

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

Pastor's Message by Rev. Bruce Fensterbush

Soon the season of Advent will be upon us. During Advent, we find ourselves remembering the ancient prophecies that predicted the coming of the Messiah. This is the season of expectant waiting and preparation, a time when we remember the First Coming of Jesus Christ and look forward with anticipation to the Second. Advent is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater, something God-given and wonderful.

The world around us treats this time of year as a time to hurry and get ready for Christmas. Each year, it seems, the stores and malls begin playing Christmas music and setting up their Christmas displays earlier than ever. Then there is the pressure we put on ourselves to have the perfect holiday celebration. There are presents to buy, decorations to put in place, gatherings to attend, travel to be scheduled and errands to run. There is so much to do and time is running out. Hurry up...get busy...Christmas is almost here!

As Christians, however, we are called to stand up in the face of the busyness of this season – the shopping, parties, cooking, traveling and decorating – and to say, “slow down, be still and be quiet.” We are to be watching and waiting and listening for the God who is always coming to us. For the Christian, Advent is to be a time for reflection and preparation. It is a season when we prepare our hearts, once again, to receive the King.

This is hard work, to be sure, especially during one of the busiest times of the year. But that’s probably why it is even more important that we attend to this matter of slowing down and waiting and watching. Silence is the key. Silence is a way of waiting, a way of watching, and a way of listening to what is going on within and around us.

Jesus certainly knew the benefit of silence and solitude. Many times we read in the Gospels of instances where Jesus, “went away by himself to pray.” The busyness of ministry was always tugging at Jesus’ time and attention. For this reason, he often separated himself from the crowds and all distractions and spent time alone with his Heavenly Father. His regular practice of silence and solitude, waiting and watching renewed him and strengthened him for the times of busyness he had to endure.

I wonder what we could discover if, this Advent, we followed the practice of our Lord and took five minutes, ten minutes, thirty minutes each day to just sit in silence and stillness waiting and watching? What joys would God reveal to us? What words would He speak to our hearts?

I pray that this Advent season would be a blessing for you and those you love and that you would find time to be alone with God. I also pray that the hope, joy, peace and love that is Christmas would abide in your home now and always.

From our family to yours...Merry Christmas!

Pastor Bruce

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. Classes meet from 10:10 to 11:00 every Sunday morning.

Church-Wide Study Advent 2018

No other time of the year captures our imagination like Christmas: God coming into the world on a dark winter's night; a baby's cry that would change the course of human history; the heavens bursting into song; the certain hope that God will have the last word over our brokenness. This season fills our hearts with the wonder that anything is possible.

We are offering a church-wide study this Advent, the season that leads up to Christmas, as a way of preparing our hearts to receive the Christ child. The study is called *The Wonder of Christmas* and it will be offered on Sunday morning and at three other times throughout the week. Sign up today to go on a journey with your friends at Otterbein that will end at the manger of our Lord on Christmas Eve. There is no cost but we do need you to sign up ahead of time to participate. Sign up on one of the sheets on the Library Windows:

Wednesdays Evening at 7:00 PM (Beginning November 28th)

Singiser Home Leader: Kathy Singiser

Thursday Afternoons at 1:00 PM (beginning November 29th)

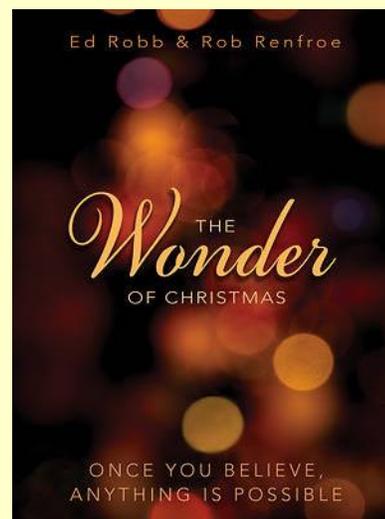
Otterbein Church Leader: Pastor Bruce Room 8

Thursday Evenings at 7:00 PM (Beginning November 29th)

Fincher Home Leader: Dave Fincher

Sunday Mornings at 10:10 AM: (Beginning December 2nd)

B.A.S.I.C. Class Leader: Harry Owens Room 8
L.I.F.E. Class Leader: Heather Housel Room 12/13



Loyal Bible Adult Class(Room 9/10)

Format of class: *Lecture*

Leader: *Rotating Leaders – See Wayne Schwartz 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 fall quarter is concentrated on the theme God's World and God's People in the Old Testament and study Scripture passages from Genesis.

