



East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

Pastor's Thanksgiving Message



In Chapter 12 of Exodus, God by his powerful hand brought the Hebrews out of Egypt, but it did not take long for them to forget his power and start complaining. Just two chapters later in Chapter 14, they are expressing their fears and frustrations. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians?' It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Then in Chapter 15, the people grumbled against Moses, saying "What are we to drink?"

And in Chapter 16, in the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." Also in Chapter 17, the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

We could go on from the complaint of lack of leeks and onions to giants in the land; but the awful truth is from the day they left the slave land of Egypt until they died in the desert, they forgot the power of God and they forgot to be thankful.

Perhaps the same can be said for us. This is the month of Thanksgiving and we have so much to be thankful for, so little to complain about but does that stop us from complaining? We have a God who loves us, who provides for us, and who died for us. I wonder if he sees us as he saw the complaining Hebrews.

If you have food in the refrigerator and clothes on your back and a roof over your head you are richer than 75% of this world. **Do you Thank Him?**

If you have extra money, even spare change on your chest of drawers or a small savings account, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthiest. **Do you Thank Him?**

If you can read this page, you are more blessed than over 2 billion in our world who are illiterate. **Do you Thank Him?**

If you have never been in the danger of battle or experience the pains of starvation you are way ahead of 500 million in our world. **Do you Thank Him?**

If you can go to Church this Sunday and worship our loving God without fear of harassment, or arrest you are more blessed than 2.5 billion souls on our planet. **Do you Thank Him?**

If you can hold your head up with a smile on your face and remember you are truly blessed then you are doing something that many can do but unfortunately most do not. **Do you Thank Him?**

If you woke up this morning with health you are more blessed than hundreds and thousands that will die today. **Do you Thank Him?**

If you know Jesus as your savior then your life and soul are safe, you are eternally blessed, you are among the few who have found the path to the Father and to life everlasting. **Do you Thank Him?**

This month and every month count your many blessings and **Thank Him!**

Pastor Charlie



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I started thinking about some of my different musical experiences this morning as I was taking a shower. I have been involved in music to some degree since around 1976, I believe. I have worked with different teachers, choir members, groups (in and out of church) etc. during that time. There have been different work ethics and gifts among all of these people. Some were only concerned about their solos or small groups. Some would want to work to get parts right when their reputation was on the line or the error could be detected as being theirs and didn't seem to care about the group as a whole. One director refused to let a duet sing because she felt one member had focused on that and didn't know his part for the choir songs.

Then, there have been people who got irritated at working on something to correct bad notes, rhythms, enunciation etc. They just wanted to sing however they pleased and didn't really care to do it right or if another section needed help getting it right. Others might not want to hear they are wrong and get offended or hurt if corrected. I have also worked with others who really wanted to get it right and would put in whatever work and rehearsal was needed to do it to the best of their ability. As a director, I need to know in the latter two cases where to correct or not as far as feelings and such are concerned. As far as choir, I use a trick my High School teacher used. I will call out a section when there is a problem (such as tenors, you hit the wrong note here) instead singling out the person who did it (though I often know). That used to irritate me in High School when the teacher did it and I knew I had hit the right note, but I understand it now.

Another thing I have noticed over the years is that it is more fun and easy to sing or play through the sections you like or know and the tendency can be to want to do that instead of working through and improving the tough parts. However, the tough parts are where the work needs to be done to get better.

I was in the musical, "Pirates of Penzance," during my sophomore year. I recall the director singling me out during a rehearsal because she had heard me practicing on my own in one of the rehearsal rooms during resource time and was scolding others for not being as committed. I had no idea she had known until then. I wasn't doing it for recognition. I recall having to sing the circle of fifths and other drills in High School choir. I really wanted to learn, but at other times might have gotten frustrated with certain drills wondering why we had to do them. The director also expected us to sing an A without any pitch or other reference from which to get the note. I actually just demonstrated that (and confirmed I was correct on the Clavinova afterwards) to some choir members before rehearsal recently. The director also had us raise our hand if we made a mistake (and realized it) during rehearsal, so that she would not stop to work on it (unless the person did it the next time). She also said that those with notes they had written in their music were often better than those without because they knew what they needed help with and made notes to not make the mistake again. A clean piece of music might mean the person didn't. (Although to be fair, some didn't need to make the notes, they could read well enough or remember mistakes and correct them without writing them in), but her point was valid overall. She said the big mistake was making the same mistake again.

