

The Otterbein Messenger

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Purpose by Rev. Dan Dennis

In an old Peanuts comic strip, Lucy is talking to Charlie Brown and says, “I’m intrigued by this view you have on the purpose of life, Charlie Brown ... You say we’re put here on earth to make others happy?”

“That’s right,” says Charlie Brown.

After thinking about it for a moment, Lucy turns back to him and asks, “What are others put here for?”

“What’s our purpose?” That’s a question many people ask for which there are plenty of answers. It’s also a good question for us to ponder as a church from time to time.

This is why we exist. Everything we do is centered on a primary task. It’s based on The United Methodist Church’s mission “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

While I wouldn’t say with Charlie Brown that we’re here “to make others happy,” I’m not really sure that our purpose is solely based on whether someone is always satisfied as a consumer of life. I do think, however, that Charlie Brown is getting at something when he recognizes that our purpose is to connect with someone or something beyond ourselves. Perhaps a lesson from Acts can shed some light on the understanding of our purpose as a church. (Acts 2:42)

The lesson begins right after Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. It was that moment that God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to Peter and the apostles. At Pentecost, a group of scared disciples became apostles who were suddenly empowered by the Spirit of God and sent out to proclaim the Gospel, making disciples and transforming the world. Luke, the author of Acts, tells us that in these early days, the people of this new movement “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” The verses that follow explain each one of these commitments in more detail.

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Christian Education News

Adult Sunday School Classes – New class members are always welcome! Please do not think you have to wait for a new study to join! Check out all the classes until you find a class just right for you. More information for each class is available on the Welcome Centers. **Classes meet from 10:10 to 11:00 every Sunday morning for all ages.**



L.I.F.E Living in Faith Everyday Adult Class (Room 12/13 in the gym area)

Format of class: *Life Application Discussion/DVD*

Leader: *Heather Housel*

B.A.S.I.C. Brothers and Sisters in Christ Adult Class (Room 8)

Format of class: *Discussion/DVD*

Leader: *Harry Owens*

Loyal Bible Adult Class (Room 9/10)

Format of class: *Lecture*

Leader: *Rotating Leaders – See Wayne Swartz for details*

Current Study: *The International Uniform Series* believes the Bible is the record of God in Christ, the key resource for understanding the Christian faith, being under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of His Spirit. This spring quarter is concentrated on “God Loves Us” found in *1 John, Ephesians, John, Joel, Psalm, Romans and Jonah.*

Children's Activities by Connie Vail

Vacation Bible School Thanks to all the VBS volunteers who helped keep "The Maker Fun Factory" up and running for the week. Our Church is blessed with so many talented and willing helpers who made VBS so much fun for the kids!

Safe Sanctuary training meeting was held July 30th by Tom Salsgiver, who gave an overview of how to protect our children and vulnerable adults from abuse. Extra booklets are available for anyone interested.

Children's Church starts up again in September. Children in kindergarten to 3rd grade are invited to join us for Bible study, crafts and activities. Children will be dismissed half way through the worship service to meet in room 5.

Sunday School for pre-kindergarten through 5th grade will continue using the Hands – On – Bible curriculum where children discover how the focus of the Bible is Jesus.

Children's Choir will start practicing the last 10 minutes of Sunday School each Sunday and sing once a month in the sanctuary.

Volunteers are needed to teach or assist with Sunday School and Children's Church. Our goal is to have 2 volunteers per class for safety, supervision and support. Come use your gifts and talents to help plant and nurture seeds of faith.

Pioneer Girls will start September 6th for girls in 1st to 7th grade. Invite a friend and meet at the church Wednesday nights from 6 – 7:30 pm for games, activities and Bible study.

Giant Food Stores Receipts

Again this year we will be collecting Giant Food Stores Receipts dated October 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017 to benefit Project S.H.A.R.E. Receipts are to be placed in the collection buckets located in the sanctuary, office and gym ***NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th***. We will deliver the receipts to Project S.H.A.R.E. on Monday, October 30th. Giant Food Stores will donate \$1 per receipt received to Project S.H.A.R.E. up to \$5,000. If you have receipts dated after October 29th, please drop them off at Project S.H.A.R.E. at 5 N. Orange Street, Carlisle.

