

# The Otterbein Messenger



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

## Thank You from C.A.R.E.S.

Thank you all so much for your willingness to host the Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. adult shelter in August. I pray that your ministry to the area homeless was truly a blessing to those in your congregation who participated with us in providing a place for those who have no other place to stay.

In August, we served a total of 56 adults (21 females, 35 males); average number per night was 25; and the maximum number in one night was 30.

C.A.R.E.S. eagerly anticipates the grand opening of the Resource Center at 50 W. Penn Street around Thanksgiving. There will be many opportunities for volunteering at the center. Please call us at 249-1009 or email to:

[info@carlislecares.org](mailto:info@carlislecares.org) for more information.

*Shari Bellish*, Exec. Dir. Carlisle C.A.R.E.S.

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### 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

## *New Ground!!*

By Pastor Dan Dennis

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus says, “I am the light of the world.” In the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew’s recording of the gospel, Jesus says to His disciples, “You are the light of the world.” Both things are so. Christ is the One, True Light – the light that shines in the darkness and which the darkness cannot overcome. We, Jesus’ disciples, are His human body in the world today. He has no hands but our hands now, He has no legs but our legs now, and He has no mouths but our mouths now. We disciples are meant to reflect His inextinguishable light. That’s why Jesus said that we too, are the light of the world and added, “Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE would be a great mission statement for any church.

I firmly believe our church building and its people are shining in this community through devotion to God and servant love for our neighbors. We are drawing men, women and children around us into a new relationship with God and with us. The building is a beautiful tool, a facility, for letting our light shine, for making a difference in the world around us, for Christ’s sake. May we continue to put this tool called Otterbein to good use!

## *Children's Activities* by Jennifer Grove

**Christmas Eve Preparation Meetings:** We need a group of parents willing to help on Christmas Eve night. We will once again have the children act out the Christmas story so we will need a couple practices to go over putting on the costumes, where the children will stand, which parents will help that night, who wants to be what character. We will need a seamstress or two to fix some tears that have developed on the costumes. Anyone good at making props? Sign up to participate and to help by going to the Children's Ministry bulletin board across from rooms 5/6. If you will be here Christmas Eve night and plan to participate then let Jennifer know by email at [jgrovechldmin@comcast.net](mailto:jgrovechldmin@comcast.net). This information is important so that we have enough costumes for all the kids.

*Preparation and Practice Schedules* – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in choir room to go through costumes to determine who is doing what and to repair costumes.

Dec. 6 at 1:00 pm to run through the story in costume

Dec. 13 at 3:00 pm to run through the story in costume

Dec. 20 at 3:00 pm, if we need this practice

\*Each practice will be at least an hour\*

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** Make this a day of prayer for our kids and their schools! Join a worldwide effort by [momsintouch.org](http://momsintouch.org) to spend a day praying for our kids. Go to their website for ideas on how to pray for this event.

**Step Into Africa:** November 15–22, usually from 10 am to 8 pm at West Shore Evangelical they will be hosting the World Vision interactive African exhibit. An African village will appear in the gymnasium. You can enter the huts to hear and see life in Africa for four children who have become orphans due to AIDS. There is no cost but they ask that you call for reservations. Small groups will be given time slots as to when they can enter the village. This exhibit is for families but may not be appropriate for children under 9 years of age. Go to [worldvisionexperience.org](http://worldvisionexperience.org) for more information.

**School Supplies:** Remember to keep picking up school supplies for our school kits that we will be putting together and sending to Mission Central. We need pencils, paper, erasers and pencil sharpeners. Check the Children's Ministry bulletin board for the details.

**Nursery Caregivers are needed for these dates:** Please sign up in the nursery!

Nov. 29 all three times – 9 am, 10 am, 11:15 am

Dec. 6 all three times

Dec. 13 all three times

Dec. 20 during Sunday school and 11:15

Dec. 27 all three times

**Children's Church Leaders Needed:** We need 2–3 parents who would be willing to step up to lead or help with children's church on a regular basis. It's only 40 minutes of instruction in which we play games, listen to music, do a craft, learn a bible story, etc. See Jennifer Grove for details or sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board.

