



# East Columbus United Methodist Church

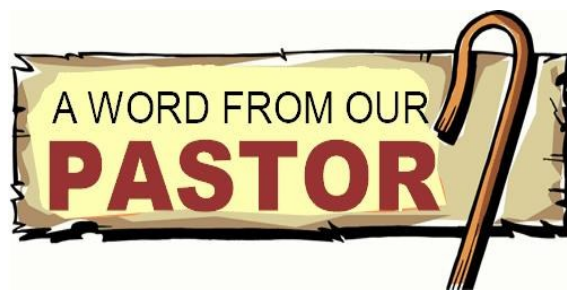
*A Church for Everyone!*

MAY 2025



Let heaven  
and earth  
praise him.

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## **There Is No Retirement for a Disciple of Jesus!**

May the peace of God be with you always.

At the end of April, we had a retirement service for my father and father-in-law in Korea. It marked the end of their 48-year journey in pastoral ministry. Both were truly faithful servants of God.

One day, I asked my father: “How do you feel about retiring?”  
He answered, “It was all by the grace of God.”

Every morning at 5 a.m., my father and mother would rise and head to church for early morning prayer. I still remember how they prayed every day—for our family, for the church, and for the nation. Everything they did in ministry was possible because of God’s grace, His help, and His protection.

Now their calling as pastors has come to an end, but their life as Christians-as disciples of Jesus-continues on.

As I reflected on their journey, I also thought about our lives. There are times when, like children, we just receive God’s grace. There are times when we grow spiritually, like growing taller. There are times when we serve God with all our strength. And there is a time when we finish the race beautifully.

As Christians, we are called to be disciples of Jesus. We might retire from a job, but we never retire from being a Christian. We continue to serve the Lord with all our heart until the day He calls us home.

Jesus especially gave us this command:

“Be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

This is not optional—it is the very purpose of our existence.

Whom are we called to share the gospel with? As Christians, are we doing our best to obey God?

Let us be faithful witnesses of the resurrection—proclaiming the good news of our risen Lord Jesus Christ to the world!

Sending you my love and blessings!

In Christ’s love,  
Pastor **Jongmin**



### *A little Mother's Day humor ...*

Yes, these are more like “dad jokes” ... but we’re celebrating Mom’s special day ... feel free to groan aloud as you enjoy them. And be sure to remember Mom not only on her special day but all year through!!

What did the digital clock say to its mom on Mother’s Day?

“Look, Mom, no hands!

What did the mother tomato say to the baby tomato?

“Ketchup! We’re going to be late for church!”

Why did mom bring a ladder to church on Mother’s Day?

She heard the service was to be uplifting and she wanted to be closer to God!

Why did the cookie go to church on Mother’s Day?

Because it wanted to be a “chip” off the old block!

Why did the mother laugh during the sermon?

Because she knew that a joyful heart is good medicine and laughter is a reflection of the joy and love she feels in her faith.

How do you know that God is a fan of mothers?

Because in the Bible, He gave us the perfect example in Proverbs 31! I’ve shared my favorite version from that chapter here ...

“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her”  
Proverbs 31:28

Happy Mother’s Day .... Timothy





*A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder*

I have said before that I think God allows us to go through things at times to be able to minister to someone else who has the same type of thing happen to them down the line. I also have said that I think Christ came to earth and experienced human emotions and such, so that He can understand (or at least we can more easily know that He understands), and yet does the right thing anyhow. We humans may at times not be able to fully believe that Christ knows what it is like for us mere mortals. But, the fact that He experienced grief, heartache, maybe sore muscles, and certainly betrayal, not only reinforces to us that He truly DOES understand, but He models for us how to behave when it is us. We may not always do so, but we have the example.

I have also said that we tend to look at people under the lens of our situations, finances, physical abilities, skills, etc. I saw something lately that said “you should be grateful that you DON’T understand” to someone not being able to understand why someone felt a certain way. We don’t, won’t, or maybe can’t always understand where a particular person is.

The healthy may judge the less healthy a certain way because they haven’t had the sickness, pain, interactions, or problems that the other person has, so they may think they are simply lazy or don’t care. Those with money may not understand why a person doesn’t take care of a particular problem that to them doesn’t cost much money, but they don’t understand that maybe that person is struggling to keep food on the table and the bills paid. The skilled person may look at some work at the house or vehicle that needs done, and just don’t understand why they aren’t being done, but it can be a lack of skill, lack of health, lack of funds etc. Some may even be struggling to make it through the day without giving up and ending it all, or one catastrophe from ruin. We just don’t know.

