

East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

NOVEMBER 2025

FEAR NOT, O LAND;
BE GLAD AND REJOICE,
FOR THE LORD HAS DONE

GREAT THINGS!



JOEL 2:21, ESV



A Season of Thanksgiving

May the peace of God always be with you.

November is the month of thanksgiving. As we approach the end of 2025, what are the things we are thankful for?

Lately, I find myself often reflecting on God's boundless grace. There are times in our lives when we please God, and other times when we may disappoint Him. Yet even in those moments, God continues to show us His unchanging love. When I think of that love, a deep and sincere sense of gratitude wells up from within.

This month is especially meaningful as we prepare to celebrate the 130th anniversary of our church. As we get ready for this special service, I've been working closely with Terry and Angie, and I'm so grateful for all they are doing to help. Each of the stories you've shared has come together to form the beautiful history of our church.

How has God been at work over these 130 years?

"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100:5)

God has loved this church. He has been patient, faithful, and has guided us every step of the way. His grace has never failed - even as generations have passed, God has remained with us and preserved His church.

That is why this 130th anniversary service is not merely a celebration of years past - it is a festival of thanksgiving to God. It is a time to remember His grace in the past, to give thanks for the community He has given us in the present, and to look ahead with faith and hope for what He will do in the future.

My beloved friends, Gratitude begins in the heart, but it grows deeper when it is lived out. May we become people who share the love we have received, and who pour out the grace we have been given. Let us pray and walk together so that the next generation may grow up learning of God's love in this faith community.

As we approach Thanksgiving and prepare for our 130th anniversary service, I pray that we will all experience God's enduring faithfulness more deeply, and take one more step forward into the greater grace He has in store for us.

I love and bless you all in Christ!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Jongmin



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

Why? A three-letter word that most of us have asked at some point. It could be a rebellious child asking a parent “why” after being told to do something. Of course, most of us heard (and some even used) the answer “because I said so.” It can also be bratty adults asking God “why”, or suffering adults wanting an answer we often may not get (an illness, loss of a loved one etc.)

I was going to take this subject a certain direction, but a song came to mind, and the fact this is for November’s newsletter (the month of Thanksgiving), made me adjust my course. The song is an old one called, “Why Me”. Most of you have probably heard it. But, this why is asking God what we have done to deserve even one of the pleasures that God has shown.

What if we start recognizing our blessings and in a spirit of Thankfulness wonder why God chose to bless us that way? Hopefully we can at least do that in November, and then get in such good practice, that we keep doing it.

Why did God bless me with this church? Why did God spare my life? Why did God give me life? Why did God place me in America instead of Africa or somewhere? Why did God give me loved ones? Why did Christ go to the cross so that I could get to Heaven? Come on, try it yourself. I hope it doesn’t hurt much.

There are plenty of things planned this month of November. Some have been different than I initially had in mind, but still good. I wouldn’t even have an idea how many times I have adjusted plans over the years due to unforeseen things when plans were made. In fact, the choral anthem for one Sunday alone changed three times in a few days (tops) due to absences and such. The choir is very dedicated, but illnesses and such happen, and I change plans according to who I plan on having. I have also changed the Christmas plans a few times due to absences and other events. The point being is adjusting course is almost a way of life sometimes. Things could even change between when I am typing this, and when it is published.

I have had songs that I wanted to get ready to do for the month of November, and some other plans for November, but they are being modified due to the anniversary celebration and so forth. I don’t know if we will have time to get to all of these or not. But, here is what is planned at the moment.

We won’t be able to do a particular thankfulness song for an anthem on November 2nd., but I am hoping we can do a really nice one that is different stylistically than most we do.

We will have Mark Vice on November 9th. So, the choir will be off that Sunday.

November 16th. is the anniversary celebration with some good surprises, and hopefully a new choral song called “I Have Been Blessed”. There is a funny story related to this that only one member here has heard (at least from me), but the song is great. It is a lengthy one, so having extra time to practice (the choir not needing a song on the 9th. is nice.) I also besides the lyrics thought a Sunday Pastor Jongmin didn’t have to rush to get to his other church was a good chance (to keep him from being late).

November 23rd is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. There is another song I would still love for us to do, but time will tell. Stay tuned.

HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL

Troop 549



The troop had to postpone the campout at Kordell's farm in Peru. In until another time. 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. There was a burn ban for his area. He also thought he could be further along with the rebuilding of his farmhouse than he was. Kordell got married over the summer and he and his wife (Kristine) are expecting a little girl in the spring. His wife can use prayers since she is suffering with a lot of morning sickness.

The Council Wide Camporee was held at Maumee. The scouts got to build and shoot off a 2-liter water bottle rocket. The rocket traveled higher than further. It still traveled 81.4 feet. The other contest they participated in was moving a can of water that was supposed to be radioactive water as fast as they can without getting any on them using the given tools. They were not allowed to touch the can. They completed the course in 49 seconds. We found out they won 2nd place. They were excited. This is the first placing they have had at a camporee. This may motivate them to try harder at winning next time.

