAND WILL  
YIELD ITS  
HARVEST.

PSALM 85:12, NIV



It is depressing how history repeats itself again and again, we short sighted people never learn from our mistakes, and fall again into the evil that destroys. Take for example the Assyrians, the people of Iraq. In 722-721 they attacked God's people with a brutal cruelty. One of their military leaders bragged of his brutality. *"I slew two hundred and sixty fighting men; I cut off their heads and made pyramids thereof. I slew one of every two. I built a wall before the great gates of the city; I flayed the chief men of the rebels, and I covered the wall with their skins. Some of them were enclosed alive in the bricks of the wall, some of them were crucified on stakes along the wall; I caused a great multitude of them to be flayed in my presence, and I covered the wall with their skins. I gathered together the heads in the form of crowns, and their pierced bodies in the form of garlands."* Another added his crimes: *"I destroyed, I demolished, I burned. I took their warriors prisoner and impaled them on stakes before their cities. ...flayed the nobles, as many as had rebelled, and spread their skins out on the piles (of dead corpses) ... many of the captives I burned in a fire. Many I took alive; from some I cut off their noses, ears and fingers; I put out the eyes of many of the soldiers."*

Nineveh the capital city of Assyria was on the Tigris River, it was the largest city in the world for some fifty years. The size of Nineveh is revealed in the Bible, in Jonah 3:3 and 4:11. *"A three day journey in breadth and with over 120,000 people."* The classical writers described Nineveh as being over 60 miles wide. The city of Nineveh is described in Genesis 10:11 as having been founded by Nimrod, the hunter who built the tower of Babel and led the world into rebellion against God. The Old Testament also mentions Nineveh in relation to the prophet Jonah who reluctantly preached judgment against Nineveh, and afterward the city repented, at least for a while. And finally Nineveh is just across the Tigris River from modern Mosel, where evil men are again attacking and brutally killing God's people.

The entire Old Testament book of Nahum (whose names means comfort) is a judgment against the Assyrian Empire and against Nineveh. In the book Nahum predicted Nineveh's destruction, and says the city will never be rebuilt. The book starts with these words: *"The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and maintains his wrath against his enemies. The LORD is slow to anger and great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of his feet."* In Chapter 3 Nahum speaks the words of God about Nineveh: *"I will pelt you with filth, I will treat you with contempt and make you a spectacle. All who see you will flee from you and say, 'Nineveh is in ruins—who will mourn for her?' Where can I find anyone to comfort you?"*

In 612 BC Nineveh was besieged and sacked by the Medes and other nations in alliance with them. Following bitter house-to-house fighting, after which the city was razed to the ground. Most of the people in the city who could not escape to the last Assyrian strongholds in the north and west were either massacred or deported out of the city and into the countryside. Many unburied skeletons were found by the archaeologists at the site. The Assyrian empire then came to an end by 605 BC, the Medes and Babylonians dividing its colonies between them. Following the defeat in 612 BC, the site remained largely unoccupied for centuries with only a scattering of Assyrians living amid the ruins.

God never forgets when evil men do injustice to his people. Again he says **"The LORD is slow to anger and great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished."** Not in this world and not in the world to come. It would be excellent if we short memory folks could learn this lesson for good.

*Pastor Charlie*



## POST HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Post High School Sunday School class for young adults has a new name and it is “Hot Topics.” Discussions will include:

1. Is there a reason for everything that happens or does God take bad things and work through them?
2. Relationships.
3. Current Events.
4. Contemporary Music.

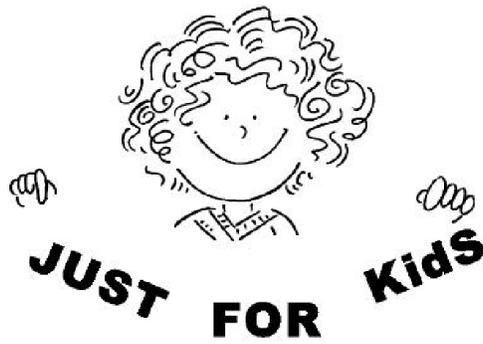
The new class started Sunday, September 14. Head teacher is Charlotte Hadley and teachers are Tom Hadley and Kathy Warner. Liaison person is Kathy Warner. Forward your comments and concerns to Kathy Warner. Pray for the success of “Hot Topics” and our post high school students.



