

HOMECOMING 2024



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OTTERBEIN COUNTRY CHURCH

116 YEARS CELEBRATION 1908-2024

How We Began

What is now Otterbein Country Church began as a church of The United Brethren in Christ. In August 1908, it was organized following a five-week revival held in a brush arbor on Miss Rachel Rogers' place near her big two-story home and "spring." The Reverend Virgil Megill was the preacher and continued as pastor for two years.

The arbor was used for preaching, teaching and fellowship. Even as the cold weather settled in, winter was no match for hearing God's word and feeling Christian love.

Thought to be Charter Members were: Mr. William Millikan and his wife, Jane; Mr. E.F. Harp and his wife, Maggie and their son, Carroll Harp; Cora Devers; Mr. A.L. Green and his wife; Oral, Elma, and Annie Bruce Millikan, plus others whose names were lost in a fire that destroyed the church records in 1920.

Services were held in a log house until 1910 when the Military School house was built, and worship services were moved there.

On November 16, 1946, the church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church united in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to become the Evangelical Brethren Church and the name of the church was changed to Otterbein United Brethren Church.

In May of 1952, the school at Military was closed due to low enrollment. The church, then pastored by W. Eugene Kay, started immediately to purchase the school property where they had worshiped since the school was built in 1910. The property consisted of the school building and two acres of land which were purchased from the school district for \$400.

The building was completely refurbished, and the Chancel area was added. The fellowship hall, kitchen and rest rooms were added later. Pews and furniture were acquired from Barr Church near Enid, Oklahoma, after they had merged with the church in Drummond. The project was completed in time for the Easter Service on April 18, 1954.

In April 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church joined to become the United Methodist Church and the name of the church was changed to Otterbein United Methodist Church.

Rev. W. Eugene Kay returned in 1985 and served for the next 20 years. Him and his wife spent nine years raising funds for the current Sanctuary which broke ground in April 1994. It was built with much donated labor and generous contributions. The building was completed "debt free" and the opening worship service held on December 11, 1994.

Open House to the community was held February 5, 1995. The sanctuary was formally dedicated on June 4, 1995 by Bishop Dan Solomon, assisted by retiring District Superintendent, John Welch, and the Rev. W. Eugene Kay.

The building and paving of the parking lot were furnished with a cash outlay of \$88,021. It was also dedicated "debt free".

The building committee consisted of: Rev. W. Eugene Kay; chairman, H.R. Harper; secretary/treasurer, Wilma Sloan; Tom Carroll, Woodrow Walker, Robert Jones, Dwight Millikan, Raymond Bymaster, Bill Beisley and Betty Brown.

Volunteer workers coordinated by H.R. Harper included: Dwight Millikan, architectural; Gary Carroll, termite treatment; Tom Carroll furnished the winch truck; Jerry Jones furnished the black top for the parking lot; David Harrison provided the asphalt laying equipment; Jerry Bogle hauled the insulation and material; and Roy Gene Bogle hauled the rock and gravel; Other volunteers were: Woodrow Walker, Bob Johnston, Raymond Bymaster, and Gene Kay.

The old Military School building was re-fitted for a Fellowship Hall and Sunday School.

In 2004 a new Parsonage was built under the direction of Rev. W. Eugene Kay.

In ... a new Fellowship Hall was built and dedicated to the late Bill Sloan, a local boy, from Big Cabin, Ok., who was involved with the construction of the new Fellowship Hall, in every way.

In May 2023, the church voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and became Otterbein Country Church. We are now a non-denominational Christian Church.

How Things are Going

We have new t-shirts.

We have a new website: otterbeincountrychurch.org.

We've joined the South Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce.

We've got our alarms set for every day at 4:44 pm to pray for the church.

Every Third Thursday of the month we are gathering for food, fellowship and fun.

We've restarted a newsletter which is being distributed quarterly, The Otterbein Messenger.

We've got a wonderful group of musicians keeping us praising every Sunday, Roger Goode, Pat Campbell, Micki Mulcare, Carrie Ann Rose and Jerome Campbell.

Building Updates

We've installed a new security system.

We've put in a fence and playset for the kids.

Dale Rider's family graciously donated money in honor of Shirley Rider for screens in the Sanctuary.

We are working on updating our sound system. Once the sound is update, we plan to start recording the sermons and posting them on the website.

Missions and Outreach

On top of making a regular monthly donation to the Blue House, we've donated 5 boxes to Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child. We collected 13 pies and cookies for the community Thanksgiving. We made 6 Christmas Baskets for shut ins. We shopped for 3 boys and 3 girls for the Blue House Angel Tree. We bought food for baskets for 16 elderly in the city of Langley.

