

East Columbus United Methodist Church

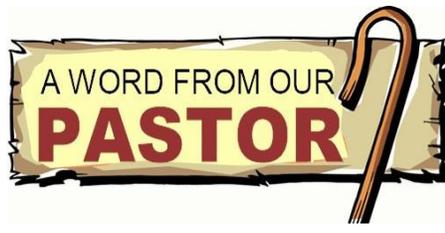
A Church for Everyone!

OCTOBER 2025



in the heavens
God has
pitched
a tent for
the sun.

Psalm 19:4, N9V



Restoration of the Heart and Soul through the Word of God

Dear beloved,

May the peace of God always be with you.

Since two weeks ago, I have been sharing a meditation image every Wednesday through our church's Facebook page. There will be a total of seven meditation images, under the theme: "Restoration of the Heart and Soul through the Word of God."

This meditation series is especially intended for those times when we view ourselves through the lens of our own emotions and biases, which can distort the truth. Through God's Word, we are invited to reconstruct our thoughts and recover our true selves. When we see ourselves through God's eyes, we begin to restore the beauty of being created in His image.

I hope you will take a moment to read and pray through each short meditation, and also consider sharing them with friends around you. There may be someone silently suffering from deep emotional wounds or struggles with self-worth. If, through God's Word, we can reclaim our identity as those made in His image, then the beauty of God's creation is being restored once again.

The seven themes of this meditation series are as follows:

1. I am engraved on the palm of God's hand
2. Even if my heart falls apart
3. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
4. God does not extinguish even a small flame
5. You are Mine
6. I know you
7. My grace is sufficient for you

Through these seven weeks of meditation, I pray that we may all rediscover our identity and worth as God's beloved children. And may this restoration not stop with us, but overflow into the lives of neighbors around us who are in need of love.

I love and bless you all in Christ!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jongmin



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

Recent events, I believe, have revealed who stands on each side of the line. Some call it God separating the wheat from the chaff, and I can't argue that. I have seen partial quotes taken out of context to mean things never intended. (People have done that to the Bible going back to the serpent in the garden).

Differences of opinions are fine, but it has been alarming and sad seeing people celebrate an assassination. I don't mean people who disagreed or misunderstood due to hearing an out of context partial quote, or those couldn't muster up sympathy for the victim's family, I mean those who blatantly rejoiced.

Some have said the murder was due to his Christian beliefs, which may be. There are those who hate God and Christians. Some will tolerate (or even like), churches who tickle the ears, telling them what they want to hear. Too many churches have let the world influence the church, instead of us influencing the world. I think we have seen the negative impact this has had on those churches and society.

I was appalled to see part of a video a so-called youth minister had posted of herself dancing in joy because the victim was dead. That is un-Christlike no matter her feelings about him. The previous youth pastor of that church shared the clip. He had left the church after seeing signs of the church heading the wrong direction prior to this. He had never thought it could happen to his Bible believing church. He stated that it was a hard video for him to make, but it was a warning to the American church saying it could happen to your church too.

Another video showed a man celebrating in a very evil way. The person sharing said it was a demon, and I confess, he certainly looked demonic. There are times we may over-label things as the devil working, But, I also believe that there are spiritual battles going on that we may not see or realize. I think that is happening now more than some times in the past. I believe the devil knows his time is short. Even though we know it can get worse, I think sometimes we have trouble imagining evil increasing or more sin in society, but I think we have seen just how possible it is.

The poor Ukrainian girl who got stabbed to death was simply listening to music: Perhaps trying to escape the world, to pass the time on the train, to avoid being hit on, or keep folks from talking to her on the train. We may never know. But, she was unaware of the evil and danger lurking behind her, and lost her life.

I have said a few times the past week that we can no longer be complacent and unaware. Listening to music is in my wheelhouse, but we must be on guard against dangers of which we may be unaware. The world has increasingly become that place

A choir member said something that I had heard (at least in part) before. It was about a law enforcement officer, I believe, sitting in a way to watch an entrance in a restaurant or somewhere. I had heard of people in the military doing the same thing, being aware of entries and exits, and of men sleeping on the side of the bed closest to the doorway, and facing the door, to protect their wives should something such as a home invasion occur.

I am in no way saying we should live in fear of danger around every corner, but we should also keep our eyes open. Even more so, we should be aware of spiritual battles, pray for our church, the greater church, the world etc. I also think that we are in a time where we need to show what side of the line we are on, and try to influence the world for Christ more than ever.

HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL

Troop 549



The Cub Scout Shootoree was a lot of fun for the troop. Our troop ran the BB Gun station. (No eyes were out) It was a lot of fun seeing little kids that can barely hold the weight of a bb gun get to shoot one for the first time. It was nice to have Kordell and his new wife Kristine there to help out with our area this year. They are expecting a little girl in March. Congratulations to the new addition to their new family.

