



# Otterbein United Methodist Church

Charleston, Illinois

*A church that is growing, praying, and serving to make disciples of Jesus Christ*

## The Otterbein Encourager

JUNE 2014

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### Pastor's Chat

Pastor Nicholas Gleason

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and blessed. This month we will enter into the summer season. In many ways summer is our Sabbath. It is the season we rest. Our Sunday School and Family Night classes have concluded for the year. We won't have too many administrative meetings. We won't have too many outreach projects.

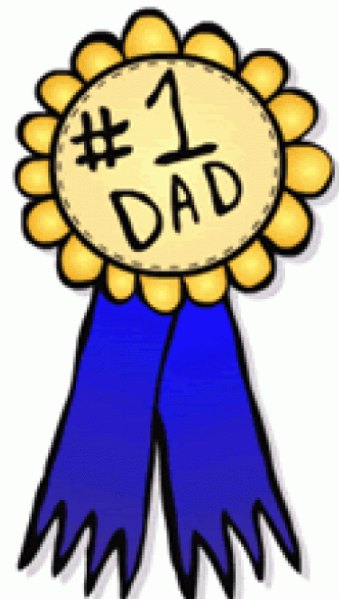
And it's nice to have this time to catch our breath, and rest from all of the work it takes to keep Otterbein's mission going throughout the rest of the year. But my hope is that in this time of rest, you won't allow your relationship with God to slip onto the back burner.

Use this summer for a time of personal devotion and reflection. Take yourself on a private retreat. What are some of the themes in your spiritual life that you studied over the last year, but maybe you need to dig into a little deeper?

I invite you to talk with me if you would like a recommendation on a book study that you can use as an independent study this summer.

Shalom,

Nicholas



## Some Ways Our Youth can stay connected during the Summer!

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>:** Our Youth and young adults will be traveling to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our group of eight students will visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, and Jerusalem.

**June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Youth Boys Camping Trip at Starved Rock. The youth boys will spend twenty-four hours admiring the beauty of God's creation, and "roughing it" like good old fashion men.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** The Youth will have a Fourth of July picnic and party in the park. Bring your fireworks!

**July:** Otterbein-Wesley Youth Trip to Holiday World. Once again this summer, Otterbein and Wesley are planning a joint youth trip to test our faith by riding the scary Roller Coasters over at Holiday World!

**August:** Trip to Creation Museum. Before school begins again, the youth will have an opportunity to visit the Creation Museum, a state-of-the-art 70000 square foot *Museum* that brings the pages of the Bible to life

**August:** Youth Back to School Party.

Throughout the summer months, our Sean will be looking forward to leading a book study for our teenagers who still want to gather together and ponder God's way for our life.



# Lay Leader's Line

Butch Hackett

In recent months we have seen a terrible mud slide cause tragic deaths, ruin lives, and destroy homes. A Malaysian Airliner crashed resulting in over 200 deaths and still cannot be found. I have listened to comments about these events and other disasters from friends, co-workers, and within earshot of other people discussing such things. I find it interesting that the majority of the time people's reaction tend to fall in one of two categories; 1) either the people think that it is divine judgment from God for how bad humankind has become or 2) people will use the opportunity to solidify their non-belief in a God that would allow such things to happen to people he created and supposedly loves.

