



# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



## Pastor's Thanksgiving Message



The first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1621 to give thanks for surviving their first winter in the New World. Even though many had died and many had suffered, they knew God had blessed them. On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving. That proclamation is here in the same language and spelling as the original.

**"The Holy God having by a long and Continual Series of his Afflictive dispensations in and by the present war with the Heathen Natives of this land, written and brought to pass bitter things against his own Covenant people in this wilderness, yet so that we evidently discern that in the midst of his judgements he hath remembered mercy, having remembered his Footstool in the day of his sore displeasure against us for our sins, with many singular Intimations of his Fatherly Compassion, and regard; reserving many of our Towns from Desolation Threatened, and attempted by the Enemy, and giving us especially of late with many of our Confederates many signal Advantages against them, without such Disadvantage to ourselves as formerly we have been sensible of, if it be the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed, it certainly bespeaks our positive Thankfulness, when our Enemies are in any measure disappointed or destroyed; and fearing the Lord should take notice under so many Intimations of his returning mercy, we should be found an Insensible people, as not standing before Him with Thanksgiving, as well as lading him with our Complaints in the time of pressing Afflictions:**

**The Council has thought meet to appoint and set apart the 29th day of this instant June, as a day of Solemn Thanksgiving and praise to God for such his Goodness and favor, many Particulars of which mercy might be Instanced, but we doubt not those who are sensible of God's Afflictions, have been as diligent to espy him returning to us; and that the Lord may behold us as a People offering Praise and thereby glorifying Him; the Council doth commend it to the Respective Ministers, Elders and people of this Jurisdiction; Solemnly and seriously to keep the same Beseeking that being persuaded by the mercies of God we may all, even this whole people offer up our bodies and souls as a living and acceptable Service unto God by Jesus Christ."**

Today we have so much more to be thankful for than the pilgrims could ever imagine and yet we as a grumble and complain like a four year old forced to eat broccoli, this November, let us strive to be thankful every day for every blessing, great and small. And like the Pilgrims give him an offering of praise.



*A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder*

This article is the one that I started last month and replaced.

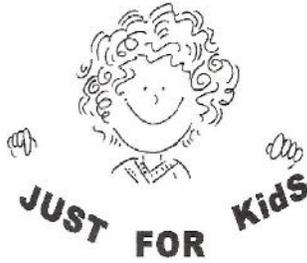
I think I mentioned this years ago, but it bears repeating. I recall a quote from the Pogo comic strip that says "We have met the enemy, and he is us." Sometimes Christians (or self-proclaimed Christians) do great harm to Christ's name and Christianity. While true that we get a bad rap, I fear at times it is justified. Now, of course we are human and humans fail. Thank God for His grace or we would all be doomed. We are not going to do everything right and there will be trouble, differences of opinion and disagreements. Nonetheless, I recently saw post after post on Facebook as well as people I have seen in person who got hurt, frustrated, or otherwise disappointed in someone who carried the banner of Christian or the church in general. Reasons varied from being attacked, misjudged, criticized, looked down on etc. by those of us in the church. Life can get ugly and those who carry the name of Christian can get ugly.

I admit that there are those who are looking for any excuse to not come to church or follow Christ. Truth is, they would probably not come to church even if there was nothing to complain about. But, unfortunately, we often give them excuses. Time and time again I hear (or read) people talking about how wait staff hate Sunday afternoons because of the church crowd. They say the church crowd is demanding, critical, and cheap (with the tips) and often difficult and rude. Sometimes I think that and the negative (and often inaccurate) portrayal of Christians in the media are what people think of when they think of Christians. We have a lot to overcome. Unfortunately, it is really hard (if not impossible) to fix harm already done and it is hard to overcome first impressions.

I know I have been told of people misjudging my own motivations about some things more than once in recent months, and each of these were blatantly wrong. Some were done by people who have known me for decades and I admit it can hurt thinking they see me that way or wondering if they ever knew me at all. But, I am sure I have done the same thing to others, so I am not trying to portray myself as innocent or infallible. It can be easy to misjudge situations or people with preconceived ideas, a moment of weakness, our past hurts and experiences, frustration or whatever.

I believe that satan is doing what he can on his borrowed time to discourage Christians and get us to give up the fight. This can be in walking away from the church or things like suicide (which is what I wrote about in last month's article). It is sad though that Christians of many years are ready to chuck it all. Some might think they were never truly Christians if they are willing to walk away. I admit I do not know, but I think that it has happened enough to be a red flag and warning to us. We often take a moment on Thanksgiving to observe and be grateful for what God has blessed us with. Sadly we often either go through the motions doing this (mostly as a ritual) or go right back to being ungrateful (even if we were sincere). One example of this is Black Friday sales.

