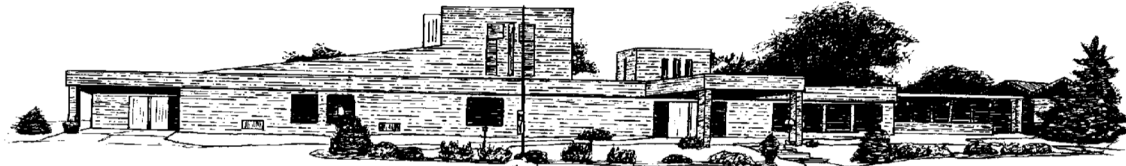




THE PARISH PAPER



October 2023

Churubusco United Methodist Church



"Deep Roots, Wide Branches"

"Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." ~ John 12:24 NIV

During the month of October we will be exploring how God is calling us to be fruitful in our gratitude and generosity. One of the places where we see Jesus speak about gratitude and generosity is when he speaks on discipleship.

Living in Indiana, it is almost impossible to not see some form of field or farm in a five mile drive. We will soon begin to see combines filled with soybeans and corn filling trucks with their harvest to go to grain elevators to then sell and store the harvest. It always amazes me how so much abundance comes from a relatively small amount of seeds. The seeds die and, in their death, a transformation occurs. A new plant that produces exponentially more fruit/grain than the single grain/seed. It's amazing how much abundance comes from so little.

Jesus, as he is nearing his crucifixion, uses the imagery of a grain or kernel. If the kernel withholds itself, then the kernel remains a single kernel. However, when it gives of itself then there is fruitfulness and abundance. Jesus was/is not making a subtle point when it comes to our lives, our faith, and our resources. Jesus, alluding to his own death on the cross, calls for his followers to imitate him in their daily lives. Jesus did not hold tight to his own life but freely gave of his time, talents, and treasures. When we hold tight to our time, talents, and treasures we miss out on what could be through God. When we offer our whole selves to God, we then see and experience the fruitfulness of faith.

Jesus invites us to not hold our lives with a tight grip but rather with an open hand. To remember, in gratitude, that God did not withhold his only son from us, but gave all so that we may be reconciled with him. Who paid the debt of our sin that we could never pay.

What have you been holding with a tight grip lately? What is God inviting you to offer with open hands?

May we seek the fruitful faith and life that comes in gratitude and generosity. May we be instruments of God's abundant grace.

Grace and Peace,
PJ



OCTOBER Worship Schedule

8:15 (Hymnal/Organ) and 10:30 a.m. (Praise Band)

8:15 a.m.—Traditional Worship

*10:30 a.m.—Contemporary Worship

Children's Church & Nursery Available

@ 10:30 a.m. Service

*Livestreamed on Facebook



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NewsLetter DEADLine

NOVEMBER 2023 Newsletter Articles need submitted by the **THIRD Sunday in OCTOBER:**
Sunday, October 15, 2023

Give articles for newsletter to the church office or email: cumc99@aol.com.

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The **Last Sunday** of this month you have a chance to...

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Please let us know if you would like to start receiving your monthly newsletter through email instead of the U.S. Postal Mail.

Also available on the church's website:
www.churubuscoumc.org



**Please come and join us for:
“OPEN DOORS” FELLOWSHIP MEAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 @ 5:30–6:30 P.M.**

**Children’s activities will be 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome, so invite family, friends,
and neighbors to join you for food & fellowship.**

Upcoming Dates: November 15 and December 13



Dear Friend in Mission,

Sending relief has always been a natural response for Christians—from the time of the early church as portrayed in the Book of Acts until today.

God is with those who survive disaster and war, often in the form of people offering help and sharing resources. Ultimately it is this compassion that helps transform loss and grief to acceptance of new beginnings and possibilities.

Thank you. Together with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and our trusted network of partners, you help bring hope and healing to hurting people in the United States and around the world.

In mission and ministry together,

Roland Fernandes
General Secretary of Global Ministries and UMCOR

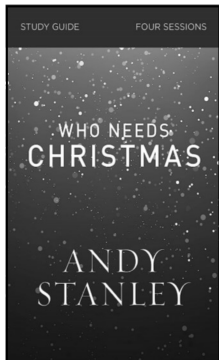


Open Hands Ministry

This is a group for adults of all ages. We will focus on adult community, spiritual growth, and hands that seek to serve our church, our community and our world.

Mission Trip Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2023 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Seekers' Classroom. This is open to anyone interested in hearing about the Mission Trip for 2024. Plans still being prayed over and cultivated. Come to hear how you can be a part of this team!