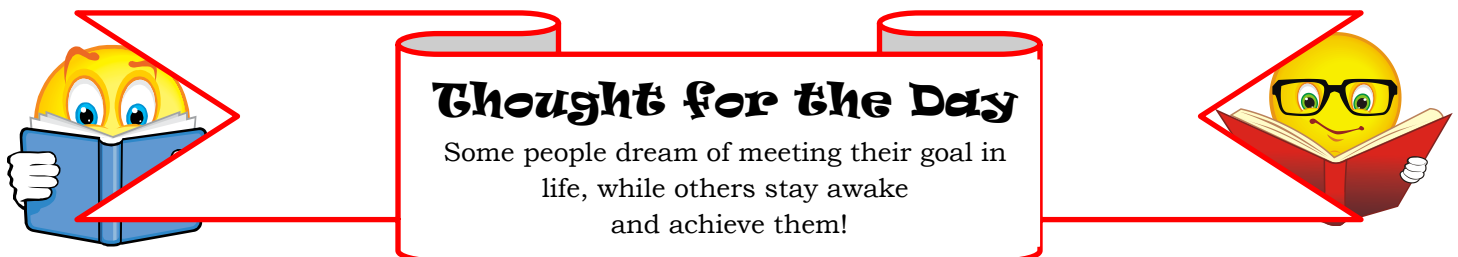
If you read the first five verses of Luke chapter 13, you will find that the people questioned Jesus about this very thing. Apparently Pilate had killed some Galileans possibly because he thought they were rebelling and there was a recent tragedy where 18 people died from a tower in Siloam falling on them. Jesus asked the people in attendance in verse two, ***"Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans.....?"*** And in verse four He asks them about the 18 workers who died, ***".....do you think they were guiltier than all the other living in Jerusalem..."*** Then He continues to answer both of these questions with the same response: ***"But unless you repent, you too will all perish."***

You see, according to my footnotes on these verses, Jesus was telling them and us that instead of blaming others, everyone should look to his or her own day of judgment. No one gets out of this world alive. But not everyone needs to stay dead. Jesus promises that those who believe and accept Him as their personal savior will not perish, but have everlasting life.

God's gift of free will comes with bad choices. Often these choices affect many others. We can choose to argue the reasons bad things happen or we can concentrate on our personal walk with Christ. Join me in choosing the latter.

In His Grip,

Butch



# Intentional Faith



## Family Night

Something for **EVERYONE!!**


Bring **YOUR** whole family!

Wednesday Evenings

6:00-6:30 pm Meal & Fellowship

6:30-7:30pm Small Groups

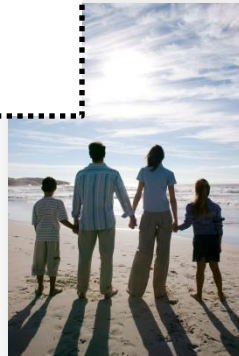
(All Ages)



## Women's Bible Study

There will be **NO** Bible Study from the months May thru Aug 2014

It will start back up in September 2014



## SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 10:30am)

Sunday School classes available for all ages—Everyone is

### Preschool Class

(Age 3-Kindergarten)

Meet in Noah's Ark Room  
w/ Sandy Smallhorn

### Elementary Class

(1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Meet in Garden Room  
w/ Jane Cox

### M.S./H.S. Class

(6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Meet in Blue Room  
w/ Sean Hackett



### Adult Class #1 (Believers)

Meet in Gold Classroom  
w/ Butch Hackett

### Adult Class #2

Meet in Café Agape Room  
w/ Jim & Carolyn Craig



There will be **NO** Fellowship Time for  
The months of June, July, and August!



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*

### **Joan Hutton**

Hilltop Conv. Center  
910 W. Polk Rm. 209  
Charleston, IL 61920  
*Birthday: 4/21*

### **Fern Pearcy**

Odd Fellow Rebekah Home  
201 Lafayette E  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
*Birthday: 6/12*

### **Raymond Plath**

Brookstone Estates  
314 Lincoln Hwy. Rd  
Charleston, IL 61920  
*Birthday: 3/10*

### **Eleanor Rice**

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

### **Tom Watson**

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

## **2014 Worship Leaders**

Please check the website for a current list of Worship Leaders for 2014. These include **Greeters**, **Acolytes**, **Ushers**, **Family Cross** and **Children's Moment Leaders**. We appreciate your involvement in our weekly worship service.