News & Notes

MS Support Group: meets on the following Mondays at 6:30 pm in the church library – Sept. 25th and Oct. 23rd .

Administrative Council is scheduled to meet on Sunday, November 19th at 1:30 pm in room 8.

THIS WILL ALSO BE OUR ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE MEETING. The meeting minutes and other handouts will be emailed to council members prior to the meeting.

Blood Pressure Screenings are the first Sunday of the month at 10:10 am in the cry room.

Community Aid Bin Thank you to everyone who has donated clothing, shoes and small household items to Community Aid through the bin in our parking lot. Year to date we have received \$348.

Communion in the Sanctuary. World Communion Sunday is October 1st. Communion will be served in both sanctuary services that morning.

Communion in The Gathering is Sunday, September 24th.

Singles Group meets for lunch the first Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant. Please contact Betty Bennett with questions.

Military Benefits—upcoming changes.

Information provided by Harry Owens. For more information about the Veteran Online Exchange please use the link below.

<https://militaryadvantage.military.com/2017/07/veteran-online-exchange-benefit-being-tested-is-nearer-for-millions/#.WXZZXZ9sZUQ.email>

Cash for Causes Fundraiser: We are participating in Giant Food Stores “*Cash for Causes*” community fundraising program, as well as the Karns Gift Card Community fundraiser program. For each gift card we sell, we keep 5% to use as we choose. Cards are available in \$25 and \$50 amounts. Otterbein has decided to use the money to purchase equipment for the church. Gift cards are to be used for everyday purchases like groceries and gas. They are available for purchase the first Sunday of the month in the narthex and anytime during the week in the office. This is a great fundraising opportunity for us. So far, we have raised over \$5,350.

An Easier Way to Give Never have cash? Don't carry a checkbook? Otterbein can set you up with an automatic withdraw from your bank account each month for your church contribution. Contact the church office to get started. You just fill out one authorization form and give us a voided check. Then you don't have to remember your checkbook again!

Early Reminder for December Event You are all invited to join Sunday school Class Loyal for our yearly holiday dinner at Esh's Country Kitchen. It will be on Tuesday, December 5th. A sign-up sheet will be distributed closer to the date. See or call Lee Calaman at 717-249-4231 if you have any questions.

5th Quarter Parties Scheduled: September 29, October 13, October 20 and November 3 following Boiling Springs High school football games. See Chrisanna Rogers with questions or to volunteer to help.

United Methodist Women by Allegra Juday

Please join us for our next meeting which will be the second Tuesday of the month on September 12th at 7 pm in the room beside the kitchen (room 8). We will be discussing the activities we have planned for the fall.

In October we will be meeting on the 10th. Also in October we will be participating in our annual fall Chicken Pot Pie fundraiser. Anyone is invited to help in the presale cooking which will be on Thursday, October 26th, followed by the sale which will be October 27th. For more information, please pay attention to the weekly church bulletin.

**Chicken Pot Pie Sale is
Friday, Oct. 27th**

For any questions regarding the group or participating in any of our activities feel free to contact the President of the United Methodist Women, Marcia Compton. We look forward to any woman of the church to join us!

Baby Blanket Sewing Group meets the second Wednesday of the month in room 8.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Monday of the month in the library.

Young Adult Group Updates by Allegra Juday

The Young Adult's group will be starting their Fall meetings on Friday, September 15th at 7 pm at Ricky and Allegra Juday's home. We will be starting a new bible study series and enjoying some food and fellowship!

This group is designed to be open to anyone who graduated from high school. We have regular meetings on the third Friday of the month. Both members of Otterbein and non-members are invited to participate in our group discussions and enjoy a safe space to raise their questions as they grow in relationship with our Heavenly Father.

In October our meeting will be Friday the 20th at 7 pm at Josh and Katrina Durham's house.

