



East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

It is
God
who
works
in **you.**

Philippians
2:13, ESV





There is a story of some guys that worked in a very greasy messy machine shop. One of the men that worked there was an older fellow named George. His job was to sweep and clean and to especially keep the shavings underneath the huge lathes from accumulating as the machines were running. It was a never ending and hard job not to mention the oil that got on everything as the machines spun.

George was a born again Christian who loved the teaching of Jesus and the prophecy of the end times. He often sung “In the Sweet By and By” or “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder” as he worked. Late one Friday about ten minutes until quitting time when all the men were weary and were in the locker room cleaning up George kept working sweeping and picking up the last of the shavings. One of the men noticed George was not getting cleaned up and found him still sweeping and he asked George, “Aren’t you going to get ready to leave,” George said, “uh-huh” but kept working. It was obvious that he could not leave the factory and get in his car with all the oil that covered him. Again the man asked, “Aren’t you going to get ready to leave, George?” George replied, “I am ready!” The other worker shook his head and said, “Look at you George, you’re a mess, you gotta go and get cleaned up.” George replied, “Let me show you something.” George unzipped his coveralls, stepped out of them and removed a thick t-shirt that covered a nice shirt underneath, took off his ball cap and gloves and stood there in the neatest, cleanest clothes you could imagine. He was ready. When the whistle blew each day he would just unzip and was gone. George said, “You see, I stay ready to keep from getting ready—just like I’m always ready for Jesus!”

Jesus warns in Matthew 24 to be like George, He says, **“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.**

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

There will be no warning, no time to prepare when He returns. You have to stay ready to keep from getting ready.

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I found out not long ago (as I type this) about a security breach with one of the three credit reporting agencies. Many of us were or could have been affected. I heard a report on the news about a guy who had never been online etc. but whose identity was stolen to get a job at Walmart if I remember correctly. What it came down to is that even though he didn't put info online, there are so many companies who do, and someone managed to obtain the information

It seems in this world that you can try to be as careful as you can, and there are still threats on every hand. In this day and age, our personal info is treated like a commodity and many companies are lax with security with said information. The church has had a few instances of people getting (or guessing) our credit card number and purchasing (or attempting to) things. The most recent was a few months ago when someone attempted to buy a nearly \$3000. Microsoft Surface Book on BestBuy.com and pick it up in a store in Iowa (as I recall). Fortunately the credit card company caught it and called. We put a stop to it and got a replacement card.

The Bible talks about satan being like a roaring lion prowling around looking for someone to devour. We must be vigilant in being on guard instead of being lax. Although in the case of personal info, it is out of our hands to some degree (although we can do our part), we do have the power to be on guard against the devil and have a source of protection. Although the devil does have some power, our God is all powerful. Sometimes God allows things in our lives, but He is still omnipotent and omniscient, and has a plan.

Speaking of the most recent security breach, and a roaring lion, the credit reporting agency preyed on people's fear and emotions (in my opinion) and put a place online where you could check to see if your information was some that they might have obtained. What they didn't tell you (except in fine print as I understand it) is that checking that meant you would waive your right to join a class action lawsuit. Some people cried foul and that part of the agreement was removed. It is hard to say if those who already checked are held to the original agreement, or if the lawyers who said they couldn't do that put a stop to it (even retroactively).

I believe that these sort of things (getting our social security numbers, credit card numbers, birth dates etc.) will all work to get people to easily accept the mark of the beast as a way to "be secure" when in reality, it is the worse thing they can do. Even if I am wrong about these things being used to make the mark more desirable, we must be on guard. People find security in all sorts of things, but they are sinking sand as the hymn, "My Hope Is Built" says. I love the song, "I'll Worship Only At the Feet of Jesus" and will close with some lyrics from that.

*"I went to visit the shrine of plenty, but found its storerooms all filled with dust.
I bowed at altars of gold and silver, but as I knelt there they turned to rust.*

*So I'll worship only at the feet of Jesus, His cup alone my holy grail.
There'll be no other gods before Him, just Jesus only will never fail.*

*The call of fortune made me a pilgrim, to journey to fame's promised heights.
But as I climbed the promise faded, and winds blew lonely all through the night.*

*So I'll worship only at the feet of Jesus, His cup alone my holy grail.
There'll be no other gods before Him, just Jesus only will never fail.*

*"Just desert dust, and empty shadows, all promises that turned to lies.
The gods of earth fail and betray me, but you are alone, are truth and life!*

*So I'll worship only at the feet of Jesus, His cup alone my holy grail.
There'll be no other gods before Him, just Jesus only will never fail. Just Jesus only will never fail!*



OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind
And with all your strength...Love your neighbor as yourself.” Mark 12:30-31*



We are growing!! Praise God!! Come join us!!
4:30-Home work help..5:15-Dinner
6:00-7:30-Games, Stories, Crafts and too much fun.

JAM Fundraiser!

We will be making and selling decorated pumpkins. Maybe you have seen them (they are like what we make for the shut-ins). Order forms will be in the bulletin or call Paula at 812-343-6491.



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

October 20-22-Campout at Versailles State Park.

November—Campout at Ceraland

December—Campout at Camp Louis Ernest

September 9 ECUM Block Party and Feed My Starving Children we had 11 boys to help.

September 15-17 6 boys and 2 adults helped at the Campout at Maumee to work with the cub scouts.

Our troop has 3 boys who are working on their Eagle rank.

As always if any member of the church is interested in Scouting be it a boy or adult we will be glad for your visit and interest. Stop by and visit!

