The Upton Challenger: December 1952

Otterbein University
Pastor's Column

January finds us just five months away from the submitting of our annual reports for the conference year, as far as reports are concerned, closes May 31st, 1953. For this year that will mean a nine months year. The closing of our books thus gives the officials of both the conference and the churches more time to get ready for a good and orderly conference. We must do our utmost from now on for a good and fruitful year.

January 4th will be Holy Communion and reception of members. Those desiring to unite with the church should contact the pastor at once.

January 11 there will be installation of officers elected to serve during 1953. All teachers and officers should plan to be present.

January 18 we will dedicate the new altar set and an announcement will be made as to the donors. I am sure that you will not want to miss this service.

January 25 will be youth Sunday beginning Youth Week of the Protestant churches. The youth of the church will be in charge of the service.

This month also brings the financial campaign for the Toledo Council of Churches. Elsewhere there will be word concerning this important phase of our church life.

January is the month for preacher pension. Our quota is $270 for this year. Holy Communion offering will apply and we urge that this day bring sufficient to care for this worthy project of providing for our aged and worthy ministers.

This will be a month of great potential for the ongoing of the Kingdom and of opportunity for each one in sharing in that ongoing. Let the month come to a close with each one being able to say that he has done his best. God blesses such with his peace for has He not promised. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.

November blessed us with many blessings. November 2nd designated as Johnson day was reported in last month's Challenger but I must personally say a big "Thank you," to all who so graciously and generously made us welcome at Upton Avenue in this our 18th year of the pastorate. Especially, I think we owe thanks to the Annual Conference Delegate of the Church, Mr. Homer Niels, upon whom the church looks for leadership in the annual welcome to the pastor.

Anniversary Day was one of the best in all our history. In many ways it outdid all others. Attendance was splendid and the number who enjoyed the fellowship dinner, I believe was one of the largest in all our (Continued on Page 2)

The Legend Of The Christmas Carolers

There is a legend that on the Holy Night all was strangely quiet in Bethlehem of Judea. No birds sang, the wind was hushed and even the water ceased to flow.

When the Christ Child was born, however, all nature awoke. The trees burst forth with green leaves, grass sprang up, and flowers blossomed everywhere. Animals were given the power of speech, oxen in their stalls knelt in adoration to the newborn King and an angel choir sang praises to His name.

To this day, legend tells us, in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve, oxen still kneel in their stalls, while an unseen chorus sings praises to the Prince of Peace.

Newly Elected Officers

The Council of Administration met on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2nd. A fine group of some nineteen persons were present.

The election was the main item of business with the following persons being elected:

Central Treasurer—William J. Schmitt.
Current Treasurer—H. P. Vernier.
Benevolent Treasurer—Fred Kolbe.
Church Erection Secretary—Paul Leach.
Financial Secretary—Bernard J. Harbaugh.

Vice Chairman of Council—Edw. Riendeau.
Secretary of Council—Mrs. O. E. Coder.
Music Committee (Congregation) Mrs. Chester Brown, Mrs. Richard French, Ralph Lugibihl.
Music Committee (Choir)—Mrs. John Costin, Mrs. Vada Mark, Ardis Brown.
Otterbein Home Committee—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holliday; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sautter, assistants.
Communion Committee—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rodenhauser; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stock, assistants.

New Arrivals

Two baby girls have arrived in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Betz and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wagar.

Our congratulations!
Sunday School

As we move toward the close of another year we find our Sunday School progressing very favorably. During November we had an average attendance of two-hundred and eighty-nine, an increase of thirty-one per cent over last November. Also our offering of $432.11 per Sunday was $9.90 per Sunday over last year. We are always glad for all new people who join with us, and also for all of you who are attending more regularly than before.

On November 16th our Sunday School made a payment of $140 on our $1500 Erection Fund pledge. The balance is to be paid sometime during 1953.

During December we will have the election of officers of our Sunday School. The new officers will take office on the first Sunday in January. Also during December our boys and girls will bring us a Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 21st. December is also the month in which we are given the opportunity to share in an offering for our Otterbein Home. Won’t you add the Home to your list of those you will buy for this year and place your offering in a Christmas offering envelope sometime during the month.

Since this is the last issue of the Challenger this year, may I wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

E. McShane, Supt.

Primary Sunday School

The Primary Sunday School has a new teacher in the personage of Mrs. Norma Johnson, who is in charge of the four year olds. We bid her a most hearty welcome.

The little boys and girls of the Sunday School brought in seventy-five cans of fruit in the collection for Otterbein Home.