In the meantime please pay attention to the weekly bulletin for any additional information or changes, or feel free to contact Allegra Juday by phone ([717-422-7665](tel:717-422-7665)) or by email (allegra.marian@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

Volunteers for September & October

Ushers

9:00 Service – September: Ty Trainor, captain, Robert Brown, Jerry Christopher, Chloe Duncan, Bob Enders, Neil Mast, Don Steinour, Paul Zullinger

9:00 Service – October: Chester Raudabaugh, captain, Lee Chronister, Doug Fickel, Gary Morrow, Bob Moyer, Mary Moyer, Rick Singiser, Don Steinour

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

Worship Services are every Sunday morning at 9:00 am and 11:15 am, with the exception of July, when there is only one worship service in the sanctuary at 9:00 am. The traditional worship services are in the sanctuary at 9:00 am and 11:15 am. The contemporary worship service, called The Gathering, is in the gym at 9:00 am all year long. Our *Soul Café*, located in the gym and offering coffee and baked goods, is open prior to the 9:00 am worship service and briefly following the 9:00 am worship service. **Donations of baked goods are always appreciated.** Please see Wendy Wickard with questions or to volunteer to help.

Sunday School for all ages is from 10:10 am until 11:00 am and continues for the summer.

Mailbox Reminder

All committee chairs are reminded to check the mailboxes in the library weekly for correspondence.

Don't forget your canned fruit for Project SHARE. Our monthly goal is 100 cans. There are containers in the narthex and in the gym. The monthly deadlines are as follows:
Sept. 17 and Oct. 15

Altar Flowers

Sept. 3 Don & Jane Steinour
Sept. 10 Lee & Connie Calaman
Sept. 17 Lee & Lana Chronister
Sept. 24 Dean & Vicki Clepper

Oct. 1 Vicki Ciecierski
Oct. 8 Bob & Barb Loy
Oct. 15 Georgie Mummert
Oct. 22 Wayne & Shirley Fickel
Oct. 29 Steve & Maureen Metzker

Flowers come from Georges' Flowers. Please call them directly at 243-2626 with special requests. The cost per Sunday is \$44 plus tax, billed directly from George's Flowers.

Youth Ministries at Otterbein by Chrisanna Rogers

Our summer was fantastic! The Youth participated in a wide variety of activities, with many opportunities to grow deeper in their faith. They hosted a lovely fundraiser dinner, served on a mission trip in York, and went to the Salt n' Light Impact Festival. Throughout the summer we got together for a summer Bible study and other fun activities. Since school has started, we are looking forward to our regular weekly meetings.

What's Coming Up for the Youth:

- Sunday Night Youth Group! Every Sunday, 5:00–7:30! Students in 6th–12th grade are invited to Youth Group. Every Sunday night we meet as a group for dinner, games, worship, lesson, and discussion time. Our group is always excited to meet new friends and make memories together. If you know any teens who would enjoy being a part of a Youth Group, tell them about Otterbein! **Youth Group will begin on Sunday, September 17th**
- Salt n' Light Worship Night: Impact Rewind: We will be heading to a local worship night on September 24th to worship and also reminisce about the Impact festival we attended this summer...however, anyone can come, even if they didn't attend Impact!
- Fall Youth Group Lesson Series: "3:16." This fall, we will be starting off Youth Group by taking a look at some 3:16 verses in the Bible. Many people know the famous "3:16," John 3:16, but what about all the other 3:16's the Bible has to offer? Together we will take a look at some more 3:16 teachings each week...one verse at a time...literally.

Special Events:

- **Music on the Lawn:** Our 2nd Annual Music on the Lawn event will be held at Otterbein on Saturday, **September 9th from 7–9 pm**. The evening will feature worship from local church youth bands, dramas, testimonies, and creative arts. Free refreshments provided, too! Please mark your calendars for the 9th and join us with your lawn chairs and friends right here, on Otterbein's backyard! In case of rain, we will be using the gym.
- **Fall Retreat:** Our Youth Group will be taking a local Fall Retreat together in October at Bongiorno Conference Center in Carlisle: October 6,7, 8. The retreat is open to both middle school and high school students. Talk to Chrisanna if your teen would like to attend!

How You Can Help:

- Keep us in your prayers!
- **Youth Group Dinners:** sign up at the bulletin board by the gym to bring a 5:00 dinner to the youth on a Sunday night. Dinners should serve about 20 people. This is a great way to support our teens!