Happy “Pastor Appreciation” month Pastor Charlie and Judy. The work of the pastor is to be the voice and hands helping God to lead, direct, teach, and counsel us on the path of salvation. The pastor is like the shepherd who cares for the flock of sheep, but he doesn’t own the sheep, they belong to someone else. Pastor Charlie, the flock here at ECUMC love to be led by you. You have a “servants heart” and are always there for us in our time of need. Judy, you are such a great helper to Pastor Charlie and also do a lot here at the church for the flock, such as your beautiful piano music. A lot of the time it is something behind the scene that no one sees.

You both are a blessing to our congregation!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES</b></p> <p><b>8:30 &amp; 10:40 a.m. Blended Worship</b>  <b>9:40-10:30 a.m. Sunday School</b>  <b>6 p.m.—Casual-Informal Praise Service</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister</b>  <b>Carol McIntosh, Adm. Assistant</b>  <b>Terry Snyder, Music Director</b>  <b>Janelle Quasebarth/Parents, Youth Directors</b>  <b>Bob Fear, Custodian</b></p>
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*by Paula Turnbow*

Hey kids, now is a great time to get involved at church:

- Children Church—Every Sunday at the 8:30 and 10:40 a.m. services.  
Come check it out! There are Bible Stories (we are studying Moses), games, crafts and fun fellowship with friends.
- Sunday School—you will love the exciting activities we do each week to go along with our Scripture.

Any questions call Paula at 343-6491.

### **Note to families!**

You will find activity bags (they are bright green and orange) for your children to use during service time. They are located in the Information Area. Please return them to the basket when the service is over.

## **OUR CHURCH MISSION**

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

# October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	2 5:30pm-Trustees Meeting 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	3	4
5 Red Bird Trip Oct. 5-11 World Holy Communion Regular Services	6 9am-UMW Service Group	7 NO BIBLE STUDY 7pm-Miriam Circle Mtg. 7:30pm-Praise Team Rehearsal	8 NO Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal NO BIBLE STUDY	9 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	10	11 9am-1pm-Fruitful Cong. Journey-Greensburg UMC
12 Regular Services  NO EVENING WORSHIP	13 9am-UMW Service Group	14 NO BIBLE STUDY 7:30pm-Praise Team Rehearsal	15 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal NO BIBLE STUDY	16 Men's Emmaus Walk (Oct 16-19) 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	17	18 8am-UMM Breakfast
19 Regular Services	20 9am-UMW Service Group 6:30pm-Joys of Hope Board Meeting	21 3pm-Bible Study 6:15pm-Church Growth Mtg. 7:30pm-Praise Team Rehearsal	22 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	23 Women's Emmaus Walk (Oct 23-26) 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	24	25 Mission Weekend
26 Mission Weekend Regular Services	27 9am-UMW Service Group	28 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Ecum. Assy. Quarterly Mtg. 7:30pm-Praise Team Rehearsal	29 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	30 6:15pm-Evangelism Committee Mtg. 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	31	



## HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

On September 6 we had nine troop members helping for two hours with the “Feed My Starving Children” held at Asbury UMC.

On September 14 the Troop did two hours on Highway cleanup as service time.

September 19-21 we had a campout at Camp Louis Ernest.

October 24-26 we will be having a campout at Ceraland.

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

Fall Popcorn is here. Be watching for boys selling popcorn. Boys have been challenged to sell \$600 each.

Our troop is growing. We have a new Troop Committee Chair. His name is Paul Barringer. We also have two new boys who have joined. Making a total of eight boys in the troop.

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.

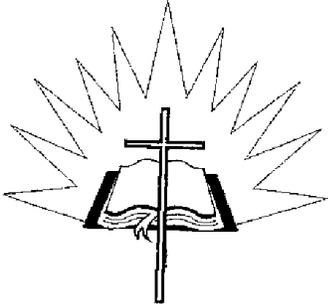
Meeting time is Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer  
Scoutmaster  
812-342-3583 H  
812-350-9707 C

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3....	Richard Bray	15....	Keleb Holler
4....	Lyla Barringer		Jimmy Fisher
5....	Jane Berry	16....	LeAnn Lane
	Billy Bettner	19....	Elizabeth Cox
6....	Bella Leckron	22....	Jennifer Eubanks
	Joyce Winters		Dereck Fields
7....	Rosie Adams		Chase Leckron
	Cameron Bozell	23....	Helen Conley
9....	Frank Cole	27....	Dora Bingham
	Steven McDaniel		Judy Burns
	Paulette Sexton		Dorothy Christophel
10....	Roger Warner	29....	Dorothy Briner
12....	Wayne Jessup		Jeff Whittington
13....	Mark Bense		
14....	Fred Neff		





## Applying Bible Principles

“When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you... But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...” (Deut. 8:10, 18).

