

The Otterbein Messenger

Otterbein United Methodist Church, 647 Forge Road, Carlisle, PA 17015, 717-258-6704



New Adult Sunday School Class Topics and Study Groups

The Purpose Seekers and B.A.S.I.C. adult Sunday School classes are beginning a new studies. Check out the details on page 8 of this newsletter.

The Sister's Spiritual Growth Group, who meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm, has started a new study on Hope: Our Longing for Home. More details on page 8.

Beginning Sunday, October 11 at 5:00 pm, with a FREE showing of the movie *Fireproof*, a new adult study group begins. See page 7 for complete details.

Everyone is welcome to participate in any of these classes or study groups.

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Give Thanks

By Pastor Dan Dennis

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks **IN** all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

It's important to read that scripture carefully. It encourages us to give thanks **IN** all circumstances, not necessarily **FOR** all circumstances. The first, we can do with God's help - even when things are difficult, we can still count our blessings and give thanks for those strokes of God's grace **IN** every circumstances.

Given the economic chaos in our nation lately, it would be difficult, if not in fact foolish, to give thanks **FOR** the poor management, deception and greed which contributed to the general fear of many and the specific suffering of some. But even **IN** the financial turbulence we can find ample evidence of God's presence with us and compassion toward us.

I would suggest that one of the best places to see God's goodness and grace even **IN** the current circumstances is in the church. We have in our church such an array of ministries which encourage, support, comfort, engage, excite, challenge, equip, delight, instruct, confront, serve, celebrate ... Grace abounds even though uncertainty is present.

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Children's Activities by Jennifer Grove

Children Participating in Mission

The children will be packing the school kits for Mission Central with the items you have donated. Once the bags are made, our children will be packing the items during children's church. At this time we have enough items for 11 bags. If you would like to donate items for the school bags here is the list: pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip), 8.5 X 11 ruled paper (pads or loose leaf), a 30-centimeter ruler, hand held pencil sharpener, unsharpened pencils with erasers, a 2.5 inch eraser, a box of 24 crayons. *Items can be placed in the mission box in the narthex or the basket in the gym.* The school bags will go to mission central to be inspected and then sent to UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Louisiana for shipping.

Teacher Support Nearby...

Sunday school teachers, nursery caregivers, and Bible study leaders we love you and want to support you. Here are two opportunities to fill your "cups" since you give so much away.

Friday, Oct. 2 from 6:30–9:30 pm at West Shore Evangelical Free Church there will be a regional conference called Engage. The West Shore Children's Ministry Network is sponsoring this two day event. **Saturday, Oct. 3** from 8:30am–12:30pm more workshops will be provided. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Sign up for the classes you want to attend when you arrive – there are over 40 classes being offered. Go to www.engagechildren.org for the list of classes. Or look on the children's ministry bulletin board across from room five for pamphlets. There will also be opportunities to buy resources. The classes cover nursery, preschool, elementary, family, leadership and worldview. See Jennifer Grove for more details.

The Pennsylvania State Sunday School Convention is October 23 & 24 at Chambersburg First Church of God. They also will have over 40 workshops you can choose to attend. Here is just a sampling of the choices: Sheep Herding 101, From Hostility to Hospitality, Vital Signs: Encouraging Each Other, Reaching Toddlers in Sunday School, Ministry to Preteens, The Art of Invitation, etc. There is a \$25.00 registration fee for both days, or a single payment of \$100.00 from the church. See Jennifer Grove for details. Copies of the pamphlet are on the children's bulletin board and by the office. To register go to www.SundaySchoolHelp.com.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Sunday School and Junior High Classes: in case you haven't heard we have expanded the 6–8th grade classes to two rooms (6 and 7). We moved 4/5th graders to room 4 (next to the preschool/K) room. Yeah! 4th and 5th grade you now have a bulletin board and chalkboard in your room.

Children's Church: anyone who has their clearances and would like to help with children's church can sign up on the children's ministry bulletin board. We have curriculum that we are working with so you would not need to invent a lesson, or you could be the helper in the classroom. Helpers are always needed. We will be investigating Daniel and the Lions Den, Jesus as a Child, Forgiveness, Heroes and God Made the World in the next few weeks.

Sunday School News: we have started our new quarter worth of lessons. The Fall quarter brings us into the Old Testament of the Bible with lessons about Moses in the book of Exodus. Special thanks go to Phil Hemperly who is helping with our 1st–3rd grade Sunday school class. Welcome to the team Phil!