Stay in Touch:

- You can stay up-to-date on what the Youth at Otterbein are up to! Here are a few ways to do that:
 - Follow us in Instagram- @otterbeinyouthgroup or our Facebook group, "Otterbein Youth"
 - Check out our youth website- www.otterbeinyouth.com for full Summer calendars.
 - You can also follow my Facebook, Chrisanna Rogers, for updates. I can additionally be reached at youth@otterbeinumccarlisle.org or (570)–460–3883.
 - Our bulletin board by the gym is always updated too!

Bright Beginnings Child Care of Carlisle

Hello everyone from BBCCC. We are winding down our summer activities and looking forward to the start of the new school year ahead. The kids had a great time this summer with magic shows, a visit from Zoo America, grill out picnics, water play, bike days, tie-dye, spaghetti splash, bubbles, carnival day complete with a talent show, and many other fun activities. As we look towards our fall season, we will be having a special Grandparent's Day celebration in September and believe it or not, the kids are already talking about our annual fall festival for October! BBCCC will also be having Lifetouch in to do fall portraits of the kids and classrooms.

The Big news for BBCCC is the upcoming installation of our new playground. With some minor setbacks this summer, we are expecting installation to begin the week of Labor Day! What an exciting time for our day care family! BBCCC is covering the entire cost of the new playground, including installation.

Our enrollment is growing and constantly changing. We have some students here for just the summer, some kids here just for the school year, some kids all year-round, and more new enrollments each month. Because we are a growing center, we are in need of additional part time teachers who are able to work every day for a few hours. Sadly, our college students have already left for their new semesters and the kids miss them a lot! Interested applicants will need to successfully submit a physical, police background clearance, child abuse clearance and an FBI clearance in addition to proof of education and previous child care experience. Please submit applications to Kimberley Hudson at Khudson@otterbeinumccarlisle.org. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time, please speak to Kimberley Hudson on your availability.

As always, we are in need of donations if anyone is willing and interested. Thank you for all of the donations that have been previously made! We appreciate your support. Present needs include Sidewalk chalk, thermal laminating sheets, adult scissors, and playdough. Donations can be made at any time. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

We are once again participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards program starting in October and going into March of 2018. Bright Beginnings Child Care earns CASH through this program (\$278.85 this year). You can help by shopping at Giant Food Stores and using your BonusCard! Log on to www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and choose "Designate Your School" from the A+ menu to register your card online. Bright Beginnings Child Care ID number is #02817. Thank you!!!



Purpose (continued) *By Rev. Dan Dennis*

The apostles were those who were closest to Jesus' ministry. As others looked on in awe, the signs and wonders bore witness to their close relationship with Jesus who also performed signs and wonders. Following the apostles' teaching would keep them nearer to the teachings of Jesus. Disciples in the early church were dedicated to fellowship with one another. The word used here in Greek is *koinonia*. For the early church, this was more than just catching up at coffee hour or a regular potluck. The term brings up a sense of dedication to the community itself. In fact, Luke describes their dedication to one another in a sense of *koinonia* in more detail, saying that "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need." They were so dedicated to the community, to one another and to their fellowship, that they sold everything they had and shared with one another as any had need. In their deep love and care for one another, they refused to see anyone having to struggle unnecessarily. Think of how profound this witness was in a day when widows and orphans were left to fend for themselves with no identity and no help. This newly-founded community loved one another deeply; they supported one another, so that no one was left on their own without access to what was needed to survive. Dedicated to one another, they made certain that no one had to live without the necessities of life. The commitment to community continued as "they spent much time together" in temple worship, breaking bread with one another, and praising God together.

Do you see the common thread? In study, in prayer, in worship, in eating, in meeting needs, and in being together, they "supported one another." Why? It was a living witness of what they had come to experience first in Jesus Christ. They lived out the life of Jesus who came to offer his life in love for humanity. The early disciples understood that they offered their lives in love for one another, remembering Jesus' love for them. As we support one another, we are rooted and ready to make disciples of Jesus Christ and see our world transformed. As the early church committed themselves to support one another, Luke tells us that "Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

When we support one another and care for those around us, others see more clearly the love that God has for our world in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said, "God's dream is that you and I and all of us will realize that we are family, that we are made for togetherness, for goodness, and for compassion."

