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# OTTERBEIN MESSENGER

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBEIN COUNTRY CHURCH

# SEPT 29TH **Homecoming** Celebrating 116 years

We will be having a celebration worship service and dinner on Sunday, September 29th to celebrate 116 years.

This will be a time to reach out and invite people to come to church and celebrate with us. We want to show off all the changes of the last year and look forward to the future.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Stacy Rose Baker-Donaldson Maddison Beasley-Barnes Family Jeanie **B**rown Shawna Foreman Rohn Hall Taylor Hopper Olivia Koehing Randy Mahurin Morals Family Betty Rigsbee Family Bill Whiteside The Country of Israel Yvonne Bishop David Clark Taylor Gibson Taylor Hardison Edna Hutchison Sean Mahoney Jessica Miller and Family Dennis Oakley Wes Sufficool Family **Ronnie Woods** Caleb Benner Sally Creason Billie Herring Karen Keene and Family Rosemary Millikan Debbie Thompson Brittney Blevins Payton Stanley Bill and Rita Simms Arnel Brown Doris Bogle

### **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 offers clothing, food and utility assistance from 9:30-11:30 Tuesday and Friday.

### **PLAYGROUND UPDATE**

We got started putting together the playground equipment but will have to schedule another workday. Thank you Dee Anne, Terry, David, Tina, David and Zac for getting started.

Thank you Joe, Belinda, David and Tina for putting up the fence!

Thank you, women's group, for purchasing the playground equipment!

# CHURCH BOARD

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

Otterbein is holding its own!

At the April 28th meeting the financials were presented and we are down just a little, but as Nancy stated we are doing pretty good. With all the bills including quarterly insurance being paid. As of June 30th, we still have a good bank balance between the checking and savings adds up to \$52,201.

We had a special meeting on June 16th to discuss the sound system. Zac had the sound system evaluated. There are some issues with the sound system. The committee voted to replace some of the equipment. Zac is able to get a really good deal on the equipment. That being said, our balance will be affected for the next quarter.

Thanks to the women's group for paying for the fence and playground equipment. This helps the church maintain a good balance in the bank. We will be working to get the playground put together, hopefully this month.

As you know we had the Gideons here in May and we will be having The Echoes on July 14th.

The socks and underwear have been delivered to the day center in Vinita. Also, the knitted items have been mailed out.

Our board meetings are open and all are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 28th after the church potluck.

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you!!

I know that there have been a lot of changes over the last year and that there are more changes to come. I want to thank you all for your support as continue moving forward as Otterbein Country Church.

We've spent a lot of time looking at the history in the books of 1 and 2 Samuel. So much has changed yet nothing has changed. Wars continue. People fighting for power. Pain and suffering can be found everywhere. Yet such trust.

Hannah trusted God and ended up having 6 children. Samuel trusted God and became a prophet. David trusted God and slew a Giant.

We need to trust God with the future of our church. As I continue to pray at 4:44 each day for our little church I give it to God a little bit more each time, trusting Him to take care of us all. I hope that you do as well.

May God provide and show us the way!!

It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. 2 Samuel 22:33

# GRIEF SHARE

We will be starting Grief Share back again Thursday, August 22nd from 5:30-7:00.

On 3rd Thursday nights if we have a group for grief share they can meet in the Sanctuary or postpone for that Thursday.

Please, let Lee know if there is anyone interested in joining.

### DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE OTTERBEINCOUNTRYCHURCH.ORG

# **3RD THURSDAY** STARTS THIS JULY

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

July 18th - Trivia Night

August 15th - Movie Night

September 19th - Campfire Sing Song

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# NEW BIRTHDAY BOX PROGRAM

We will be starting a birthday box program in coordination with the City of Langley Public Library. These boxes will contain a can of soda, a box cake mix, frosting, a 9x13 foil cake pan, candles and a card.

These Birthday Boxes will be monitored by the Librarian and passed out to families in need. Every child deserves a birthday cake!



# LANGLEY BACK TO SCHOOL BASH AUGUST 8TH FROM 5-8 PM AT THE CITY PARK

We will be passing out snack bags again this year. Last year we passed out 100 bags and ran out. So, this year our goal is to fill **200 bags**. Examples of things to bring, granola bars, gummies, chips, goldfish, etc... Please no chocolate, it melts. Monatary Donations are always welcome.



Please have all snacks and monetary donation at the church by Sunday, July 21st. We will be stuffing bags at the July 25th Women's Group Meeting.

### July - BIRTHDAYS:

8th Brendan Smith 11th Patty Detherow 12th Mary Oakley 17th Jeanie Brown 18th Dale Rider 22nd Roger Goode 22nd Terry Grapevine 23rd Becky Harrison 31st Brenda Fink

#### August -

8th Alice Carroll 16th Whitney Beisley 18th Bob Pippin 18th John Buckallew 21st Lindsay Smith 30th Shelly Lindsey

September -7th Sharon Harp 11th Rita Simms 20th Chance Smith 23rd Furan Jackson 24th Dale Keene 27th Zac Mitchell

### CHILI COLORADO BURRITOS

#### Ingredients:

- 11/2 to 2 pounds of stew meat or other beef cubed
- 1 large (19 oz) can of mild enchilada sauce
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1/2 can refried beans (optional)
- 5-7 burrito size flour tortillas
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

#### DIRECTIONS:

Put beef, bouillon, and enchilada sauce into a crock pot and cook on low for 7-8 hours, or until meat is very tender. (Can also cook on high for 3-4 hours.)

When beef is done, taste and add salt as desired. Heat up refried beans in the microwave and put your oven on broil. Next, build your burritos using about 1/2 cup of meat and a spoonful of beans. Place the burritos in a 9x13. Pour some of the remaining sauce on top and sprinkle with cheese. Broil until cheese is bubbly, about 2-4 minutes.

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

An Update from the Women's Group

#### Thank you for your support.

We made a donation of socks and underwear to the Day Center in Vinita. The day center helps create a safe environment for residential care adults with mental handicaps on a limited income. We made over \$2,300 at the Summer Bake Sale and Craft Show. All proceeds went toward the playground equipment and fence. We donated 52 items to World Visions Knit for Kids. These mittens, hats, blankets and other crocheted and knitted goods go to kids in need around the world.

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

July - We will be preparing for the Back 2 School Bash on August 8 from 5-8 pm. our goal this year is to pass out 200 bags.

August - We will be preparing for the Homecoming Celebration on September 29th to celebrate 116 years.

September - We will be preparing for our 13th Annual Bake Sale and Craft Show.

# 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:

#### July

- 14th Echos at Church
- 18th 3rd Thursday
  5:30 Dinner and
  Trivia
- 21st Back 2 School donations are due
- 25th at noon
  Women's Group
- 28th After Church Potluck Dinner and Board Meeting

#### August

- 8th Back 2 School at the park 5-8
- 15th 3rd Thursday
  5:30 Dinner and
  Movie
- 22nd at noon
  Women's Group
- 22nd Grief Share
- 25th After Church Potluck Dinner

#### September

- 19th 3rd Thursday
  5:30 Dinner and
  Campfire Sing Song
- 26th at noon
  Women's Group
- 29th -Homecoming Celebration and Potluck - 116 years





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