



# 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

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### **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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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**

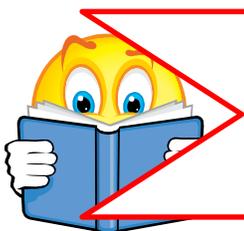
In the wake of Robin William's death, I've heard many people around me talking about how could someone who seemed to "have-it-all" take their own life? What could cause that? Why would someone do that? It reminded me of a story I read in a daily devotional about Charles Whittlesey.

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.

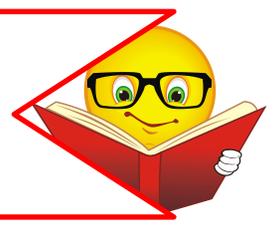
In His Grip,

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

(1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Meet in Garden Room

w/ Jane Cox

### M.S./H.S. Class

(6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

[www.charlestonotterbein.org](http://www.charlestonotterbein.org)

## Please Note

If you need to reach  
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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 (*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 4<sup>th</sup> 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/Devozine	\$ 27.00
<u>State Farm Ins. (Bldg &amp; Work Comp)</u>	<u>\$ 285.15</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,779.45</b>
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 1,245.00</b>

**“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

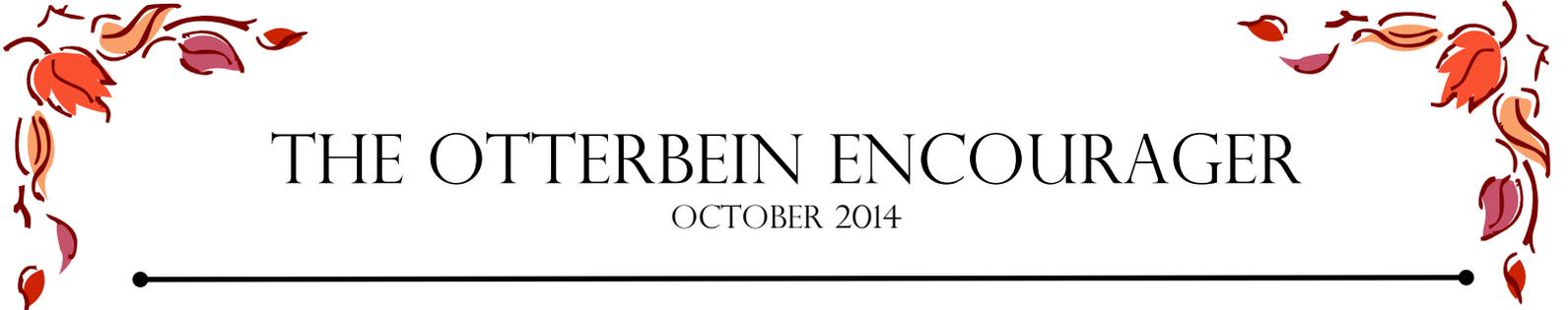


## October Worship Leaders



	<u>10/05</u>	<u>10/12</u>	<u>10/19</u>	<u>10/26</u>
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	Rick & Sharron Waltrip	Clinton & Bonnie Tribby	Ken & Sandy Smallhorn	Jim & Carolyn Craig
<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>	Mackenzie Wilson	Jade Smyser	Brandon Schulz	Kayla Donley
<b><u>Family Cross</u></b>	Jim & Carolyn Craig	Bob & Betty Stoner	Sharon Johns	<b>Need Volunteers</b>
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	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
<b><u>Children's Moment</u></b>	<b>Need Volunteer</b>	Carolyn Craig	<b>Need Volunteer</b>	Jane Cox





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Sunday Morning Worship  
Sunday School

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

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