[www.charlestonotterbein.org](http://www.charlestonotterbein.org)

## **Please Note**

If you need to reach  
Pastor Nicholas

Cell (740) 513-6199

Home (217) 345-2046



## **Family Night**

We could still use your help in providing supplies for Wednesday Family Nights.  
Here's how you can help...

- Donate canned fruits, cake/brownie mixes, frosting, peanut butter & jelly, salad dressings, pudding cups, Rice Krispies & marshmallows, Apple Juice or Lemonade Mix (*Place them on the "Family Night Supplies" shelves in the room across from the kitchen*);
- Donate \$\$ for paper & plastic supplies & teaching resources. Cash in an envelope, or a check marked "Family Night", can be placed in the offering plate.



# Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together...



## Newspapers

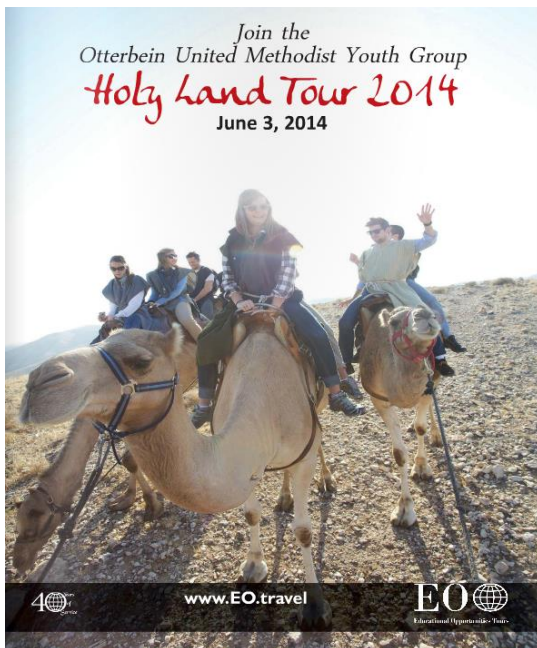
Betty Potts would like to thank everyone who has brought newspapers for her. She really appreciates it, and she could always use more if you have extras 😊



## Looking Ahead...

The next monthly newsletter (*July 2014*) will be printed and distributed around the end of June. The deadline to submit articles or information in the July newsletter will be

**Thursday, June 19.** Please contact Michelle Price or email the church office if you have information to include.



## Summer 2014 Youth Trip

The youth and young adults have begun planning for the Summer 2014 Mission Trip. They will be going to the Holy Land in Israel.

Please remember them in your prayers as the preparation & fundraising begins! Please also pray for their hearts to be ready for this amazing and life-changing experience.

The first fundraising event has already begun. The "Money Wall" can be found in the hallway. Take an envelope & fill it with the amount of money listed on the front of the envelope. Please return the envelope in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

# But Let Us Encourage One Another (Hebrews 10:25)



# FINANCE REPORT

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

## LOOSE PLATE/TITHE

	<u>Amt Received</u>	<u>Amt Needed</u>	<u>Over/(Short)</u>
4/27	\$ 1,248.00	\$ 2,011.00	(\$ 763.00)
5/04	\$ 2,601.00	\$ 2,011.00	\$ 590.00
5/11	\$ 1,177.01	\$ 2,011.00	(\$ 873.99)
5/18	\$ 1,230.95	\$ 2,011.00	(\$ 780.05)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,256.96</b>	<b>\$12,066.00</b>	<b>(\$ 1,827.04)</b>



## MONTHLY EXPENSES PAID BY LOOSE PLATE/TITHE

Ameren CIPS (Church)	\$ 450.00
City of Charleston (Water Dept)	\$ 12.00
Conf. Group Health Ins. (Pastor)	\$ 1,525.00
Consolidated Comm. (Church)	\$ 92.00
IGRC Missions	\$ 1,053.00
IGRC Pension (Pastor)	\$ 836.00
Childress Mowing	\$ 160.00
Janitor/Secretary Wages	\$ 535.00
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 40.00
Nicholas Gleason	\$ 3,084.00
Nicholas Gleason TV/Hse. Phone	\$ 120.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 41.00
Postage	\$ 44.00
Print Co (Newsletter)	\$ 24.00
SS Material	\$ 72.00
Upper Room/Devozone	\$ 27.00
State Farm Ins. (Bldg & Work Comp)	\$ 285.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,450.00</b>
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 2,011.00</b>

