



Otterbein United Methodist Church

Charleston, Illinois

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

THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

NOVEMBER 2011

Mark your calendars...

Chili & Bazaar Day

November 5

10:00am-2:00pm

Food donations are needed to help prepare the chili and other items that will be available. Please see Wayne or Jane Cox for info on how to donate food or your time in helping set-up, serve and clean-up. There will also be a craft and baked goods bazaar happening at the same time in the double classroom. If you have items to put into the bazaar, please see Dorothy Cox. We would like a variety of hand-crafted and homemade goods! Please price your items before bringing them to the church.



Music Night

November 13

6:00pm

Our praise band DEW is planning a Music Night on Sunday, November 13 beginning at 6:00pm. Invite your friends and family to attend this special time of worship and support DEW as they share their gifts with our community.

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Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 24

11:00am-2:00pm



Otterbein UMC will once again serve as the hosting site of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24. A complete Thanksgiving meal is available free of charge for those who would be spending the holiday alone. Deliveries are available. Call Harold Hackett (345-5044) or Butch Hackett (345-3072) to arrange delivery or for volunteers.

PASTOR'S CHAT

Pastor Nicholas Gleason

Dear Friends,

At every wedding the bride wants to be the star, right? The bride has the lead role? Which makes sense; it's the bride who has dreamed about her wedding day since she was a little girl. The groom is just happy to have the supporting role.

Well, recently I went to a wedding where, I'm sorry to say, the bride lost her leading role to the flower girl. But to be fair, this was the most amazing flower girl I have ever seen.

This little girl might have only had a minor role in this theater production that we call weddings, but shucks, she was determined to get raving reviews!

She walked down the long aisle of this huge cathedral, taking one step at a time. After each step, she would hold her pose for ten seconds. Then with eagerness, carefully place one individual flower on the floor, perfectly lining it up with the previous flowers that she had already so carefully placed on the floor. Only when she got it just right, did she take her next step.

Everybody got a kick out of this sweet little flower girl. There was no doubt she had stolen the show. And boy did she know it. After the wedding, this flower girl went from person to person spouting off, "**WASN'T I WONDERFUL... DIDN'T I DO A PERFECT JOB!**"

And I got thinking wouldn't it be great if we could fill our church with that spirit of enthusiasm and passion!

If after every service Jane and Joan jumped in the air and gave each other a high-five. Or Carolyn proudly proclaimed, "**BEST DINNER EVER**" after every family meal. Wouldn't it be great to see tears of joy and pride running down every Sunday school teacher's cheeks?

Well granted, the narcissism might get a little annoying after a while. But still, can you imagine what it would be like if we all got inspired and encouraged to take on our role for God with the same passion and excitement and confidence that this flower girl had?

I believe God has beautiful dreams and hopes for each of us. We all have been blessed with some type of gift to play a role (rather leading, supporting, or minor) in this glorious theater production that we call Otterbein. And over the next few weeks we will begin to imagine the greatness that we can achieve when we take on our role with the passion and enthusiasm of this flower girl.

I pray that our November discussion will inspire you to seek raving reviews from the only critic that truly matters, Jesus Christ.

Shalom,

Nicholas



LAY LEADER'S LINE

Butch Hackett

During a demonstration of sheep herding using a Border Collie, the dog trainer explained that because sheep are highly vulnerable to wild animals, their main defense against predators is to stay together in a tightly knit group. "A sheep alone is a dead sheep," the trainer said. "The dog always keeps the sheep together as it moves them."

This caught my attention as to how often we see references in the Bible to sheep, lambs, and shepherds. This was no accident, I believe. God intentionally referred to mankind as sheep, flocks, or some variation to reveal to us how helpless we are without Him. Even Jesus is called the 'Lamb of God' to indicate that He chose to come to earth helpless, weak, and feeble to symbolize what His sacrifice would mean to humans as well as His atonement for our sins. I think it is so neat how everything in the written word works together. Consider the following verses:

- Isaiah 53:6 *"We all, like sheep have gone astray, each have turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."*
- Zechariah 10:2 *".....Therefore the people wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd."*
- Psalm 49:14 *"Like sheep they are destined for the grave and death will feed on them....."*
- Jeremiah 23:1 *"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!"* (Read through verse 4 if you want to. I shortened it for sake of space)
- John 1:29 *"Behold the Lamb of God."*
- Acts 8:32 *"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter....."*
- Revelations 5:6 *"Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne....."*

There are many more references to sheep, lambs, and shepherds in scripture and you might want to research them sometime. I think it is interesting that the first people to hear Jesus' birth announcement (other than Mary and Joseph) were shepherds.