I worked hard during the music classes themselves and at resource time. But I also regret that I didn't take piano or voice lessons during High School when I had the time and a rehearsal room at my disposal. I didn't practice as often or as hard as I should when I did take them after High School. I also regret not taking music theory in High School. I had heard how hard it was and how much homework there was, and chickened out....umm reconsidered. I think that would have helped me and kept me having to learn so much on my own and using the brute force method of doing things once I did get out of High School. Although I learned a great deal while in choir and ensembles, I would have learned more had I taken theory and likely had an easier time of it. I did take a year of Guitar lab, but truth be told the second semester was mostly a waste as both beginners and advanced classes were combined due to lack of interest. We advanced students were mostly left to our own devices while the teacher helped the beginners.

What does this have to do with Christianity? Well, a lot of it translates into our walk with Christ. With some people it is all about them, their needs or wants, how it affects them. Some do okay without accountability, while others do better with it. Some are willing to do the work to get better and are committed to being better. Some want to go through the easy times and fun times, but don't want to do the tough ones. Some might not understand why they have to do certain things or go through certain times, but God, the ultimate director knows. Some make the same mistakes over and over again instead of asking for help or admitting that they have weak areas. But, we are all one team and like a choir should work together, be patient with the ones who learn slower, be willing to sing some songs where another section or member shines even if their part is boring or a support part, so should Christians be willing to work together as a team, support one another, sacrifice in some ways for someone else to benefit, strive to be better and do the work.



by Paula Turnbow

The children of ECUMC are excited:

We raised over \$600 for Heifer International! We were able to send a heifer to a needy family.

Way to go Kids! Please be praying as we move toward our new missions:

Samaritan's Purse and
Christmas Circus



<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 Janelle Quasebarth/Parents, Youth Directors Bob Fear, 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>
<p align="center">OUR CHURCH MISSION Growing the Family of God by Making Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.</p>	

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy Communion Regular Services	3 9am-UMW Service Group 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	4 1pm-Bible Study 7pm-Miriam Circle Mtg. 7:30pm-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30pm-Church Council Meeting	5 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	6 5:30pm-Worship Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	7	8 9am-1pm-Fruitful Cong. Journey Mtg. (Greensburg, IN)
9 Regular Services	10 9am-UMW Service Group 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	11 Veterans Day 1pm-Bible Study 6:15pm-Church Growth Mtg. 6:30pm-Special Needs Group 7:30pm-Praise Team Rehearsal	12 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Charge Conference	13 6:30pm-Boy Scouts 6:15pm-Evangelism Comm. Mtg.	14	15 8am-UMM Breakfast 9:30am-Christmas Circus
16 Dedication of Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Noon-Thanksgiving Dinner Regular Services	17 9am-UMW Service Group 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	18 3pm-Bible Study 7pm-Ecum. Assemb. Board Mtg. 7:30pm-Praise Team Rehearsal	19 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm-Bible Study	20 6:30pm-Boy Scouts 6:30pm-Youth Council Mtg.	21 6pm-Cols. Community Emmaus Gathering	22
23 Regular Services 3pm-Southeast Dist. Conference (Seymour UMC)	24 9am-UMW Service Group 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	25 7:30pm-Praise Team Rehearsal	26 5:15pm-Handbell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27 OFFICE CLOSED 	OFFICE CLOSED	29
30 First Sun. of Advent Regular Services						



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

October 24-26, we had a Campout at Ceraland.

In November we plan to go Zip Lining in Brown County.

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

On January 4, we plan to go tubing at the Northern Slopes.

February 7-8, is Scout Sunday weekend. We will participate in the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

February 21, is Merit Badge Day.

