



Otterbein United Methodist Church

Charleston, Illinois

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

THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

OCTOBER 2014

PASTOR'S PERUSALS

By Chuck Trent

CHUCKIN' ALONG for the LORD

IT IS OVER THREE MONTHS, since we have moved to Charleston, just about two months since we got into the parsonage, and more than a month since our furniture came.

I LIKE TO SAY THAT, "time flies whether you are having fun or not, so let's have fun." And with all the ups and downs, the unscheduled trips to Sarah Bush Lincoln, and even the scheduled one for Linda's hip, well it has been fun. And it is going to get better.

EVEN THOUGH IT HAS ONLY BEEN THREE MONTHS, we feel as though we have known some of you forever. Then there are still some of you with whom I am struggling to keep names & faces straight. Please have patience. I'm not as young as I used to be and I wasn't REALLY good at faces and names all the time when I was younger.

THIS FALL WE HAVE SOME ADVENTURES including nominating committee, and getting all of the charge conference forms filled out

and ready to go for Sunday November 30th, 1:00 pm Charge Conference with our new District Supt., Scott Grulke.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, let's get those meetings held and those forms filled out before the end of October so we can really enjoy CC this year.

FAMILY NIGHTS have been great and I look forward to the way the Lord will be working in our congregation and community through this outreach in the coming months.

OUR CONFIRMATION & REVIEW class on Sunday morning is teaching me new and different things than any other time I have taught it. That is due to the willing minds that are there every Sunday morning.

THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, Linda and I begin a new type of joint ministry. We have switched pulpits before, but this time we will be swapping for 4 to 6 weeks or until Linda is well enough to drive to Shelbyville again. We thank God for this opportunity to get to know better all of the people in East Central Illinois to whom the Lord has sent us to be in ministry. Thank you all for being in ministry to the Trents, OUMC, Charleston and the World as we continue to grow into the Great Commission.

Blessings,

Chuck

LAY LEADER'S LINE

Butch Hackett

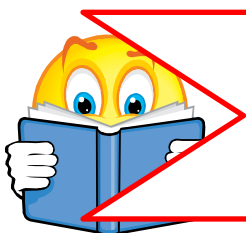
In the wake of Robin William's death, I've heard many people around me talking about how could someone who seemed to *"have-it-all"* take their own life? What could cause that? Why would someone do that? It reminded me of a story I read in a daily devotional about Charles Whittlesey.

Charles was a hero's hero. Leader of the so-called "Lost Battalion" in World War I, he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery when his unit was trapped behind enemy lines. When the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was dedicated, Charles was chosen to serve as pallbearer for the first soldier laid to rest there. Two weeks later, it is presumed that he ended his own life by stepping off a cruise ship in the middle of the ocean.

Many of us will face depression, anxiety, worries, and troubles that can make us believe that there is no way out. Even one of the greatest prophets, Elijah went out on a day's journey by himself and prayed all night that he may die. (1 Kings 19:4) This was because he was scared of Jezebel who said she was going to kill him. It is hard for us to imagine that on the heels of two great spiritual victories (the defeat of the prophets of Baal and the prayer for rain), Elijah would be so afraid? Often discouragement and fatigue sets in after great spiritual victories, especially those requiring physical effort or involving great emotion. Sometimes the despair and fatigue is just temporary. But often, it's more than despair and more than temporary. That is why we need to talk openly and compassionately about depression. We can start by talking to God. God confronted Elijah with the need to return to his mission which was speaking God's word to Israel. While he was lonely and discouraged, Elijah forgot that there were others who had remained faithful during the nation's wickedness. The problem with self-pity is that the focus is on you and then we can be blinded to all others who are faithfully obeying and fulfilling their duties to God. God offers His presence to us in life's darkest moments, which enables us in turn, to be in His presence to the hurting. Crying out for help-from others and from God- may be the strongest moments of our lives.

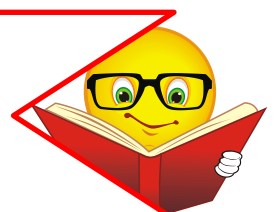
In His Grip,

Butch



Thought for the Day

Faith, hope and charity....If we had more of the first two we'd need less of the last!



Intentional Faith

Family Night

Something for EVERYONE!!

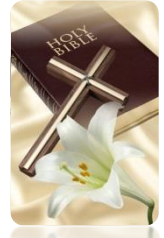
Bring YOUR whole family!