See you at Otterbein where we live out this dream that God has for us...together.

Rev. Dan Dennis

Thank You Notes to Otterbein

We received Thank You notes from the following local organizations for our ongoing support (paid quarterly): Mission Central, Carlisle CARES, Project SHARE, Samaritan Fellowship, Safe Harbour, Salvation Army, United Methodist Home for Children.

“Pastor Dan and Church Family –

I want to thank you for the many kindnesses shown with calls, cards, and offers of help. They are deeply appreciated. The operation went well and I am doing well at home. Thanks again for your prayers and support. Hoping to see you in church soon. Gods Blessings to All – Joe Shughart”

“Dear Friends at Otterbein –

With a heart filled with gratitude for the overwhelming show of love and support through prayer, visits, food, cards, phone calls and coming to the memorial service, my family and I thank you all. May God Bless & Watch over you. – Kay Yerger and Glenn & Andi, Mark & Veronica, Drew & Melissa”

“Dear Otterbein Family –

I would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, visits, cards and much needed prayers while I was in the hospital, Claremont and since I returned home, they have helped me get through the ruff spots. – Love, Bob Weaver”

“I would like to thank Otterbein church and all the persons who sent me the beautiful get well cards while I was in the hospital. Thank you very much for your prayers and well wishes. I am doing much better and getting stronger each day. I especially would like to thank Helen Milliron for the many visits while I was in the nursing home – it really meant a lot to me. Again thank you everyone and God Bless You. P.S. Thank you also Joe Kugle you were wonderful coming to see me. – Margaret Douglas”

“While I am not 100% yet, every day I am improving. Thank you for all your cards, calls & prayers. – Gary Morrow”

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Our next packing event is scheduled for October 29th. Make sure to mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun while we do our part to help end world hunger. As a recap, the meals we packed in April went to Malawi. They were received by the Rise Against Hunger in-country partner, spearheading a 3-year school-feeding initiative in the Southern African countries. The expected outcomes of the initiative are to improve nutrition for school-going children and increase enrollment and attendance rates at schools. In Malawi, RAH will be delivering 2,851,200 meals to 3,600 students attending 3 schools in the Southern District, specifically in Machinga Region. As an additional incentive for attendance, students who come to school at least 18 school days a month will be eligible to receive take-home meals for their families

We have contracted to do 15,000 meals again. We will have the yellow envelopes in the pews by late September for your donations. Checks should be made payable to Otterbein with Rise Against Hunger in the memo line. Please prayerfully consider your part in helping Otterbein to reach toward helping as many as possible, to be a blessing to those in need.

Music Rehearsal Schedule

Celebration Winds 1st & 3rd Sundays 10:15 am

Children's Choir Sundays 10:50 am

Lumina Worship Sundays 3-5 pm

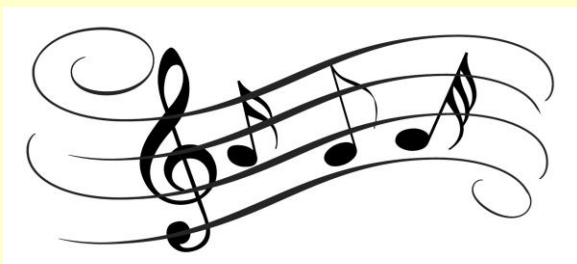
Senior Bells Mondays 6:30 pm

Senior Choir Sundays 8:30 am and

Wednesday 6:45 pm

Youth Choir Sundays 10:00 am

Please contact choir and band directors for more information.



Speakers for The Gathering

Contemporary Worship Service, 9:00 am in the gym

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| Sept. 3 | Sara Graham, His House Band |
| Sept. 10 | Mission Trip Sharing, Lumina Worship |
| Sept. 17 | Chrisanna Rogers, His House Band |
| Sept. 24 | Rev. Dan Dennis, Lumina Worship |
| Oct. 1 | Spencer Rennels, Lumina Worship |
| Oct. 8 | TBD, His House Band |
| Oct. 15 | TBD, His House Band |
| Oct. 22 | Rev. Dan Dennis, Lumina Worship
Consecration Sunday |
| Oct. 29 | Combined worship service in the sanctuary. Rise Against Hunger meal packing activity. |