Several attendance pins were given in November to the following:
- Tommy Fuller, Leslie Matthews, Daniel Gustafson, Carol McShane and Richard Papenfuss.
- Doris Dunkle, Nancy Stewart and Ashley Wilson.

Mrs. Johnson led in devotions, and it was Mrs. Johnson, who is in charge of the four year olds. We bid her a most hearty welcome.

Ladies Aid

We had a grand group together at our last December meeting. There were twenty-six and our pastor Rev. Johnson present. We still want more ladies.

Mrs. Johnson led in devotions, and it was a splendid talk. Her topic was on the original Christmas gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. It was taken from the 2nd Chapter of St. Matthew.

Reports were heard, and plans discussed for the coming year.
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The AFROTC

A total of 101 men are enrolled in the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC).

High School Day

High School Day was observed on October 4 when more than 500 seniors visited the campus.

Religion in Life Week

Religion in Life Week was the week of October 26 with Dr. Allen Ranck, National Youth Director of the E. U. B. Church, as guest leader.

Adult Education

As another service to the citizens of Westerville, Otterbein is offering two courses in adult education. Courses in Home Decoration and in Practical Speech are being taught on successive Monday evenings for five weeks. Classes last for one and a half hours and are taught by regular college teachers. A small charge of $2.50 is made for each course. No college credit is given. The aim is to make the courses as practical as possible.

Concert, Art Exhibit

During Thanksgiving Week, students and faculty enjoyed a concert by the A Cappella Chorus assisted by members of the music faculty.

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E. U. B. Students At O. S. U. Attend Spiritual Retreat

Thirty Evangelical United Brethren students at Ohio State University, along with Rev. and Mrs. Tom Wedsworth, spent the weekend of October 24, 25, 26 in a spiritual retreat at Pike Lake State Park located a few miles southwest of Chillicothe, for nearly 4 hours on Saturday the group gave intensive consideration to the general theme, "Is Today's Church Adequate?" Sunday morning was given to Bible Study and worship under the direction of "Rev. Tom," minister to students. There were many hours spent in grand fellowship of boating, hiking, and other sports events. Saturday evening was spent in the group cabin playing favorite folk games. Everyone returning to the campus early Sunday evening conviviality was never before that "Pike Lake" has become a grand tradition in the lives of Evangelical United Brethren students at Ohio State University.

The Albright-Otterbein Student Fellowship were host to Evangelical United Brethren students of Bowling Green State University on the weekend of November 15 and 16. Thus far, Sunday evening programs at the A. O. S. F. House have featured such prominent people as Floyd Stahl, head basketball coach at O. S. U., who spoke concerning his observations of the values of religious faith to student young people. A highlight of the Fall Quarter schedule will be the coming of Bishop Dennis to share in the annual Christmas Dinner program at the House.

A Group Plan has been put into effect for the purpose of keeping in close touch with all E. U. B. students on the campus. Each dormitory and residential unit on campus has a group leader, while the off-campus area is divided into groups geographically, each group having a leader. It is hoped that the plan will provide the minister with opportunities to keep in close contact with students in each group through the group leaders.

Thanksgiving Retreat

The annual wintertime gathering of the Youth Fellowship of the Ohio Sandusky Conference met at Findlay, First Church on November 28 and 29. In former years the meeting was held as the Mid-winter Convention during the Christmas holidays but was changed to the "Thanksgiving Retreat" this year for the first time. The theme for the Retreat was, "That I Might Know Him Better" which was developed along the lines of personal devotional life, stewardship, personal choices and personal witnessing in addresses presented before the entire group by Rev. Paul Walter, Rev. John Paul Jones, Rev. Wendell Freshley and Mrs. Leona Hansen who was present representing the W. S. W. S. Following each address the subject was discussed in small "Buzz Sessions" directed by Revs. Emerson Iles, Vern Sullivan, Albert Staley, Arnold Ettenhofer, Lynn Harris, Henry Brooks, Earl Leist, Charles Cory, John Osborn, and Edward Haldeman.

Mies Shelomith Corl, chairman of the commission on worship and devotional life, was in charge of the devotional services which opened the services of each day. Music was directed by Rev. John Searle, Jack Stowell, Ron Rieard and Edwin Griewold. Mrs. Searle and John Osborn served as organists.

Mr. Elwyn Falor of Marion, Oakland presided as toastmaster at the banquet on Friday night. Music for this delightful occasion was presented by Miss Ann Yost, Miss Joyce Bowman and Mrs. Betty Stockton of the conservatory at Otterbein College. Rev. Darrell Linder of the College Church of God, Findlay was the speaker and Mrs. Neva Withun Corl led the group singing.