Volunteers for October

Ushers

9:00 Service: Chester Raudabaugh, captain, Lee Chronister, Doug Fickel, Jim Grove, Ralph Manweiler, Bob Moyer, Rick Singiser, Al Snader

Greeters

9:00 Service: Neil & Susan Leidy, Ted & Bonnie Kelly, Brian & Yvonne Booher

First Step Greeters

9:00 Service: Don & Jane Steinour, Kevin & Sandi Cadigan

Acolyte

9:00 Service: Sean Cadigan
11:15 Service: Brennan Jackson

Visitors Table

9:00 Service: Charlene Darhower
11:15 Service: BJ Hillis
Altar Flower Coordinator: Bob & Sharlene Cormany



Volunteers for Children's Church would be greatly appreciated. See Beth Bond or Jennifer Grove to help.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities:

- For ways to get involved in 2009, please contact the church office at 258-6704 or talk to Pastor Dan.

Mailbox Reminder

All committee chairs are reminded to check the mailboxes weekly for correspondence. Mailboxes are in the office during the week and in the Library on Sundays.

Don't forget your canned fruit for Project S.H.A.R.E. Our monthly goal is 100 cans. There are containers in the narthex and in the gym. The October deadline is the 11th.

Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office to be a First Step Greeter or call Jim & Marcia Compton at 243-9967.

Altar Flowers

Oct. 4 Georgie Mummert
Oct. 11 Bob & Barb Loy
Oct. 18 Arlene Worley & daughters
Oct. 25 Wayne & Shirley Fickel



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will be meeting on October 13 at 7:00 pm. We welcome all of the women of the church to join us.

We will be having a Chicken Pot Pie sale on October 30. Sales begin at 12:00 noon on Friday and will end around 7:00 pm. Anyone wishing to help make this delicious pot pie should contact Doris Wilson. Monetary donations for flour are always appreciated.

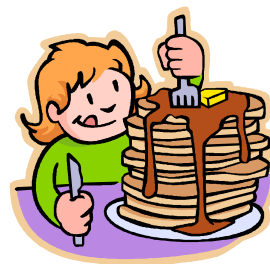
There will not be a craft bazaar this year but we will again be holding a Bake Sale in connection with the Pot Pie sale. We will be baking pies at the church as well as accepting donations of baked goods. All of the Betty Crockers, Martha Stewarts and Aces of Cakes in the congregation are encouraged to bring in your breads, cakes, pies, cookies, fudge, brownies, apple dumplings, sweet rolls, or other tempting creations. And if you simply aren't a baker but love to eat such delicacies, be sure to stop by on Friday afternoon or evening to purchase a homemade treat to enjoy after your chicken pot pie!

Before you know it, December will be here and it will be time to decorate the church for Christmas with the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 6th. As you may remember, that means **COOKIES**. Start sifting through your favorite recipes and be ready to make some for refreshments following the Boiling Springs High School Concert Choir's performance. The extra go to the Salvation Army.

A notice to early Christmas shoppers.....again this year we will be collecting "presents under the tree" to benefit Project S.H.A.R.E. Our church collects socks and underwear for all ages. Presents are to be placed under the tree in the sanctuary and they do not need to be wrapped.

United Methodist Men

Monthly Prayer Breakfast is Sunday, October 4th at 7:00 am at the Farmer's Market Restaurant. Contact Pastor Dan or Russell Ogle with prayer requests.



Music Rehearsal Schedule



(unless otherwise noted)

Senior Choir – Sunday 8:30 am and
Wednesday 6:45 pm
Youth Choir – Sunday 10:05 am
Children’s Choir – Sunday 10:05 am
Sanctuary Choir – Sunday 10:40 am
Celebration Winds – 1st & 3rd Sundays 10:05 am
Bells of Otterbein – Monday 6:30 pm
Worship Team – Select Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and
Saturday 7:00 pm
Youth Band – Tuesdays at 4:00 pm

Speakers for The Gathering

October 4: Pastor Noreen, Praise Band (Communion)
October 11: Lee Calaman, Young Adult Band
October 18: Jean Lobo, Praise Band
October 25: Pastor Dan Dennis, Young Adult Band
Consecration Sunday



Youth Schedule by Matt Burrus

Oct. 4th– Regular Youth
5:30– 7:30
Dinner
@ 5:00

Oct. 11th– Regular Youth
5:30– 7:30
Dinner
@ 5:00

Friday Oct. 16th– 5th Quarter Party, Senior High Only, after the football game. Look for details at school.