Our troop is growing. We had a new boy join. There are a total of nine 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

1.... Jocelyn Eubanks
Ave Grace Mayfield

2.... Chuck Dilsizian
Valarie Schuyler
Beverly Watson

4.... Caleb Barringer

5.... Eddie Fields

6.... Lilli Sanford

7.... Brad Helton

8.... Nancy Menefee

10.... Donna Ostick

13.... Rosalie Pfister

14.... Indie Miller

15.... Kaylee Heisey

16.... June Mires-Manley

18.... Larry Skinner

19.... Shirley Murphy

21.... Bertha Winn
Oscar Wood

22.... Georgia Dix
Robert Lilly

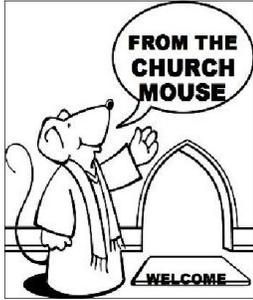
24.... Carson Fields

25.... Albert Lane

26.... Sandra Whipker

30.... Sabrina Fear
Rachel Lewellyn





HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

I heard a snip of a radio program a little while ago...I didn't hear much but I heard these words...

TODAY, I AM THANKFUL FOR

It got me to thinking...what exactly am I thankful for and can I list something different every day? So I started making a short note on my calendar...didn't need to make sense to anyone else but me and God.

Here's a few of what I wrote down...

Day 1 Salvation

Day 2 Freedom to make my own choices...good or bad...right or wrong

Day 3 Enough cheese for me to eat and some to share with other mice

Day 4 Friends...who love me enough to tell me when I mess up

You get the picture...and I'm sure you can make a list of your own.

Nor change the statement to...

TODAY, I AM THANKFUL BECAUSE

Christ died for me.

I can share Christ's love with others without fear.

I have a church family who love me.

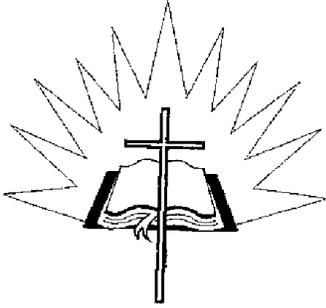
So as this Thanksgiving holiday approaches and we get wrapped up in the cooking, cleaning and planning of that big meal...take a few minutes and ponder these two statements.

Maybe you can fill in the blanks as you smash those potatoes and grumble that they are lumpy...be thankful that they will soon fill your tummy.

Or as you're chasing those dust bunnies around, remember to be thankful for the home in which you live...it doesn't have to be a palace but where God and love reside with you.

Thanking God for each of you and sending blessings to each home...

Till next month...Timothy



Applying Bible Principles

Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”

You see, if the earth really is the Lord’s, and if everything in it belongs to the Lord, then in reality, we are managers and stewards of that which rightfully belongs to Him. We own nothing! God owns it all. He allows us to use what rightfully belongs to Him, but God continues to retain the ownership. We are just managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

This means that whether we are paying our taxes, buying groceries, providing for our families or giving to support the ministry of our church, we are making decisions that involve the resources God has provided for us. And the primary reason God entrusts us with material possessions—especially money—is that we might glorify Him.

Every spending decision, therefore, becomes a spiritual decision as we “seek first his kingdom and his righteousness” (Matt. 6:33). Yes, it is important to take care of our families and other obligations we have, but what is really important is to give back to God that which He has entrusted to us, that which is rightfully His. As we give voluntarily, quietly, generously and cheerfully according to the measure of prosperity God has given us, we glorify Him as we give “willingly” from our hearts (Ex. 25:2).

Don’t be confused: The amount we give and the percentage we give are very important. But as we give, let’s remember to keep the “Main thing” the “Main thing.” What’s of paramount importance is why we give. We give, not only for the glory of God, but also because He first gave to us. We give out of our love for Christ who has redeemed us by dying for our sins on the cross of Calvary.

That’s why it’s a privilege to be God’s manager and God’s steward of what belongs to Him. That’s why it’s a privilege to manage God’s resources in His behalf. And that’s why it’s a privilege to give to the work of the Lord here at East Columbus United Methodist Church.

Are you using money and possessions as if they belong to you or are you making spending decisions with the full realization that “God owns it all?”

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN’S SERVICE GROUP REPORT

The ladies in the United Methodist Women Service Group that meet on Monday in the Mission room have taken almost 100 lap robes to various nursing homes in our community, plus several baby blankets, and hats to the Pregnancy Care Center. We have taken at least 3 boxes of cut postage stamps, several boxes of bandages and miscellaneous items to the Marion Storehouse in Marion, IN for shipment to Africa. The week of October 6 through 10 we sent a box of fabric, yarn, box tops and Campbell bar code items to Red Bird Mission. As a result of all this, we are running a little low on our supplies. We need many things built back up to work on. Can you help? If you have questions, please see Betty Schaefer.