At the business session on Saturday, Mr. Stan Ruggles of Marion First was chosen president of the Conference Y. F. Serving with him will be Miss Barbara Benjamin of Montpelier, Vice President and Miss Marjorie Osborn of Findlay St. Paul's, secretary.

In addition to the regular program for the Y. F. there were two other groups meeting in the Retreat. One of those was the local Youth Directors who met with the Conference Youth Directors in a most helpful discussion concerning the problems confronting local groups. The second program, procedures, enlistment and related subjects, was attended by less than fifty interested leaders participated in each of these groups.

The retreat attracted the largest group ever to attend the wintertime meeting of the conference youth. Three hundred and ninety four were registered representing 88 local groups in the conference. 430 were in attendance at the banquet. Even though it was a number considerably in excess of the anticipated attendance, the group was efficiently and cordially entertained by the members of First Church who were assisted by the pastor, Rev. C. D. Osborn and members of St. Paul's.

Rev. Wendell Freshley and Rev. Paul Walter are the youth directors of the Conference, and Rev. G. L. Fleming is pastor of the host church.

Rev. And Mrs. R. Hawk Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, October 12th the Rev. and Mrs. Russell Hawk of the Montpelier E. U. B. church, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. The church presented them with a beautiful basket of flowers.

Tuesday evening was planned as "Church Night". The Hawks discovered that it was to remind them of their anniversary and also a reception to welcome them back for another year.

At the dinner hour eighty members and friends were invited to the basement where a carry-in-dinner had been planned. The tables were decorated with beautiful autumn leaves and chrysanthemums, and a large silver bowl was tied at each end.

There was a special table for the honored guests, covered with a brown tablecloth, with a centerpiece of a large cake decorated with white and silver surrounded by the autumn leaves and yellow mums. The napkins were also engraved with their names in silver. Mrs. Hawk was presented with a corsage and Rev. Hawk a boutonier.

A very special program was presented in the church sanctuary. Carl Hawk was in charge of the program. Eldon Connolly, Supt. of Sunday School, gave the following poem—

Youth Evangelism Month

The month of January is traditionally given to the emphasis of Youth Evangelism in our church calendar. The youth of our churches present the greatest challenge in the area of evangelism.

January is your opportunity to reach your youth for Christ and the church, for during this month you join hands with the entire denomination in reaching our efforts and attention upon this necessary phase of our work.

The last week of January is "Youth Week" with its ringing theme, "STRIVE TO KNOW—DARE TO BELIEVE". This should be the time when every young person finds his place in the YF program of the church, recognizing that the YF is the Youth Work of the church. Specific responsibilities should be assigned, commission assignments made and anything else that will make the newcomers feel a part of the group.
NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LEESVILLE CHURCH DEDICATES NEW PARSONAGE

Special services were held on Sunday, October 26, at Leesville Church for the dedication of the new parsonage. Dr. W. H. Allman spoke during the morning worship hour, and in the afternoon presided at the dedicatory service. Rev. C. D. Wright, Group Leader and pastor of the Willard Church, gave the afternoon message. Rev. C. J. Ludwick, former pastor, was present. The parsonage key was given to the pastor Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Oyer, by Dr. Allman.

The total cost of material and carpenter work for the house was $8,000. Material for breezeway and garage cost $1754. Beans from the Church farm project. The building fund was an offering of $3,200, making a total cost for breezeway and garage cost $800. Labor estimated at $3,200, making a total cost of $12,000. This now gives a beautiful six room house next door to the church.

STEWARDSHIP MONTH a SUCCESS AT MT. CARmel

The month of November at Mt. Carmel Church was Stewardship month. Each Sunday morning the pastor brought a message on some phase of Christian Stewardship. The last Sunday of the month was designated as Tithing Sunday and the congregation was asked to bring the tithe of their month's income with the exception of their offering for the building fund of the church. The occasion was deeply appreciated by the Searles. A new coat of dark green-gray asphalt shingles has been placed on the parsonage and in the sanctuary and on Friday night gave a splendid demonstration of the things they had learned.

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News from the Churches

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October 29 a group from our EUB church had the privilege to visit at Otterbein Home taking with us a fine contribution of food and clothing. There we met Dr. and Mrs. Hohn, Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Strawsan, and a number of the staff and residents of the Home. We had lunch with the children in the dining hall and had a very enjoyable day of Christian fellowship.

Mr. C. M. Long, a representative of the Lima Camp of the Gideons, was with us Sunday, Dec. 7, and presented the work of the Gideon’s International which is a Christian laymen’s society.

Universal Bible Sunday was observed Dec. 14. Portions of the New Testament in the Revised Standard Version, including the four Gospels and the Book of Acts, were provided by the American Bible Society and distributed at the close of the Worship Service.