Children's Activities by Connie Vail

Children's Church

Thanks to all the Children's church volunteers who have signed up to help this year. There are a few openings at the end of November and December for help with Bible stories and activities from 9:30 to 10:00 am.

Children's Choir

The new time for practice is 10:00 am to 10:15 am in the choir room. The children usually perform the third Sunday of each month during the 9 am service in the sanctuary and in the gathering. They will also sing at the 6:30 pm Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Eve Pageant

All children are invited to participate in the 6:30 pm Christmas Eve service, retelling the story of our Savior's birth, complete with costumes and props. **Two practices are planned for December 9th and 16th from 1 – 2 pm.**

Volunteers

At least two volunteers with clearances are required for all children's activities, so please consider helping with Children's Church, Sunday School or the Christmas Pageant. Clearances are free and help is available if needed.

Youth Ministries – Megan Wilson

Here are the important dates:

- **November 4th** : Battleball at Camp Hill United Methodist Church (we may have a team participating, but not sure yet). There is also a worship night that evening.
- **November 9th** : Youth Group Guys Night 6–9pm
- **November 10th** : Family Movie Night 6–8pm
- **November 16th** : Youth Group Girls Night 6–9pm
- **November 18th** : Youth Thanksgiving Celebration
- **November 25th** : NO YOUTH GROUP
- **November 30th** : Date Night for Parents : *Babysitting* 6 :30–8 :30pm
- **December 8th** : Youth Christmas Movie Night from 7–9pm
- **December 14th & 15th** : Wrap Time : *Wrapping Presents* Friday from 6–8 pm and Saturday from 1–3pm
- **December 16th** : Youth Christmas Party
- **December 23rd** : NO YOUTH GROUP
- **December 30th** : (optional) New Years Eve Eve Gathering

News & Notes

MS Support Group will not be meeting in November and December.

Administrative Council is scheduled to meet on Sunday, November 18th at **2:30 pm** in room 8. The meeting minutes and other handouts will be emailed to council members prior to the meeting. Please note the time change.

Annual Church Conference Meeting is Sunday, December 9th at 4:00 pm at Otterbein. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

North Carolina Flood Relief We are currently collecting cash donations to assist with flood relief efforts in North Carolina. ALL funds will go directly to the North Carolina Annual Conference and specifically the Harbor District, the area where the hurricane came ashore. Please make checks payable to Otterbein UMC and we will write one check to the North Carolina Annual Conference. There are collection buckets in the back of the sanctuary and in the gym. Donations will be accepted thru November 11th.

Reminder for some December events On Tuesday, December 4th, you all are invited to join Class Loyal for a **Holiday Dinner at Esh's Country Kitchen**. Plenty of good eats and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be posted in November. On Friday, December 21st, **RE-CREATION** will be at Otterbein to present their Christmas Show. This is an amazing group that travels the US providing entertainment to our Veterans. If you have any questions about either event, see Lee Calaman or call him at 717-249-4231.

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 \$7,200.

From the Finance Committee: We are within the annual budget through the third quarter of 2018.

Seniors/Singles Group Tuesday, November 6th at 11:30 am at Cracker Barrel and Tuesday, December 4th at 11:30 am at Momma Spriggs. Contact Betty Bennett at 717-245-0618 with questions.

Scripture Readers Needed Pastor Bruce is looking for individuals to read scripture during the two sanctuary services on Sunday mornings. If you would like to serve God and Otterbein Church in this way, please sign up on the green sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway. You will be contacted the week you are scheduled to read and given the scriptures ahead of time so you can rehearse the readings.

2019 Altar Flowers We have several openings for altar flowers in 2019. Please check the bulletin board by the office if you would like to sign-up.

United Methodist Women by Alice Franklin

November is a busy month for the United Methodist Women of Otterbein UMC. We will again be collecting food items for Project Share in our annual **Harvest Home Sunday** collection. Donations will be collected and presented at the November 11th worship in the sanctuary and the gym. For each dollar donated, they are able to purchase \$7 to \$10 worth of food. This year, rather than collecting whole Thanksgiving meals for the families, they are asking only for the most requested items. Those are: Canned Yams, Canned Fruit, Turkey Gravy, Stuffing Mix, Canned Protein (meat or fish), and Money or coupons for Turkeys. Please bring your donations to church on Sunday, November 11th, so that we may display your generosity and take everything to Project SHARE at one time. Again, thank you for your generous donations.