Bible Study: All are welcome. Step outside your comfort zone and join us. (sign up sheet located on bulletin board near the Sanctuary)



Who Needs Christmas by Andy Stanley:

Four thousand years ago, God promised he would do something through the bloodline of Abraham. Two thousand years later, Jesus was born. And two thousand years after that, we're still talking about it.

Why?

The story of Jesus' birth was not what anyone expected: a baby . . . born in the armpit of the Mediterranean . . . to save us from sins that no one thought we needed saving from.

Join Andy Stanley as he unpacks why the improbability of the Christmas story is what makes it so believable. No one could have or would have made it up.

(Books are ~ \$10 on Amazon or approx. \$5 on Thrifty Books)

Sessions include (read prior to arrival – or just come):

- The Author of Life. (Oct 12)
- The Message of Christmas. (Oct 26)
- Ready or Not . . . He Is Coming. (Nov 9)

Have one of these?



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Children And Family Ministries 2023



Nursery School Notes October 2023

OCTOBER THEME
**"GOD'S CHANGING WORLD
OUTDOORS"**

FALL PARTY

On Monday, October 30th we will have Morning and Afternoon Fall Parties. Our schedule will remain the same with a parade, games and treats being added. Try to keep costumes simple so that the children can dress and undress themselves. Party Day is a good time to send a small treat to take home. The children will decorate Treat Bags.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Payments are due on or before the first school day of each month.
- "LITTLE STEPS FOR LEARNING" WALKATHON is Wednesday, October 11 (during school hours)
Additional information will be sent home at a later date.
- No school on Friday, October 13 (Fall Break)



**LOOKING FORWARD TO CUMC'S TRUNK OR TREAT
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
FROM 5-7 P.M.**

Be thinking about how you want to decorate your trunk, truck or whatever! We can provide supplies to decorate and treats!! It is great fun - you can even come and enjoy it without a trunk or truck - You can be involved by donating candy or bring your chair and pass out treats! We have a great location here in our parking lot to see hundreds of princesses, super heroes, ghosts, and other great costumes! Keep watching for more information!

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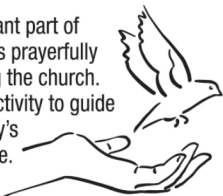
Updated lists are on the bulletin board - we have some new additions (Including McDonald's) - Check them out! You can leave an order with the office, or call Bev Huntsman 260-413-2344 to place an order.

A percentage of each card goes to Children and Youth Ministries.

Kid's Activity Page

MISSIONARY- MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet



What you do:

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

— — — — —

I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

— — — — —

Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

— — — — —

My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

— — — — —

I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

— — — — —

Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

— — — — —

I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

— — — — —

My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

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PROPHETS ARE — — — — — .

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Messengers



United Women in Faith

KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH—YOUNG, SENIORS AND THOSE IN BETWEEN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT MEETINGS—FRIENDS TOO.

The **Wednesday, October 11** gathering of the United Women in Faith will be held in the church lounge at 9:00 a.m.

Program: History of Hymn, In the Garden, will be presented by Gloria Parish.

Devotions: Fran Adams

Refreshments: Jen Huff

Highlights from our September gathering: Social Action—a march was held in NYC, 9-17-23 at the United Nations Climate Ambition which is one of the studies of UWF.

Denise Geller gave a book report from Hiding in the Light by Rifqu Bary. At 7 years old she suffered an eye injury from an airplane her brother threw at her. The hospital in Sri Lanka wouldn't treat her because she was Muslim resulting in loss of vision in that eye. Her Dad was gone a lot and her Uncle raped her. She was shamed but he was not. Her family moved to NYC when she was 8 years old. They eventually moved to OH where she attended a public school and made new friends.

She went to a Christian friends home where they prayed to God. Her friend invited her to a youth group and she learns about Jesus. She gets a Bible and hides it. In the meantime, her parents had become mean. They slapped her on her cheeks a lot and endured beatings. At age 16 she left home and moved to Florida, hiding in various locations with help from friends there. Her parents couldn't find her and would have killed her if she was found.

This book is in our UWF Library by the lounge if you're interested in checking it out to read.

Prayer Calendar

"God is in this place, and I didn't know it!" Jacob exclaimed. (Genesis 29:16) That's often the case with us, too. During two years of pandemic crisis and isolation, we have often lost sight of God's faithfulness happening around us.

Wesley Foundation in Japan offers education grants for those who are studying in colleges and universities with hopes to serve others. However, many students' lives were hit hard by COVID-19.

When we held an online seminar for those who received the education grants, they expressed fears and frustration over the pandemic. "Why is this happening, Why is God silent?" Pain was real and sufferings were deep. Yet, one student said, "But when I received this grant, I see hope to finish my education." And another said, "I thought nobody cares about me anymore, but I realized God does. God cares for me because of the work of Wesley Foundation in Japan." God has been in this place and at work faithfully even during the crisis and sufferings, if only our spiritual eyes are open to see and recognize it. For this, we continue to reach out to students who have lost hopes and dreams.