The Bible repeatedly says that we are to “praise the Lord,” but what does that mean? Whatever else it might mean, it entails having a thankful heart for all that God has done for us. It’s easy, you know to go to an extreme and to emphasize only God’s spiritual blessings to the exclusion of His temporal blessings. It’s also easy to emphasize only His material blessings and to forget His provisions for us spiritually. In reality, we are to emphasize both the material and spiritual blessings we receive from God, remembering that all we have comes from His bountiful hand.

As we realize God’s provisions for us, day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year, we literally “praise the Lord” by a lifestyle that is marked by thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. And that spirit of gratitude for past, present and future blessings causes us to want to give to the Lord from the bounty He has provided for us. As one unknown author wrote, Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first thanks, then giving.”

Think about it: As we receive God’s blessings, we offer praise and thanksgiving to Him. And as we realize afresh that all that we have is a result of God’s goodness, our response to His faithfulness is to give back to God a portion of that which was already His. We do so, not because we have to or out of any sense of obligation or guilt. We give to the Lord because we want to do so, in response to His great love for us and in response to His goodness.

Dwight L. Moody was once reading Psalm 103. When he came to the verse, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,” he stopped short in his inimitable way and exclaimed, “You can’t remember them all, of course, but don’t forget them all. Remember some of them!” And as you “remember some of them,” remember the sequence: First thanks, then giving.

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### WHAT WE’D LIKE TO HEAR IN CHURCH

1. Hey, it’s my turn to sit in the front pew!
2. I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon ran longer than usual.
3. I’ll volunteer to be the permanent junior high Sunday school teacher..
4. I love it when we sing hymns I’ve never heard before.
5. Because we’re all here, let’s start the worship service early.
6. Pastor, we’d like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
7. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.

# News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you to Pastor Charlie for his visits and prayers and to all of my church family for their visits, prayers and cards during my recent illness. Keep me in your prayers. -Helen Conley

Thank you to everyone for all of your prayers and concerns when I had my accident on my horse. I am doing well. -Julie Clark

“Thank you” to Chuck and Helen Conley for donating furniture for our new Hot Topics Sunday School class.



In Memory of  
Norma Percifield  
who went home to  
her Heavenly Father  
September 13, 2014

-Our sympathy to Chuck and Helen Conley and family at loss of Chuck's step-mother, Helen Conley.

-Our sympathy to the Percifield family at the loss of loved one, Norma Percifield.

## Here's what's happening!

Trustees will meet Thursday, October 2, 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

World Communion Sunday is October 5.

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

Red Bird Mission trip is October 5-11. Several people from our congregation will be attending.

Fruitful Congregation Journey (FCJ) members will attend a meeting at Greensburg UMC on Saturday, October 11 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Men's Emmaus Walk is October 16-19 and the Women's Emmaus Walk is October 23-26.

United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast is Saturday, October 18 at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

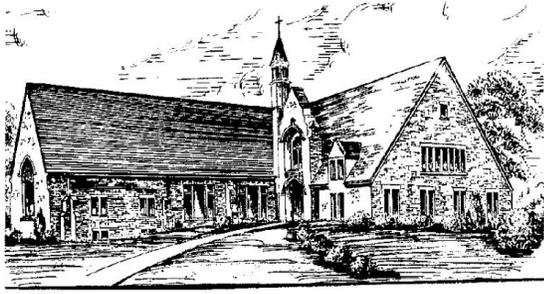
Joys of Hope board meeting is Monday, October 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Church Growth meeting is Tuesday, October 21, 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

Mission Weekend—October 25 & 26.

Ecumenical Assembly quarterly meeting is Tuesday, October 28, 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Evangelism Committee Meeting is October 30, 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel



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## **LOOK AT OUR PLAQUE!**



We have a beautiful plaque “thanking” each one who gave for our new church windows. The plaque is hanging in the Information Area on the west wall. We would like to thank Steve Carothers for donating the plaque and all of his hard work putting all of the names on it. Thank you Steve, it is most appreciated!

-The Trustees