Boys age need to be 11 years old and less than 18 to join. Meeting time is Thursdays—6:30-8:00 at the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer, Scoutmaster
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812-350-9707 C

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

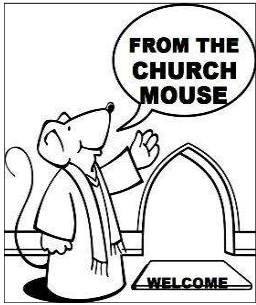
1 9am-Mercy's Well Concert 6pm-Evening Service	2 9am-UMW Service Group	3 NO Bible Study 7pm-Miriam Circle	4 4:30-7:30pm- J.A.M. Youth Grp. 5:15pm-Bells 6pm-Choir Reh. NO Bible Study	5 5:30pm- Trustee Meeting 6:30pm-Boy Scouts 6:30pm-Women's Bible	6	7
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29 Regular Service 2pm-Charge Conference NO Evening Service	30 9am-UMW Service Group	31 1pm-Bible Study				

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3.... Richard Bray
4.... Lyla Barringer
5.... Billy Bettner
6.... Joyce Winters
7.... Rosie Adams
Cameron Bozell
9.... Frank Cole
10... Roger Warner
12... Wayne Jessup

13... Scottie Lane Nichols
16... Kai Staggs
19... Elizabeth Cox
22... Dereck Fields
23... Helen Conley
27.... Dora Bingham
Dorothy Christophel
Arielle Aigner
29.... Dorothy Briner





HAPPY OCTOBER

Not quite a year since the Presidential election was held. What turmoil during the campaigning! How many of us prayed for it to be over ... to know peace in our streets, in our homes and on our televisions and internet sites.

Colossians 3:15 says. *“Let the peace of God rule in your heart.”* In Greek that verse says, *“Let the peace of God be the umpire.”*

Isn't it the Umpire who calls the balls and strikes? Rules the runner safe or out at home? He's the guy that everyone loves to hate ... depending on which side you're sitting on.

But remember, our earthly umpires are just human ... they are fallible ... they can make mistakes which costs one team all the cheese.

But we serve a God who never makes mistakes! He knows the plans for our lives ... one of my favorite verses ... *‘For I know the plans I have for you’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future.’* Jeremiah 29:11

Our earthly umps can't see the future ... they can't see that the pitcher is going to throw you a curveball or whether you'll connect sending it out of the park or go down swinging. But God can ... He sees everything.

But even more importantly, if you argue with the ump, there's a good chance you're going to get tossed from the game. But not with God!! The very next verse in Jeremiah says ... *“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”* So when the earthly ump calls you out, you have no choice but to walk away ... always remember that your heavenly Ump (a/k/a God) is always ready to talk to you about the call and to provide guidance for the trial, hope in the joy, peace for the journey.

He will never leave us nor forsake us!!

Till next month.....Timothy

News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Block Party.
-Tom Hadley

A Note from The Gideons International:

It is always a great thing to be among a friendly and supportive group and joy just know that you are among friends. That was evident in the donation that Gideons received. \$400 will purchase, package, deliver, and put into someone's hands 320 pocket size New Testaments and Psalms or 80 full size hotel Bibles. We all know what just one Bible can do. This is an incredible amount of support. Thank you all so much.

\$860 was collected for the Hurricane Relief Fund.

Anyone interested in donating supplies to the State Street Area Association Thanksgiving Dinner can find information on the bulletin board by the office.

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and flowers during my stay at the hospital August 18-20.

-Betty Schaefer

Special thanks to Glenda Henry for all the beautiful robes she made for the folks of Kindred Health Care.

ECUMC needs a delegate to represent the church at the Ecumenical Assembly meeting every fourth Tuesday of the month. See Dirk James

LOVE CHAPEL'S CHRISTMAS FOOD PANTRY

ECUMC will begin collecting jars of peanut butter. Our goal is 1500 jars. Please put your donations under the coat rack in the foyer.

Here's what's
happening!

Mercy's Well will be in concert Sunday, October 1, during the morning service. Mercy's Well is a Christian vocal group from Greensboro, NC. They have continued to produce chart topping singles and have gained national attention. Invite your family and friends to hear this talented group.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, October 3, 7 p.m. at the home of Diana Fear.

Trustee Meeting is Thursday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, October 17.

Family Game Night Friday, October 20, 2017, 6:30-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

*Bring Favorite Game

*Bring A Friend

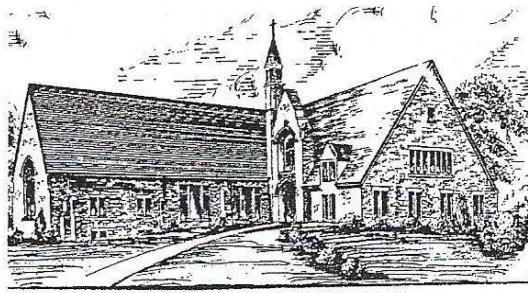
*Bring Finger Food Snack to share.

United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast is Saturday, October 21 in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

Ecumenical Assembly Meeting, Tuesday, October 24, 7 p.m. at 292 Center Street.

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser Saturday, October 28, 4 to 7 p.m. The Bible Roundtable S. S. Class is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the Property Improvement Fund. A Free Will Offering will be taken for the Dinner. A variety of items will be available for a Silent Auction. Contact Diana Fear with any questions or to volunteer.

Charge Conference will be held Sunday, October 29, 2-3:30 p.m. at UMC, 107 W. Campbell St, Edinburgh, IN.



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Return Service Requested

<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES</p> <p>9-9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>10:40 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>6 p.m. Chapel Service</p>	<p>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister Angie Sherfick, Adm. Assistant Terry Snyder, Music Director Paula Turnbow, Children's Ministry Director Bob Fear, Facility Manager</p>
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OUR CHURCH MISSION

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