There is a house fairly close to the church. I don’t know how many times I passed it over the years coming and going, without really noticing it much. It had growth around it pretty much looking like woods. You couldn’t hardly tell a house was even back there without having to look hard and stare. I guess I was typically looking straight ahead, or at the people in the intersection, and paid it no mind. At some point in recent months, someone had told me about it. So, I tried to make a point of looking when I went by (I also didn’t know exactly where it was, but found it when I finally remembered to look as I passed by.)

I made it a point to try to remember to look the other times I passed by, and one day saw some men out cutting through all of the stuff. It has been really cleaned up compared to how it was. Now, let me just say, reasons don’t change the need for things sometimes. It definitely needed cleaned up even if the people there were feeble, poor, sickly, old, widowed, didn’t have the equipment, or what have you. I don’t know if any of those situations even applied to them. They may have been lazy, trying to hide things so they could do illegal activities and so forth too. But, too often we may assume the worst, or automatically judge that person instead of trying to find out the reasons. Something definitely needed done, and I also understand not wanting to have to do it for them IF the person was lazy, or intentionally leaving it that way (especially without permission in the latter part). But, we don’t know the story. Perhaps neighbors or relatives did, and offered help that was rejected, or maybe they did, and didn’t want to help (believing they needed to do it themselves.) I also have no idea what instigated this crew doing this, (if someone reported them to the city perhaps), or maybe the house ended up being abandoned. It looks a lot better, but I have no idea if anyone lives in it (or even has recently).

I remember people talking about a neighbor decades ago who didn’t take care of things in her house. But, looking back at things through the eyes of an adult, I remember how you could tell looking at her eyes (at least at times) that she wasn’t feeling well at all. I don’t know how much of that hindered her, or whether she just didn’t want to take care of business. But, I think I understand better now than then. There are certainly things I have experienced in life, that make me understand where some are coming from, when I may not have before. When looking at things that I may not understand (why a person is or isn’t doing something, or why something makes a person react like they are etc.) now, I try to remember that I should be grateful at times that I don’t understand. I hope that makes me react better when dealing with it from the other side. I would rather learn the lesson that way, than to gain understanding from having to walk through similar things myself each time.

Sometimes I think sin is the same way. Sometimes we may not see beyond the sin someone is committing, and we gauge it on how easy it is for us not to have done that sin.. Make no mistake, even if we understand why, it is still sin.. But, for example, it was easier in my retail days dealing with shoplifters to understand a desperate mother stealing medicine for a sick baby, than it was someone stealing a bunch of makeup (even though both are still absolutely sin).. But, seeing the hurting person beyond the sin, can have us minister to them in their need, instead of writing them off as only a thief with no hope of forgiveness.

## HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL

### Troop 549



April 11th -13th

Our Order of the Arrow Sectional Conclave was a lot of fun. I had 35 scout's, boys and girls, ride our mountain bike trails I have built with help from others. There were a few scouts that were adventurous and go on the long 3.5-mile outer loop trail called Homestead. This goes through the old Homestead that was there before Maumee was a Scout camp. Most of the farm fields are now a pine tree forest. Tucker, Carter, and I had a lot of fun at the event.

April 25th-27th

The troop went to Maumee Scout Reservation for a back country campout. We back packed in and chose a campsite for both Friday and Saturday nights. We used compasses and maps to navigate the camp. This was in preparation for a hiking and mountain bike trail that follows the perimeter of the camp. The Hoosier National Forest performed a prescribed burn in the area to burn the underbrush and the undesirable trees. This was a unique experience that the scouts will not get to see very often.

May16-18th

The troop will be staying in the youth center to help with the Block Party on Saturday. The scouts are looking forward to helping the community and the church with the activities. The last week of the month Tucker and I will be starting the training and getting Maumee Scout Reservation for the upcoming 2025 summer camp. We will be working for 5 weeks at camp. We get off on Saturday's at 12pm and report back the next day at 11:00. We get 23 hours off per week. It is a lot of work but an investment in the scouts and our futures. Tucker is a lifeguard, and I am the director for two areas this year. The older youth program Eagle Landing, which I will teach Cycling merit badge, leading a weekly 22-mile gravel bicycle ride through the Hoosier National Forest. I will also be the area director for the Skilled trades area which offers surveying, wood working, welding, plumbing, home repairs, engineering, metal working, and nuclear science.

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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# News



From the Mail Box...



National Day of Prayer Service is May 1, 6:30 pm at North Christian Church.

Shirley Sylvia thanks Pastor Lee and the Caring Ministries for the beautiful flowers, card and visiting this Easter.

Rosalie Pfister thanks Darla for the visit and for the beautiful flowers and Easter treats.

A BIG THANK YOU to Jongmin, Esther, Jane, Darla, Charlotte, Tim, Katie, Diana, Debbie, Gini, Jim, and Kathy for signing up and reading the Bible at the Bible Reading Marathon.

Thank you to Terry and the choir for the beautiful Easter Cantata "What Kind of Man."