Sunday Sanctuary Musical Performances

(subject to change without notice)

Sanctuary Worship Services 9:00 am and 11:15 am

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| Sept. 3 | Celebration Winds, directed by Harold Edwards |
| Sept. 10 | Senior Choir, directed by Janet Tyson |
| Sept. 17 | Special Music coordinated by Rachel Rennels |
| Sept. 24 | Bells of Otterbein, directed by Tammy Ham |
| Oct. 1 | Celebration Winds, directed by Harold Edwards |
| Oct. 8 | Senior Choir, directed by Janet Tyson |
| Oct. 15 | Children's Choir & Youth Choir, directed by Rachel Rennels |
| Oct. 22 | Bells of Otterbein, directed by Tammy Ham |
| Oct. 29 | The Three Winds |

Missions Opportunities & Events

The Missions Committee invites you to take to look through our Calendar of Events. We count on your ongoing support and involvement with these endeavors to spread God's love and His message to the local, national and global communities that we serve. More than your funds, we need your presence and participation to be successful in our outreach. Please look at your schedule and see if you can't find time to be part of some, if not all, of these initiatives helping us to share and extend the love of our Otterbein family. Working together and with minimal effort, we can accomplish great things! Please plan to join us.

- **Apple Tree–South Middleton School Clothing Project– August – Sept. (4–5 wks.)**
Students and families in need are identified by the School District and we, as a congregation, buy and provide new school clothing, based on those needs. You are asked to take an Apple and return it along with the clothing item(s) and a gift receipt to the Church Office. *Please read the additional information provided in the weekly bulletin by Jody Heberlig– the Mission Committee Lead for this event.*
- **Rise Against Hunger– Oct. 29 – (1) Day Sunday Event; immediately after 9 am service**
With financial donations from the congregation, we purchase food supplies and then pack meals with the assistance of the Rise Against Hunger organization. These meals are then provided to School Students across the world. We traditionally have this event twice per year. We anticipate purchasing and packing 15,000 meals this Fall. It takes a little over an hour to pack the meals and upon completion followed by a little clean-up, all interested participants are invited to enjoy a Luncheon. *Please read the additional information provided by Kathy Singiser– the Mission Committee Lead for this event.*
- **Hats for the Homeless– Oct. (4 wks.)**
NEW hats, scarves and gloves are collected and disbursed to homeless families and individuals, as well as, those merely in need within the Carlisle Area. We accept both handmade and store bought items of all sizes. We traditionally supply these items to Carlisle Cares and the Salvation Army who distribute them. We will deliver items to these Agencies before the start of the cold weather.
- **Salvation Army– Personal Hygiene Collection– Oct. (4 wks.) & Dec. (4 wks.)**
A list of needed personal hygiene items are identified by the Salvation Army. These items are collected and disbursed by the Salvation Army to their clients who are in need. We can only accept NEW, unopened items. We anticipate having (2) separate collection periods, based on need.
- **Christmas Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army– (1) Saturday in November**
Otterbein UMC requests one 12–hr. period, on a Saturday, where we “Ring the Bell” at a local store. In recent years, we have been assigned to the Karn's Grocery Store in Boiling Springs. One hour time slots are offered and sign-up sheets are available 3 weeks prior to the event. *If there is interest, we can request additional days.*

Missions Opportunities & Events (continued)

- **Alternative Giving– Nov. – Dec. (5 wks.)**

The Missions Committee provides an opportunity for folks to reflect on their Christmas giving, and asks that rather than provide a physical or monetary gift to your loved ones and friends, you give a donation in honor of them. You are asked to look past the materialism of the holiday season and give a financial donation toward addressing the needs of others. Traditionally, two Charities or Service Organizations are selected to receive and utilize these donations. We will usually select one local and one global charity or organization. We will provide you with a Card that can be given, to identify your donation. Additionally, small hand-made Ornaments, which represent these donations, are provided to you as well, to help spread the message.