Christmas will soon be here and people often become more caring, loving, kind etc. during Christmas time. Imagine if we Christians lived like that every day. What if we followed the golden rule, were kind, considerate, caring, grateful, loving, etc? I am sure some of us are to at least and extent, but more of us need to be. I think we would change and improve if we really thought about eternity, the people on earth who need God, our job here to do, and the limited time left. It is too easy for us to get wrapped up in the details of our existence (good and bad) to where our vision is skewed. But, I think we would really feel badly if we found out that there was someone we could have reached or if there is someone we helped encourage to give up the fight by deed or inaction. It is my hope that God will revive us and then causes His church to grow both in spirit and in numbers.



by Paula Turnbow

## NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE

“Always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.”  
*1 Thessalonians 5:15*

Hey Kids!!! We are excited about our Mission work!

### 1. Card Ministry

The children have been making and sending cards and pictures to different people “in” and “around” our church.

### 2. Shoe Boxes

We will be filling a box for a girl and boy for Operation Christmas Child. We also track our boxes so we can learn more about where they are going.

### 3. Christmas Circus

Our classes will be filling a food box and helping to fill Christmas Stockings.

Come be a part of these wonderful traditions.



Logan Skinner

The leaves are falling, the temperature is dropping, and we are well on our way into fall. Thanksgiving and Christmas are quickly approaching. And we begin moving into a time of fellowship, family, and giving. During this time of fellowship, I want to encourage everyone to share the ultimate gift this year with your family and friends. That gift being Jesus. Life is too short to let a moment go by and let someone you love and care about go without knowing Christ. I know this holiday season, I will be urging my friends and loved ones to turn their focus on Christ. Our blessings come from him and our hope is in him! So please, join me in telling others about the mighty and generous God we serve. Our family and friends deserve the one gift that never runs out or ends.

# NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Evangelism Mtg 7pm-Miriam Circle	<b>2</b> 5:15pm-Hand Bell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.	<b>3</b> 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> <b>6 Communion</b> 9-9:30am-Fellowship Time 9:30am-Worship 10:40am-Sunday School 5pm-All4One 6pm-Casual/Informal Service	<b>7</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>8 Election Day</b> 1pm-Bible Study	<b>9</b> 5:15pm-Hand Bell Rehearsal NO -Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh.	<b>10</b> 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 6:30-9pm-Family Game Night	<b>12</b> Christmas Circus
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<b>27 1st Sun. of Advent</b> <b>Guest Speaker Tom Stiles</b> 9:00a m-Fellowship Time 9:30am-Worship 10:40am-Sunday School 5pm-All4One 6pm-Casual/Informal Service	<b>28</b> 9am-UMW Service Group	<b>29</b> 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Church Council	<b>30</b> 5:15pm-Hand Bell Rehearsal 6pm-Chancel Choir Reh. 7pm-Bible Study 7:15pm-Praise Team Reh			



## HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL TROOP 549

Troop Calendar:

November 11—13—Campout at Ceraland

November 13—Fundraising Night at Texas Roadhouse 11am-10pm. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser. Flyers that will be available in the Bulletins must be presented at time of ordering food.

December 9—11—Campout at Camp Louis Ernest

Fall Popcorn is underway.

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. Boys should be 11 years and less than 18 to join.

Meeting time is Thursday at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

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

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1.... Angie Sherfick

2.... Chuck Dilsizian

4.... Caleb Barringer

6.... Lilli Sanford

7.... Brad Helton

8.... Nancy Menefee

13.... Rosalie Pfister

15.... Kaylee Heisey

16.... June Mires-Manley

18.... Larry Skinner

19.... Shirley Murphy

21.... Carol McIntosh  
Bertha Winn  
Oscar Wood

22.... Georgia Dix  
Rob Lilly

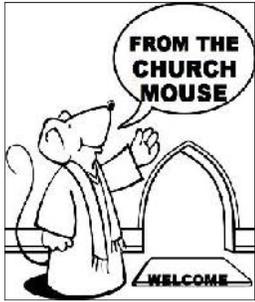
24.... Carson Fields

25.... Albert Lane

26.... Sandra Whipker

30.... Rachel Lewellyn  
Sabrina Fear





Well ... it's almost over! Election day is just around the corner and all of the negative mudslinging will be done. We'll have a new President ... and we pray for a God fearing leader.

Earlier in the campaign year I saw a yard sign on 25th Street here in Columbus. At first I ignored it ... just another campaign sign ... big deal. Then after driving past it for several days, I started paying attention ... and I'm so glad I did! Here's what it said ...

**It doesn't matter who is elected President  
JESUS IS STILL THE KING!!**

Isn't that comforting to know? That our Lord and Savior is the KING!! That this time on earth is only a moment in eternity ... so while we may have to endure several months of negative ads and years under leadership that may or may not align with our personal beliefs, we can rest assured that our eternity will be spent with our Jesus!

So remember to vote this election day and trust in Jesus as our King regardless of who is elected President!

*Till next month..... Timothy*

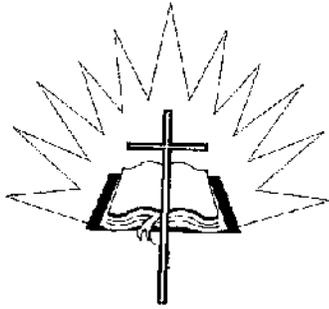


**Sunday, November 13, 2016  
Noon  
Fellowship Hall**

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



East Columbus UMC will participate again this year in the packing of shoe boxes for children around the world. Shoe boxes will be collected and dedicated Sunday, November 13. We hope that each family will pack at least one shoe box this year.



