



Otterbein United Methodist Church

Charleston, Illinois

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

THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

NOVEMBER 2014

PASTOR'S PERUSALS

By Chuck Trent

CHUCKIN' ALONG for the LORD

"Be strong and brave; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (CTV)

IF ANY OF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD THE story of our then-three year old granddaughter's living out of these instructions God gave to Joshua, that oversight will now be remedied.

GOING DOWN A FLIGHT OF STEPS at the building where her mother works for the University of Illinois, Miss Finley decided she needed to do some long jump practice for the 2036 Olympic Games. Her mother decided letting her jump the three steps to the landing was easier than trying to talk her out of it. Before launching herself off of the step down toward her waiting mother, Finley got set, as any good athlete would do, and was ready to go. But then, she hesitated. She engaged in another athletic ritual of preparation when she announced to herself, in a rather loud voice, "I am brave and I am strong," and she leaped into space, putting the wide spot at the bottom of the stairs to the proper use of its name, and "landing" quite successfully and safely.

THIS IS A GOOD, grandparents' story, but it is also a great lesson for us all. We believe what we hear ourselves say. For this reason, we should be saying good

things about ourselves and our congregation here at Otterbein UMC. Yes, we have problems. No, we are not perfect. Finley can't fly, but that didn't keep her from launching out in faith from the third step. In years to come she will probably be jumping from the 4th, 5th and 6th steps, until she finds other ways to prove that she is, "brave and strong." She may get some skinned knees, bruised chin, and maybe even a sprained ankle along the way.

OUR PROBLEMS AT OUMC are merely opportunities (I know you have heard that before, but it is true.) to prove, not only how "strong and brave," we are, but also how good, God whom we serve, is. So if you don't know good things to say about yourself, or about the congregation. Come see me and I will tell you some good things that only a newcomer pastor can see.

EVEN BETTER THAN THAT, go to God in devotions and prayers, OFTEN. God told Joshua to, "be strong and courageous." (NIV) and God doesn't love Joshua and the Hebrew tribes he led, one iota less than God love you, me and Charleston Otterbein UMC.

Peace, love and warm fuzzies,

Chuck

LAY LEADER'S LINE

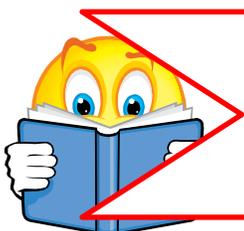
Butch Hackett

During the early years of my Postal career, I was in charge of the stamp vending equipment. Every week I had to empty the coins and fill the changer. Occasionally, I would find metal washers that had been filed down to the size of dimes. Since they were in the coin-box, I knew the machine had accepted the washers as dimes. Some customer out there was gloating because they got something for nothing. They got something for nothing even if only for a moment and only for a dime; nevertheless they had beaten the system. It had only cost them a two-cent washer.

In the first chapter of I Samuel we find Hannah praying for God to grant her a child. She had wanted to be a mother for years and finally God blessed her and she became pregnant with Samuel. After Samuel was weaned, what does Hannah do to show her appreciation? She gives Samuel to God! Can you imagine having a desire that consumes every waking moment of your life for years and then to have your dream come true only to give it away? The footnote in my Bible challenges us consider the cost of what we give God. Do we give little (Sunday morning attendance, pocket change in the plate) or do we sacrifice? Do you give God tokens or treasures?

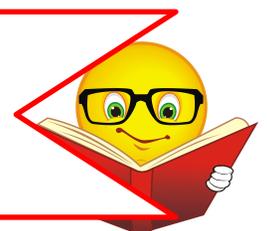
In His Grip,

Butch



Thought for the Day

The way some people give, you would think the church is coin-operated.



Intentional Faith

Family Night

Something for EVERYONE!!

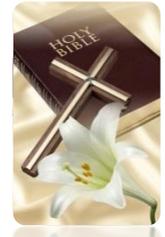
Bring YOUR whole family!

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

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.

www.charlestonotterbein.org

Please Note

If you need to reach
Pastor Chuck Trent

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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 (*Dec 2014*) will be printed and distributed around the first week in December. The deadline to submit articles or information in the December newsletter will be **Thursday, November 20**. Please contact Michelle Price (217) 549-7285 or email the church office if you have information to include.

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



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



November 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	3 <u>Finance Meeting</u> 6:30 PM <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	4 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Women's Study</u> 9:00 am	5 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6pm-7:30pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	6 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	7 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	8
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16 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	17 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	18 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Women's Study</u> 9:00 am	19 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6pm-7:30pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	20 <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Articles Due</u> <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	21 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	22
23 / 30 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	24 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	25 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Women's Study</u> 9:00 am	26 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6pm-7:30pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	27 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	28 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	29

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>
10/05	\$ 1,166.50	\$ 1,245.00	(\$ 78.50)
10/12	\$ 1,948.80	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 703.00
10/19	\$ 1,559.27	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 314.00
10/26	\$ 1,179.50	\$ 1,245.00	(\$ 65.50)
TOTAL	\$ 5,854.07	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 873.00

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

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

Building Fund / Current Balance

10/05	\$ -864.07
10/12	\$ -764.07
10/19	\$ -494.07
10/26	\$ -1680.62

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



Celebrations

Birthdays

Sharon Johns	11/06
Austin Hackett	11/19
Jim Craig	11/19
Jake Smallhorn	11/20
Wade Hennig	11/24



Happy Anniversary

Harold & Phyllis Hackett 11/01
 Ken & Sandy Smallhorn 11/11
 Randy & Krista Snider 11/15



October Worship Leaders



	<u>11/02</u>	<u>11/09</u>	<u>11/16</u>	<u>11/ 23</u>	<u>11/30</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	Bill & Rose Snider	John & Lisa McDaniel	Butch & Linda Hackett	Doug & Mary Hennig	Marty & Loretta Buell
<u>Acolyte</u>	Tyvon Smallhorn	Ian McDaniel	Deece Schwartz	Omarion Smallhorn	MacKensie Williams
<u>Family Cross</u>	Tom & Shelli Blair	Marcia Lawhead	Clinton & Bonnie Tribby	Jerry & Sue Payne	Harold & Phyllis Hackett
<u>Ushers</u>	Butch Hackett Bill Snider Rose Snider Betty Potts	Clinton Tribby Dan Bircher Doug Hennig Jim Craig	Brad Bircher Phyllis Hackett Marcia Lawhead Randy Rice	John McDaniel Lisa McDaniel Rick Waltrip	Christopher Schulz Keridwen McDaniel Mackenzie Wilson Kenny Smallhorn
<u>Children's Moment</u>		Carolyn Craig		Jane Cox	



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Mike Rayson

November 9 ~ 11

7 p.m. Each Night



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NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday School

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

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All are welcome!

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