In the Daily Bread, David McCasland had this thought about references to sheep, lambs and shepherds:

"The biblical image of God as our shepherd is a powerful reminder of how much we need each other in the community of faith. As part of God's flock, we who have trusted Christ are under His guiding, protecting hand while being surrounded by the shielding presence of others. We are part of a larger body of believers in which there is safety and accountability. While we don't give up personal responsibility for thought and action as members of the flock, we are to embrace the concept of "we" rather than "me" in our daily lives. With Christ as our Shepherd and fellow believers around us, we find safety in the flock."

November is the time of year when our thoughts begin to focus on the holidays. Won't you please take time this year to thank God for sending us His sacrificial lamb?

In His Grip,
Butch



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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

It is not the wolfishness of the wolves
that bothers God so much as the
sheepishness of the sheep!

**Wednesday Evenings
6:00-7:30 p.m.
(Meal from 6:00-6:30)**



Hard to believe, but we're half-way through the Fall Quarter of the Family Night sessions. It's not too late to get in on the action! Come when you can!

Family Nights, Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM, at the church!!!

Meal - entrée, tossed salad, fruit & dessert

LinC—youth 6th-12th grades

J4J—kids age 3-5th grades

Women's Group - w/Samantha Baker

Men's Group - w/Jim Craig

Child Care - 2 yrs & under

PS... If anyone has an electric griddle they no longer use and would like to donate it to use for Family Night meals (*i.e...* *grilled sandwiches, pancakes, and such*), please contact Carolyn Craig.

Thank you!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Sometimes we are a forgetful people—it happens to all of us! When you've been helping at the church, have you ever forgotten to throw away your trash, clean off a sticky table, turn off the stove or coffee pots, make sure the freezer doors on the refrigerators close tightly, turn down the heat or turn up the AC, etc.? I know I have been guilty of such things in the past. No one intends to be messy, thoughtless, or to cause a danger or expense to show up later. Sometimes there are other groups using our facility throughout the week. All of us would like to think we are offering a welcoming environment. With that in mind, I decided to try my hand at creating a "fun" Rules of the Church reminder. Hope it helps us all to save time and energy ☺ ~Carolyn Craig



RULES OF THE CHURCH
If you drop it... pick it up
If you open it... close it
If you spill it... wipe it up
If you dirty it... launder it
If you make it sticky... wash it
If you make crumbs... sweep them up
If it spoils... throw it away
If you turn it on... turn it off
If you borrow it... return it
If you unlock it... lock it back up
If you're in charge... check before leaving

Thanks ☺



...a time of fun, fellowship and faith!



LinC (*Life in Christ*)

w/ Adam Baker & Pastor Nicholas

In LinC, we have been studying the book of Revelation. With 2 weeks down and 2 to go, we took a break and had a game night. Everyone had fun popping balloons, playing a camp game called "Ninja", and playing ping pong. Once we finish our Revelation study we'll be moving back into our Re:Form DVD series. Hopefully we'll be trying our hand at making a short movie soon to be played at an upcoming church service. Only time will tell!

FAMILY NIGHT

J4J (*Jumpin' for Jesus*)

w/ Jane Cox & Cathi Brockman



We have one more week to "wrap-up" the month of October with our lessons from SPK/My Savior Lives. Then we will begin a new series, SPK/Everything to God, which features new songs (*Mighty to Save*, *Trading My Sorrows*, *Offering (Christmas Version)*, *Everything to God*, *Take My Life*, & *God is Great*). Our new series was purchased by "Auctions for Kids" (**Sandy Smallhorn**).

UPCOMING LESSONS:

***Nov 2nd & 9th:**

"Mighty to Save"

--God is our ultimate superhero & the powers of Jesus
"For the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is His name" (Luke 1:49)

***Nov 16th & 30th:**

"God is Great"

--When is it sometimes hard to obey?
"Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His
surpassing greatness." (Psalm 150:2)

J4J kids sing, dance, pray, share, smile, laugh, jump and LOVE JESUS!!

