



Otterbein United Methodist Church
Charleston, Illinois

THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

APRIL 2016

PASTOR'S PERUSALS

By Chuck Trent

CHUCKIN' ALONG FOR THE LORD

WHAT A SPRING WE ARE HAVING! I am told by all who saw it (I was in Oakland and couldn't. Next year save me some deviled eggs, please.) that the Early Easter Sunday Morning drama was wonderfully done and truly worth being at church an hour and a half early. Thanks to everyone involved.

THIS SPRING THE PLANS FOR CAMP AND A YOUTH MISSION TRIP to Washington, DC area are underway. (Have you bought your Christian T-shirt yet?)

UNITED METHODIST DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM: We are taking names and money for the June 18th Cardinal Baseball game against the Texas Rangers. We pray to have a bus full for that. Lots of good things happening with God's people at OUMC.

THE BEST THING WE HAVE COMING UP is the Small Group Ministry. Yes, almost anything we do here at OUMC seems to be with a group of people that is small in number, but this is different.

WE ALL WANT TO GROW SPIRITUALLY and one of the best ways to do that is through INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT, which works best in small groups. These aren't just Bible Studies, although that is done. They aren't just social groups, although they are social. They aren't coffee klatches, although there very often is coffee.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES ARE during the week get together of two or three to twelve people, who are seeking a new, better and stronger relationship with the Lord, by meeting with trusted friends and brothers and sisters in Christ to become better disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus told us that, “Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I also.”

YES YOU HAVE TIME because we always have time for what we want to do. I am of the opinion that we really do want to grow closer to Jesus, whom we have trusted to deliver us from slavery to sin and death, and to go on toward that perfection for which God has for us.

DON'T WAIT ON ME! I am trying to identify people places and times for these groups, but some of the best groups in churches are ones which are formed by leaders who feel called to bring others together for growth.

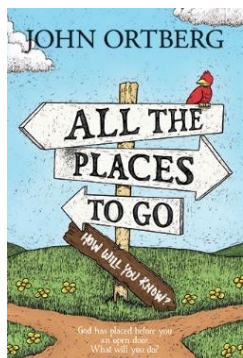
YOU MAY INVITE PEOPLE TO CHURCH A DOZEN TIMES (Although most of us quit after three or four times at the most.) with no result. But ask a person to join you and a few friends for coffee and conversation, and chances are that person will be in church Sunday morning within a year.

SERIOUSLY, please pray for guidance and discernment as to when, where you can extend the ministry of Christ through small groups. This is the best thing going for congregations who want to grow spiritually and numerically, and who doesn't want both of those?

Shalom,

Chuck

...SPRING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES...



**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS
THROUGH May 11, 2016**

(Meal, 6 pm; Study, 6:30 pm)

“ALL THE PLACES TO GO”
How will you know?

...INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES...



“THE 10 COMMANDMENTS”

Something for all ages, young and old!

**Join us for the fun and learning, now through
the end of May!**

...COMING SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016...



**“HOLY HANDS” PUPPET PRESENTATION,
“Through The Years”**

(during Worship Service time period)

w/Light Lunch Meal to follow

Let us continue to remember our shut-in and homebound members.
Please remember them in your prayers and feel free to visit or send a card ☺

Francis Adkins

Odd Fellow Rebekah Home
201 Lafayette E
Mattoon, IL 61938
Birthday: 5/25

Tom Watson

2200 Madison Ave.
Charleston, IL 61920
Birthday: 8/10



Jim & Bertha Anderson

13250 E Cty Rd 210N

Eleanor Rice

Heartland Christian Village
101 Trowbridge Rd
Neoga, IL 62447
Birthday: 2/9

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer concern that you would like on the prayer list or prayer chain, please contact Michelle (549-7285) or email the church (charlestonotterbein@yahoo.com) with the name and info to include. I will include the name on the prayer list (on bulletin) or it can be sent out in a mass email. Please also remember to update when the names are to be removed from the list. If it is an emergency prayer request please text or call Michelle. I only work 3 days a week (Tue-Thur)



Looking Ahead...

The next monthly newsletter (*May 2016*) will be printed and distributed around the first week in May. The deadline to submit articles or information in the May newsletter will be **Thursday, Apr 21st.** Please contact Michelle Price (217) 549-7285 or email the church office if you have information to include.

Family Night

Every Wednesday

6:00-6:30 pm Meal & Fellowship
6:30-7:30 Sessions for all ages

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Please Note

If you need to reach
Pastor Chuck Trent

Cell (618) 262-3409

chucktrent47@gmail.com



FINANCE REPORT

Please note the following figures and reports provided by the Finance Team.

Not, how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God's money will I keep for myself.



— John Wesley

MONTHLY EXPENSES PAID BY LOOSE PLATE/TITHE

Ameren CIPS (Church)	\$ 495.00
City of Charleston (Water Dept)	\$ 26.00
Conf. Group Health Ins. (Pastor)	\$ 1,525.00
Consolidated Comm. (Church)	\$ 93.00
IGRC Missions	\$ 1,062.00
IGRC Pension (Pastor)	\$ 836.00
Childress Mowing	\$ 160.00
Janitor/Secretary Wages	\$ 494.04
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 40.00
Chuck Trent	\$ 2,380.26
Chuck Trent TV/Hse. Phone	\$ 120.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 41.00
Postage	\$ 49.00
Print Co (Newsletter)	\$ 24.00
SS Material	\$ 72.00
Upper Room/Devozone	\$ 27.00
State Farm Ins. (Bldg & Work Comp)	\$ 285.15
TOTAL	\$ 7,779.45
Weekly	\$ 1,245.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment \$ 1,356.55



Celebrations



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

▪ Mary Cavanaugh	4/7
▪ Elizabeth Bircher	4/11
▪ Lindsey Rice	4/16
▪ Judy Harrison	4/17
▪ Dorothy Cox	4/20
▪ Keridwen McDaniel	4/26
▪ April Payne	4/26
▪ Tom Blair	4/28
▪ Daniel Lewis	4/28



Happy Anniversary

John & Lisa McDaniel 4/5

Daniel & Tabatha Lewis 4/14



April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	2
3 <u>Worship</u> 9:30- 10:30 am <u>Fellowship</u> 10:30-10:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:45-11:30 am	4 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	5 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	6 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6-7:30 pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	7 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm Ad Council Meeting 6:30pm	8 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	9
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4/6 Finance Meeting @ 6:30 pm

4/24 Krista Snider Baby Shower 12-4 pm

4/7 Ad Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

4/10 Native American Awareness Sunday w/ offering

4/15 Early Bird Camp Registration see Lisa McDaniel for more information

4/21 PPRC meeting w/ Oakland UMC @ Otterbein UMC @ 6:00 pm

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Sunday Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:45 a.m.

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All are welcome!