News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you to my church family for the cards, the beautiful flowers, and all of the prayers that were prayed on my behalf during my recent illness. A special thank you to Pastor Charlie for his special prayer and to Mary Gorman for her prayers and for sitting with Chuck during my surgery. -Helen Conley

We are so appreciative of all you did for Mother. She loved all of you, and you were so kind to her. Thank you to Pastor Charlie for all he has done. The meal was delicious and much appreciated. Thank you for all the prayers, flowers, food and cards. Most of all, we appreciate your love and care of Mother. Although her death was unexpected, we are so thankful she is Home. -The Percifield family

Thank you to the Caring Ministry for the cute pumpkin that was given to us for Halloween and a big thank you to Tom and Mary Gorman for bringing it to us. -Louis and Shirley Sylvia

Thanks for the flowers, prayers and calls at the passing of my brother. Also thanks to Pastor Aigner for his visit and prayers when I had my knee surgery. -Catherine McDaniel

Thank you to the Caring Ministry for the cute pumpkin that I received. I am really enjoying it. -Gladys Tuttle

Cash Flow January—August 2014	
Giving	\$174,063.59
Expense	<u>\$-206,258.39</u>
	\$-32,194.80
Borrowed from Savings	<u>\$ 29,575.14</u>
Net	\$ -2,619.66



-Our sympathy to Carl & Karen Miller & family at the loss of uncle, Alva L. Miller

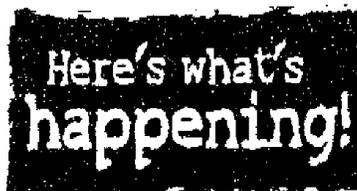
-Our sympathy to Bob & Diana Fear and family at loss of nephew, Ryan Fear.

Columbus Community Emmaus gathering is Friday, November 21. Fourth Day meeting is at 6 p.m. with a pitch-in to follow at 7 p.m. From 7:45 to 9 p.m. is Praise and Worship. Gathering will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Southeast District Conference is Sunday, November 23, 3 p.m. at Seymour UMC.

Church Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 27 and 28.

First Sunday of Advent is November 30.



Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner/Pitch-In (see back page for details.)

Daylight Saving time will end Sunday, November 2. Remember to turn your clock back one hour!!

Church Council will meet Tuesday, November 4, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, November 4, 7 p.m. at the home of Brenda Hodler.

Worship Committee will meet Thursday, November 6, 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Laity Fruitful Congregation Journey (FCJ) will meet Saturday, November 8 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. at the Greensburg UMC.

Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11. Let's remember our service men and women who have served our country to keep us free.

Special Needs Support Group will meet Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Church Growth committee will meet Tuesday, November 11, 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

Charge Conference is Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m. and will be held at ECUMC in the Sanctuary.

Evangelism Committee will meet Thursday, November 13, 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel..

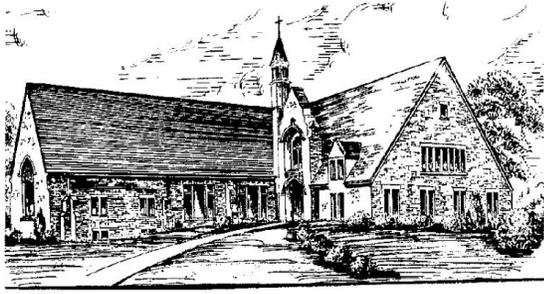
United Methodist Men's breakfast is Saturday, November 15, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men invited to attend.

Christmas Circus is Saturday, November 15. Volunteers should arrive in the Fellowship Hall by 9:30 a.m. To get organized. Children and families will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. The Christmas Circus children will be taken to the west side Walmart (46W) to shop and will return to the church when finished shopping to eat lunch.

Dedication for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes is Sunday, November 16.

Ecumenical Assembly board meeting is Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m. at Love Chapel.

Youth Council will meet Thursday, November 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.



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Return Service Requested



Sunday, November 16, 2014

Noon

Fellowship Hall

The turkey, rolls and drink will be furnished. Bring food and dessert to share. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

The Family Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the dinner.