

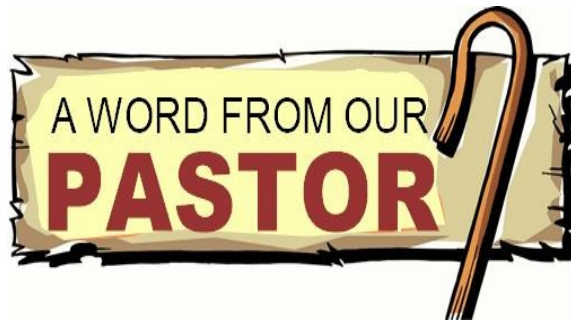


East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

MAY 2023





“Fly with the Holy Spirit!”

My son, Jonathan, likes one character named Whisper. That character is a figure who helps the main character beside him be like a bird. So, when the main character has to fight enemies, Whisper fights by his side, and if he falls from a high place, Whisper catches him and lets him fly so he can climb up again. In addition, when there is no energy due to lack of power, it also recharges energy by his side.

One Sunday, Jonathan said that Whisper is like the Holy Spirit. It really is. He is the one who fights beside us in our spiritual battles, the one who catches us when we fall from a high place and lifts us up again, and the one who gives us strength again when we are weak. That is our Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is by our side and helps us as we read the Bible, pray, and receive the sacraments. When we have a desire to read the Bible, pray, and receive Holy Communion, that desire and heart comes from the Holy Spirit. He is giving us that heart because He knows what we need.

While reading Genesis, there was the story of Cain, a man who failed. He may have been recorded as the first murderer in human history. What greater dishonor could there be? He is also judged by the Lord. He was driven off the ground and left to wander. Cain cried to God, "My punishment is more than I can bear. You've thrown me off the land, and I can never again face you. I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." But the Lord said to him, "No, it is not. I won't let anyone kill you if they meet you." And God put a mark on Cain to protect him.

I could find God's protection even in the life of a Cain, failure. The Holy Spirit is within us means that He will protect us no matter who we meet. Satan is out to get us today. They hinder us from reading the Bible, praying, and coming to the communion table. But believe in the protection and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Walk to the seat of the Word, the seat of prayer, and the seat of the sacrament! Let's follow the Holy Spirit's guidance and fly with Him!

Love in Christ,
Pastor **Jongmin**



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I have thought about the story of Nathan (the prophet) in the Bible off and on for many years now. I guess you could say that he isn't one of the better-known people in the Bible. There was a time at least, that most anyone could tell you who King David (or at least the little boy), Goliath, Noah, Jonah, Samson, and probably Joseph (well, both actually), and at least the virgin Mary were. They might even be able to Lazarus, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, John the Baptist, Moses, Solomon, Lot and perhaps others. Then there are Leah and Rachel. But, some of the latter may only be from church folk. But, mention Nathan (except in church), you will possibly get a stare.

Have you ever dreaded having to give someone some bad news? It could be "dad, I wrecked the car" or "mom, I tore my new pants", or "honey, my parents are coming to stay with us". Okay, the last was an attempt at humor, but you catch my drift. Imagine having to go up to the king, tell him the story of a man who was rich, but stole the only sheep that a poor man had. Well, that part isn't so bad, it is the "You, are the man!" that would have been the toughest part. David went from being angry and threatening death to the man, to being confronted with the fact that he had essentially done that when he committed adultery with Bathsheba (who was married to Uriah the Hittite). But, what David did was worse, in that he even had Uriah killed too. I tell you, even with the Lord on your side, saying that to the king must have been a bit unpleasant for Nathan.

I have also for years seen people who would either point out and look down on people for their sins (having a speck in their eye), but seemingly blind to the proverbial beam in their own. More common, I suppose, are everyday things. I've seen people complain about someone doing or not doing something for / to them, who have (and sometimes turn around and do the same thing.) I see this over and over again. It is hard to know if they are intentionally hypocritical (It's okay if I do it, but not for you) or just don't see it in themselves. One person on Facebook unfriended the ex-wife of a gospel singer because she made so many posts about her struggles (asking for a lead on a place she could afford alone, household repairs she needed to know how to do etc.) This person "got tired of hearing about it, and unfriended her. (She told me herself that she had). But this same person has posted or sent messages repeatedly complaining about some much lesser problem over and over again. I have to wonder how she doesn't examine herself and realize that everything isn't all rainbows and lollipops with her posts.

They say that someone can become immune to their own body odor, and not realize it (though everyone else does). I think we can be that way with sin sometimes (at least our own). There have been times that I have been upset about someone being a certain way, but then stop and question myself. (Or am told by the still small voice). For instance, someone who consistently gets themselves in messes of their own making, and come to me to help them get out of them. But, then I hear a voice "haven't you done that before with God? You get yourself into a mess of your own making, and then cry out to God to bail you out?" I could tell you at least a few other examples of things that have frustrated me, only to realize that I have been guilty of some of it (intended or not). But, maybe I am also like David and miss things as well. David to his credit, didn't justify or deny, he didn't say "off with his head" (referring to Nathan), or any such thing. He knew Nathan (who was sent by God) was right.

They say that someone running for political office have lives that are examined under a microscope. Anything they have ever done is brought to light. I guess if we want to know all of our transgressions, we could announce candidacy. But really, we don't have to do that. I am sure someone will let us know (and we don't even have to ask). But, if someone isn't brave enough, we will hopefully hear that still small voice. How will we respond to that voice? Will we be more understanding and forgiving towards that person? Will we see and work on that part of our lives that isn't where it should be? Will we ask for help, and do our part? Or will we say "off with their head"?

HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL

Troop 549



May 5&6th—Maumee Scout Reservation

April 1st was our New Charter Organization the Columbus Amateur Radio Club's annual hamfest. It was held at Columbus North High Schools Cafeteria. Our troop provided biscuits and gravy, donuts, nacho's, coffee, water, and various sodas. After expenses the troop did make a profit and was able to put that into the general fund to help with buying patches, awards, and camping consumables, like propane, dish soap, cooking oils, charcoal, and lighter fluid. The boys really enjoyed the event. There were a couple of parents that stepped in to help serve food. We had one scout that walked in with no money. A vendor gave him a match-box car, he traded it for a different item and went to another vendor and traded it for something else. This process he continued throughout the day until he ended up with a working Dell computer. He then sold the computer to a visitor to the show for \$50. Which he took the \$50 and purchased the fishing reel he always wanted the next day. He is taking salesmanship merit badge this year at summer camp.

May 5 & 6th is the East Side District Spring Camporee. It is being held at Clifty Falls State Park and will feature hiking trails during the weekend. It was on the schedule to attend this event, but the boys have decided they would rather go to Maumee and work on the Mountain Bike trails for the weekend, to get them ready for summer camp. I am still trying to figure out if they dislike hiking that much? Or they would rather do hard work clearing brush, roots and swinging an axe all day. I am not going to ask. I am proud of them because they would rather put in a good day's work than not.

We would like to welcome two new Scouts to our troop, Collin and Wesley. They are both excited to join our troop and will be attending summer camp this summer. It is nice to see the excitement of all the boys when the troop is growing. God is sure blessing the boys and our troop. They are even enjoying the sermons I give on Sunday mornings during our campouts.

I have started a GoFundMe page for our troop to help raise a little money to help the boys and parents that are going to Minnesota at the end of July. This money raised will be to cover the cost of the rental canoes and food for the trip. Any donations are very much appreciated. The page can be found on my personal Facebook page or the Troops Facebook page. We are doing other fundraisers to help the parents cover the cost of scouting. If anyone would like to be added to the Troops Facebook page, please let me know. We post pictures from our campouts and outings.

I would also like to thank everyone that has supported the troop in every way. This is very much a team organization, and everyone benefits from the boy's attending scouts. They are the future of our businesses, teachers, church leaders, county, city, state, national leaders that we are trying to teach.

If you know anyone that is 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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Happy Mother's Day ...

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So, she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there."

As the children climbed, they reached the top and said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you."

And the mother, when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today, I've given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God"

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence....."

Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street; she's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks; she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. She's the place you came from, your first home; and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love and your first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time, not space... not even death!

We love you, Mom!

Timothy

may

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6pm-Choir	4 5:30pm-Trustee Meeting 6:30 Scouts	5	6
7 Communion 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	8	9	10 6pm-Choir	11 6:30pm-Scouts	12	13
14 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School  Happy Mother's Day! 5pm-Grace's Table	15	16	17 6pm- Choir	18 6:30pm-Scouts	19	20 11am-2pm Block Party
21 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	22	23 BCSC Last Day of School	24 6pm-Choir	25 6:30pm- Scouts	26 Graduation New Tech:7pm	27 Graduation East: 10am North: 1pm
28 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	29 Office Closed 	30	31 6pm-Choir			



May 3..Abigail Lee

May 8..Karen Parks

May 9..Jane Dilsizian

May 11..Shirley Sylvia

May 12..Paula Turnbow

May 15..Gabriel Mattern
Philip Mattern

News



From the Mail Box...

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Thanks to everyone for all your prayers, calls, cards and food. We are so blessed! God bless each of you for your kindness. Tom & Mary Gorman

Thank you for all your prayers, for the Angel and for the meal.....Brenda Hodler and Family

Thank you for the birthday wishes. I miss all of you. God Bless! Mary Alice Lanham

THANKS , MOM

Dad came home to find toys all over the living room, dirty dishes stacked in the sink, clothes piled in the laundry room, bed unmade and kids still in their pajamas. The house was a wreck, like nothing he'd seen before.

Worried, Dad rushed upstairs to find Mom reading a book in bed.

"Are you okay?" he asked. "What happened?"

"You know how you always ask what I do all day?" Mom replied. "Well, today I decided not to do it."



In Memory of
Imogene Butler
Who went home to
Her Heavenly Father
April 1, 2023

Our sympathy to the Hodler family of the passing of their loved one.

Here's what's
happening!

Trustee Meeting will be held Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 pm.

Grace's Table Dinner Church Sunday, May 14 at 5:00 pm in the Youth Center.

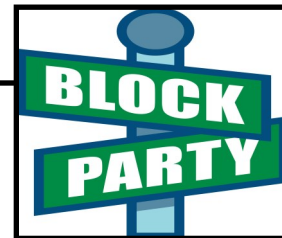
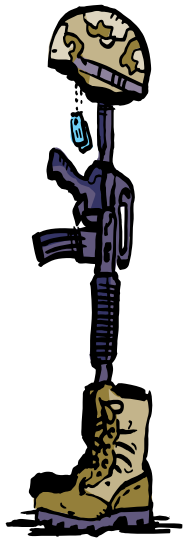
"Memorial Day"

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 roll,
That we who live give heart and soul
To keep the land they died to save,
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

-Annette Wynne



Annual Block Party will be held Saturday, May 20, 11 am -2 pm. Free food, activities for kids, music and more! Local Service Providers will have information on programs available in our community. Invite your friends, family and neighbors.

Office will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.



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9:00am-Worship Service

10:10am- Sunday School

OUR CHURCH MISSION

Growing the Family of God by Making
Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.