We donated to the Mayes County Blue Star Mothers. We donated socks and underwear to the Day Center in Vinita. We donated 52 items to the World Visions Knits for Kids. We made 200 snack bags for the City of Langley Back to School Bash. We donated to the 2024 Oklahoma Honor Flights. We donated to the New Lifehouse Academy in Disney. This is a boarding school for troubled girls.

We've started a birthday blessing box program in coordination with the City of Langley Public Library where we provide a 9x13 foil pan with all the supplies someone needs to make a birthday cake. No child should be without a birthday cake.

Pastors Who Have Served

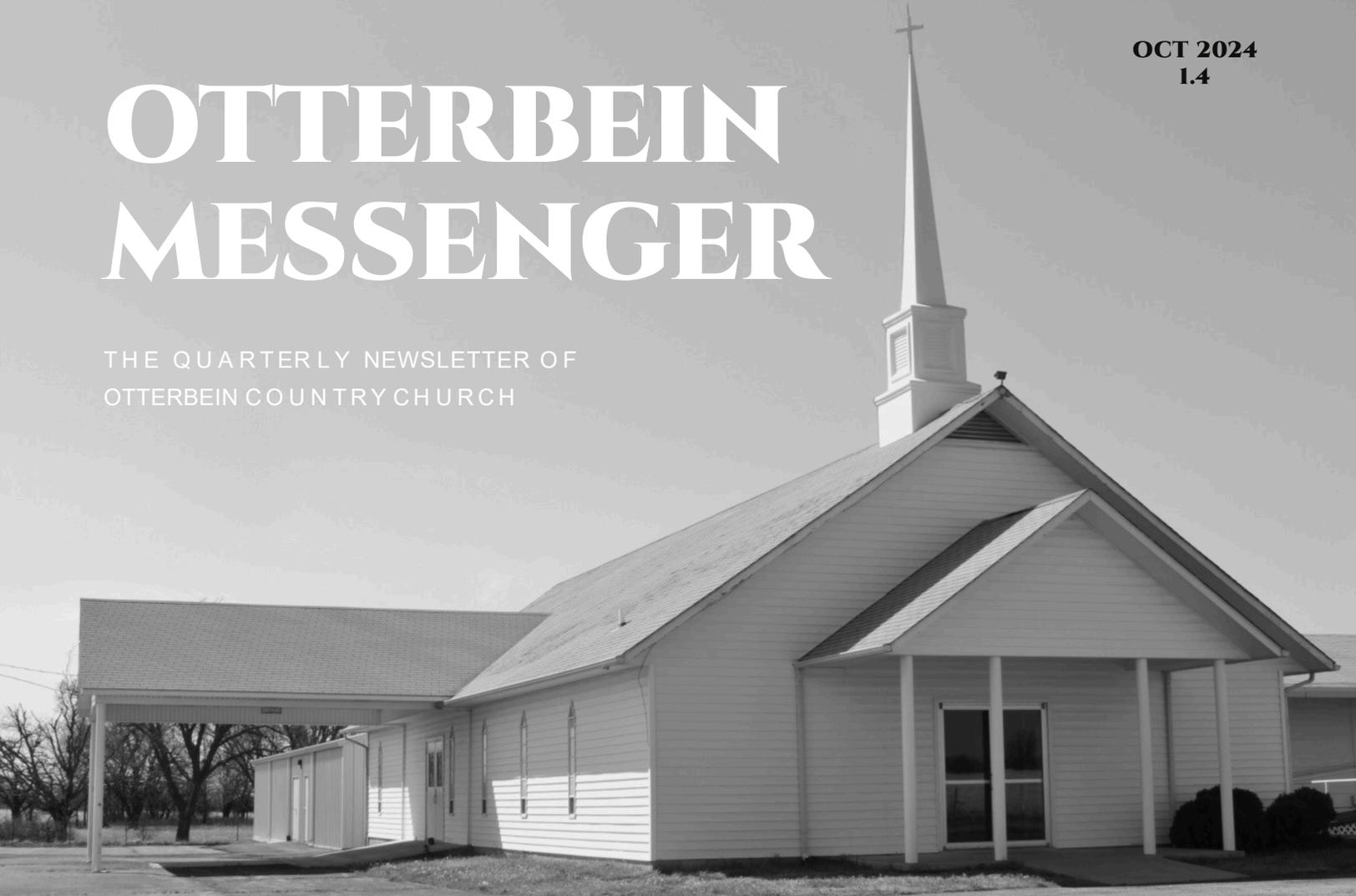
The Otterbein Church has been served by 28 ministers during its 116-year history.

