



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

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 3rd – June 9th: 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 18th – June 19th: 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 4th: 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.

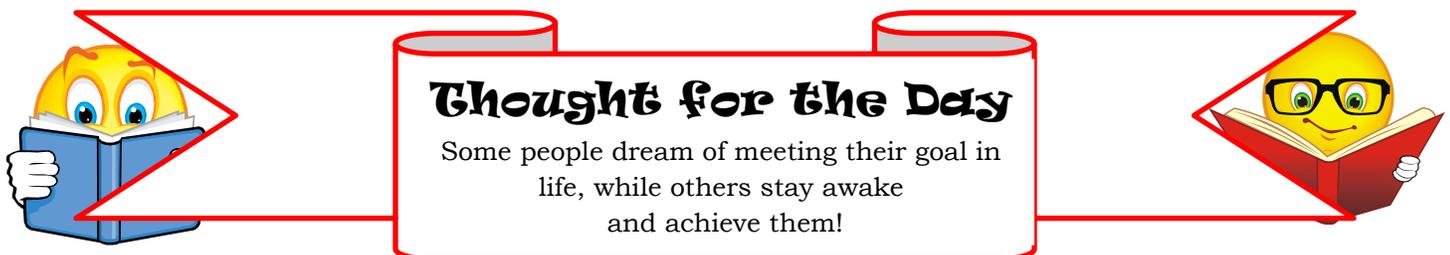
If you read the first five verses of Luke chapter 13, you will find that the people questioned Jesus about this very thing. Apparently Pilate had killed some Galileans possibly because he thought they were rebelling and there was a recent tragedy where 18 people died from a tower in Siloam falling on 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

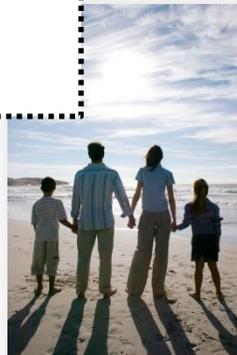
(All Ages)



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

(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



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 Percy

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



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

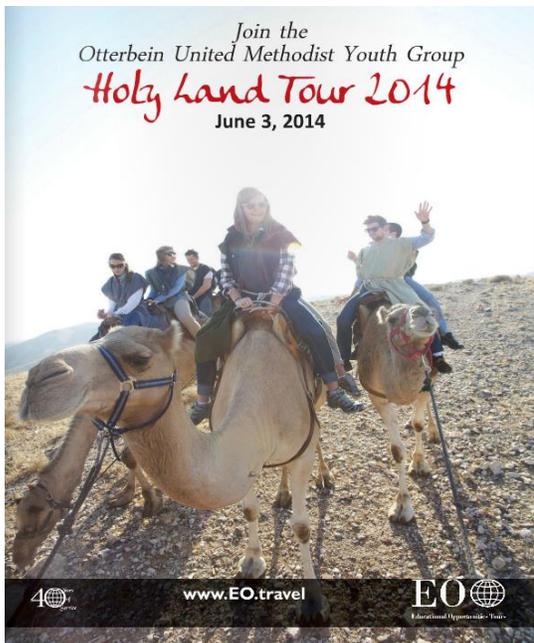
Betty Potts would like to thank everyone who has brought newspapers for her. She really appreciates it, and she could always use more if you have extras 😊



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)
TOTAL	\$ 6,256.96	\$12,066.00	(\$ 1,827.04)



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/Devozine	\$ 27.00
<u>State Farm Ins. (Bldg & Work Comp)</u>	<u>\$ 285.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,450.00
Weekly	\$ 2,011.00

BUILDING FUND

Current Balance

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>Greeters</u>	Clinton & Bonnie Tribby	Ken & Sandy Smallhorn	Jim Hackett	Bill & Rose Snider	Raymond & Sharron Johns
<u>Acolyte</u>	Deece Schwartz	Omarion Smallhorn	Mackenzie Schwartz	Jade Smyser	Brandon Schulz
<u>Ushers</u>	Sandy Smallhorn Butch Hackett Jim Hackett Mary Hennig	Randy Rice Rick Waltrip Bob Snider Need Volunteer	Austin Hackett Jim Craig Wayne Cox Brad Bircher	Phyllis Hackett Melody McGrath Vickie Bircher Need Volunteer	Keridwen McDaniel Brandon Schulz Sean Hackett Kenny Smallhorn
<u>Family Cross</u>	Dan & Vickie Bircher	Daniel & Tabatha Lewis	Bill & Rose Snider	Jim Hackett	Cathi Brockman
<u>Children's Moment</u>	Need Volunteer	Carolyn Craig	Need Volunteer	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 Monicals Pizza Fundraiser	3 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm Youth Holy Land Tour	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 Finance Meeting 6:30 PM <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 Arts Council Meeting 8am -3pm
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 Newsletter Articles Due <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 8th
2:00 – 4:00



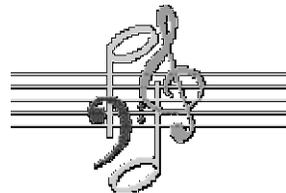
Charleston Carnegie Public Library



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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