



Otterbein United Methodist Church
Charleston, Illinois

THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

MARCH 2016

LAY LEADER'S LINE

Butch Hackett

At Twice Is Nice resale shop, we keep 2 scented candles burning while the store is open. The scent is called "Roasted Espresso" and customers rave about how nice the smell is when they come in the front door. It is interesting the impact that the aroma has on various individuals. Some have said that it makes them want a cup of coffee; others have said that it makes them hungry; while still others say that it reminds them of their mother's kitchen. I like to wear cologne because I like to smell good, but there is a fine line, because if a person puts on too much it can be offensive to others as is evident when their eyes start burning. I know some people that are allergic to fragrances and have to rely on lotions or certain antiperspirants to cover body odor. Then there are those who don't care how they smell. I think it is interesting how God has connected our ability to smell with all of our other body parts. A smell can make you hungry, it can make you happy, and it can bring back a fond memory that brings a smile. On the other hand, smells can make you sad, bring back bad memories, or turn your stomach. I'm sure you all have gone into a thrift shop, hospital or nursing home and not enjoyed the smell that awaits you. I like the smell of fresh cut lawn, lumber yards, and permanent markers. I don't like the smell of hog farms, locker rooms, or green beans cooking. The same aroma can bring different reactions.

Paul also talks about aromas in the 2 chapter of 2 Corinthians vv 15-16; *"For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death, and to the other, the fragrance of life....."* My footnote to this passage adds this explanation of these verses: In a Roman triumphal procession, the Roman general would display his treasures and captives amidst a cloud of incense burned for the gods. To the victors, the aroma was sweet, to the captives in the parade; it was the smell of slavery and death. When Christians preach the Gospel or witness to others; it is good news to some and repulsive news to others. Believers recognize the life giving fragrance of the message. To non-believers, however, it smells foul, like death.....their OWN!

In His Grip

Butch Hackett



Thought for the Day

"Memories, imagination, old sentiments, and associations are more readily reached through the sense of smell than any other channel" – Oliver Wendall Holmes



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

Jim & Bertha Anderson

13250 E Cty Rd 210N
Charleston, IL 61920

Joan Hutton

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

Tom Watson

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



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 (*Apr 2016*) will be printed and distributed around the first week in April. The deadline to submit articles or information in the April newsletter will be **Thursday, Mar 24th.** 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!

Lisa McDaniel	3/3
Nicole Hackett	3/5
Judd Hackett	3/6
Linda Hackett	3/13
Doug Hennig	3/25



Happy Anniversary

Bill & Rose Snider

Dear Lord...

Please let me see
myself and others
through your eyes; for
you have the
perfect sight.



FIGHT
all of your BATTLES
ON YOUR
Knees
AND you will WIN
EVERY
TIME

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	2 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6-7:30 pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	3 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	4 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	5
6 <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	7 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	8 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	9 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6-7:30 pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	10 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	11 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	12
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3/6 One Gr Hr of sharing (w/offering) / LENTEN SERVICE- 3/6 Martinsville UMC (Chuck Trent) 6pm
 3/13 Lenten Service @ 6pm Otterbein UMC
 3/20 Palm Sunday
 3/24 Maudy Thursday Service @ 6:30 pm
 3/25 Good Friday
 3/27 Easter Sunday – 8 am, Early Easter service w/brunch between services (NO Sunday School)

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

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All are welcome!