We will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month, with the exception of December. We meet in room 8, beside the kitchen, November 13th at 7:00 pm and January 8th.

Our annual Ladies' Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held Saturday November 17th at 9 am in the gym of the church. There will be a delicious home cooked breakfast provided free of charge, a short message provided by a guest speaker will follow, and plenty of fellowship. Come out Otterbein and support this outreach to other religious organizations that receive mailed invitations each year. It is always fun to see which churches bring the most guests.

Just in time for Thanksgiving, the UMW are providing an **apple pie sale** on November 20th. Price is \$7 each and pies can be picked up on November 20th starting at Noon. An order sheet will be posted on the bulletin board by the office soon.

For any questions regarding the group or participating in any of our activities feel free to contact Alice Franklin or Allegra Juday. We look forward to any woman of the church to join us!

Young Adults Meetings

Next meetings are:

Friday, November 16th at 7 pm at Dylan & Chrisanna Rogers House, 201 Mumper Lane, Dillsburg.

Tentative date for December is the 7th at 7 pm.

Please check the weekly bulletins for updates and contact Allegra Juday with questions.

Volunteers for Nov, Dec, & January

Ushers

9:00 Service – November: Jim Compton, captain, Mike Bond, Marcia Compton, Jeff Ham, Richard Johnson, Brian Metzger, Steve Metzker, Howard Rose

9:00 Service – December: Steve Bear, captain, Kevin Cadigan, Brian Hurley, John Lerew, Brian Metzger, Gary Morrow, Carl Shenk, Ron Tanger

9:00 Service – January: Joe Newsome, captain, Betty Bennett, Lee Chronister, Alan Fuller, Maryann Newsome, Chester Raudabaugh, Joe Shughart, Richard Snyder

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:
Nov. 11th, Dec. 16th and Jan. 13th.

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

Worship Services are every Sunday morning at 9:00 am and 11:15 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.

Altar Flowers

Nov. 4 Ray & Jenny Diehl
Nov. 11 Don & Carole Bruce
Nov. 18 Margaret Douglas
Nov. 25 Don & Ann Tice

Dec. 2 Howard & Deanna Rose
Dec. 9 Joe & Maryann Newsome
Dec. 16 Chloe Duncan & Paul Zullinger
Dec. 23 Ron & Marie Tanger
Dec. 30 Jay & Alice Franklin

Jan. 6 Linda Mumper
Jan. 13 Chloe Duncan & Paul Zullinger
Jan. 20 Jay & Alice Franklin
Jan. 27 Linda Roher

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 (price is for 2017).

Pastor's Fund Created

At its September 23rd meeting, the Finance Team approved the creation of a Pastor's Benevolent Fund. The Fund was created to assist the emergent needs of individuals in our church family and/or our community.

Life is hard sometimes and can present individuals and families with situations that are financially challenging, and they turn to the church. Many times, we can direct them to other helping organizations within our community that are better equipped to provide that help. In some cases, however, our church is their best option, especially if the need is time-sensitive (prescription medications, food, automobile repair).

The Pastor's Benevolent Fund, tracked as a new budget line item, will be administered by Leslie Conway, our Church Secretary, and Pastor Bruce. They will vet all requests and decide whether help will be granted from the Fund or a referral would be a better option for the requestor.

The Finance Committee will receive regular reports of any distributions (without names) and the congregation will also be informed from time to time about how this ministry is impacting lives.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Fund, please make your checks payable to Otterbein Church and write "Pastor's Fund" in the subject line.

Pastor's Speaking Schedule

Nov. 4	On Vacation	Dan Monken in the sanctuary. Brenda Brehm in The Gathering
Nov. 11	On Vacation	Rev. Joe Kugle in the sanctuary. Justine Monken in The Gathering
Nov. 18	The Gathering	Rev. Dave Reed in the sanctuary.
Nov. 25	Sanctuary	
Dec. 2	Sanctuary	
Dec. 9	Sanctuary	
Dec. 16	The Gathering	Rev. Joe Kugle in the sanctuary.
Dec. 23	Sanctuary	
Dec. 30	On Vacation	Bill Grondin in the sanctuary.