MEN'S GROUP

(w/ Jim Craig)



The men's group has taken a bit different direction than I had anticipated early-on as we are small in number. We are currently discussing topics from a book entitled "The 7 Seasons of a Man's Life", by Pat Morley. Imagine looking at our tombstones, with our names and dates of birth engraved on them, and then looking at the "dash". The question is, "What will we do with the dash?"...the remaining days of our lives? The purpose of this book is to help us sort out our life—to help us think about ourselves, where we are now, and where we are going. Come join us as we explore these 7 seasons of a man's life: *Reflection, Building, Crisis, Renewal, Rebuilding, Suffering, and Success*. When our group adds to its numbers, perhaps then we can do some of the things I previously had on a list for Wednesday evenings (i.e. ask folks to come talk with us about a topic of interest; work on projects together; share our hobbies, and relate stories of Otterbein's history, etc.) You do not need to read or prepare anything to come, and you don't have to be there every week. Join us when you can!
-Jim Craig



Women's Group

(w/Samantha Baker)

The women's group just completed a discussion/DVD study of the book Made to Crave by Lysa TerKeurst. We had different key words to focus on each week (Empowered, Determination, Peace, Truth, Beneficial, & Courageous) that were intended to serve as reminders of how to handle your daily struggles (w/ food, anger, bad habits, etc). We talked about how to redirect our internal thoughts of unworthiness and become Holy Spirit-empowered to face whatever happens in our lives. Beginning November 2, we will begin a new discussion series on Women of the Bible. We will focus on many remarkable women in Scripture -- women whose struggles to live with faith and courage are not unlike our own. These women encourage us through their failures as well as their successes. You'll see how God acted in surprising and wonderful ways to draw them -- and you -- to himself. Please join us when you can! You do not have to read anything beforehand, just come to fellowship and share together with your church family ☺

Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together...

Merci

Gracias

Thanks

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Sandy Smallhorn for all of her hard work in organizing and setting up the concession stand at the auctions! The auctions have been very successful so far! The money raised is being used for children/youth ministry and church camp. Thank you to everyone in the church community who has helped by either donating time or materials for the auction concessions. Please note that the next auction will be **November 5**. If you can bake or donate a pie, please contact Sandy Smallhorn (962-1959).

Looking Ahead...

The next monthly newsletter (*December*) will be printed and distributed around the end of November. The deadline to submit articles or information in the December newsletter will be **November 21**. Please contact Samantha Baker or email the church office if you have information to include.

Sunday Fellowship Time

Everyone is invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service each Sunday morning (before Sunday School classes begin). The refreshments and coffee will be provided by a different family each month (or possibly several families).

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| Nov 2011 | Bill & Rose Snider; Jim & Bertha Anderson |
| Dec 2011 | Rex & Joan Johns; Betty Potts |
| Jan 2012 | Butch & Linda Hackett |
| Feb 2012 | Doug & Mary Hennig; Marty & Loretta Buell |
| Mar 2012 | Rick & Sharron Waltrip |
| Apr 2012 | Tom & Shelli Blair |
| May 2012 | John & Brenda Adams |
| June 2012 | Bob & Betty Stoner |
| July 2012 | Ken & Sandy Smallhorn |



A Joyful Noise

**ANYONE CAN SING,
PRAISE OR SHOUT
TO THE LORD!
JOIN US ON
THURSDAY EVENINGS
FOR CHOIR PRACTICE
AT 5:45PM.**

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>
9/4	\$ 2,173.00	\$ 2,185.00	(\$ 12.00)
9/11	\$ 1,154.00	\$ 2,185.00	(\$ 1,031.00)
9/18	\$ 711.80	\$ 2,185.00	(\$ 1,473.20)
<u>9/25</u>	<u>\$ 1,644.35</u>	<u>\$ 2,185.00</u>	<u>(\$ 540.65)</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,683.15	\$ 8,740.00	(\$ 3,056.85)
10/2	\$ 2,612.00	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 427.00
10/9	\$ 1,061.01	\$ 2,185.00	(\$ 1,123.99)
10/16	\$ 1,798.30	\$ 2,185.00	(\$ 386.70)
<u>10/23</u>	<u>\$ 971.50</u>	<u>\$ 2,185.00</u>	<u>(\$ 1,213.50)</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,442.81	\$ 8,740.00	(\$ 2,297.19)



BUILDING FUND OFFERING

	<u>Amt Received</u>	<u>Amt Needed</u>	<u>Over/(Short)</u>
9/4	\$ 635.00	\$ 339.15	\$ 295.85
9/11	\$ 25.00	\$ 339.15	(\$ 314.15)
9/18	\$ -----	\$ 339.15	(\$ 339.15)
<u>9/25</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>\$ 339.15</u>	<u>(\$ 189.15)</u>
TOTAL	\$ 810.00	\$ 1,356.60	(\$ 546.60)
10/2	\$ 670.00	\$ 339.15	\$ 330.85
10/9	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 339.15	\$ 660.85
10/16	\$ 130.00	\$ 339.15	(\$ 209.15)
<u>10/23</u>	<u>\$ 110.00</u>	<u>\$ 339.15</u>	<u>(\$ 229.15)</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,910.00	\$ 1,356.60	\$ 553.40