## BUILDING FUND

	<u>Current Balance</u>
4/27	\$ 658.68
5/04	\$ 1,243.68
5/11	\$ 1,353.23
5/18	\$ 1,613.68

Monthly Mortgage Payment **\$ 1,356.55**



# Celebrations

## Birthdays

Drew Schwartz	6/06
Randall James Snider	6/12
Christopher Schulz	6/16
Sandy Smallhorn	
James Williams	6/18
Brandon Schulz	6/24
Rachael Bircher	6/25



## Happy Anniversary

Richard & Paula Dennis 6/06

Doug & Mary Hennig 6/09

Jerry & Sue Payne 6/23

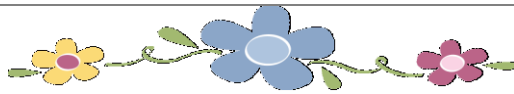
## June Worship Leaders



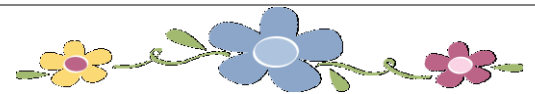
	<u>6/01</u>	<u>6/08</u>	<u>6/15</u>	<u>6/22</u>	<u>6/29</u>
<u><b>Greeters</b></u>	Clinton & Bonnie Tribby	Ken & Sandy Smallhorn	Jim Hackett	Bill & Rose Snider	Raymond & Sharron Johns
<u><b>Acolyte</b></u>	Deece Schwartz	Omarion Smallhorn	Mackenzie Schwartz	Jade Smyser	Brandon Schulz
<u><b>Ushers</b></u>	Sandy Smallhorn Butch Hackett Jim Hackett Mary Hennig	Randy Rice Rick Waltrip Bob Snider <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Austin Hackett Jim Craig Wayne Cox Brad Bircher	Phyllis Hackett Melody McGrath Vickie Bircher <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Keridwen McDaniel Brandon Schulz Sean Hackett Kenny Smallhorn
<u><b>Family Cross</b></u>	Dan & Vickie Bircher	Daniel & Tabatha Lewis	Bill & Rose Snider	Jim Hackett	Cathi Brockman
<u><b>Children's Moment</b></u>	<b>Need Volunteer</b>	Carolyn Craig	<b>Need Volunteer</b>	Jane Cox	Pastor Nicholas







# June 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am	2 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm  <b>Monicals Pizza Fundraiser</b>	3 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm  <b>Youth Holy Land Tour</b>	4 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	5 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	6 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	7
8 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am	9 <b>Finance Meeting 6:30 PM</b>  <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	10 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	11 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm  <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	12 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	13 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	14 <b>Arts Council Meeting 8am -3pm</b>
15 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am	16 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	17 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	18 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm  <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	19 <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>  <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	20 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	21
22 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am	23 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	24 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	25 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm  <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	26 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	27 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	28
29 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am	30 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm					

# SOUP STOP FUNDRAISER



Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 – 4:00



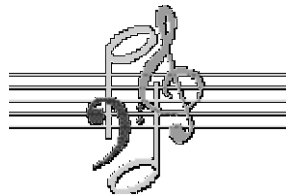
Charleston Carnegie Public Library



Enjoy Coffee and Dessert



Musical Entertainment by  
Tequila Mockingbird



Bid on silent auction items



Donations Accepted at the Door

There will also be desserts available  
To buy and take home





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Sunday Morning Worship  
Sunday School

9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

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**2175 E. Harrison**  
**Charleston, IL 61920**

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**All are welcome!**

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