The Committee has not yet made its final selections for this year, but we will anticipate selecting either Church Sponsored or Faith-Based charities for this initiative. *If you have a special organization that you would like us to consider for this year, please provide it to member of the Missions Committee or the Church Office before the end of September.*

You are reminded to stay tuned for updates and additional information via the weekly bulletin and website. We will be finalizing dates for these upcoming endeavors and providing more specific information as it becomes available.

Mission Trips:

Participating in a Mission Trip takes you out of your normal life routine, immerses you in a different culture, puts you in a position where you need to engage with individuals and communities that have varied needs and experiences than your own and so much more. Such trips provide you with an opportunity to share yourself with others, give of your gifts and talents, utilize both your personal and professional skills and all while sharing the love of God with others. The Missions Committee is trying to explore and expand these opportunities with the Congregation at large. You are asked to prayerfully consider if you might be able to share yourself with others. Love shared is not divided but doubled.

At this point in time, we have (3) primary Mission Trips being organized for the Summer of 2018.

- **Red Bird Mission– Beverly, KY.–** We support this Mission through annual funding, donations of household items for their Thrift Store and in (2018) with a Team of Volunteers. The trip is tentatively scheduled for (1) week, in early June, 2018; *specific dates are being finalized.* We anticipate that this will be an Adult Mission trip for 10–20 individuals. Work opportunities are varied and there are several housing options.
Committee Lead– John Hackman

Missions Opportunities & Events (continued)

- **Tangier Island– Tangier, VA.**– This is a shared/co-sponsored trip, engaging (3) churches in the Carlisle Area– Carlisle Evangelical Free Church (CFEC), Otterbein UMC and St. John’s Episcopalian. In 2017, five Otterbein members participated, out of a total of (28) attending. The (2018) trip is tentatively scheduled for (1) week, in late June, 2018; *specific dates are being finalized*. We anticipate that this will be a blended Mission trip, with both Adults and Youth *for no more than 10* individuals. Work opportunities are varied. (Please note that there may also be a second mission opportunity available for the Fall, 2018).
Committee Lead– Mike Marra
- **Henry Fork Service Center–Rocky Mount, VA.** We support Lisa Nichols and the community work being done at the Center through annual funding. We have completed two mission trips to this facility within the past 5 years. The hope is that we can become actively engaged within the Community at large, to assist in providing much needed construction and rehabilitation services. The trip is tentatively scheduled for (1) week, in July, 2018; *specific dates are being finalized*. We anticipate that this will be an Adult Mission trip for 10–20 individuals. Work opportunities are varied and there are several housing options. **Committee Lead– Beth Helterbran**

We hope you consider becoming an active participant in these Mission endeavors and should you have suggestions regarding other Mission opportunities please share them with the Committee.

Missions Committee Members: Beth Helterbran– Chair, John Hackman, Jody Heberlig, Mike Marra, Harry Owens and Kathy Singiser. If you have a desire to join the Committee or would like to share your ideas and/or thoughts, please reach out to one of us or join us at our monthly meetings. Meetings are the THIRD Wednesday from 7–8 pm in the Library. The next Meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2017.

Red Bird Mission Trip by John & Melanie Hackman & Family

The Hackman family of 6 traveled to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky in June and here is some information about the trip! John drove the U–Haul (almost) full of donations from the church & community with the rest of us following behind and we arrived safely Sunday evening.

Our work week started Monday at the Red Bird Mission school to help the custodial staff in preparation for painting & other projects that would be taking place over the summer. We spent the day cleaning cove base, dusting & moving furniture so the floors could be buffed. Luke tried his hand at working the buffer & did such a good job that he was begged to come back next year.

We unloaded the U–Haul Tuesday morning at the Thrift Shop, the staff was blessed and very thankful for all that was donated. Wednesday is the day off for work camp & our opportunity to return the truck. Thanks to Chris Schaffer for your amazing gift of donating the truck!

Back to work Thursday at the school, lockers needed to be scrubbed inside & out. Friday was another day of scrubbing desks and stairs. There was a group coming that was going to be painting the stairwells.

We were so blessed to make new friends as well as be able to share our God given gifts & talents through our service.