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)	\$ 125.00
County Office Products (Copier)	\$ 78.00
IGRC Missions	\$ 1,053.00
IGRC Pension (Pastor)	\$ 836.00
J&J Lawn Care	\$ 200.00
Janitor/Secretary Wages	\$ 535.00
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 125.00
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	\$ 46.00
State Farm Ins. (Bldg & Work Comp)	\$ 279.00
Worship Service	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,729.00
Weekly	\$ 2,182.25

IGRC Missions:

Yearly: \$ 12,636.00
Amt. Pd YTD \$ (5,265.00)

BALANCE OWING: \$ 7,371.00

ARE YOU ONLINE?

Just a reminder to check out Otterbein's webpage (www.charlestonotterbein.org) if you haven't already (or don't check it often ☺). It is a great tool that you can share with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers or anyone else that may be searching for a church home. We have many different activities happening around the church throughout the week that may be of interest to other members of our community. If you haven't already noticed, you can view the weekly worship leader schedule for the remainder of 2011 by clicking the button on the left side of the home page (titled Weekly Worship Leaders). Also, by clicking on the "Worship" link on the left side of the menu, you can view the schedule for those providing refreshments during Fellowship Time.

All of our monthly newsletters from 2011 are still available for viewing on our webpage. There is also a monthly calendar that lists upcoming events, the ministries link that describes our various activities, a prayer concern list, and links to popular sites such as the United Methodist Church, IGRC, Bible Gateway, The Upper Room daily devotional, and our local Christian radio station WBGL. If you feel that something needs to be updated or added to the webpage, please contact the church office by email at charlestonotterbein@yahoo.com

And if you are on Facebook, you can "like" our church at www.facebook.com/charlestonotterbein. Share the link (and our webpage) with your friends and family! Let's spread the word about Otterbein and help us to grow in number and in spirit ☺

Helpful Scriptures in Your Time of Need (as shared by Jerry Payne 10/23/11)

When in sorrow.....Read John 14
When men fail you.....Read Psalm 27
When you have sinned.....Read Psalm 51
When you worry.....Read Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....Read Psalm 91
If you have the blues.....Read Psalm 34
When God seems far away.....Read Psalm 139
If you are discouraged.....Read Isaiah 40
If you are lonely or fearful.....Read Psalm 23
If you feel down and out.....Read Romans 8:39
When you want courage for your task.....Read Joshua 1
When the world seems bigger than God.....Read Psalm 90
When you want rest and peace.....Read Matthew 11:25-30
When leaving home for labor or travel.....Read Psalm 121; 107:23-31
If you get bitter or critical.....Read 1 Corinthians 13
If thinking of investments and returns.....Read Mark 10:17-31
For a great invitation--A great opportunity.....Read Isaiah 55



The Word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
(Hebrews 4:12)

Meet Dan and Vickie Bircher...

Most of our older Otterbein family can boast they have watched Dan Bircher grow up. Many of you have had him in your Sunday School class. The Bircher family has been a vital part of Otterbein for many, many years. You have also witnessed his growth as a child, a teenager, and a young husband and father. So here is Dan's story.

Dan was born in Evansville, Ind. He was the second child of Luann and Big Dan Bircher. When he was nine months old he had severe asthma. His parents had to decide what was the best climate for him to grow up in. Someone suggested they move to Arizona. Someone else said they had been to Arizona and the climate was not any better than around here. Luann's father, Dan's grandpa Martin said he had this piece of land in his back yard. Maybe they could build a home that was as dust free as possible there. So to work building a new home in Charleston was where it all started for the Bircher's. Dan said he was somewhere around nine months when they moved to Charleston.

At first there was Dan and his older sister Lisa. Big Dan was an ex-marine and was a strong disciplinarian. Little Dan said he was very familiar with a particular wide white belt. Big Dan did take them all fishing a lot. He said those were special times. He said most of his memories of his father were of him being sickly. Big Dan suffered with severe heart problems. He worked as a meat cutter at Walker's grocery. The last year of his life he was unable to work. He died when little Dan was ten years old.

