

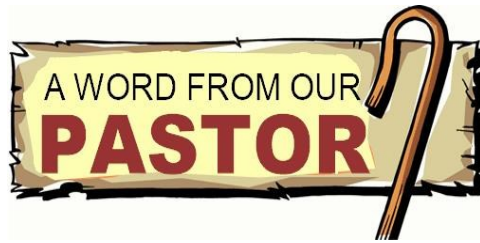


# East Columbus United Methodist Church

*A Church for Everyone!*

**JUNE 2026**





## *Walking with the Holy Spirit in June*

May the peace of God always be with you.

June has already arrived. We have passed through the warmth of spring, and now the sunlight of summer is growing stronger. Children are finishing their school year and beginning a new time of rest. Many families are also making summer plans. As a church, we have passed through the joy of Easter, and we remember the grace of Pentecost. Now we continue to walk our journey of faith under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the words of Acts chapter 2. The disciples were gathered together in fear. They had the joy of seeing the risen Jesus, but at the same time, they may also have felt uncertain because they did not know what to do next. But at that very moment, the Holy Spirit, whom God had promised, came upon them.

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit”

This verse from Acts 2:4 shows us the beginning of the early church. The church did not begin by human strength. It began by the power of the Holy Spirit. The gospel did not spread through the world only by human courage or wisdom. It spread by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom God poured out.

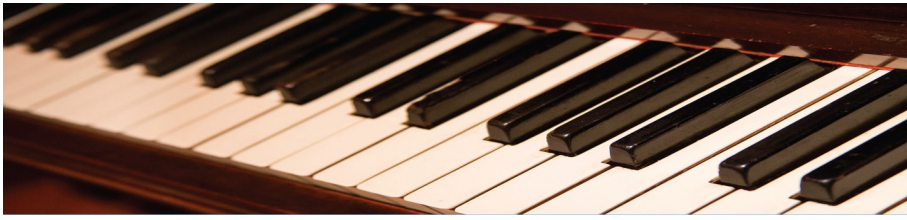
Our life of faith is the same. Sometimes we feel tired, afraid, and unsure of what to do. Sometimes we lose strength while serving the church. Sometimes our hearts are shaken by the weight of family and daily life. But God does not leave us alone. The Holy Spirit lives in us, comforts us, gives us new strength, and leads us again on the path of faith.

As we begin June, I hope our church will once again become a community that seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May our worship be renewed in the Holy Spirit. May our prayers become warm and alive again. May our service grow deeper in love. I also pray that through our words and actions, the gospel of Jesus Christ will be shared with our neighbors.

Just as the early church went out into the world by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us also walk the path of faith by following the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our strength is limited, but God’s grace is enough. Our wisdom is limited, but the Holy Spirit leads us into the truth.

I love you all and pray God’s blessings upon you.

In the Grace of Christ,  
Pastor Jongmin



I have noticed something the past decades that seems to have gotten worse. I have written before (albeit it many years ago I think) of how fathers have been made into buffoons on commercials and television. Don't get me wrong, sometimes mothers are also portrayed that way, but fathers seem to get more of it. I can understand how either or both may be appealing to kids and effective if trying to get youth to watch a show or buy a product.

But I see so much male-bashing from women (in the secular world at least). Before I go further, women were looked as second-class citizens (perhaps even in my lifetime). I have written before how women didn't seem to have an identity outside of their association with the man. For example, Belinda McIntosh would have been called Mrs. Bruce McIntosh back then. In fact, I am told that years ago the country star Hank Snow thanked his wife "Mrs. Hank Snow" on an awards show. That is right he said "Mrs. Hank Snow". Duane Allen of the Oak Ridge Boys used to crack me up decades ago (itself having been decades since Hank did it) jokingly refer to his wife as "Mrs. Hank Snow" because he thought it was absurd when Hank did it. I guess he used "Mrs. Hank Snow" instead of "Mrs. Duane Allen" to make it clear it was a joke and that he wasn't being chauvinistic actually referring to her like that.

I will also say that men have failed over the years and have sadly earned some of the negative ways we are portrayed. But, I cannot tell you how many times I have seen women say that if they were lost in the woods they would rather be alone with a bear than a man (at the very least a man they didn't know). I can't say whether they truly feel that men are more apt to be dangerous and they stand a better chance with a bear, or are intentionally exaggerating to make a point. But I find that whole notion patently absurd. Nonetheless, I still think women stand more of a chance of danger from a bear (though not to diminish the bad men nor the stress women may feel being alone in the wrong place.)

The thing is, I think most of us can find ways our parents let us down, or how we would have done things differently. Parents are human, and humans make mistakes. I also suspect parents often look back and find things they wish they had done differently, and even those who try raising their children in a way that may be different than how they were raised (in a sense trying to do better) still make mistakes and their children may someday (if they haven't already) found things they think could've been better.

I have long said that I believe satan especially goes after families and those in the ministry because he does more damage than to an individual. Attacking fathers is probably one of the biggest in the family aspect. Studies have shown how damaging it is for a father to not be home, or to be absent even though his body is there. This is not a slam towards ladies. Some take children to church when the father doesn't go. Some have successfully raised great kids when a man is absent. But, often things don't turn out that way. Even the children with these type of mothers still had times where an absent father was a detriment, and I may go so far as saying that having both parents (who are living right) is always best.

# HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL

## Troop 549



The scouts had a great time at the Block Party. Even though the rain may have dampened the outdoors, it did not dampen the fun and good turn out we had. The troop really enjoyed helping Mark Vice sing up on stage. Some of the scouts were really hams on stage. Maybe some should be in acting classes in high school. We cannot wait until next year for the Block Party again.

