



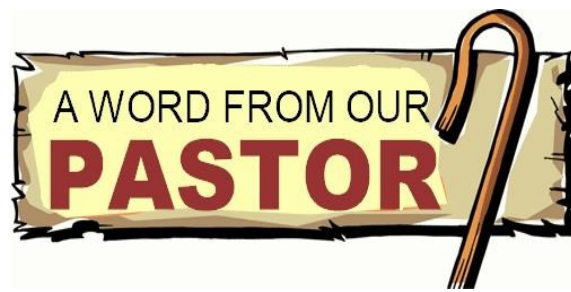
# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

OCTOBER 2024



COMMIT  
YOUR WAY TO THE  
LORD.  
TRUST IN HIM,  
AND HE WILL  
ACT.  
PSALM 37:5



## The God Who Never Gives Up

May the peace of God be with you all.

I have a deep respect and admiration for people who have great patience and perseverance. Perhaps this is because I recognize my own shortcomings in these areas. When I think back to my elementary school days, I recall how I would quickly grasp and solve problems. Meanwhile, one of my close friends would sit at his desk for a long time, steadily working through the problems with persistence. While I might have been faster in figuring out and solving the problems, my friend was far better at studying consistently and patiently over time.

During our Tuesday prayer meeting, I found it difficult to stay focused as various thoughts kept popping up in my mind like notifications. Sitting still and praying for an hour requires a lot of patience and concentration. During this time of prayer, I began to reflect on the nature of patience.

"Who is the most patient of all?"

I quickly found the answer: it is God. God is the one who is overflowing with patience and long-suffering. The Psalmist sings, "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8).

The people of Israel often broke God's laws, turned their backs on His Word, and fell into sin time and again. God disciplined them to bring them back to Him, and they would repent after facing consequences. Yet, not long after, they would fall back into the same sins. Their transgressions seemed endless.

But the amazing thing is this: God's grace has always gone one step further than human sin. Even when we have sinned a hundred times and deserve to be abandoned, God has forgiven us a hundred and one times. When we think we are beyond forgiveness, God gives us yet another chance. That is why we call it grace.

God has the same heart toward us. He never gives up on us. He continually extends His hand of grace to us, even when we are stuck in the depths of sin.

"Take my hand! Come out of there!"

Beloved brothers and sisters, let us trust in the God who never gives up on us. Let us take hold of His hand and live in His grace. This is our testimony and our song of praise. Hallelujah, Amen!

In the Love of Christ,  
Pastor Jongmin



A Note  
from  
Terry Snyder

I don't recall if I have mentioned this here before or not, but I have felt for years (if not decades) that 2 Timothy 1-5 has described the world, and it has only gotten worse since then.

*But understand this: In the last days terrible times will come. 2For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3unloving, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, without love of good, 4traitorous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5having a form of godliness but denying its power.*

Sadly, the world has infiltrated churches and of course politics. There has been some discussion on politics in recent weeks, and I am saddened over the amount of people who carry the name of Christ by saying they are Christians, but support evil. I don't mean that everything political is Biblical or vice versa, but some immoral things have become politicized.

There is some wiggle room in how severe we think certain problems are, or the solutions on how to fix them. There is also in what problems we prioritize (or even think ARE problems). Sometimes folks may even use God and the Bible on both sides in these. I may even go so far as to say that there may be wrong views on both sides as far as what issues are, and how to fix them. But, then there are things the Bible speaks against, that even some denominations are promoting. I saw a retired minister's daughter post that she doesn't tell people what to do in a situation that she may never understand herself. Using that argument, I guess we shouldn't punish people who do anything whose life experiences are different than ours, or if we can't be one hundred percent sure how we would react. (As if our reaction or lack of strength is what defines what is right or wrong). I also saw a talented gospel music arranger say his faith "evolved" and said that "If God can't love me just as I am, then that is not the kind of God I want to worship and serve the rest of my life." Let me clarify that his version of God's love meant that he didn't have to change, and could live as he pleased (at least in a major thing).

I have responded wrongly at times in my life. But that doesn't negate that God defines what is right and wrong regardless of whether or not we can live up to His expectations every time. While we might understand falling because we are human and don't always take the proverbial way out, these do not change that it is wrong.

It saddens me that the church in some places, has lost its way. I wonder at times how much longer the Lord will tarry. So many churches seem to have let the world influence them rather than the church influence the world. But, ultimately the things they believe in are not Biblical, or are a twisted version of it (much like the serpent used). Some have the idea that a Christian is always supposed to be meek and mild, but forget about Christ against the Pharisees or the money changers. I am in no way saying that that should be our default behavior, or that everything merits that degree of response. By the same token, it shows that standing against evil sometimes merits a response beyond what the world expects Christians to be like (which may be something like holding hands singing Kum Ba Yah while going along to get along), By the same token, some groups are so hateful to sinners that their behavior may keep the folks from ever becoming Christians because the love isn't visible, if there at all. The difference is in using wisdom to know what and how we are to respond following Christ's example.

I think about a single candle in a dark, dark room. Sometimes that candle is surrounded by total darkness, and the light it emits IS seen, even if the darkness seems overpowering. Of course Christ is the ultimate Light and He dispels any darkness. We are to carry the light in a darkened world. Darkness (evil) may seemingly be overpowering us at the moment (though we know Christ wins). But, that light makes a difference and can help lead people home.

## HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL Troop 549



Sept 14-16

Our troop attended the Hoosier Trails Council Cub Scout Shootoree. It was at Maumee Scout Reservation. Our troop oversaw running the inflatable BB gun shooting stage. The three boys and two adults had a lot of fun this weekend. There were a lot of new young Cub Scouts, and this was their first time shooting a gun of any kind. There were a lot of smiles and high fives from everyone for a good job well done.

October 18-20

The troop will be attending an International themed Camporee at Maumee Scout Reservation. Each scout will get a passport and visit stations to learn about different countries and cultures. I will also help at one station to attempt to contact other scouts who are doing Jamboree on the Air. This is a yearly event for scouters to talk to each other using amateur radio stations. I have attempted this in the past with varied success. Hopefully, we can let scouts talk to others this year.

October 25-27

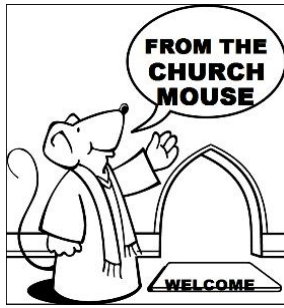
This campout is our fun campout at one of the scout's grandmother's property. The location has woods, creeks, and fields to run around and have fun. It is a fun time for the leaders to have a relaxing campout without time constraints of a camporee schedule.

**We are selling popcorn again this fall.  
Anyone that would like popcorn please  
see Belinda or Bruce McIntosh.**



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 in the Youth Center.

Bruce McIntosh, Scoutmaster  
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## ***Mediator or Arbitrator?***

Have you ever wondered the difference between these words?

They basically mean the same, right?

I was listening to a Bible study not long ago and these words caught my attention as the pastor began to define the words.

An Arbitrator is a Judge. He listens to the facts of the case and makes a ruling or determination for the dispute between two (or more) parties. He does not have any personal involvement in either side.

A Mediator listens to the facts of the case but then comes along side of one of the parties. He joins that party in pleading the case to the Judge.

Both listen to the facts ... neither have a financial interest in either side "winning" ... so which do you want? An Arbitrator or a Mediator to go into court with you?

Me? I choose the Mediator!

The Mediator I choose is JESUS!! He loves us enough to join us as we present our plea to the Father. The facts of our life may be fraught with all kinds of failure ... failing to love enough, failing to serve as faithfully as we should, failing to being faithful followers ... but Jesus comes along side of us to also share how much we love Him, how we've given our lives to Him and it's these successes that He presents to the Father on our behalf!

*Thanking Jesus for being our Mediator!!*



# News



From the Mail Box...

Gini Jessup thanks everyone for their prayers, cards and concerns during problems with my knee. It is much better and I am so thankful to God for all he has done.

Bartholomew County Health Dept wants to reach out to our church community and thank everyone for the generous donations benefitting our local schools. Your donations help provide 'urgent need' items to students—allowing them to complete the school day with dignity. Thank you again for your contribution and helping our children succeed in school!

Mary Alice Lanham thanks everyone for the prayers, cards and thoughts that were sent her way while she was in the Nursing Home. She is back in her apartment now.



Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Were someone to ask a pastor what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me..."

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



Grace's Table Free Meal, Sunday, October 13, 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.

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## Love Chapel's Christmas Feast Giveaway

**This year Love Chapel will be purchasing items internally and churches or organizations will sponsor baskets monetarily.**

Each family basket will have an estimated cost of around \$80.

This year our goal is to collect \$320 to sponsor 4 baskets for local families.



Designated envelopes are located in the Information Area next to the new banner that was provided to us by Love Chapel.

Please have all donations in by Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.



**October 31 5-7:00pm**

We will be hosting a Trunk or Treat night for our neighbors. Park your cars in the east lot off Indiana Ave. Open trunks, decorate and hand out candy and favors.

# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10am Prayer Hour 5pm Hot Meal @ Memorial Baptist Philathea Class	<b>2</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>3</b> 6:30pm - Scouts	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 World Communion Sunday</b> 9am Worship 10:10am - Sunday School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10am Prayer Hour 5pm-Hot Meal @ Memorial Baptist Round Table Class	<b>9</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>10</b> 6:30pm-Scouts	<b>11</b> BCSC Fall Break	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9am Worship 10:10 - Sunday School 5pm-Grace's Table	<b>14</b> BCSC FALL BREAK	<b>15</b> 10am Prayer Hour 5pm-Hot Meal @ Memorial Baptist Fidelis Class	<b>16</b> 6pm- Choir	<b>17</b> NO-Scouts	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9am - Worship 10:10 - Sunday School	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10am Prayer Hour	<b>23</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>24</b> 6:30pm-Scouts	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9am - Worship 10:10 - Sunday School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10am Prayer Hour	<b>30</b> 6pm-Choir	<b>31 Halloween</b> Trunk or Treat 5-7 pm NO SCOUTS	 Trunk or Treat	



- Oct. 6 Joyce Winters
- Oct. 10 Roger Warner
- Oct. 12 Wayne Jessup
- 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.**