Bright Beginnings Child Care of Carlisle

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From BBCCC!

You may have noticed some additional last minute touches being completed on our new play yard and we are so happy to be able to use this space for growing muscles! What a big project this was and the kids and staff all enjoyed watching the construction. We have also been enjoying the construction of the new homes being built next door! What an experience this has been for the kids.

The kids here are looking forward to our annual fall festival in November and are looking forward to the remaining fall and winter activities planned. Thank you to Mr. Ed Knisely for allowing to once again use your hay wagon for the celebration. The kids certainly do love the hay ride!

Lifetouch was in last month to capture our little smiles. Our Butterbraids fundraiser is underway and we are looking forward to another year of success with the program! We want to thank all of our Church family friends in advance for helping us reach our goal! We plan on doing it again next year. Our 5th annual Christmas program will be Friday December 7th at 6:00 pm. Last year we had over 300 people in attendance and I am anticipating the same turnout again this year.

BBCCC welcomed a new face this summer. Miss Nikki joined our day care family and we are happy to have her with us. We are looking to expand our 2 year old room but will need an additional teacher to do so. We are also looking for additional full and part time people to help in the other classrooms. If anyone knows of someone who has experience in child care and has education in the early childhood field, please contact Kim Hudson at Khudson@otterbeinumccarlise.org.

Another thank you to all Otterbein church members who continue to support our center the whole year! We truly appreciate the donations, and visits from everyone!

Bright Beginnings Child Care of Carlisle – since the beginning in January 2014...

- So far has served 161 families and 203 children in our community, ages 2 1/2 thru 5th grade.
- BBCCC pays all expenses related to staff salaries, utilities, office equipment, office supplies and snow removal.
- Installed the playground in 2017 at a cost of \$95,184.
- Since 2014 has paid for \$20,923 in building upgrades including HVAC units, flooring and painting of classrooms.
- Since 2015 has given \$50,047 toward the mortgage principal by tithing 10% of their monthly profit.



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.

“Thanks to all my Otterbein friends for all the cards, thoughts and prayers in the passing of Dixie. Thanks to Pastor Fensterbush and Pastor Reed for the beautiful funeral service, and to Pastor Kugle for his visit to my home. Also, thanks to the ladies of Otterbein for the food after the funeral. – Yours in Christian Love, Jeanne Hair & Family.”

“Thank you all who sent cards, thoughts and prayers to myself and my family. It has been a comfort to us knowing we are being thought of during this time. – Leona Mlynek & family”

“I would like to thank the wonderful members of Otterbein for your prayers, cards, meals, and visits this past week. I am well on my way to mending after the accident. A special thanks to Ron Tanger for his help in cutting grass and Jerry and Sandy Morgan for picking grapes and helping to crush them. Again, I can’t express enough the support and prayers of our church. Thank you. – Jim Compton”

“Steve & Brenda and Otterbein Congregation – Thank you for all your prayers and support during my recent illness! I’m starting to feel better and my husband and I hope to visit Otterbein church soon. I am very fortunate to have all of your support! – Thank you, Beverly DeHart”

Free Thanksgiving Day Meal

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for a free Thanksgiving Meal on Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in the multi-purpose room. Meal includes turkey and all the trimmings, plus delicious homemade desserts.

If you would like to volunteer to help that day or are willing to make some desserts, please contact the church office.



Music Rehearsal Schedule

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

Children's Choir: Sundays 10:00 am

Lumina Worship: Sundays 3–5 pm

Bells of Otterbein: Mondays 6:30 pm

Adult Choir: Sundays 8:30 am and
Wednesday 7:00 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

Nov. 4 Brenda Brehm, His House Band

Nov. 11 Justine Monken, Lumina Worship

Nov. 18 Rev. Bruce Fensterbush, His House Band
and Children & Youth Choir

Nov. 25 Brendan Warren, Lumina Worship

Dec. 2 Combined worship service in the sanctuary

Dec. 9 Brenda Brehm, Lumina Worship

Dec. 16 Rev. Bruce Fensterbush, His House Band
and Children & Youth Choir

Dec. 23 Rev. Dave Reed, Lumina Worship

Dec. 30 Joe Packowski, His House Band

January speakers TBD

Sunday Sanctuary Musical Performances

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

Nov. 4 Celebration Winds, directed by Harold Edwards

Nov. 11 Adult Choir, directed by Andrew Vensel

Nov. 18 Children & Youth Choirs, 9 am only, directed by Susan Durham

Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, 7 pm, Adult Choir, directed by Andrew Vensel