Preparations are being made for our winter evangelistic services which will be Dec. 29 to Jan. 11. Rev. Garrison Roebuck of Rockford, Ohio will be our evangelist. We solicit your prayers for a successful meeting.

Delbert E. Cress, Pastor

TRINITY CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN

The new conference year has begun in an encouraging manner. Attendance in the church school remains about as last year but the morning worship service attendance has increased over the same period. A fine group of students, averaging 40 each Sunday, attend the morning worship service. Much of the activities of the church center around the four large organized classes. A reception for the pastor and wife was held October 29th with a pot-luck supper for the entire church. A beautiful cake was presented to the pastor in observance of his 25 years in the pastorate, having served three charges: Bascom for 5 years, Shelby for 12 years and now beginning the 9th year with this congregation. Words of appreciation were spoken by a representative from each adult class and a drill-sander was presented to the pastor “to make beautiful furniture for his home.” The occasion was deeply appreciated by the Searles. A new coat of dark green-gray asphalt shingles has been placed on the parsonage and installation has been installed. An offering was received at Thanksgiving which took care of this item of expense. Two special services were held on Thanksgiving morning with 80 at the first service and 126 at the second. A deep interest seems manifested in the new version of the Holy Bible and our prayer is that many of our people will take renewed interest in the Word from the Lord.

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This is one of the smaller churches, and the attendance was not large, but personal testimonies indicated that the church had been greatly helped spiritually.

UNUSUAL REVIVAL AT MARION, CALVARY

“Unusual” was the word used most frequently in attempting to describe the great sweeping revival within Calvary Church, Marion, Ohio, November 9th to 23rd inclusive.

Evangelist, Rev. Edna B. Hughes, Logan, Ohio, injected many original and unique features into this intensive two-week campaign which increasingly attracted the membership to attend and to return night after night.

The unusual 30-minute Bible study preceding the evening services brought out as many as 101 persons and an average of 77 for 13 nights. It was different. Her original sketch showing “The only way Christ can save a lost world” helped visualize God’s plan to use people and why some church members cannot be used. To impress the lesson upon our minds she taught us to sing her original scriptural choruses to singable tunes she had composed. The Bible study group during the “core teaching unit” for the revival, participating in a continuous prayer chain throughout each day, doing extra personal work, and regular attenders and enthusiastic boosters.

Evangelist Hughes did not overlook the children of the Congregation either. Each night after school ended the “core teaching unit” for the revival, participating in a continuous prayer chain throughout each day, doing extra personal work, and regular attenders and enthusiastic boosters.

Evangelist Hughes’ ministry was positive, strengthening denominational and church loyalty. During the meetings 98 persons bowed at the altar for spiritual help. The great climactic service on the closing Sunday morning brought more than 250 people about the altar for dedication and closed with a unique benediction of each person thanking some other person for the blessing they had been in their lives. This blessed fellowship strengthened and united the congregation in love.

R. W. Faulkner, Pastor
MARION SALEM CHURCH OBSERVES HOME COMING DAY

The rural Marion Salem Evangelical United Brethren church for the first time in its 115 year history observed its beginning of an annual Home Coming Service on November 9, 1952. The Sunday School, with Emerson Klinsfeiler Superintendent, had a record in attendance of 456. Rev. Gene Clark, who is now in his second year as pastor, brought the morning message from the text, 1 Thes. 5:23, “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly.” Music was provided by the Marion East Side Mother’s Singers. The American Legion and Auxiliary of Cardington were present and sat in a group in commemoration of Armistice Day.

In honor of the oldest person present Lewis O. Ruhlman, 92, of Marion, formerly of the local church, was presented a box of candy.

The Rev. Paul Walters of the Galion church was the guest speaker in the afternoon service at 2 o’clock on the subject, “Service Above Self”. A note burning ceremony was held in this service of $2,500 note on the church indebtedness, which was part of a $33,000 remodeling program completed a year ago. An offering of $736.70 in cash and pledges was received to be applied on the remaining $5,000 debt.

This day also marked the closing day of a six weeks attendance contest of the Sunday School sponsored by the Christian Life Magazine. During the six weeks of the contest, October 5 to November 9, the Sunday School had an average attendance of 301. The average for last year was 127.

The church is looking forward to special Evangelistic meetings which will be held beginning New Year’s eve under the leadership of our pastor as evangelist with Miss Gertrude Cooper, of Findlay, as song director, soloist and accordionist.