November 8th

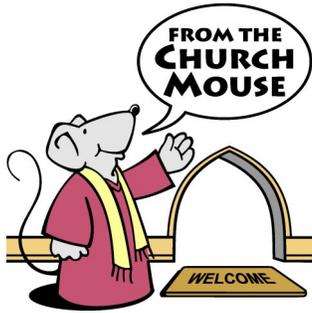
The troop is attending Merit Badge day in Bloomington. The boys are taking some eagle required merit badges and other merit badges that are not offered in the spring merit badge days.

November 14-15 and 16th

This is our annual trip to Cleveland Ohio to Ray's Indoor Bike Park. The boys enjoy going up there to ride their bikes on all the indoor trails. They rebuild and improve sections of the trails every summer. It is always a surprise and fun to get to ride all of the changes.

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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Give me just enough...

Soon it will be Thanksgiving....a time to reflect on all the things the Lord has given us.

How often, though, do we want more? Just give me more ... especially at the Thanksgiving feast ...more gravy ... more pie with lots of whipped cream (the real stuff not that stuff from the tub or the can!) ... more room on the sofa for that post feast nap ... sound familiar?

The Bible gives us some guidance to help us understand the difference between needing and wanting...

“O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die. First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty or riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God’s holy name.”

Do you recognize this passage? It’s from Proverbs 30:7-9. In my daily Bible reading it was part of the reading for December 17 ... not too long before Christmas actually. But it’s tradition in this little mouse’s family to come to the Thanksgiving table with your Christmas Wish List ready to share. I am sharing this scripture with you to help me remember as I draft my Christmas Wish List and as I sit down with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving.

I’m hoping you will do the same!

Happy Thanksgiving...Timothy



News



From the Mail Box...

Mary Alice Lanham thanks everyone for the thoughts and prayers. Thank you—Thank you! God’s Blessing to all.

Helen Conley wants to thank her church family for all that they have done for Chuck’s funeral. She especially wants to thank Pastor Jongmin for his message, Terry for the music, the quartet members for singing, and Angie for doing all that she did to get things organized. She also thanks all of the people who worked for the dinner, those who donated memorials, the church for the angel. She also thanks everyone for all the cards and prayers while he was sick, all of the sympathy cards and encouraging cards, and for all of the prayers. She is so thankful and truly blessed for the church family and their love. Dorothy’s granddaughters, Carley and Katie, thanks the church for letting them use the Youth Center to store and assemble things as they are preparing and setting up the new Adventure. They are so grateful.



Last Call for Shoeboxes

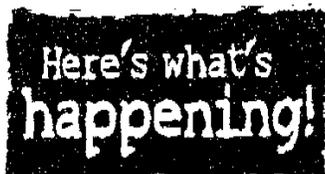
ECUMC is packing Shoeboxes again this year for children around the world. Shoe boxes will be collected and dedicated Sunday, November 16.



*In Memory of
Charles Conley*

*Who went home to his Heavenly Father
October 2, 2025*

Our condolences to the Conley family at the passing of loved one, Charles Conley



Trustee Meeting will be held Thursday, November 6 at 5:30 pm.

Grace’s Table Free Meal, Sunday, November 9 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.



East Columbus United Methodist Church gave \$1640 for the Love Chapel Christmas Feast Baskets. Thanks to everyone for giving.

Mark Vice

A Servant with a Song

will bring us music
Sunday, November 9
at the 9:00 Service

**East Columbus United Methodist
Will celebrate 130th Anniversary
with a Service & Banquet
November 16, 2025
10am Sunday School
11am Anniversary Service
Banquet Dinner Immediately
following in the Fellowship Hall.**



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends Communion 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sun. S.	3	4 10am - Prayer Hour	5 6pm-Choir	6 5:30pm-Trustee Mtg. 6:30pm-Scouts	7	8
9 Guest Singer-Mark Vice 10:10pm-Sunday S. 5pm-Grace's Table	10	11 Veterans Day 10am - Prayer Hour	12 6pm- Choir	13 6:30pm-Scouts	14	15
16 130 Year Service & Banquet 10:10am- Sun.Sch. 11am-Special Service Dinner to Follow	17	18 10am - Prayer Hour	19 6pm-Choir	20 6:30pm- Scouts	21	22
23 Hanging of the Greens & Luncheon following S.S. 9am - Worship 10:10am- Sunday School	24	25 10am-PrayerHour	26 NO Choir		28 Office Closed	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent 9am-Worship 10:10am.Sunday School				BCSC Thanksgiving Break Nov. 26-28		



- Nov. 1 –Angie Sherfick
- Nov. 06– Lilli Sanford
- Nov. 13– Rosalie Pfister
- Nov. 18 –Larry Skinner
- Nov. 21– Carol McIntosh
- Bertha Winn



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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.**