



Otterbein United Methodist Church

Charleston, Illinois

THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

NOVEMBER 2015

Public Invited:

FALL REVIVAL at Charleston Otterbein United Methodist Church, 2175 Harrison Ave.
beginning Sunday Morning, Nov. 8th with 9:30 am worship service and each evening Sunday,
Nov. 8th through Wednesday, Nov. 11th at 7:00.

Evangelist will be Matt Henson of Living the Adventure Ministries which seeks to work for the transformation of the world through the awakening of the Church, evangelistic preaching, and Christian people putting their faith into action through mission experiences around the world.

Matt is an energetic, dynamic, vision-casting adventurer for Jesus is one of the best ways to describe Rev. Matt Henson. and energy to the church and her Youth/Young Adult Ministry, Mission Experiences, using his proclaim the message of Jesus

While a student at Asbury Wilmore, Kentucky, Matt Director (Youth for Christ) at School in Lexington, Kentucky. and Youth Pastor, Senior Pastor Director and Lead Evangelist for ministry background he has started new worship experiences, seen youth ministries grow in number and faith, and people have made decisions to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior under his preaching.



Matt brings a fresh perspective ministry. He specializes in Evangelistic Preaching, and experience and passion to Christ to all people.

Theological Seminary in served as the Campus Life Paul Laurence Dunbar High Matt has served as Associate and now as the Executive Living the Adventure. In Matt's

Matt's preaching style engages people in the process of Bible Study and application in a relevant, transforming way. His emphasis on inviting people to live the adventure, calls people of all ages to go beyond religious beliefs to a place of a risk taking faith that fully trusts in Jesus Christ for everything a person needs. Matt and his wife of fourteen years, Nancy, live in Albion, Illinois with their four sons and new baby girl!

LAY LEADER'S LINE

Butch Hackett

In nearly every major town across the United States, a person can find a monument recognizing someone that had an impact on the community. Enterprise Alabama, however, has a monument dedicated to something that you may think is a little strange. The statue doesn't recognize a leading citizen; it celebrates the boll weevil. That's right, the boll weevil! In the early 1900's, this beetle made its way from Mexico to the southern US. Within a few years, it had destroyed entire crops of cotton, which was the primary source of revenue for the area. In desperation, farmers started growing another crop—peanuts. Realizing they had been dependent on one crop for too long, they credited the work of this beetle with forcing them to diversify, which led to increased prosperity.

On a personal level, we often encounter financial difficulties, sickness, or other barriers that prevent us from pursuing a particular career path. This can also relate to our spiritual lives as is evident with the Apostle Paul when he shares with the Corinthians in his second letter, chapter 12: verses 7-10; *(To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.)* My footnote to this passage states that when we are strong in abilities or resources, we are tempted to do God's work on our own, and that can lead to pride. When we are weak, allowing God to fill us with His power, then we are stronger than we could ever be on our own. God does not intend for us to seek to be weak, passive, or ineffective—life provides enough hindrances and setbacks without us creating them. When those obstacles come, we must depend on God. Only His power will make us effective for Him and will help us to do work that has lasting value.

In His grip,

Butch





Fall Revival

November 8, 9, 10, 11

Otterbein United Methodist Church
with Matt Henson, UMC Evangelist



Beginning:

11/08 - Sunday Morning @ 9:30 am

Evenings:

Sunday – Wednesday @ 7:00 pm



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING – October 8, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Pastor Chuck Trent, Joan Johns, Jane Cox, Jim & Carolyn Craig, Jim Hackett, Jerry Payne, and Sean Hackett. Excused from the meeting, Butch Hackett.

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Craig at 6:30 pm, and Pastor Chuck Trent offered a devotional about prayer and worship—meetings are an equal part of worship. Scripture reading was taken from Mark 1:35.

Minutes of the previous Administrative Council meeting were distributed via the church newsletter as well as additional copies made available at this meeting. Jerry Payne made a motion, seconded by Jim Hackett, to dispense with the reading of the July 16, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Detailed reports submitted by Chairpersons are attached to the original Minutes. Highlights of those reports are shown below:

Nurture, Joan Johns – The following matters were presented: 1) Sean Hackett is interested in starting a Men's Accountability Group; 2) Fellowship Time between Church and Sunday School—the Nurture Team will support any expenses incurred during this time period that others don't pick up; 3) There are concerns regarding "The Women of Spoon River" Dinner Theater; 4) There will be no Thanksgiving Dinner at OUMC; 5) Will be working with the pastor regarding the upcoming Matt Henson Revival services with respect to housing, meals, promo, mileage, etc. 6) Working on a Christmas Project in which the entire church can participate—they want to keep it local; 7) Coming soon: A Kitchen Shower, to be announced, for the purpose of restocking the church kitchen; and 8) Joan has been working with the Church Secretary, Michelle Price, to come up with a new church letterhead. Three choices were presented. The consensus of the group was to piece together ideas from samples #1 and #3 to come up with a new version. Joan will get back with Michelle on the new design. The new letterhead is to be printed at Lakeland College—Jane Cox will get pricing.