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## Memorial Day

Is it enough to think today  
Of all our brave, then put away  
The thought until a year has sped?  
Is this full honor for our dead.

Is it enough to sing a song  
And deck a grave; and all year long  
Forget the brave who died that we  
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,  
That we who live give heart and soul  
To keep the land they died to save,  
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!



Dear ECUM Church, Thank you for the lovely lighted ceramic angel given in memory of my dad, Butch Mires. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. With sincere appreciation,  
Melinda Foust for the Mires family

Here's what's  
happening!

Grace's Table Free Meal, Sunday, May 11 at 5pm in the Youth Center.

Weekly Prayer Hour, 10am in the Sanctuary. Every Tuesday a prayer time is held from 10am to 11am for anyone to come and lift up their personal prayers. Come and pray for a few minutes or the whole hour. Please enter through the Elevator Door.



*You are cordially invited to an Open House*

*In Honor of Jim and Janie Kamp*

*As they celebrate their*

*25th Wedding Anniversary*

*with their family and friends on*

*Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*from 2pm to 4pm*

*at East Columbus UMC in the Youth Center.*

*Kindly RSVP to Aimee Scrogam 812-764-2421*

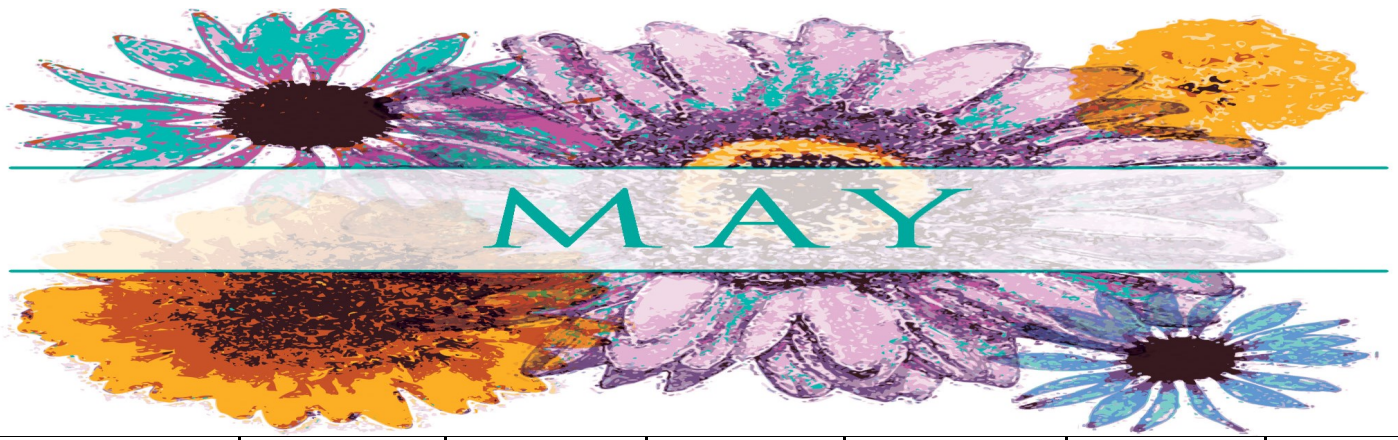
*(No Gifts Please, your presence is gift enough)*



**Saturday, May 17  
11am-2pm**

We have renamed the event to honor Tom Hadley who began planning this event years ago and has made it what it is today.

Free hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and other snacks. Activities for kids of all ages, door prizes, and other giveaways. Local Service Providers will be here to hand out information on services and activities in our community. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1 National Day of Prayer</b> 6:30pm-Scouts	<b>2</b>	<b>3 Jim &amp; Janie Kamp 25th Anniversary Party</b>
<b>4 Communion</b> 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday School	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10am Prayer Hour	<b>7</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>8</b> 6:30pm-Scouts	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday School <b>5pm-Grace's Table</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10am Prayer Hour	<b>14</b> 6pm- Choir	<b>15</b> 6:30pm-Scouts	<b>16</b>	<b>17 BLOCK PARTY</b> 11am-2pm
<b>18</b> 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10am Prayer Hour	<b>21</b> 6pm-Choir <b>BCSC Last Day of School</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30pm- Scouts	<b>23</b> <b>New Tech Graduation 7pm</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Graduation:</b> East HS 10am North HS 1pm
<b>25</b> 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday School	<b>26 Office Closed</b> 	<b>27</b> 10am Prayer Hour	<b>28</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>29</b> 6:30pm-Scouts	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



May 3...Abigail Lee

“ 8...Karen Parks

“ 9...Jane Dilsizian

“ 11...Shirley Sylvia

May 12...Paula Turnbow

“ 15...Gabriel Mattern

“ Philip Mattern

“ 30...Ashley Hollis



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**Return Service Requested**

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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.**