We had a great fundraiser for Phi Beta Psi. The boys always enjoy the attendees at the event almost as much as they enjoy seeing them. We are so grateful to have this fundraiser twice a year to help the boys raise money for their summer camp fees.

Tucker Higham is our scout that was able to complete all the requirements for his Eagle Scout rank. The council has reviewed his paperwork, and we are planning his board of review for his Eagle Scout Board of Review. His family will be in the process of planning his Eagle Scout Court of Honor soon. I will let everyone know when he has the ceremony scheduled.

October 10-12

The troop will be camping at Kordell's farm in Peru, In. This will be a fun campout for the troop. We will be getting wood for creating an entrance for our camping spots during summer camp and camporee's. Kordell has been cleaning out his woods and has a large pile of brush to burn. I am sure a big bonfire will be in order.

October 13-17

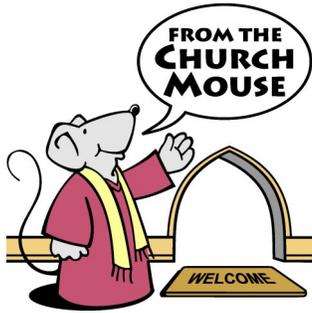
The Bartholomew County Schools will be on Fall Break during this time. There will be no scouts Oct. 16.

October 26-28th

This weekend there is a Council Wide Camporee that will be held at Maumee. We are not sure what the theme will be for this camporee. It should be a great time.

If you know any boys that are 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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Greetings to you!

I read this cute story and wanted to share it with you....I hope it brings a smile to your face and brightens your day.

Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better computer programmer. This goes on for a few hours until they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge.

They set themselves before their computers and began. They typed furiously for several hours, lines of code streaming up the screen.

Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he had come up with. Satan is visibly upset, and cries, "I have nothing! I lost it all when the power went out."

"Very well, then," says God, "let us see if Jesus fared any better." Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pours out from the speakers. Satan is astonished.

He stutters, "But how? I lost everything yet Jesus' program is intact! How did He do it?"

God chuckles, "Jesus saves."

And remember.....His email never fills up so reach out to Jesus daily, He will always answer and His saving grace (or His computer) will never fail!

Happy "Computing" till next month..... Timothy



News



From the Mail Box...



World Communion Sunday

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.

Grace's Table Free Meal. Sunday, October 12 at 5pm in the Youth Center. All are welcome!

Weekly Prayer Hour. Every Tuesday a prayer time is held from 10am to 11am in the sanctuary. Come and pray for a few minutes or the entire hour. Please enter through the Elevator Door.

Hot Meals will be served on the Tuesdays in October at Memorial Baptist Church. If you are not part of a class but want to help please contact the leader:

October 7—Philathea Class: Katie Niespondziani
October 14—Fidelis Bible Class: Ron Briner
October 21—Bible Round Table: Darla Bozell

BCSC will be on Fall Break October 10-17

Charge Conference will be held at Sandy Hook UMC on Sunday, October 26 at 4pm.



Thank you Pastor for your dedication and service to our church community. Your guidance has been so meaningful to our lives.

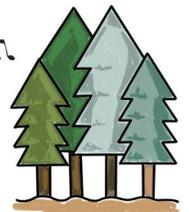
Encourage our pastor by assuring him of our prayers and love.



Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 31 - 5—7 pm at the Church. Open trunks, decorate and hand out candy and favors.



**“Worship
In the Park”**



Sponsored by Love Chapel

Where: Donner Park Pavilion

When: Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 2pm

What: 2:00pm—2:45pm, Worship
2:24pm—4pm, food, fellowship, Fun
including a live band,
cookout and more!

Everyone is Invited

LOVE CHAPEL BIBLE PROJECT

Love Chapel is gathering unused Bibles that you don't mind parting with, and will give them to people who need and want them. If you have a bible at home and don't mind parting with it, please bring it to church and place it in the designated box under the coat rack. **Collection will end on Sunday, October 26.**

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm-Choir	2 6:30pm-Scouts	3	4 2pm-Worship in the Park @ Donner Park
5 World Communion Sunday	6	7 10am - Prayer Hour 5pm-Hot Meals Memorial Baptist	8 6pm-Choir	9 6:30pm-Scouts	10	11
12 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday School 5pm-Grace's Table	13	14 10am - Prayer Hour 5pm-Hot Meals Memorial Baptist	15 6pm- Choir	16 NO-Scouts	17	18
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- Oct. 6..Joyce Winters
- Oct. 10..Roger Warner
- Oct. 12..Wayne Jessup
- Oct. 14..Bev Grimm
- Oct. 17..Donna Gillispie
- Oct. 23..Helen Conley
- Oct. 27..Dorothy Christophel
- Oct. 27..(Ernest) Lynn Wright
- Oct. 29..Dorothy Briner



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9:00 am - Worship Service

10:10am - Sunday School

OUR CHURCH MISSION

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