Clara Klinefelter, reporter

BURGOON WELCOMES PASTOR

The Burgoon E. U. B. church welcomed their new pastor, Rev. L. D. Reynolds and his wife, Claire, with a reception in the church basement. The S. S. Supt. Lewis O. Ruhlman, 92, of Marion, formerly pastor, brought the morning message. Rev. R. E. Williams, pastor; Olan Ransbottom and Rev. Gene Clark, the guest speaker from Marion, Ohio. His slight of hand tricks entertained both old and young.

Boy Chapman, reporter

THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST AT FOSTORIA FIRST

First E. U. B. Youth Fellowship group observed Thanksgiving breakfast Thanksgiving morning, prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith at 6:30 in the church basement. There were twenty-four in attendance with the President, Miss Pat Smith, in charge of the service.

David Cole, Sec. Y. P. Executive Council

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR AT RILEY CENTER

A reception was held on Sunday, November 2, for Rev. Nicholas T. Cucare, the new pastor at Riley Center EUB church. Following the worship service, the congregation gathered together for a potluck dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver had charge of the program, which was called a “Field Meet.”

The event was a complete surprise to the pastor, who was presented a gift from the congregation. Mrs. Oliver gave the official welcome. Both Rev. and Mrs. Cucare expressed their thanks and assured the congregation of their devotion and service in the future.

TOLEDO OAKDALE COMPLETES FALL PROGRAM

The Toledo Oakdale welcomed back for the seventh year, Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Emrick and twin daughters, in a pro-
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Rev. B. F. Richer

Now available to the churches in a unique type of service: A Spiritual Advance Week: a mountain-top experience with the great poets. These poems of counsel and inspiration have been collected by Rev. Richer over a long period of years and quoted by him over and over again in his evangelistic and religious-educational work. Now they are all gathered together in this series of five meetings, Monday through Friday. This is designed as a very special service that the church may render the community. A never-to-be-forgotten experience. These are poems that stimulate the mind, warm the heart, and challenge and inspire the life.

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National Convocation On The Church In Town And Country

The National Convocation on THE CHURCH IN TOWN AND COUNTRY convened at the Deisher-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 29-31. Three ministers of our Ohio Sandusky Conference Committee on Town & Country Church attended including the chairman, the Rev. E. T. Shepard of Benton Ridge, Ohio, and the Secretary, The Rev. Everett W. Goings, Delta, Ohio.

Practically every state had representatives who were delegates from the Evangelical United Brethren Church. On Thursday evening we enjoyed a banquet at the W. M. C. A. of all delegates of our denomination. Our own Bishop Dennis was present in addition to several Conference Superintendents.

Some of the noted speakers were the following: Joseph Ackerman, Farm Foundation; Clyde N. Egres, Ohio Council of Churches; J. P. Schmitz, Ohio Agricultural Extension Service; Maurice Wieting, Ohio Farm Bureau; Robert Miller, Station WRFD, Columbus & Arthur Raper, United States Department of Agriculture.

Members of our TOWN & COUNTRY CHURCH COMMITTEE would like to express our appreciation to our Ohio Sandusky Conference for making it possible to attend this National Convocation. Next year it will convene at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

St. Marys Group Rally

The St. Marys Group Rally was held at the Memorial E. U. B. Church at Sidney, Ohio on Nov. 9, 1952. A potluck supper began the evening's activities at 5:30. The men, women, youth and children held separate group meetings at 6:30, which was under the direction of their officers. The mass meeting began at 7:30 in the auditorium with lay members of the different churches in the group participating. Roll call was answered by 152 and the offering was $34.76. Rev. Joe Hendrix, pastor of the E. U. B. Church at Fletcher, Ohio, was the speaker. His subject was "Motivated Evangelism." The next meeting will be held at St. Marys on Sat. 26 with Mrs. Carl Heinmiller as speaker.

Van Wert Group Rally

The Evangelical United Brethren Churches of the Van Wert Group of the Ohio Sandusky Conference held a Group Rally on Sunday night Nov. 16 at Willshire High School with a pot-luck supper at 5:30 P. M. At 6:30 P. M. they went to various rooms for discussions on Youth Fellowship, Missions and Evangelism. They were called to the Gymnasium at 7:30 P. M. by Band music furnished by the Willshire Band. Several numbers were played during the opening services.

Dr. O. T. Deever, Dayton, Ohio, Secretary of Evangelism was Guest Speaker. There were over 300 present who listened with rapt attention to his very inspiring message.

H. L. Smith, Pastor

Bits Of Wisdom

By Dr. J. H. Patterson, Toledo, Ohio "Variety is the spice of life.

People, who are going in the wrong direction, will not get to the right place.

The secret of success in conversation, is to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

Christmas is a time to receive gifts as well as to give them.