Nov. 25 Bells of Otterbein, directed by Tammy Ham

Dec. 2 Celebration Winds, directed by Harold Edwards. Annual Chrismon Service, combined
9 am worship service in the sanctuary

Dec. 2 *Celebrating the Season of Christmas* 7 pm worship service in the sanctuary featuring the
Boiling Springs High School Concert Choir

Dec. 9 Adult Choir (Christmas Cantata), directed by Andrew Vensel

Dec. 16 Children & Youth Choirs, 9 am only, directed by Susan Durham

Dec. 23 Bells of Otterbein, directed by Tammy Ham

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve: 6:30, 9:00 and 11:00 pm worship services

Dec. 30 Special music coordinated by Andrew Vensel

Jan. 6 Celebration Winds, directed by Harold Edwards

Jan. 13 Bells of Otterbein, directed by Tammy Ham

Jan. 20 Children & Youth Choirs, 9 am only, directed by Susan Durham

Jan. 27 Adult Choir, directed by Andrew Vensel

Annual Chrismon Service

Join us on Sunday, December 2nd for both the 9:00 am and 11:15 am worship services for our annual Chrismon Service, where we decorate the Chrismon Trees. The Gathering worship service and the traditional worship service at 9:00 am will be combined in the sanctuary that morning.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to any of our three Christmas Eve Services:

6:30 pm featuring our children's pageant

9:00 pm featuring our youth and contemporary worship team

11:00 pm featuring our adults and Holy Communion

All services are candlelight

Attention Committee/Group and Sunday School Class Treasurers: Again this year, the Finance Committee needs to examine and audit your reconciled receipts and disbursements with bank deposits, checks issued and bank balances, starting January 1, 2018 and ending with December 31, 2018. ALL materials, including checkbook, bank statements and supporting documentation needs to be submitted to the church office by January 31, 2019 from the following groups: **UM Women, UM Men, Funeral Luncheons, Cub Scout Pack 171, Boy Scout Troop 171, Pioneer Girls, Springville Cemetery, and the Softball Team.** The Finance Committee will be performing their annual audit at their meeting in February. All of your materials will be returned to you following the meeting.

Church Leadership for 2019: The complete listing of church officers and committee members for 2019 will be posted on the bulletin board by the office and in the narthex. Welcome to our new members and Welcome Back to our returning volunteers. Thank you to everyone willing to share your time and talents.

2019 Offering Envelopes: If you do not have offering envelopes and would like them for 2019, please contact the church office by November 15th. Envelopes will be available for pickup in December.

2018 Financial Statements will be available in mid-January. Check the weekly bulletin for more information.

Dates to Remember

- November 2: Daycare Fall Festival, 10:00 am
- November 6: Election Day – Remember, we are a polling place
- November 10: Randy Simpson Concert, 6:00 pm in the sanctuary
- November 11: Harvest Home Sunday (bring food donations for Project SHARE)
Items needed: Canned Yams, Canned Fruit, Turkey Gravy, Stuffing Mix,
Canned Protein (meat or fish), and Money or coupons for Turkeys
- November 17: Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Karns in Boiling Springs 9 am – 9 pm, please sign-up to help
- November 17: Women's Thanksgiving Breakfast at 9:00 am in the gym.
- November 20: United Methodist Women selling apple pies. Order form will be on the bulletin board by the office. Cost is \$7 each. Pies will be available for pick-up at Noon on this date.
- November 21: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, 7:00 pm at Otterbein
Please bring a can of food for Project S.H.A.R.E. Offering goes to Project S.H.A.R.E.
- November 22: Community Thanksgiving Meal begins at 11:00 am at Otterbein
- November 23: Scouts Christmas Tree Sale begins (check weekly bulletin for dates and times)
- November 25: Alternative Giving Begins. Last day is December 23. See Missions section of this newsletter for complete details.
- December 2: First Sunday in Advent, 9:00 am worship services combined in the sanctuary.
Includes decorating of the Chrismon trees.
- December 2: Celebrating the Season of Christmas, 7:00 pm with guest music by the BSHS Concert Choir.
Donations of cookies are needed for after the service.
Please bring all cookies to church on Sunday morning, December 2 so our volunteers have time to get them ready for the evening.
- December 4: Dinner at Esh's Country Kitchen – all welcome. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the office.
- December 7: Daycare Christmas Program, 6:00 pm
- December 9: Church Conference, 4:00 pm
- December 14: Youth Group gift wrapping 6–8 pm
- December 15: Youth Group gift wrapping 1–3 pm
- December 21: Re-Creation Concert at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary
- December 24: 9:00 am combined worship service in the sanctuary. No 11:15 am service.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Services, 6:30 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm
All services are candlelight, Holy Communion served at the 11:00 pm service

