

# OTTERBEIN MESSENGER

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF  
OTTERBEIN COUNTRY CHURCH



## PASTOR'S UPDATE

I'm thrilled by the response people have had to praying at 4:44 pm. I know several people are praying every day. That may seem like a lot. If you would like to pray one day a week, how about Thursday. It doesn't have to be complicated or fancy just a super simple prayer for the church.

I also wanted to let you all know that your Church Board has been hard at work and the 2024 Church Policies and Procedures including a budget have been approved. A copy will be available in the office or if you would like a digital copy it can be emailed to you.

I am excited to see what ministry, outreach and missions we can get done this 2024!!

Blessings,  
Lee

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeanie Brown  
Maymie Cason  
Larry Echols  
Taylor Gilson  
Rohn Hall  
Karen Keene and Family  
Marti Marshall  
Dennis Oakley  
Betty Rigsbee  
David Clark  
Shawna Foreman  
Taylor Hardison  
Maddox  
Annetta Potter  
Gayle Thomas Family  
Woods Family  
Sally Creason  
Billie Herring  
Olivia Koehing  
Rosemary Millikan  
Brittney Blevins  
Payton Stanley  
Bill and Rita Simms  
Arnel Brown  
Doris Bogle  
The Country of Israel  
Mass Shooting Victims  
Travel Mercies

## PRAYER GROUP STARTING JANUARY 11

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

**We will be starting a prayer group Thursday, January 11th. It will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

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OUR WEBSITE:  
**OTTERBEINCOUNTRYCHURCH.ORG**

- You can find a PDF copy of this newsletter under the section: About - Newsletter.
- You can listen to sermon's under the section: listen.
- You can find resources for studying the Bible under the section: How to - study the Bible.

## CHURCH BOARD

An Update from the Church Board by Dee Anne Grapevine, Church Board Secretary

**Our board meets quarterly, we report on any repairs that need to be done in the church or parsonage, discuss the finances of the church, and any needs that may arise.**

**During our meeting on November 5, 2023 financials were presented. Our church is doing well financially and budgets for 2024 were approved. We discussed the flyer/quote that was left on the church from Caton Asphalt. We decided to do some research and entertain bids. We also discussed we need to do some painting here and there on the church building.**

**We discussed how pleased we are with our Pastor Lee and the dedication she gives to our church. Lee has been a part time pastor for the past couple of years. Well, for 2024 she is going to be able to give us 3/4 time and is planning to be at the church doing whatever is needed one day a week. Yay! That being said we voted to increase her pay.**

**There was some discussion about the big sign on highway 28. It was decided that it just needed to be painted over. It was painted November 8.**

**We also went over policies and procedures for the church for 2024 and agreed to try and have special music more often.**

**After some research we had a short meeting to discuss the parking lot. It has been 2 years since we had it sealed. The discussion was that if we maintain the parking lot it will last much longer. Caton warranties his work for 5 years. So, the board decided to contract with Caton to do crack fill, patch the holes, sealcoat and line striping.**

**Our board meetings are open and all are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2024 at 2 p.m.**

# NEW

Written by Pastor Lee

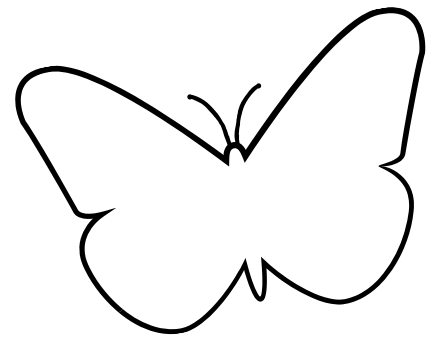
**2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"**

We made it. We did it. 2024 is here, can you believe it! Time moves onward and we try so hard to keep up. Didn't I just get all of my decorations up, now I have to take them all down... What will tomorrow bring. Nobody knows but God. The old is gone and the new is here before you even realize it. In an instant your whole world can change. Babies are born and people die. Divine Coincidences and horrible accidents.

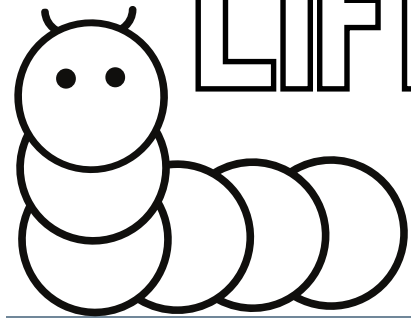
Sometimes it comes from the most unexpected places. Sometimes it comes at the most inconvenient time. Change can be so hard, yet change can also be exciting, exhilarating, and wonderful.

It's a new year and I pray that through the good changes and the not so good changes you remember who you are in Christ. You are made new in Him - the old is gone and the new is here. You are reborn and made new in Him, Your Heavenly Father.