# 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 that 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 writes, “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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## LOVE CHAPEL CHRISTMAS PANTRY PEANUT BUTTER

ECUMC is collecting jars of Peanut Butter for Love Chapel’s Christmas Pantry. Collection will last until December 1. Please put your jars in the tote under the coat rack

### CHRISTMAS CIRCUS

Saturday, November 12

Volunteers should arrive at the church by 9:00 a.m. to get organized. Children and families will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. Children will be taken to the west side Walmart to shop and will return to the church when finished shopping to eat lunch.

Thanksgiving cheese balls will be made on November 17 and will be ready for delivery on November 20. Please place your order by November 13.

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Thanks to the Sunday School classes that provided hot meals at Asbury.

ECUMC delivered 8 buckets for UMCOR.

# News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you very much for the 379 pounds of produce you donated in August. We are very blessed to have your support for Love Chapel. Your contributions allows us to continue this ministry for those in need. All of us a Love Chapel sincerely appreciate being able to count you among our valued friends and supporters.

Thank you for your support. What a blessing to have you as such significant partners in this work!

-The Staff at Clarity of So. Central Indiana

Thank you Pastor Charlie for coming to our home and praying with me before my surgery. Thank you for coming to the hospital and staying with Chuck and Jay during my surgery and for all your prayers during my recovery. Thank you to my wonderful church family for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls and to the children for their cards and prayers. May our loving Lord bless you all!

-Helen Conley

Thank you to Tom & Mary Gorman, Wayne & Gini Jessup, Betty Schaefer, Lisa Welch and Beverly Abbett and so many others for the wonderful visits, for the cards, flowers, and prayers. Thanks to the kids for the cute decorated pumpkin.

-Love, Georgia Dix

Thanks to everyone for helping load, transporting and unloading the musical gear to Ceraland. Also a thank you to the choir, Testify, Kathy Henry for the music they provided.

Shirley Sylvia thanks the children for the pumpkin they gave her.

Thanks to all for the prayers, cards and calls after my surgery. I'm blessed to be a part of the family of God at ECUMC.

-Mary Gorman

Kay Brown thanks everyone for their prayers, cards and concerns for Clarence.



In Memory of  
Charlie Tyree  
who went home to  
His Heavenly Father  
October 9, 2016

In Memory of  
Jim Rosenberger  
who went home to  
His Heavenly Father  
October 18, 2016

-Our sympathy to the Tyree family at the passing of their loved one, Charlie.

-Our sympathy to the Rosenberger family at the passing of their loved one, Jim.

Here's what's  
happening!

Evangelisms Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 7 p.m. at the home of Brenda Hodler, 4151 Highview Way, Columbus, IN.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Family Game Night is Friday, November 11, 2016 6:30-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

\*Bring Favorite Game

\*Bring A Friend

\*Bring Finger Food Snack to share.

Thanksgiving dinner will be served November 13 at 12 noon. (See inside page for details.)

Ecumenical Assembly will meet Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m. at 292 Center Street.

Emmaus Gathering will be held Friday, November 18, 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 719 5th Street.

United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast is Saturday, November 19, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

## TRIBUTE TO HONOR OSCAR WOOD FOR HIS SERVICE TO ECUMC & HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY.

Saturday, November 19, 2016

3:00—5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Please come and celebrate Oscar and his contribution to ECUMC and the Columbus community. Come and tell Oscar "Happy Birthday." Light refreshments will be served.

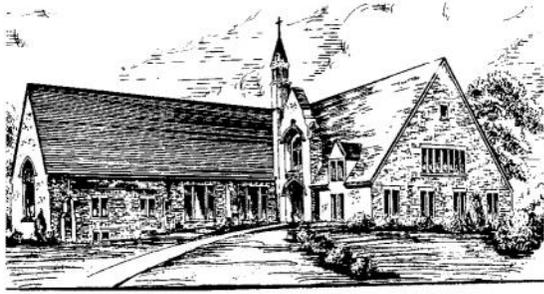


OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY.

Tom Stiles will be our Guest Speaker on Sunday, November 27.

Church Council will meet Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m.

**The building is very busy and the calendar is filling up. Anyone wanting to use ANY part of the Church Building (Chapel, Fellowship Hall, Information or the Youth Center) must call and schedule usage through the church office. Please contact Angie in the church office at 812-376-7418 during Office Hours: M-W-F 8:30 am—2:30 pm, T-TH 8:30 am—12 noon. Board of Trustees**



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**Return Service Requested**

<p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES</b></p> <p>9-9:30a.m. Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School 6 p.m. Casual-Informal Praise Service</p>	<p><b>Charles Aigner, Senior Minister</b> <b>Angie Sherfick, Adm. Assistant</b> <b>Terry Snyder, Music Director</b> <b>Logan Skinner, Youth Director</b> <b>Bob Fear, Custodian</b></p>
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