## *Volunteers for November*

### Ushers

**9:00 Service:** Jim Compton, captain, Mike Bond, Skip Brown, Tom Cohick, Marcia Compton, Jeff Ham, Richard Johnson, Neil Leidy

### Greeters

**9:00 Service:** Bob & Vicky Whitcomb, Charlene Darhower, Jane Edmiston, Earlene Smith

### First Step Greeters

**9:00 Service:** Ralph & Delores Manweiler, Eric & Wanda Dale

### Acolyte

**9:00 Service:** Grant Bond  
**11:15 Service:**

### Visitors Table

**9:00 Service:** Arlene Groupe & Jeanne Hamilton  
**11:15 Service:** Bev Barrick  
**Altar Flower Coordinator:** Bev Barrick

### Nursery

**9:00 Service**  
**November 1** Chloe Duncan  
**November 8** Kim Hudson  
**November 15** Heather Eppley  
**November 22** Deb Caldwell



### 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 November deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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*

Nov. 1 Jim & Wanda Borden  
Nov. 8 Nellie Weibley  
Nov. 15 Don & Carole Bruce  
Nov. 22 Helen Milliron  
Nov. 29 Peter & Cindy Vriens



## *United Methodist Women*

The United Methodist Women will be meeting on November 10 at 7:00 pm. We welcome all of the women of the church to join us.

Our Harvest Home Sunday is coming up on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will be able to pick up some extra food to share the next time you are grocery shopping. This is always in addition to our usual commitment of 100 cans of fruit per month. Any non-perishable items are welcome. Remember though that they cannot accept dented cans or home canned foods. The Project Share coordinator, Elaine Livas, asked if we could collect "Thanksgiving bags" again this year. The items for a bag are: stuffing mix; a can each of sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, fruit, turkey gravy and cranberry sauce; a quick bread mix (corn bread, banana bread, etc.); bottle of 100% juice; and a dessert mix (dessert bars, brownies, cake mix, etc.). Their goal is 1050 bags—enough to give each family one bag. If you would like to contribute an entire bag, that would be wonderful. They will also be making up the bags from the single items we donate. Turkey coupons or money for turkeys is also needed. This is a simple way to help our less fortunate neighbors at the holidays. Please be generous.

The Annual Ladies' Thanksgiving Breakfast is coming up on Saturday, November 21. Please watch the bulletin boards for sign-up sheets so that we will know how many ladies to prepare for. Ladies from our other Boiling Springs churches are also invited. Mark your calendars to come join us for a delicious breakfast, Christian fellowship and a special program.

The United Methodist Women's Group will be selling homemade cookies again in December. We will be making chocolate chip, peanut butter, sugar cookies. The cut-off date for placing your orders will be Sunday, December 6. The order sheets will be on the bulletin boards.

Cookie Monsters prepare: Now that you are back in the baking groove from your donations to the Bake Sale on October 30<sup>th</sup>, it is almost time again to pull out the cookie sheets to make cookies for refreshments after the Boiling Springs High School Concert Choir performs at our Hanging of the Greens on December 6. Watch for the sign-up sheets. Extra cookies go to the Salvation Army.

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## *United Methodist Men*

**Monthly Prayer Breakfast** is Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 am at the Farmer's Market Restaurant. Contact Pastor Dan or Wayne Schwartz 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 10:05 am  
Bells of Otterbein – Monday 6:30 pm  
Worship Team – Select Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and  
Saturday 7:00 pm

## Speakers for The Gathering

Nov. 1: Pastor Noreen Mench, Praise Band  
Nov. 8: Matt Burrus, Young Adult Band  
Nov. 15: Sara Graham, Praise Band  
Nov. 22: Ryan Whisel, Young Adult  
Nov. 29: Chrismon Service in the Sanctuary



## Bells of Otterbein (and youth)

Calling all 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students...Youth Handbell Choir is forming. Performance is Christmas Eve at the 9:00 service. Practice is at 11:00 am on Sundays. Sign-up sheets are posted in the music room.

Join the Fun – Ring the Bells. We’re looking for a couple of “Ringers.” The adult handbell Choir (Bells of Otterbein) needs volunteers. No prior experience is necessary. Practices are Monday evenings at 6:30 pm and performances are the third Sunday of each month. Please contact any current bell choir member or Tammy Ham at 243-1872 if you are interested.