Wednesday Evenings

6:00-6:30 pm Meal & Fellowship

6:30-7:30pm Small Groups

(All Ages)



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings at 9:00am
w/ Sandy Smallhorn

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 10:30am)

Sunday School classes available for all ages—Everyone is welcome!

Preschool Class

(Age 3-Kindergarten)

Meet in Noah's Ark Room
w/ Sandy Smallhorn

Elementary Class

(1st-5th grade)

Meet in Garden Room
w/ Jane Cox

M.S./H.S. Class

(6th-12th 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



Please stay and share with us in Fellowship Time
each Sunday following the worship service
(even if you do not plan to stay for Sunday School).

This is a wonderful time to reconnect with your church family ☺

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

Tom Watson

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

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

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.

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Please Note

*If you need to reach
Pastor Chuck Trent*

Cell (618) 262-3409

chucktrent47@gmail.com



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 (*Nov2014*) will be printed and distributed around the first week in November. The deadline to submit articles or information in the November newsletter will be **Thursday, October 16.** Please contact Michelle Price (217) 549-7285 or email the church office if you have information to include.

FAMILY NIGHT REPORT, 2013-14 SEASON

On May 28, 2014, the Weds Family Night program completed its 4th season with a season finale wiener roast, games, and fellowship in the church yard. This season ran from Sept through May with a few breaks for holidays, weather conditions, etc. We continued the same format as in past years with the meal at 6 pm, then break-out groups from 6:45-7:30 pm for J4J (Kid's Club), LinC (Youth Group), and an Adult Group that alternated between lessons, group discussions, and projects.

Attendance averaged around 35 per week. The season began last Sept with a beginning balance of \$160.65, and ended this May with a \$112.35. Monetary donations were occasionally received through Sunday morning offerings as well as through a donations basket set out on Weds evenings. Non-perishable foods were also donated to the Family Night shelves from time to time.

The following folks helped to furnish the meal entrees: the Hackett families & Waltrip family team, the Johns' families & Betty Potts team, the Hennig & Buell team, Sandy Smallhorn, Pastor Nick Gleason, Rose Snider, Samantha Baker, and Carolyn Craig. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help! Thanks so much! Watch for information at the end of the summer regarding future Family Night happenings.

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



October 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	2 <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	3 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	4
5 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	6 <u>Finance Meeting</u> 6:30 PM <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	7 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Women's Study</u> 9:00 am	8 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	9 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	10 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	11
12 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	13 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	14 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Women's Study</u> 9:00 am	15 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	16 <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Articles Due</u> <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	17 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	18
19 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	20 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	21 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Women's Study</u> 9:00 am	22 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	23 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	24 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	25
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FINANCE REPORT

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

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

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/Devazine	\$ 27.00
<u>State Farm Ins. (Bldg & Work Comp)</u>	<u>\$ 285.15</u>
TOTAL	\$ 7,779.45
Weekly	\$ 1,245.00

**“Put your time to good use because only the present belong to us,
tomorrow is never for sure.”**

With God, all things are possible

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**Look back and thank
God. Look forward and
trust God.**

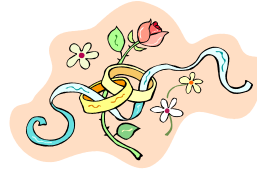
**He closes doors no man
can open and
He opens doors
no man can close.....**



Celebrations

Birthdays

Cord Hackett	10/12
Sue Payne	10/13
Rick Waltrip	10/17
Rose Snider	10/25
Wayne Cox	10/28
Bill Snider	10/29
Mackensie Williams	10/30



Happy Anniversary

Butch & Linda Hackett 10/18

Marty & Lorretta Buell 10/20



October Worship Leaders



Greeters

Rick & Sharron
Waltrip

Clinton & Bonnie
Tribby

Ken & Sandy
Smallhorn

Jim & Carolyn
Craig

Acolyte

Mackenzie Wilson

Jade Smyser

Brandon Schulz

Kayla Donley

Family Cross

Jim & Carolyn
Craig

Bob & Betty
Stoner

Sharon Johns

Need Volunteers

Ushers

Sean Hackett
Jim Hackett
Shelli Blair
Lisa McDaniel

Bob Stoner
Bonnie Tribby
Mary Hennig
Wayne Cox

Rose Snider
Marty Buell
Tom Blair
Sandy Smallhorn

Debra Bircher
Alesia Smyser
Ian McDaniel
Deece Schwartz

Children's Moment

Need Volunteer

Carolyn Craig

Need Volunteer

Jane Cox





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Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday School

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

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