Servant's Corner

- Outreach Task Force: We have delivered over 454 loaves of bread to our first-time visitors and over 91 Welcome Baskets to our new neighbors. Our Welcome Basket project has come to an end for now. Please contact the church office with any suggestions or to become part of this outreach ministry.
- Blood Donor Club #412, remember to give our number when donating. We have received 24 units towards our 2017 quota. When you donate, remember to give **our club number 412**. Did you know: Approximately 32,000 pints of blood are used each day in the US. Contact Wayne Schwartz (258-3987) with questions about donating.

Getting Involved

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Administrative Council – Nov. 19 at 1:30 pm
 Annual Church Conference – Nov. 19 at 1:30 pm
 Bright Beginnings Daycare Board – Nov. 20, 6:30 pm
 Christian Education Comm. – TBD
 Communications Comm. – TBD
 Contemporary Worship Comm. – TBD
 Finance Committee – Nov. 12 at 10:10 am
 Missions Committee – Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm
 Springville Cemetery Assoc. – TBD
 Staff Parish Relations Comm. – TBD
 Trustees – Sept. 27 at 7:00 pm
 United Methodist Women – Sept. 12 at 7:00 pm
 Worship Committee – Nov. 29 at 6:00 pm

Please note that all newsletter information is due in the church office by the 15th of the month. Newsletters are written bi-monthly.

Bible Studies

Our Tuesday morning Bible study will resume on Tuesday, September 5 at 9:15 am. If you have been thinking about joining us please come and enjoy our unity in desiring to learn more about the Word of God. We have a good time also enjoying the bond of fellow Christians in our journey. We are still enjoying the life of Paul and this last series is titled "Saul From Name Change to Rome and Glory". We meet in the Library. If you would like more information please contact Edna Brehm at 249-8299 or email at: samiam2108@gmail.com

Sunday School for All Ages

Sunday school for all ages meets on Sundays at 10:10 am. Classes for children and youth by age group and four different adult classes are available most every Sunday.

Soul Cafe

Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:05 am in the Gym.
Food donations are greatly appreciated.
 Volunteers are needed weekly to help set-up, refresh and clean-up the Soul Café area and kitchen. Please see Wendy Wickard to help.

For the Record

Membership: (Count is 570)

Welcome Josh Coolidge as a new member.

Our sympathies to the Robert Yerger and Mildred Cornman families.

Finance Committee Report

Thru July 2017 vs. Thru July 2016

<i>Church Income for 2017</i>	\$383,654
<i>Church Expenses for 2017</i>	\$389,559*
<i>Church Income for 2016</i>	\$424,568
<i>Church Expenses for 2016</i>	\$389,252*
Daycare Income for 2017	\$234,793
Daycare Expenses for 2017	\$209,981
Daycare Income for 2016	\$214,480
Daycare Expenses for 2016	\$136,497

*figures include mortgage principal payments and additional payments on mortgage debt.
Income includes Capital Campaign income

Mortgage balance as of 7/31/2017:

Building \$688,729.09

Memorial Donations Received for Robert

Yerger: Christopher & Lisa Lenz, Edward & Mary Bloser, Janet Donohoe, Margaret Douglas & family, Lee & Connie Calaman, Michael & Janet Davis, J.W. & R.F. Claar, Janet Eppley, Don & Jane Steinour, Alfred & Carol Adey, Matthew & Sherry Dobbie, John Whisler, Steven & Donna Stewart, South Mountain Elementary School PTO.

Music On The Lawn: On September 9th, Otterbein will be hosting our second annual outdoor evening of worship, creative arts, and speaking on the softball field behind the gym. The event will run from 7-9 pm, and is open to everyone in our community. The evening will include worship and creative arts from 5 area youth groups, including our own, and will take place in the gym if the weather doesn't allow us to be outside. Everything is free (including food!), and there will be an opportunity to donate to a local charity. Bring a lawn chair and come be led by the youth of our community as we worship God together! In case of rain, we will be using the gym.

Attendance for July

	9:00 Sanctuary	9:00 Gymnasium	11:15 Sanctuary	Sunday School
July 2	155	89	0	36
July 9	127	82	0	63
July 16	230	92	0	59
July 23	149	71	0	53
July 30	164	61	0	38

NO 11:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE IN JULY

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Sept/Oct 2017

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Most Fridays, 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 for all ages 10:10 a.m.