Hikari Kokai Chang,

United Women in Faith Regional Missionary serving at the Wesley Foundation, Tokyo, Japan

From Pastor Jen's ministry: Diverse Missions & Justice, she reported on the program she attended Saturday, September 9 in Fort Wayne featuring Sarah Collins Rudolph as Keynote speaker. She was the 5th little girl, sole survivor, of the 1963 Birmingham, Alabama 16th St. Baptist Church bombing that was on the news.

Birmingham has never offered any reparation for the loss of one eye and emotional scars that would shape her journey. Her sister, Addie Mae Collins, was one of the girls who lost her life that day.

Determined to honor her sister's memory and seek justice, Sarah became a relentless advocate for civil rights. Despite facing threats and intimidation, her unwavering dedication played a critical role in the case's reopening and the eventual conviction of the perpetrators.

Sarah Collins Rudolph's story is one of resilience, determination, and unwavering spirit. Her journey from tragedy to triumph serves as a testament to the human capacity for transformation and the power of hope. Her legacy continues to inspire individuals around the world.

Cancelled stamps are needed and can be placed in a container at the sanctuary entrance. Leave 1/4" margin—Can be torn off. They don't need to be trimmed.

There are some food containers in the corner of the kitchen by the microwave. Some have been there a long time and may belong to you!

Greetings,

This is to tell you that I will no longer be collecting scrap metal after the first of October. Thank you to all who have helped with this project over the years. Hopefully, someone else will pursue the work of keeping such items out of landfills.

Wayne Yager



Sunday, October 1, 2023

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday - United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

**WELL
DONE,
GOOD *And*
FAITHFUL
SERVANT! MATTHEW 25:21**

WAYNE YAGER RETIRES FROM SCRAPPING OCTOBER 1

Did you know that after Wayne Yager collects salvageable items all over Churubusco he drives them to the recycling center in Ft Wayne where he receives payment for those treasures? He then donates that money to CUMC benefiting various groups. Updates made to the parsonage prior to Pastor John's arrival were largely funded by "scrapping" donations made by Wayne. Most recently Wayne has directed his donations to the Fish & Loaves food ministry where he volunteers.

Not only has CUMC benefited financially from Wayne's hard work, the town of Churubusco is a cleaner place and the landfill is a little less full because he gave lots of junk a second life.

We're sad to learn that Mr. Yager has announced that it's time to hang up his scrapping shoes. If there's someone who would like to learn what it takes to do this valuable job please contact Mr. Yager. Please join us in thanking Wayne for this important work he's done!



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Kevin Smallwood	10/01
Judy Fleming	10/02
Joe Huntsman	10/02
Addia Oler	10/05
Brad Knapp	10/06
Pamela Listenberger	10/06
Linda Green	10/11
Paul Sade	10/11
Bill Anders	10/12
Monte Gerig	10/12
Jackson Ostrowski	10/12
Mitchell Sarrazin	10/12
Derek Gordon	10/16
Carol Allman	10/18
Jera Kessler	10/18
Jennifer Meyer	10/19
Ashley Uecker	10/20
Donald Amber	10/21
Alexia Aung	10/21
Lindsay Cornwell	10/21
Dara Yoder	10/22
Sawyer Yoder	10/22
Alayna Gordon	10/23
LeaAnn Manth	10/23
Ivy Stein	10/23
Roger Brineman	10/24
Justin Cornwell	10/25
Doris Horne	10/26
Ron Price	10/26
Bob Lahr	10/27
Mardell Rhodes	10/28
Brian Egolf	10/30
Dee Krause	10/30

Please take time to wish
those with OCTOBER birthdays
a "Happy Birthday!"



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October Blessings to:

Worship Opportunities

8:15 a.m. Sunday Worship (Hymnal/Organ)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Praise Band)



OCTOBER 2023



CHURUBUSCO UMC FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday, October 21, 2023
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

At the home of Stan & Doris Horne
7070 E 575 N, Churubusco, IN

Bring a quart of chili to add to the "Chili Pot" to make some of the Best Chili you've EVER HAD!! Also, bring your favorite apple or pumpkin dish if you like!

JUST COME & ENJOY & BRING A CHAIR IF YOU LIKE (We have straw bales)

Horse Drawn Hay Rides, Scarecrows, Live Music, Pumpkins, Scarecrow Walk,
Kids Games, Pot of Chili & Hot Dogs on Open Fire, Campfires,
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