"I live for those who love me, For those who know me true, For the Heaven that smiles above me, And aways my spirit too; For the cause that lacks assistance, For the wrong that needs resistance, For the future in the distance, And the good that I can do.

May the beauty of Christmas, and the richness of the Christ life, fill you with the experience of Christian living.

Burial Benefit Insurance Premium Due

This is to remind all men of the conference who have the Burial Benefit Insurance, that this insurance is, according to the articles of the constitution due thirty days after the Annual Conference session. All men who have not made such payments should get this payment to W. P. Alspach very soon.

All men who are making claims for either the Hospitalization Insurance or Maternity Benefits are urged to complete as fully as possible all information on the Claim Sheet which is sent to the Secretary of the Board of Pensions and Insurance.

All men should remind themselves that their Conference Insurance is due the first of each month in the amount of $7.00 and NOT $6.00 as it was last year.

—Howard N. Porterfield

NEW ORGAN & PIANO PURCHASED AT WREN CHURCH

The Wren church purchased a new 40 inch Packard piano and a new model K Minshall electronic organ in November, representing an investment of $2440.

In September the Sunday School took 30 days pledges amounting to $278.00 for improving the basement.

Rev. Walter Marks was the speaker for the evening program of reception for the pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Don Martin and family.

RECEPTION AT COLUMBUS GROVE

More than 150 attended the reception held in September in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Faussey and family, who came to Columbus Grove church early in the summer.

A group gift, beautiful geranium red wool blanket, was presented to the Fausseys followed by refreshments.

The committee in charge included Mrs. Joe Gillespie, Mrs. Annabel Diller and Mrs. Mabel Barz.

CHURCH COMMITTEE would like to express our appreciation to our Ohio Sandusky Conference for making it possible to attend this National Convocation. Next year it will convene at Minneapolis, Minnesota.
**Conference Treasurer’s Report**

**FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1952**

(Month ending December 6th)

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**BOWLING GREEN GROUP**

- Belmore $70
- Center 25
- Bethel-Townwood Ct.: Bethel 23
- Townwood 21
- Bowling Green 250
- Custar 17
- Mt. Zion 60
- South Liberty 50
- Mt. Hermon 17
- Tontogany 17
- Webster 20
- Cloverdale 20

**BRYAN GROUP**

- Bridgewater 45
- Bryan 160
- Defiance, First 160
- Defiance Circuit: Mt. Calvary 33
- Rural Chapel 17
- Edgerton 20
- Hicksville 165
- Montpelier 160
- Salem 5
- West Unity 19
- Ebenezer 19
- Williams Center Ct.: Center 20
- Logan 10
- Mt. Olive 20

**FOSTORIA GROUP**

- Bascom 65
- Bettaville Circuit: Salem 36
- Trinity 45
- Bloomdale 70
- Pleasant View 45
- Fostoria, Bethel 58
- Fostoria, First 280
- Kansas 10
- Canaan 40
- Rising Sun 45
- West Independence 75

**FREMONT GROUP**

- Burgoon 100
- Fremont, Memorial 100
- Fremont, Trinity 192
- Gibsonburg 64
- Green Springs 56
- Helena 59

**LINDSAY GROUP**

- Lindsay 120
- Old Fort 100
- Riley Center 13
- Woodville 160

**NAPOLEON GROUP**

- Al 40
- Lebanon 10
- Mt. Pleasant 40
- Delta 56
- Zion 60
- Liberty Center 35
- Malinta 30
- McClure 100
- Monclova 18
- Wilkins 1
- Napoleon 83
- Wauseon, First 40
- Wauseon Ct.: Beulah 20
- North Dover 50
- Whitehouse 59

**SANDUSKY GROUP**

- Bellevue 138
- Flat Rock 74
- Kelley’s Island 26
- Le Carne 17
- Locust Point 17
- Mt. Carmel 100
- Port Clinton 80
- Sandusky, Columbus Ave. 22
- Sandusky, Salem 68

**TOLEDO GROUP**

- Ellis ton 73
- Millbury 25
- Rocky Ridge 13
- Moline 55
- Perrysburg 65
- Toledo, Calvary 145
- Toledo, Colburn 160
- Toledo, East Broadway 190
- Toledo, First 280
- Toledo, Point Place 75
- Toledo, Salem 60
- Toledo, Somerset 170
- Toledo, Upton 250
- Toledo, Zion 168
- Walbridge 12
- Hayes 10

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

**BUCKY GROUP**

- Climax 10
- Belleville Circuit: Pleasant Grove 14
- Pleasant Hill 22
- Trinity 29
- Brokenwood, Emanuel 21
- Lykens 41
- Pleasant Home 18
- Bucyrus Circuit: Harmony 30
- Zion 30
- Bucyrus, First 125
- Bucyrus, Grace 125
- Galion 80
- Johnsville 97
- Lykens-Olive Branch 22
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Celina, Bethel | 15 15 45 31 31 |
Celina, Old Town | 16 16 48 *28 *57 |
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| Centenary | 25 25 100 45 55 |
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| Grand Victory | 44 44 132 78 62 |
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| Van Wert, South: | | |
| Wood Chapel | 25 25 75 *57 *55 |
| St. Peter's | 12 12 36 16 16 |
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(*)—A 5% increase over last year's attendance.