Finance, Jane Cox – Jane Cox shared a letter from the IL Great Rivers Conference regarding the forgiveness of Pastor Nick Gleason's Pension & Insurance money OUMC was to pay. The original copy of this letter will be stored in the safe deposit box. Jane also reported that effective 01/01/16, the Finance Committee will be putting 10% of the Loose Change Offering into a new fund designated as "Nurture In Action", to be used by the Nurture Committee for matters over and above the budget. Jane presented the 2016 budget at this meeting. Jim Hackett made a motion to approve the 2016 budget, seconded by Joan Johns. Motion carried.

Trustees, Jim Hackett – Lights were replaced in the classrooms hallway. The receptacle in the main bath in the Parsonage was repaired. Gutters on the east side of the sanctuary have been reinstalled.

Pastor-Parish Relations, Jerry Payne – The 2015 Evaluation Assessment Form has been completed. Regarding raises for Otterbein's paid staff, Jerry Payne made a motion, and Sean Hackett seconded the motion, to give 1% or C.O.L.A., whichever is greater, effective 01/01/16. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry, Sean Hackett – 1) Sean would like to have a lock-in at OUMC on Oct 31st. 2) He is also looking to have a New Year's Eve Lock-in (3 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.) AA also wants to use the church during that same time period. There were a couple of suggestions offered: a) Hold a "New Year's Eve/Eve Lock-in" on Dec 30th, then both groups could have use of the facilities; or b) Consider having it at another location and/or with another youth group. (AA hasn't officially turned in their request in writing yet, so that is something that will need follow-up). 3) Sean will need one female and one male chaperone at these lock-ins, and he asked whether the chaperones would necessarily have to be persons who attend OUMC? Consensus of the group was that as long as the chaperones are 21 yrs. old, pass Otterbein's Safe Sanctuary criteria, and Sean has permission slips for everyone involved with all the rules included, that it would be OK for chaperones to be from outside OUMC; 4) He recently attended "The Well" youth workers conference in Greenville, IL, put on by Tim Price of Harvest Ministries; 5) Proceeds from the Rummage Sale were around \$135; 6) "Youth Alive", a group that Sean is a part of, needs funds to do ministry in 2016, and he asked if OUMC can help (this matter was referred to the Nurture Committee); and 7) Sean would like to start a Youth Ministry Team to help with planning, activities, and more in 2016.

Family, Night – Seems to be going well, and a light meal is continuing to be provided. Approximately 15 in attendance weekly. Jane Cox and Pastor Chuck are looking at a possible Advent Study.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking Lot, Parking Direction Signs – It was decided these are not needed.

"The Women of Spoon River" Dinner Theater, Pastor Chuck Trent – Joan Gregg, from Wesley UMC, will be helping to make this happen. Tickets can be purchased by calling Wesley UMC, but checks are to be made payable to Otterbein UMC, and the monies collected are to go into the General Fund, and then a check for the net proceeds be written to the Charleston Food Pantry. What's Cookin is catering the meal, and the pastor will check with them about doing the desserts as well. Publicity, decorating and publicity are being handled by Pastors Chuck and Linda Trent.

Other old business matters were discussed under "Reports" above (Revival Services; letterhead).

NEW BUSINESS:

Charge Conference Reports – The following Reports were presented: 1) Membership Cultivation – Reviewed and revised; 2) Trustees Report – Reviewed; 3) Church Official Roll – Reviewed and revised; 4) Finance Report – Reviewed. 5) Certified Lay Servant Report, submitted by Jim Craig. A motion was made by Jane Cox, seconded by Sean Hackett to accept the Charge Conference Reports as reviewed and revised. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

PASTOR'S REPORT, Pastor Chuck Trent – He needs the following: 1) Names for "All Saints' Day"; 2) Photos of OUMC's veterans for a display; 3) A Men's Group meeting from Iroquois River District coming up soon which he thought some of Otterbein's men might attend; 4) Bill Harrison needs to be added to the prayer list—hospitalized today; 5) Ian McDaniel is looking to do his Eagle Scout Project; 6) A Lay Speaker, talking on the Central IL Project for Liberia, will be speaking on Laity Sunday; and 7) He encouraged members to become voices for OUMC.