Oct. 18th– Bonfire and Hayride, 5:00– 8:00. Meet here at church ready to leave by 4:30

Oct. 25th– Regular Youth
5:30– 7:30
Dinner
@ 5:00



Give Thanks By Pastor Dan (continued from page 1)

In these coming weeks I invite you to take some time and care to count your blessings. Some in our church family are struggling financially right now while others fortunately have avoided major detrimental affects during recent weeks. **IN** either circumstance, count your blessings and then prayerfully consider how you can **GIVE THANKS** through your financial commitment which will sustain this ministry of Christ through Otterbein Church.

On Sunday, October 25, we will again have Consecration Sunday in each of our three services. This is our third year to undertake this specific program to be serious how each of us contribute financially. There will be no guest speaker as in prior years as the Finance Committee has made the request for your pastor to present the message.

The Bible teaches us to give a tithe or the first ten percent of what we earn to God and the church's work. For some, giving one tenth is a very difficult goal. For others, it is the starting point, and their giving far exceeds ten percent. The important thing is that you start somewhere, that your giving is in proportion to your income, that your giving reflects an appropriate offering to God given your means, and that your offerings express both your desire to serve the Lord and your investment in God's work. Begin by determining what percentage of your income you are giving to God. If you are not yet tithing, consider taking a step toward tithing this year. For example, if you now give 3% of your income, consider increasing your gift to 4%, and add 1% each year until you reach the tithing goal. My prayer is that everyone will grow in faith through giving financially to the ministries of the Church and all will experience the joy and blessing which come from financial generosity and the grace of giving. The Apostle Paul wrote "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Church budgets can be so boring until they take on personalities. Have you seen the faces of the homeless in our community? Have you seen the happy faces of children and youth at Otterbein? Have you identified with our missionaries laboring to teach and heal and win to faith in Christ? Have you seen the United Methodist Committee on Relief as they rush to aid the victims of Tsunami, hurricanes, earthquakes and disasters wherever and whenever they happen? The Otterbein UMC budget includes help for these people.

When we give to God, we testify to our commitment to God.

See you on Consecration Sunday!

Pastor Dan Dennis

Fireproof – Marriage Series Begins October 11

“***FIREPROOF*** doesn’t mean the fire will never come. It means when the fire comes that you will be able to withstand it. – Lt. Michael Simmons in ***FIREPROOF***”

Financial pressures, the stress of parenting, differences between men and women, boredom, temptations—they can all scorch a relationship. The fires will come—will your marriage last?

The God who designed marriage intended for it to be a loving, lifelong partnership. Join us as we discuss His plan for indestructible relationships. You’ll find practical insights for building an enduring, red-hot marriage.

Join us to ***FIREPROOF*** your marriage. Otterbein will be offering a seven week Sunday Night Supper Series beginning October 11, 2009 to November 22, 2009. We will be discovering Biblical guidance and discussing practical applications for today’s marriage challenges. To make it easier for our families we will be offering supper for the family and sitter services for those who need it.

Here is the schedule:

October 11 – FIREPROOF Movie Night

October 18 – “He Said/She Said”—appreciating the God-designed differences between men and women

October 25 – “He First Loved Us”—God’s love for you and how it enables you to love others

November 1 – “Love for a Lifetime”—marriage as a lifelong covenant

November 8 – “Breaking Free”—freeing yourself from temptations that can destroy a marriage

November 15 – “Forgiveness”—offering and receiving forgiveness

November 22 – “A Better Way of Loving”—unconditional love

Mark your calendars! Invite your friends and family. Join us to learn how to ***FIREPROOF*** your marriage. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office.

Purpose Seekers Sunday School Class

Class is studying “30 Days to Understanding the Bible” by Max Anders starting Sunday September 27th. This lesson plan is a 13 week study to help you learn core biblical teachings, Holy Land geography and the key characters, places and events of the bible with appealing anecdotes and memory-enhancing exercises. So feel free to join us for this fun and exciting study. Class meets in room 13 off the gym.

B.A.S.I.C. Sunday School Class

Beginning on Sunday, October 4, we will spend several Sundays watching and discussing the movie AMAZING GRACE. AMAZING GRACE tells the inspiring story of how one man’s passion and perseverance and faith in God changed the world. Based on the true life story of William Wilberforce, a leader of the British abolition movement, the film chronicles his epic struggle to pass a law to end the slave trade in the late 18th century. Along the way, Wilberforce meets intense opposition from members of Parliament who feel the slave trade is tied to the stability of the British Empire. Several friends, including Wilberforce’s minister, John Newton, a reformed slave ship captain who penned the beloved hymn Amazing Grace, urge him to see the cause through. Come be inspired by the movie . . . you will never sing Amazing Grace in the same way again! Class meets in room 8.