So, open your eyes and look at the World from a new perspective. Let Him change how you see the World and move forward this year in His amazing love.



**JESUS  
GIVES  
NEW  
LIFE**



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# LENT 2024

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																
18	What does Lent mean to you?	19	Fast from screens	20	Pray for the poor	21	Put back a dollar for every Bible you have	22	Write 10 things you are grateful for and carry it with you this lent	23	Put back a nickel for every pair of shoes you have	24	Put back a dime for every screen you have	25	Pray for those struggling with addiction	26	Pray for those who have died	27	Pray for every canned good you have	28	Pray for those who have had a lonely year	29	Pray for the sick	30	Fast from gossip	31	Pray for those in power	1	Pray for those who have been ill	2	Pray for those who have been ill	3	Pray for those who have been ill	4	Pray for those who have been ill	5	Pray for those who have been ill	6	Pray for those who have been ill	7	Pray for those who have been ill	8	Pray for those who have been ill	9	Pray for those who have been ill	10	Pray for those who have been ill	11	Pray for those who have been ill	12	Pray for those who have been ill	13	Pray for those who have been ill	14	Pray for those who have been ill	15	Pray for those who have been ill	16	Pray for those who have been ill	17	Pray for those who have been ill	18	Pray for those who have been ill	19	Pray for those who have been ill	20	Pray for those who have been ill	21	Pray for those who have been ill	22	Pray for those who have been ill	23	Pray for those who have been ill	24	Pray for those who have been ill	25	Pray for those who have been ill	26	Pray for those who have been ill	27	Pray for those who have been ill	28	Pray for those who have been ill	29	Pray for those who have been ill	30	Pray for those who have been ill	31	Pray for those who have been ill
10	What could you add to your grateful list?	11	Pray for the children and youth in your life	12	Fast from social media	13	Put back a nickel for every pair of shoes you have	14	Pray for those in power	15	Fast from news	16	Donate to a food bank	17	When has God answered your prayers?	18	Fast from breakfast and/or lunch	19	Pray for forgiveness	20	Put back a penny for every canned good you have	21	Fast from spending money	22	Pray for Otterbein Church and Pastor Lee	23	Check on someone who's been ill	24	Passion Sunday	25	Ask God, "How can you use me today?"	26	Get up early and spend 15 minutes in quiet prayer	27	Donate your collected change to charity or put it in the offering plate	28	Holy Thursday	29	Good Friday	30	Holy Saturday																																																
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## BIRTHDAYS:

January -

2nd Pat Mahoney

February -

14th Diana Bruce

24th Tina Harper

March -

12th Steve Harp

22nd Jo Frazier

22nd Brooke Smith

26th Dee Anne Grapevine

## LOADED CAULIFLOWER CASSEROLE

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 lbs cauliflower florets, cut to bite sized pieces
- 8 oz. cream cheese softned
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 cup cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cup mexican shredded cheese
- 8 slices bacon, crispy cooked and chopped
- garlic powder, onion powder, salt and pepper to taste

### DIRECTIONS:

Steam the cauliflower until fork tender; approximately 10 minutes. Drain well in a colander. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Grease a 9x13 baking dish. In a large bowl, combine the cream cheese, sour cream, chesses, and seasoning. Mix until creamy and smooth. Gently stir in cauliflower, and 3/4 of the bacon. Spoon into the casserole dish and top with the remaining bacon. Bake uncovered for 20-25 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

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## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

An Update from the Women's Group

### **Thank you for your support.**

In October we donated 5 boxes to Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. Those Christmas boxes went to children in desperate need of not just Christmas presents but the basic necessities of life. We collected 13 pies and lots of cookies for the community Thanksgiving. We made 6 Christmas baskets for shut-ins and shopped for 3 boys and 3 girls from the Blue House Angel Tree. And we bought food for baskets for 16 elderly for the city of Langley. None of this is possible without your hard work and generosity. So, a great big Thank You!!

### **Our Upcoming Mission Projects include:**

January - Invite the Gideons to speak and pass out Bibles to those in need.

February - Support Blue Star Mothers. There is a chapter in Pryor.

March - Knit and making a donation to World Vision: Knit for Kids. Easter bags for the kids.

Ongoing Special Project - Playground Equipment for the kids.

**If you would like to make a donation to this or any other special project, please see Nancy Smith or designate your donation in the offering plate.**

# SAVE THE DATE:

## January

- 11th Prayer Group starts at 4:00
- 20th Dinner Night Out
- 21st Church Board Mtg at 2
- 23rd at noon Women's Group
- 28th After Church Dinner

## February

- 14th at 6:00 Ash Wednesday
- 17th Dinner Night Out
- 20th at noon Women's Group
- 25th After Church Dinner

## March

- 16th Dinner Night Out
- 24th Passion Story Sunday
- 26th at noon Women's Group
- 31st After Church Dinner falls on Easter Sunday


  
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### January

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