2016 Calendar Dates – Because the Chairpersons are to be chosen for each of the following committees at the first meeting of the year, it was decided to set the dates for those 2016 meetings at this time: They are as follows) Finance – 1st Monday, Jan 4th; 2) Trustees – 1st Tuesday, Jan 5th; 3) PPRC – 1st Thursday, Jan 7th.

NEXT AD COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Thursday, Jan 21, 2016, 6:30 pm, at OUMC.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Jane Cox, seconded by Sean Hackett, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Craig, Recording Secretary

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

2015 Worship Leaders

Please check the website for a current list of Worship Leaders for 2015. These include Greeters, Acolytes, Ushers, Family Cross and Children's Moment Leaders. We appreciate your involvement in our weekly worship service.

Looking Ahead...

The next monthly newsletter (*Dec2015*) 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, Nov 19th**. Please contact Michelle Price (217) 549-7285 or email the church office if you have information to include.

Please Note



If you need to reach
Pastor Chuck Trent

Cell (618) 262-3409

chucktrent47@gmail.com

Family Night

Every Wednesday

6:00-6:30 pm Meal & Fellowship

6:30-7:30 for the Whole Family

J4J (Kid's Club) W / Jane Cox

LinC (Youth Group) W / Sean Hackett

Bible Study (Adults) W / Pastor Chuck

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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.

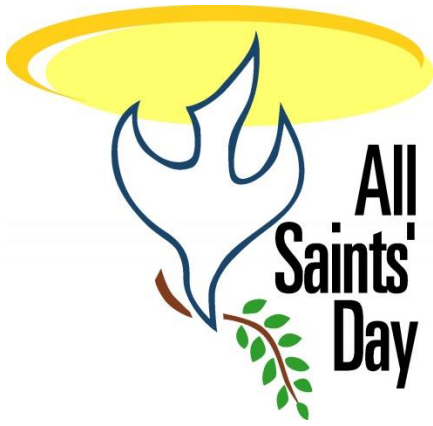


— John Wesley

Monthly Mortgage Payment \$ 1,356.55

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

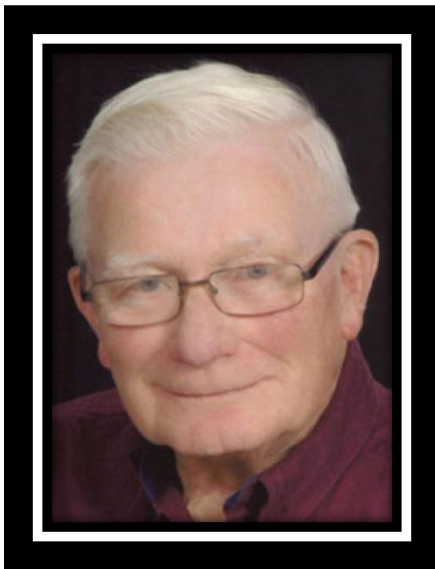


Prayer of Remembrance and Praise for the Saints

Sunday, November 1, 2015 during worship

*Solemnly remembering those who have gone on
to their heavenly reward in the past twelve months:*

Bonnie Tribby, Richard Dennis, Ken Smallhorn, Harold Hackett, Sr.



Harold Hackett Sr.



Ken Smallhorn



Richard Dennis



Celebrations



★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

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



Happy Anniversary
Randy & Krista Snider



November Worship Leaders



	11/01	11/08	11/15	11/22	11/29
<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 W.
<u>Family Cross</u>	Pastor Chuck	Marcia Lawhead	Clinton Tribby	Jerry & Sue Payne	Phyllis Hackett
<u>Ushers</u>	Butch Hackett Doug Hennig Mary Hennig Betty Potts	Clinton Tribby Sean Hackett Jim Craig Larry McGrath	Brad Bircher Phyllis Hackett Marcia Lawhead Randy Rice	John McDaniel Lisa McDaniel Rick Waltrip Kenny Sharron Waltrip	Ian McDaniel Keridwen McDaniel Smallhorn Mackenzie Wilson
<u>Children's Moment</u>		Carolyn Craig		Jane Cox	



<div>  <h1>November 2015</h1>  </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>Worship</u> 9:30- 10:30 am <u>Fellowship</u> 10:30-10:45 am <u>Sunday School</u>	2 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	3 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	4 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6-7:30 pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	5 <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	6 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	7
8 <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	9 <u>Finance Meeting</u> 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 NO Family Night <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	12 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	13 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	14
15 <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	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>Family Night</u> 6-7:30 pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	19 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm Newsletter Articles Due	20 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	21
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11/1 All Saints Day

11/8 – 11/11 “Living the Adventure” w/ Matt Henson Evangelist / 7 pm (Am & PM services available 11/8)

11/11 & 25 NO FAMILY NIGHT

11/26 Community Thanksgiving Dinner / In Memory of Harold Hackett

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

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All are welcome!

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