Dan said he had great memories of riding around in the dump truck with his grandpa Martin and his Uncle Luther. He really enjoyed time spent with them just putting around. His Uncle Luther was in the concrete and construction business. This was where Dan envisioned fulfilling his dream of being in construction.

When Dan was around fourteen he purchased a 1963 Crown Imperial. It never really ran. He got it for \$50. He would rotate the tires. Then a few days later he would rotate the tires again. He said he took that car completely apart and put it back together more than once (I wondered how many left over parts he had). It was just a fun project for him to mess with. This sparked his interest in mechanics.

In 1984 Dan was working at Mooney Ford washing cars. He saw the truck pull in to unload the new cars. On it was a 1984 Ford EXP, five speed. He watched as it was unloaded and thought how sharp it was. On his lunch break he went in and asked if he could drive the car. They said sure. He went straight over to his now wife, Vickie and showed her. Her first impression was "Wow! That is one sharp car!" Dan told her he was going to buy that car. Three days later that is what he did. Ken and I were very familiar with the Ford EXP. We owned one as well. Ours was gold and it was a two seater. We bought it in 1984 BC (before children).

Dan talked highly of his mother. She worked hard to bring in money to raise her now three children alone. Dan loved to play jokes on her. One morning she was headed to work. She got to her garage just to find Dan had parked her 1984 Thunderbird in the garage sideways. She had to work her car out of the tightly cramped area. At first she was furious but the more she worked at it the funnier it became.

Another time he stole the hubcaps off of her car. She was so upset. She called the police and filed a police report. When she came home she was telling Dan about it. Then she went to get a cold drink from the refrigerator and there were her missing hubcaps!

When Brad was maybe five, Dan took him to Benedicts toy store. It was April Fool's Day. Dan being Dan put Brad up to calling mom and telling her that Dan had just left him. She asked where he was and Brad said, "I don't know." She told him to ask. Then she told him to stay put and she would get someone to come and get him. That was when Dan and Brad said into the phone, "APRIL FOOL'S DAY!"

Dan and Vickie met in high school. Dan's current girlfriend was Vickie's driving partner in Driver's Ed class. She also was my foster daughter at the time. Dan asked Vickie to go to the movies with him and she said NO! Alma McCollough worked on Vickie to convince her to go out with Dan. Around two weeks later she said okay. Dan laughed as he described their first date. They went to the movies and it is a miracle they stayed together. It was awkward and although though they sat side by side, they both leaned away from each other. However they have been together since. They had a two year engagement.

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Vickie's first car was a 1968 Rambler. It was a piece of junk. It had a habit of popping out of gear. One time she was parked in the Bircher's driveway which runs downhill. Dan was behind the car when it popped out of gear and started to roll down the drive. Picture this...Skinny Dan behind the car trying to stop it from rolling down the drive into the neighbor's house. Vickie jumped through the open driver's side window to stop it. What I would have paid to see that.

Vickie's father had been in the Navy. He was a scrapper by trade. Vickie was raised by her alcoholic father. Her mother was in and out of the hospital suffering with mental illness. Although her dad wasn't father of the year, she felt safe with him and she could trust him. He always had food for the table.

She remembers once they walked uptown to Spurgeon's on the square. Dad had just gotten his VA check and he wanted to make sure she had what she needed to start school. He had just so much money so she had to stay within his budget. She found this awful pair of yellow tennis shoes that she hated. Yet they were the right price so she did what was necessary and learned to hate those shoes VERY much.

When she was eight years old she learned to drive. She drove from Hinsboro to Rardin because her dad was drunk and didn't have a license. I really understood all of this because this was how I grew up. I had many of the same experiences with my father yet there was a part of me that really respected him in some ways. She grew up dreaming she would be an over the road truck driver.

Vickie grew up as a single child even though she had seven brothers and sisters. Her dream was to meet them. Out of nowhere and by the grace of God, they started popping up. She has met all but two of her siblings. This she is very thankful for. This is why keeping her family together has been so important to her.

As a young family they moved to Kansas City. It was there that Danny was born (just what the world needed another Dan Bircher. Ha ha.) They lived there for six years working as mobile chefs. They enjoyed the work but it soon became apparent they lived as business first and family second. After six years they came home and renewed their wedding vows. Upon returning to Kansas City they changed their lives dramatically. It became family first and business second. So they moved back to Charleston.