College-Seminary offerings this month—Bethel (Townwood), $6.50; Richmond, $42.45; Union Pisgah, $26.08; Lindsey, $43.76; North Baltimore, $13.50; Sandusky, Columbus Ave., $6; Shelby, $7.25; Woodville, $73; Total $218.54; Grand total including previous offerings, $3,017.36.


Missions Day Offerings this month amounted to $1,028.33, listings for which will be given when all reports are in.
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For soon I'll follow you.

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For some day down that lonely road,
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I'm glad that you brought me the flowers today,
Today, while my hands can hold
With living joy the fresh bouquet,
Instead of waiting, a rose to lay
On my form when it is cold.

I am grateful, dear friend, for your words of praise,
Today they were needed much.
From the thoughtless world, with its careless ways,
And I longed for a friendly touch.
I'm glad that today you gave me a smile,
Today, when my heart was sore
With a problem borne on a weary mile—
You made the struggle seem worth while, And I walked with faith once more.

We never know how a word sincere
Can lighten a heart's dull pain,
Or a steady hand-clasp conquer fear,
Or a prayer make pathways straight and clear,
And a heart rejoice again.

So let me, too, with a loving heart
Shall speak each Holy Sunday
With power from above;
To practice every sermon
And thus be demonstrating
We are indeed sincere.

Teacher: Yes Johnny, what is it?
Johnny: I don't want to scare you, but Pop said, that if I do not get better grades, some one is going to get a good whipping.

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE NEWS

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During the same week an art exhibit was held in Barlow Hall featuring the paintings of artists living in and near Columbus.

Basketball

The football uniforms have been packed away and basketball is now claiming the interest of students.

The team will have a new coach this year in the person of Richard West who has been a physical education instructor since 1947. Mr. West also coaches baseball.

In an opening practice game Otterbein defeated Lockbourne Air Base by the score of 58-55.

Drama

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As we shall be translating
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And thus be demonstrating
That we are indeed sincere.
And now we do determine,
By warm fidelity
To practice every sermon
Which from the pulpit he
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With power from above;
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"Welcome", we are declaring
Through the months to come,
By Loyalty unswaring,
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With living joy the fresh bouquet,
Instead of waiting, a rose to lay
On my form when it is cold.

I am grateful, dear friend, for your words of praise,
Today they were needed much,
For there's little of kindness through the days
From the thoughtless world, with its careless ways,
And I longed for a friendly touch.

I'm glad that today you gave me a smile,
Today, when my heart was sore
With a problem borne on a weary mile—
You made the struggle seem worth while,
And I walked with faith once more.

We never know how a word sincere
Can lighten a heart's dull pain,
Or a steady hand-clasp conquer fear,
Or a prayer make pathways straight and clear,
And a heart rejoice again.

So let me, too, with a loving heart
Of unfailing sympathy,
Dry troubled eyes when tearsdrops start,
Bring peace and joy for sorrow's smart,
Like the joy you have given me.

Teacher: Yes Johnny, what is it?
Johnny: I don't want to scare you, but Pop said, that if I do not get better grades, some one is going to get a good whipping.
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Upton Brotherhood

Upton Brotherhood met on Tuesday Eve, December 9th in the church social rooms. We were sorry that more were not in attendance—we missed you.

In the fellowship of the Brotherhood we hope that we shall come to know each other better—able to call each by his given name as we meet and greet you.

Each meeting has its devotional period, the remainder of time is given to minor jobs at the church—a game—or visiting and refreshments.

Meetings are at 8 the second Tuesday of each month. Come—and bring your wife to the Aid—which meets the same evening.

C. Arnold

Toledo Council Of Churches

The annual financial campaign of the Toledo Council of Churches will be conducted this year during the last two weeks of January. You will want to share in the support of this work of cooperative Protestantism in your city of Toledo. Mrs. Robert Snyder has again accepted the responsibility of campaign leader for our church. She deserves and I am sure will have your every cooperation. Mr. Claude Arnold is one of the city wide section leaders with the responsibility of giving direction to the campaign in a number of churches of this area of the city. Make your plans early for generous support in money and in prayer for the work.