## Youth Schedule by Matt Burrus

### November 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Regular Youth Group 5:30- 7:30  
Dinner Served @ 5:00 in room 8

### November 22<sup>nd</sup>

David Crowder Band  
Church Music Tour  
Lancaster Pa. Meet in Parking lot at 4:30

### November 15<sup>th</sup>

Step Into Africa @ West Shore E-Free  
Meet in church parking lot at 4:30 pm

### November 29<sup>th</sup>

No Youth  
Thanksgiving Weekend

## ***New Ground!!*** By Pastor Dan (continued from page 1)

On September 16, 2009, after months of negotiations, there was land settlement for three lots in the Old Forge Development on the Carlisle-side (north) of our present property. Currently you can recognize the new acquisition by the newly planted grass. The cost was in excess of \$225,000. The good news....it will most likely be paid in seven months. As you approach Thanksgiving this year, please give God thanks for this achievement. It may be a few years before the new ground starts fulfilling its purpose for ministry, but when needed it will be available.

I will repeat what I have said before: The Church is the holy people of God. The church's building is only a tool, a facility meant to enable the Church's ministry of proclamation and outreach in Christ's name...to our members, our neighbors, and the stranger who comes to our door. We will prove the value of this undertaking in terms of the money it cost, the time it took, the discomfort it generated, the energy it demanded and the prayer with which we embraced it WHEN WE SEE IT FUNCTIONING to its fullest. This is sacred work and I thank all who were involved.

See you at Otterbein this Sunday!

*Pastor Dan Dennis*

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## ***From Trustees***

At the request of our members, here are the highlights from the last Trustee meeting:

The three lots have been purchased for a total of \$233,686.97. We have received capital campaign donations and a payment was made in the amount of \$67,878.60 toward the mortgage for the new land.

The Trustees continue to work on fixing the various roof leaks throughout the building.

A window will be installed in Matt and Jennifer's office door.

We have had Bruce Barclay Electrical Contractors here to fix a variety of electrical problems, including the lights in the sanctuary. All of the problems are not yet solved and some parts have been ordered.

The freezer in the kitchen has been repaired.

The Trustees approved the use of the building as follows: October 31 use of the kitchen by Adrienne Bowermaster to bake bread for favors for her wedding; May 11, 2010 for the Carlisle Musical Arts Club to use the sanctuary. Next Trustee meeting is Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

## Memorial Donations

The following Memorial donations have been received:

For Earl Wise:

Jenny Deihl

For Vera Mae Witmer:

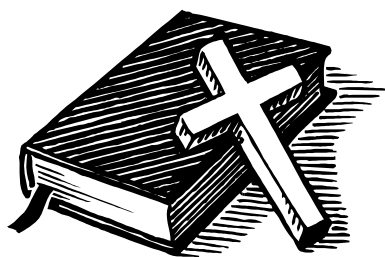
Don & Faye Ankabrandt, Jeanne Hamilton, Margaret Shughart, Michael & Peggy Greaney, June Tressler, Richard & Leah Foreman, Robert & Judith Baer, Benjamin James, Don & Jane Steinour, Ernest & Brenda Coder, George & Debra Moura, Lee, Lana & Adam Chronister, Creedin Cornman

For Frank Bear:

Terrance Enck, Boiling Springs Lions Club, Myrna Minnich, South Middleton Township Special Fire Police, Joanne Bear, Wally & Cheryl Warring, Rev. Owen & Paula Walter

For John DeGroat:

Gail DeGroat, Anthony & Jacqueline Davio, Diane Lee



## 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.

**Administrative Council** minutes are located in the narthex and are available for anyone to read.

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

**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 a pot luck supper on Thursday, November 5 at 5:30 pm at the church. Call Charlene Darhower, 258-6929, with questions.

**Angel Food Orders** will be accepted in person on Friday, Nov. 6 from 6-7:30 pm, Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10 am until Noon and Monday, Nov. 9 from 6-7:30 pm. Online orders can be placed at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com) and the order deadline is Sunday, Nov. 8 for online orders only. Distribution is Saturday, November 14 from 9:30 - 11:30 am.

**Adult Basketball** is every Tuesday night from 7-9 pm and continues until spring.

**Adult Volleyball** is every Thursday night from 7-9 pm and continues until spring.



## Otterbein Fall Mission Project

The mission committee has selected the United Methodist Home for Children in Mechanicsburg to be our focus group for the remainder of 2009. Each year the home sends out a “wish list” for the children and the home for the upcoming holidays. Most of the items on the list are needed throughout the year and you will notice that this isn’t your usual “Christmas List”, but more a needs assessment! Items range from sports equipment to kitchen utensils to underwear. Quite a wide variety! Gift cards are also welcome as they can be used in a variety of ways.