Sisters Spiritual Growth Group

Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Library. The new study is: HOPE, Our Longing for Home. Through scripture, spiritual exercises and stories from other faith sojourners, we will be challenged to embrace hope as an action and a choice for our own lives. Call Pastor Noreen Mench at 249-5095 with questions. All women are welcome to attend.

Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Help make someone’s Thanksgiving special by donating a turkey, turkey coupon or Thanksgiving Dinner bag to Project S.H.A.R.E. Dinner bag ingredients: stuffing mix, can of green beans, bottle of 100% juice, can of fruit, can of turkey gravy, can of sweet potatoes, can of corn, cranberry sauce, quick bread mix, dessert mix. Turkey donations and dinner bags can be dropped off at Project S.H.A.R.E. by November 16th.

Dates to Remember:

Holy Communion is Sunday, October 4th (Worldwide Communion Sunday)

Harvest Home Sunday is November 8th. Bring your non-perishable food items for Project S.H.A.R.E.

Hanging of the Greens is Sunday, December 6th at 7:00 pm, featuring the Boiling Springs High School Concert Choir. Cookies and drinks following the program. Remember to sign-up to decorate a pew.

Re-Creation will be performing here on Friday, December 11th at 7:00 pm.

Memorial Donations

The following Memorial donations have been received:

For Arlene Raudabaugh:

Richard Henry & Dorothy Carew, Rosemarie McNeely, Lee & Connie Calaman, Terry & Karen Hurley, Karen L. Weary, Barry & Rogene Schmiedel, Dr. H. Robert Davis, Norris & Etta McCoy, Kimberly McCoy, Robert & Esther McFadden, Barbara Oyler - Past Matrons Association (Eastern Star), Martin & Della Andresen, Lester & Donna Mae Day, Glenna Trimmer, Ida Mae Eppley, Mildred Cornman, Jack & Elaine Hurley, Ray & Kathryn Smith, William & Barbara Thompson, Betty Jean Shatto, Vivian Rockey, Creedon Shatto, Old Bellaire Chapter No. 375 Order of Eastern Star, Bruce & Grace Long, Don & Jane Steinour, Sassy Cuts, Terry & Dawn Mellick.

For Kevin Roher:

Russell & Hattie Ogle

For Earl Wise:

Dorothy Carew, McCoy Brothers, Inc., Dolores Cyr, Neil & Margaret Douglas, Benjamin James, Rafael & Jean Rodriguez, Orville & Miriam Wise, Marguerite Dawson, Salvatore & Yolanda Moscola



News & Notes

Shut-in Ministry Team makes phone calls, hospital visits, home visits, nursing home and more! Pray as to how this ministry can fit into your busy schedule. Be that special person in someone's life, let them know they are important and be surprised at the blessings you receive. Contact Edna at 697-8299 to volunteer.

Help Project S.H.A.R.E. stock their shelves.

Shop at any Giant Food Stores during October and save your receipts. Giant will then donate \$1 to Project S.H.A.R.E. for each receipt. Receipts can be for food or gas purchases. Please place your receipts in the church office between Oct. 1st and 25th. Receipts must be dated in October.

The school bag ministry will be meeting the first and third Monday of each month beginning. We meet at Helen Milliron's from 9 am until noon. Join us if you can sew, measure, cut or iron.

Singles Meeting The Singles will be having dinner on October 1st at 5:30 pm at Mt. Asbury. Call Charlene Darhower, 258-6929, before September 27th to register.

Angel Food Orders will be accepted in person on Friday, Oct. 9 from 6-7:30 pm, Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 am until Noon and Monday, Oct. 12 from 6-7:30 pm. Online orders can be placed at www.angelfoodministries.com and the order deadline is Sunday, Oct. 11 for online orders only. Distribution is Saturday, October 17 from 9:30 -11:30 am.

Adult Basketball starts Tuesday, October 6 from 7-9 pm and continues every Tuesday evening until spring.

Adult Volleyball starts Thursday, October 8 from 7-9 pm and continues every Thursday evening until spring.



Mission Purpose:

To show and emulate Christ's unconditional love by organizing and equipping ourselves and others to serve those in our community and throughout the world.

Boxes for donations are located in the narthex and gym.

Want to help??

Don't know

where to start?

Have a question?

Contact:

Kathy Singiser, Mission Chair 249.8097

Harry Owens, Work Camps 571.4019

Nancy Schwartz, Sierra Leone 258.3987

Church office

Visit:

missioncentral.org
new.gbmg-umc.org

New!!! Otterbein Missions Board

Well, not really new... just relocated and updated. Check out the "new" bulletin board outside of room 8 for the latest on what Otterbein is doing with missions. Currently the board features information on missionaries Otterbein supports. Stop and read a little bit about them! The summer had us slowing down - but not stopping! We collected clothes lines needed for Mission Central and items for school kits along with setting up our new "information center" in a location more visible to all. Stay informed on what is happening in the coming months - check it out!