Virgil Megill	1908-1910	O.G. Huling	1910-1911
J.A. Sanders	1911-1912	W.H. Proct	1913-1918
C.D. Phend	1918-1920	T.A. Tripp	1920-1921
Jacob Tyson	1924-1927	J.F. Wick	1927-1929
J.A. Moore	1930-1931	Thomas McDonald	1931-1932
W.B. Gilliland	1932-1938	Marvin Monroe	1938-1939
Roderick Gray	1939-1940	Roy E. Trent	1940-1951
W. Eugene Kay	1951-1954	Milton Miller	1954-1955
C.F. Williamson	1955-1958	John A. Hogan	1958-1960
Orville Palmer	1960-1962	Wesley White	1962-1968
Howard Young	1968-1978	Jack Nester	1978-1985
W. Eugene Kay	1985-2004	James Bradford	2004-2015
Benjamin Pascoe	2015-2017	Donald Baker	2017-2019
John Lee	2019	Lee Mitchell	2019-present



OTTERBEIN MESSENGER

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF
OTTERBEIN COUNTRY CHURCH



200 BACK TO SCHOOL BAGS

Thanksto your overwhelming
generosity, we were able to reach our
goal of 200 Back to School Snack
Bags!!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Caleb Benner
Jeanie Brown Family
David Clark
Vicki Deffenbaugh
Jo Frazier
Kelly Greene Family
Scott Harris
Bertha Boils
Mike Callaham
Helen Clark
Larry Echols
Taylor Gilson
Taylor Hardison
Becky Harrison
Betty Brown
Alice Carroll
Sally Creason
Shawna Foreman
Jeanie Gray
Taylor Hopper
Dale Keene and Family
Rosemary Millikan
Bill & Rita Simms
Rickey Smith-Bell
Woods Children
Olivia Koehing
Dale Rider
Mike Smiley
Bill Whiteside
Brittney Blevins
Payton Stanley
Arnel Brown
Doris Bogle
Our Great Country
Residents of Burroughs Manor
Bethel Community Church
The Country of Israel



BEAN BUCKET FOR THE BLUE HOUSE

Each month we donate financially to the Blue House but they are also in need of the following items:

Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Plastic Sacks

The Blue House needs dry pinto beans. We have placed a bucket at the back of the sanctuary as a continuous monthly special donation for beans that will be bought at the end of every month for the blue house.

CHURCH BOARD

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

The Administrative Committee would like to keep you informed.

At the July meeting the financials were presented. The balance at the end of June for the checking and saving was \$52,000 plus. The balance ending August we are up about \$1,000, with the regular bills and our yearly Wi-Fi internet paid. So, we are still doing good!

In our last meeting we focused on some maintenance to the church and parsonage. The lights on the portico have been repaired or replaced to working order. If you are at the church at night now the lights will automatically be on, on the portico. Pat Mahoney cleaned out the gutters at the parsonage. David Smith was going to do some tile and trim re-gluing in the fellowship hall.

If you have an expertise in something that might help keep our little church looking good, let us know. We are open for input and help.

We still need to finish putting the playground equipment together. It had been too hot too early in the mornings to get it all done. Now that it is cooling of some, hopefully it will get done soon.

We also discussed sponsoring a missionary. So, look forward for a presentation about that coming soon.

Pastor Lee is checking into the local chamber for our church to join.

The sound system equipment is on back order.

Our next meeting will be November 3rd. Anyone is welcome to attend.

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Home for the Holidays

My family and I are looking forward to spending this Holiday season with our Otterbein Church Family, our second home. I can hardly believe it's time for the Holidays. I know that the next few months are going to be a bit overwhelming and extremely busy. But despite the overwhelming busyness we are blessed.

We are blessed to have a church home.

We are blessed to have a Savior.

I challenge you this Holiday Season to go to sleep counting your blessings, remembering why we have these holidays and celebrations in the first place.

Let us remember all those we've lost.

Let us be grateful for all the blessings we have.

Let us celebrate the birth of our Savior. For even though I cannot see Him or touch Him. I believe and rejoice in Him. He has filled my life with great joy, and I pray that He will fill yours too.

And may God be with you, until we meet again!

GRIEF SHARE MOVED TO SPRING 2025



"Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:8-9

**THANK YOU TINA AND
DAVID FOR FINISHING THE
PLAYSET**

**DALE RIDER'S NEW ADDRESS:
10802 E. 81ST ST. APT #217
TULSA, OK 74133
LET'S SEND HIM SOME CARDS!!**

3RD THURSDAY

On the third Thursday of each month, we will be having dinner at the church followed by an activity from 5:30-7:00. Each month will be something different. If you have a suggestion, please, let Lee know.