O. E. J.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy to Mrs. Harry Rice and sons Harry Jr. and Richard in the recent death of Mrs. Beaubien, who died in Phoenix, Ariz. The body was returned here for burial.

Both Mr. Rice and Mrs. Beaubien were members of Upton Brotherhood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams have sent their thanks for the remembrance of church friends in the recent loss of an uncle of Mr. Williams, who resided at Van Wert.

Mrs. Clyde Kolbe lost her father a few days ago very suddenly and unexpectedly. Our sympathy to her.

Congregational Elections

Results of the election held on Sunday, December 14 are as follows:


Class Leaders—Mrs. J. R. Costin; ass't., Paul Stevens.


Sunday School Secretary—Mrs. Robert McCarthy, ass't., Ione Martindale.

Sunday School Treasurer—Winifred Layman.

Ricky Goes A Fishin'

The day was warm and the sun was bright Just such a day as the fish might bite. With my fishin rod, with the wooden reel That grandpa made with some little wheels, I went a fishin'.

I made my way to Waldon's pond, For they say that's where big fish are found. I wore my red hat to attract attention Of the big fish, no need of the others to mention.

I baited my hook with a nice fat worm It was some job, for he wiggled and squirmed.

I stood on the dock, and looked over the pond A nice quiet place to fish I found.

I threw out my line, and sat down to wait To see which fish would get first to my bait. I sat with patience, as grandpa would, When he goes a fishin' and the fishin's no good.

Just a fishin'.

At last as I watched the bobbin went under. Ah, Ha. I hollered. I got your number. When I pulled in my line, I felt kind of sick For instead of a fish, 'twas a water logged stick.

Evening came on, and I had to leave. When those silly fish find, they surely will.

That they missed that can of nice fat worms. But in life that is a lesson, we all have to learn.

When A Fisherman Goes A Fishin'.

—Bessie Jameson Wolcott

LET THE CAROLS RING

By Belle D. Hayden

Oh, gaily, gaily, sound the carola! Let the voices rise Upon the stillness of the evening, Ascending to the skies.

Choose "Holy Night," and then "Adeste," With faces rapt and bright. Then let the strains of "Little Town" Roll out upon the night.

Come; gather under neighbors' windows Where the lights are clear, And let the sacred tunes sound strongly; Beautiful, and dear.

Oh, welcome Him who comes at Christmas! Who once again is born In Bethlehem; that all may wonder And rejoice, once more, on Christmas Morn.

CHRISTMAS EYE WISH

By Madge Lay Ruark

Tonight enchantment lies across the earth And childhood lives again, As fragile as the flame at candle tip Against the frosted pane.

There is no death in this brief space of hours No age, no faltering step, no tears. The silver head that rods before the fire Sends dancing feet down hushed, remem-

bered years

To little houses warm with firelight's gleam, Fragrant with cedar bough and mistletoe. Old voices speak, and beating hearts again Know all the high, sweet rapture children know.

God, let this Christmas be a magic thing For each small heart's remembering.

SONG FOR CHRISTMAS

By Ruth Margaret Gibbs

Christmas is a candle Burning soundlessly; Wreaths inside a window, Tinsel on a tree.

Christmas is a greeting Made by kindlier lips; Smile of friend and lover, Touch of fingertips.

Christmas is remembrance Of a great star's glow, And of Love Eternal Given long ago.

SHE HELD HIM CLOSE

Coarse and rough were his swaddling clothes, And coarse, indeed, was his bed of hay, While snug beneath the Nazareth eaves

Surely she crossed to the Child that night: "Thy bed at home is smooth and soft, The cradle which Joseph thy father made Stands ready for thee in the chamber loft."

And she held him close as a mother would, Shielding his flesh the best she could.

By Grace Noll Crowell

PAUL, A GREAT GIVER

Paul gave more service in spreading the Gospel than any other man in the church. He gave more instruction in writing than any other in the New Testament. He gave more care to the churches than any other man, and he gave all that he might win Christ. He gave up the hope of prominence in the Jews' religion. He gave up his people and the pleasures of a home and went into the world preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. He counted all but refuse that he might be found in him in that day. He gave more courage to the church members than any. He was ready to spend and be spent for the people. He was always ready to preach the Gospel and lose self-interest in telling about Christ and Him crucified. What a blessing to have such a giver in this world! Get his spirit and be a blessing.—H. M. Phillips

ORTHODOXY AT A PREMIUM

A dear old lady whose loyalty to the church knew no bounds, bitterly opposed the use of stained glass windows, declaring that she preferred the glass "just as God made it."