Servant's Corner

- Outreach Task Force: We have delivered over 474 loaves of bread to our first-time visitors. 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 20 units towards our 2018 quota. When you donate, remember to give **our club number 412**. Did you know: Just ONE pint of blood donated by "YOU" could save up to FOUR lives. Contact Wayne Schwartz (717-258-3987) with questions about donating.
- Our **Annual Blood Drive** is Sunday, Jan. 27th from 12-3 pm. In mid-December a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board by the office. You must have eaten within four hours of donating. Each donor must present ID before giving. Contact Wayne Schwartz at 717-258-3987 with questions.

Getting Involved

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Administrative Council – Nov. 18 at **2:30 pm**
 Bright Beginnings Daycare Board – Nov. 12, 6:30 pm
 Christian Education Comm. – as needed
 Communications Comm. – as needed
 Contemporary Worship Comm. – TBD
 Finance Committee – Nov. 11 at 10:00 am
 Missions Committee – Nov. 21 at 7:00 pm
 Springville Cemetery Assoc. – as needed
 Staff Parish Relations Comm. – as needed
 Trustees – as needed
 United Methodist Women – Nov. 13 at 7:00 pm
 Worship Committee – Jan. 23 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

Come join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 for our study of God's Word. As a group we enjoy learning not only His Word, but enjoy the sharing and unity with each other in our faith journey. We start at 9:15 and end at 11:00. We meet in the Library. Look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to learn more contact Edna at 717-249-8299 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)

Our sympathies to the Dixie Hair, Clara Kimmel, Ralph Manweiler and Dale Lay families.

Welcome New Members: Joanna Anderson and Kathleen "Kit" Fensterbush

Finance Committee Report**Thru Aug. 2018 vs. Thru Aug. 2017**

Church Income for 2018 \$469,060
Church Expenses for 2018 \$488,333*

Church Income for 2017 \$479,874
Church Expenses for 2017 \$492,461*

Daycare Income for 2018 \$317,084
 Daycare Expenses for 2018 \$241,862

Daycare Income for 2017 \$303,499
 Daycare Expenses for 2017 \$306,720

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

Mortgage balance as of 9/30/2018:

Building \$516,326.45

Memorial Donations received for Fred

Thomas: George & Blanche Metzgar, Wayne & Nancy Schwartz, Paul & Doris Lay, Rev. Dan Dennis.

Memorial Donations received for Dixie Hair:

Don & Jane Steinour, Rev. Dan Dennis

Memorial Donations received for Ralph

Manweiler: James & Elaine Keller, Chester Raudabaugh, Barry & Rogene Schmiedel, Don & Jane Steinour, James & Kathy Mikosz, Paul & Pat Strickler, Rev. Dan Dennis, Dillsburg Family Dentistry, Carl & Mary Lea Shenk

Upcoming Scouts Activities:

- November 10th Scouting for Food pick-up
- November 10th The Scouts will be conducting a Community Flag Retirement Ceremony at Spring Meadows Park
- November 23rd to December 22nd Christmas Tree Sale
- January 5th The Scouts will pick-up and recycle any Christmas tree in the Township. Contact them for more info.

Attendance for September

	9:00 Sanctuary	9:00 Gymnasium	11:15 Sanctuary	Sunday School
Sept 2	188	91	32	86
Sept 9	149	84	50	102
Sept 16	140	90	30	115
Sept 23	177	76	46	91
Sept 30	236			
Sept. 30 Rise Against Hunger food packing event at 10 am				

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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.
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.