June 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

This is our week for Summer Camp at Maumee Scout Reservation. We will have five scouts attending camp this year. I am working all 6 weeks of camp this year again. I will be teaching Radio Merit badge, Multi Sport Merit badge (like a triathlon), and Cycling Merit badge. I will be leading a weekly 22-mile gravel road ride for about ten scouts and leaders on bicycles on the roads through the Hoosier National Forest. We even let them climb to the top of the Hickory Ridge Lookout Tower. It is the only tower that is left standing in the Hoosier National Forest. We also stop at the Hickory Grove Church. It is a neat log cabin church that is open to the public. We have all the scouts sign the visitors book on each ride. We also have four scouts that are working as merit badge counselors this year. Tucker Higham is working in the Aquatic's area, Jonathon Hynes (who lives in Florida) will be helping me in my area at Eagle Landing this year. Julius Fox (JD) and Nathan Rupert are working as counselors in training this year. Belinda, Roger, Kordell, and I are very proud of these young men to volunteer their time to give back to scouting. They will be able to help others learn what they have learned by participating in scouts.

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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## ***Garden ripe tomatoes ... yum!***

Beautiful, aren't they? Don't we all want the most beautiful, flawless tomato for our guests or salads or to just snarf down for a mid-afternoon snack?

But if you enjoy a good, fresh from the garden tomato like me, you also know that the best looking tomatoes aren't always the most flavorful. But those tomatoes that are a bit flawed or just plain ugly are the best addition to a soup, sauce or stew.

How many of us have compared dear ol' Dad to other Dads and decided that he didn't quite measure up? Maybe he didn't sport a 6 pack (not soda but those things call abs), maybe he spent a lot of time at the office instead of playing ball, maybe he dozed in front of the TV until you tried (unsuccessfully) to change the channel ... ring any bells?

He wasn't a perfect tomato, huh?

But here's what that tomato was able to do ...

He worked hard to make sure you had a safe place to sleep and food on your table (maybe even some ugly tomatoes!). He guarded that remote to make sure you didn't watch TV shows that really weren't appropriate for you (even if all the other kids got to watch!)

But most of all, he flavored your family with lots of love and Christian teachings so that as you grew, you became that beautiful tomato he knew you would be someday.

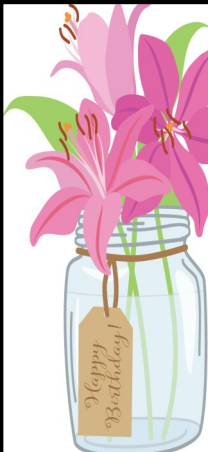
This Father's Day, give Dad a shout out (and maybe toss him a tomato ... ***gently!!***) and let him know just how much you love and appreciate him!

Happy Father's Day to all you not so perfect Dads who are full of love for us little cherry tomatoes!

Have a wonderful day, Dad .... Timothy

# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10am - Prayer Hr	3 6pm - Choir	4 6:30pm - Scouts	5	6
7 <b>Communion</b> 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday Sch.	8	9 10am - Prayer Hr	10 6pm - Choir	11 6:30pm - Scouts	12	13
14 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday Sch.  5pm - Grace's Table	15	16 10am - Prayer Hr	17 6pm - Choir	18 NO Scouts	19	20
 Happy Father's Day!	22	23 10am - Prayer Hr  6pm - Church Council	24 6pm - Choir	25 6:30pm - Scouts	26	27
28 9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday Sch.	29	30 10am - Prayer Hr				

 <p>June BIRTHDAYS</p>	<p>June 5...Diana Fear</p> <p>“ 6...Don Wilson Janie Kamp</p> <p>“ 7...Tom Gorman</p> <p>“ 9...Bob Hodler</p> <p>“ 10..Brenda Hodler Brenda Wilson</p> <p>“ 19..Peggy Skinner</p> <p>“ 21..Sherri Hanna</p>
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# News



From the Mail Box...

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and cards during my recovery from surgery. -Diana Fear

Thank you so much for your April donation of 69 lbs. of food. Your contribution will help to continue the vital work serving individuals and families throughout our community. -Love Chapel

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## Hit the Road

When a teenager received his driving permit, he asked His father, who was a minister, if they could discuss use of the car.

His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut, and then we'll talk about it."

A month later, the young man returned to continue the discussion. "Son, I've been real proud of you," the father said. "You brought your grades up and studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

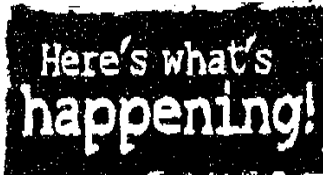
The teenagers replied, "You know, Dad, I've thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair Noah had long hair and even Jesus had long hair..."

"Yes," the father said, "and they walked everywhere they went!"



*In Memory of  
Marsha Stuckey  
who went home to her  
Heavenly Father  
May 9, 2026*

*Condolences to the family of Marsha Stuckey.*



**Grace's Table Free Meal** Sunday, June 14 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.

**Church Council** meeting will be held in the Chapel on Tuesday, June 23, at 6pm.



## Baby Bottle Campaign



Help make a difference in the lives of new mothers and babies. Pickup a baby bottle, fill it with spare change and return it to church by Sunday, June 21.

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## The Best Father

Unlike an earthly prince, God didn't take a high-and-mighty title, notes 17th-century British preacher Thomas Watson. Instead, God calls himself Father to encourage us to pray to him.

But God isn't just any father. Watson offers these reasons who God is "the best Father":

- \*He is the most ancient (Daniel 7:9)
- \*He is perfect (Matthew 5:48)
- \*He is the wisest (Romans 16:27)
- \*He is the most loving (Zephaniah 3:17)
- \*He has unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8)
- \*He can reform his children (Acts 9:11)
- \*He never dies (1 Timothy 6:16)



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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.**