When they moved back Dan wanted to open a restaurant. He worked at McDonald's for a while. Then his friend Bill Rooney opened a garage called Bill's Pit Stop. Dan worked there and learned a great deal from Bill. After that closed he went to work at Bartley's as a mechanic and a tow truck driver. Somewhere in here they were blessed another daughter, Debra.

Dan and Vickie now own and operate a very successful business called Dan's Roasted Sweet Corn, DRSC for short. They have the ability to operate three food stands at one time. They work auctions, fairs, carnivals and festivals.

I asked them what Otterbein means to them. They both said it was their home church. It is where their roots are. It is their family. They have watched the building grow. They have watched their Sunday school teachers retire and new ones take over. Fellowship is very important. Dan would like to be more active in the church. Maybe he would like to be on some committees.

Both of them really lit up when they talked about the Great Banquet. There is LOVE there. No one steps on anyone's toes because it is all volunteer. It is where they both found their heart's fire for Christ again. Praise God.

***Written by Sandy Smallhorn*

(Special thanks to Sandy for this fascinating article about some of Otterbein's special members!)

Dan and Vickie currently reside in Charleston. If you would like to send a special note or visit, their address is:

**DAN & VICKIE BIRCHER
2110 E. VANBUREN
CHARLESTON, IL 61920**

Celebrations



Birthdays

11/4	Andrea Carr
11/6	Sharon Johns
11/14	Jessica Watton
11/14	Jared Tanner
11/17	Bob Stoner
11/19	Jim Craig
11/19	Austin Hackett
11/20	Jacob Smallhorn
11/24	Betty Stoner
11/24	Wade Hennig

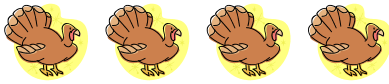


Anniversaries

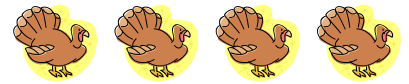
11/1	Harold & Phyllis Hackett
11/11	Ken & Sandy Smallhorn
11/15	Randy & Krista Snider

November Worship Leaders

	<u>11/6</u>	<u>11/13</u>	<u>11/20</u>	<u>11/27</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	Rex & Joan Johns	Betty Potts	Bill & Judy Harrison	Butch & Linda Hackett
<u>Acolyte</u>	Jade Smyser	Ian McDaniel	Brandon Schulz	Keridwen McDaniel
<u>Ushers</u>	Derek Hennig Doug Hennig Larry McGrath Rick Waltrip	Rachael Bircher Phyllis Hackett John McDaniel Rex Johns	Jessica Watton Dan Bircher Melody McGrath Jerry Payne	Lisa McDaniel Samantha Baker Wayne Cox Jim Hackett
<u>Family Cross</u>	Jerry & Sue Payne	Randy & Becky Rice	Harold & Phyllis Hackett	Dorothy Cox
<u>Children's Moment</u>	Jane Cox	Carolyn Craig	Sandy Smallhorn	Betty Potts



NOVEMBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Harold & Phyllis Hackett</i> <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 9:00-10:00am	2 <u>Family Night</u> 6:00-7:30pm	3 Day of Prayer/Fasting <u>Tech 5:00pm</u> <u>Choir 5:45pm</u> <u>Bible Study</u> 6:30-7:30pm	4 <i>Andrea Carr</i>	5 <u>Chili & Bazaar Day</u> 10am-2pm
6 <i>Sharon Johns</i> <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	7 <u>Finance Mtg</u> 6:30pm	8 <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 9:00-10:00am	9 <u>Family Night</u> 6:00-7:30pm	10 <u>Tech 5:00pm</u> <u>Choir 5:45pm</u> <u>Bible Study</u> 6:30-7:30pm	11 <i>Ken & Sandy Smallhorn</i>	12
13 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am <u>Music Night with DEW</u> 6:00pm	14 <i>Jessica Watton</i> <i>Jared Tanner</i>	15 <i>Randy & Krista Snider</i> <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 9:00-10:00am	16 <u>Family Night</u> 6:00-7:30pm	17 <i>Bob Stoner</i> <u>Tech 5:00pm</u> <u>Choir 5:45pm</u> <u>Bible Study</u> 6:30-7:30pm	18	19 <i>Jim Craig</i> <i>Austin Hackett</i>
20 <i>Jacob Smallhorn</i> <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22 <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 9:00-10:00am	23	24 <i>Betty Stoner</i> <i>Wade Hennig</i> Thanksgiving <u>Community Thanksgiving Dinner</u> 11am-2pm	25	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	28	29 <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 9:00-10:00am	30 <u>Family Night</u> 6:00-7:30pm			

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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