Oct 17th - Sing at the Park

November 21st - Bingo

December 19th - Christmas
Carols



**PASTOR LEE MITCHELL
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13TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

AND BAKE SALE

Homemade Breads, Cakes, Pies, Cookies & Muffins
Jellys, Jams, Pickles, Relishes, & Candies

Beautiful one of a kind Hand Crafted Items

SATURDAY OCT 12TH

8 am to 4 pm



OTTERBEIN
EST 1908 COUNTRY
CHURCH



LOCATED IN LANGLEY

on the northeast corner of 360 Road and 4440 Road
2 miles west of Highway 82 on 360 Road
or 1 1/2 mile off Highway 28 on 4440 Road

We're serving chicken and noodles for lunch.

BIRTHDAYS:

October-

1st Gayle Thomas
8th Dennis Oakley
9th Ashley Beisley
10th Bill Simms
10th Marvin Beisley
10th Emma Wolf
19th Don Baker
25th Louise Mitchell
31st Joe Weaver

November-

15th Rosemary Millikan
19th Carrie Anne Rose

December-

3rd Sammy Mitchell
5th Nancy Smith
9th Micki Mulcare
14th Jerome Campbell
15th Willard Beisley
25th David Harper
29th Brenda Beisley

SAUSAGE EGG CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 Eggs
- 1/2 cup Butter, melted
- 1/2 cup Flour
- 1 teaspoon Baking Powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt & Pepper
- 16 oz Cottage Cheese
- 16 oz Monterey Jack Cheese
- 10 oz Spinach
- 8 oz sliced Mushrooms
- 1 lb. Sausage

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. In a large skillet brown sausage add spinach and mushrooms sauté well. Let cool. Whisk eggs in a large bowl, add all other ingredients, including meat mixture, mix well. Pour mixture into prepared baking dish.

Bake in the preheated oven until eggs are set and a knife inserted into the center comes out clean, about 40 minutes.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

An Update from the Women's Group

Thank you for your support.

Because of your overwhelming generosity we were able to reach our goal and made 200 bags for the Back 2 School Bash. The leftover bags went to the Blue House to be passed out to families in need.

We've started the Bean Bucket at the back of the sanctuary for the Blue House. All proceeds each month will be used to purchase dry pinto beans (a needed item that the food bank can't provide).

We donated to the 2024 Oklahoma Honor Flights. These are flights for veterans to see their memorials. We also donated to the New Lifehouse Academy in Disney. This is a boarding school for troubled girls.

Our Upcoming Projects include:

Oct-Annual Craft Show and Bake Sale on Oct 12th from 8-4. Can you believe it's #13!!

Nov-South Grand Lake Christian Church Thanksgiving Meal and food for the City of Langley Food Baskets

Dec-Angel Tree and Christmas Blessing Baskets for shut-ins

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:

October

- 12th - 13th Annual Craft Show and Bake Sale from 8-4
- 17th - 3rd Thursday 5:30 Dinner and Sing at the Park
- 24th - at noon Women's Group
- 27th - After Church Fellowship Dinner

November

- 3rd - All Saints Memorial Sunday
- 3rd - Board Meeting after Church
- 21st - at noon Women's Group
- 21st - 3rd Thursday 5:30 Dinner and Bingo
- 24th - After Church Fellowship Dinner

December

- 1st - is the 1st Sunday of Advent
- 19th - at noon Women's Group
- 19th - 3rd Thursday 5:30 Dinner and Carols
- 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4 pm
- 29th - After Church Fellowship Dinner and New Year Celebration



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OCTOBER

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DECEMBER

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ADVENT CALENDAR



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

1

Jesus
Matthew 1:25

2

Good
Shepherd
John 10:11

3

Bright &
Morning Star
Rev 22:16

4

Lamb of God
Isaiah 53:7

5

Creator of
All Things
Col 1:16

6

Finisher of
Our Faith
Hebrews 12:2

7

God of Israel
Jeremiah
29:4

8

Jehovah
Exodus 6:3

9

King of Kings
Rev 19:16

10

Resurrection
and the Life
John 11:25

11

Almighty God
Genesis 17:1

12

Hope of Israel
Jeremiah
17:13

13

Alpha &
Omega
Rev 1:8

14

Emmanuel
Matthew 1:23

15

Wonderful
Counselor
Isaiah 9:6

16

Deliverer
Romans 11:26

17

Light of
the World
John 8:12

18

High Priest of
Good Things
to Come
Hebrews 9:11

19

Only Begotten
of the Father
John 1:14

20

Redeemer
Isaiah 49:26

21

Messiah
Daniel 9:25

22

Rock
2 Samuel 22:2

23

Prince
of Peace
Hebrews 9:11

24

Savior
Luke 2:11