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Helen Milliron has stepped down as chair of the Mission Committee. A lot of what the mission chair works on is "behind the scenes", requiring much time to research what is needed where and how Otterbein might be able to help. When you see Helen, thank her for all of her work and dedication over the last several months. She will remain a committee member and continue to share her vision of mission at Otterbein.

Message from Mission Central

"Praise God;" that is the feeling I had while working on a spreadsheet for Mission Central. I felt very humbled by all he has gifted to Mission Central. On January 28, 2009, we started recording the supplies going out through Mission Central. As of September 1, 2009 we gave \$1,027,480.49 worth of supplies to people in need.

We have received so many gifts. We are gifted with very talented volunteers who are willing to "do the task no matter how dirty or menial." We are gifted with supplies given in love by thousands of donors, many anonymous. Sometimes the building has the appearance of Grand Central Station, hence the name "Mission Central."

We have been blessed by God leading his people to help those who are less fortunate than we are. Give and you will receive; we have received so much more than we gave. We are not here to count the blessings; we are here to be witnesses to the world of the love of our God. Praise God!

Smile God loves you,
Kathy Briner, Deputy Director, Mission Central

Servant's Corner

- Outreach Task Force *Help Needed* We have delivered over 190 loaves of bread to our first-time visitors and over 59 Welcome Baskets to our new neighbors. Please call Wayne Schwartz at 258-3987 to become part of this outreach ministry or stop in at the church office.
- Blood Donor Club #412, remember to give our number when donating. We now have received 52 units towards our 2009 quota of 78. There is no substitute for human blood – people are the only source. Contact Wayne Schwartz, 258-3987, with questions.

Getting Involved

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Administrative Council – Nov. 15 at 1:30 pm
 Angel Food Ministries Comm. – Oct. 14 at 7:00 pm
 Contemporary Worship Comm. – Nov. 16 at 7:00 pm
 Finance Committee – Oct. 11 at 12:30 pm
 Mission Committee – Oct. 6 at 7:00 pm
 Office Staff Meeting – every Tuesday at 9:30 am
 Outreach Task Force – TBD
 Staff Parish Relations Comm. – Oct. 8 at 6:30 pm
 Trustees – TBD
 United Methodist Women – Oct. 13 at 7:00 pm
 Worship Committee – Nov. 16 at 7:30 pm

Please note that all newsletter information is due in the church office by the 15th of the month.

Bible Studies

Every Tuesday at 9:15 am and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:00 pm. Contact Edna Brehm at 697-8299 or erebrehm@juno.com

Sunday School

Sunday school for all ages meets on Sundays at 10:10 am. Contact the church office for complete details.

Soul Cafe

Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:05 am in the Gym. Food and donations are greatly appreciated.



For the Record

Membership:

Baptisms: Braden Thomas Wivell, son of Chad & Courtney Wivell.

Death: Our sincere sympathies to the families of Shirley Redline and Vera Mae Witmer.

Membership count: 683

Finance Committee Report 2009 Figures

Income for 2009 \$427,997**

Expenses for 2009 \$358,857*

Income for 2008 \$388,499

Expenses for 2008 \$377,003*

*figures include mortgage

**includes \$56,914 toward capital campaign

Please Note

Blood Pressure Screenings are the first Sunday of the month in the narthex.

A Costume Party is planned for Saturday, October 24 from 5 to 9 PM. A planning meeting is scheduled for early October. Check the Sunday bulletin for the date. You are invited to attend and help plan for this event.

The Visiting Nurses Association will be coming on October 11 between Noon and 3:00 pm for **flu shots**. This is open to the public and the cost is approximately \$32. You may submit this expense to your insurance company. If you have Medicare, they will fill out the forms for you. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the office.

Directory Updates The name and address section of the Directory has been updated. New copies are available in the narthex, gym and church office.

Annual Church Conference Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm for our annual church conference. Come out and meet our new District Superintendent, Dennis Keller.

Attendance for August

	9:00 Sanctuary	9:00 Gymnasium	11:15 Sanctuary	Sunday School
Aug. 2	200	61	39	83
Aug. 9	175	102	68	102
Aug. 16	164	105	46	89
Aug. 23	212	89	45	114
Aug. 30	207	121	49	124

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Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Worship Services

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Traditional Sanctuary Service
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Gym
Sunday 11:15 a.m. Traditional Sanctuary Service
Sunday School 10:10 a.m.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.gbgm-umc.org/otterbeinumc