The “wish lists” will be posted throughout the church on red poster board. Please consider adding the needs of a child to your shopping list this year. There are items for any budget on the list. Items may be placed in the mission baskets and PLEASE MARK CLEARLY THEY ARE FOR THE CHILDREN’S HOME!

*Our love must not be a thing of words and fine talk. It must be a thing of action and sincerity.*  
(1 John 3:18)

### **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. Let's fill them with love for others.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT ITEMS FOR SCHOOL KITS – THEY ARE **VERY MUCH NEEDED** – INCLUDE AN ITEM OR TWO IN YOUR SHOPPING TRIPS!!

### **Highlights from the Zimmerman's recent letter**

We flew into Kathmandu at the beginning of August, ending 5 months of furlough – our first in 5 years. We managed for our boys to have 5 weeks each with both sets of grandparents and to meet members of their extended family.

In May – the middle of furlough – I returned by myself to Nepal to catch up on some work. On my first Saturday back, I attended our usual church on the far side of Patan. That morning the Catholic Church beside our new apartment was full. A young woman made her way into the church and sat down on the floor with the rest of the people. After a few minutes she got up, asking her neighbor to watch her knapsack while she went to the bathroom. Some minutes later the pressure cooker bomb in her knapsack went off, leaving a black crater in the floor. Three people died. The bomber left behind pamphlets of ‘The Nepal Defense Army’, a group that had tried to extort money from the church in the name of Hindu fundamentalism.

The next day Nepalis of all faiths came together in a service of support and solidarity against violence and religious extremism. The blast’s effect continues to reverberate, though, with other churches now being threatened or extorted.

*The entire letter and a wonderful “family tree” photo are posted on the mission bulletin board next to room 8.*

**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

## *Servant's Corner*

- Outreach Task Force *Help Needed* We have delivered over 193 loaves of bread to our first-time visitors and over 60 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. By the time someone is age 72, there is a 95% chance that they will use blood. **Our Annual Blood Drive has been scheduled for Sunday, January 24, 2010.** A sign-up sheet will be posted in mid-December. Contact Wayne Schwartz, 258-3987, with questions.

## *Getting Involved*

### Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Administrative Council – Nov. 15 at 1:30 pm  
 Angel Food Ministries Comm. – Nov. 11 at 7:00 pm  
 Contemporary Worship Comm. – Nov. 16 at 7:00 pm  
 Finance Committee – Nov. 8 at 7:00 pm  
 Mission Committee – Jan. 26 at 7:00 pm  
 Office Staff Meeting – every Tuesday at 9:30 am  
 Outreach Task Force – TBD  
 Staff Parish Relations Comm. – TBD  
 Trustees – Nov. 4 at 7:00 pm  
 United Methodist Women – Nov. 10 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.*

### Bible Studies

Every Tuesday at 9:15 am and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Death:** Our sincere sympathies to the families of Charles Moyer, Frank Bear and John DeGroat

Membership count: 681

### Finance Committee Report 2009 Figures

*Income for 2009*                 \$473,368\*\*  
*Expenses for 2009*             \$484,491\*

*Income for 2008*                 \$433,557  
*Expenses for 2008*             \$423,485\*

\*figures include mortgage, which for September was a payment of \$67,878.60 toward the mortgage for the new land

\*\*includes \$62,702 toward capital campaign

## Please Note

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

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

**Hanging of the Greens** is Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Winter Picnic and Magician Show** is scheduled for Sunday, January 17 from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. This event is for our friends, neighbors and families. A winter picnic will be on the menu and children are sure to enjoy this program and fun time. More details to follow.

**Mixed Adult and Loyal Bible Class** annual Holiday dinner will be December 17 at Mt. Asbury. Details will be discussed on Sundays. Plan to attend this special gathering.

## Attendance for September

|                 | 9:00 Sanctuary | 9:00 Gymnasium | 11:15 Sanctuary | Sunday School |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Sept. 6</b>  | 194            | 82             | 47              | 110           |
| <b>Sept. 13</b> | 185            | 101            | 44              | 128           |
| <b>Sept. 20</b> | 178            | 90             | 41              | 123           |
| <b>Sept. 27</b> | 209            | 92             | 43              | 147           |

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Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon

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## 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.

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