Our Spirit of Otterbein Award goes to Jo Meade this month. You will find Jo in the Country Store as she serves in her own special way the needs of her customers.

Jo has been working at Otterbein for over ten years, beginning by working with the grounds department and mowing grass. It wasn’t long before she found she could better use her abilities in serving people and she moved into the food service area working in the dining areas. When adjustments were made in the remodeling of the Country Store she found that area much to her liking and since has been giving service to the residents and employees through her capable hands, serving the public. Her customers know they can rely on her to assist them in making their purchases. It is evident that she enjoys doing this work by the cheerful manner reflected by her.

Her roots are in Southeastern Ohio, near Ironton. She moved here when her husband, Bryan, was moved to AK Steel in Middletown from the Ashland area. Her seven children, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren give her the opportunity to enjoy family life.

We appreciate you, Jo, and wish you many more years here serving among us. May you enjoy this Spirit of Otterbein award as much as we are enjoying you.

-Randy Crouse
Resident Council Meeting
August 29, 2016
Vice President, Barbara Patterson, chaired and opened the meeting.

1. The big news for September is that a hearing assist solution for the MPR is finally going to be implemented. Due to the charitable generosity of a few residents, we are now going to be installing a hearing loop in the MPR. A hearing loop (sometimes called an audio induction loop) is a special type of sound system for use by people with hearing aids. The hearing loop provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to “T” (Telecoil) setting. According to recent research, 71% of all hearing aids sold in the U.S., contain a T-coil and if yours doesn't, it can be added very inexpensively, even on-site with our own audiologist.

2. A few homes on Killdeer Court have not been receiving the OLN broadcast. Please let Kevin George know if you or anyone in your court is not receiving the OLN channel through the cable in your home.

3. Gardens and Greenhouse co-chair Bob Gallo reported that a greenhouse for the wintering of the plants has not been found. It was recommended plants to be kept at home this winter.

4. Shaker Cellar contributed $4,656.42 to the Benevolent Fund in August. The Thrift Shoppe gave $958.99 to the same fund.

5. Pat Jones, secretary of Culinary, reported new servers are being hired to replace those who have “gone back to school”. The servers have now received a long overdue raise in pay.

6. Starting September 14 ~ Fireside Chats at Terrace Place Terrace Fire pit area will continue every Wednesday evening through October.

7. Putting Challenge ~ starting September 15 will continue every Thursday morning through early October on the putting green at Terrace Place Terrace.

8. Twenty homes, of the projected twenty-seven, have been sold in The Orchards. Seventeen of the forty-six Terrace Place newly constructed apartments have been sold.

9. A new law requires that if you are in the hospital for more than 24 hours, the hospital has to tell you if you are on observation status starting January 1, 2017.

~Rachel Brown

If you would like to contribute a story to the Echoes, please email me at rharlow@otterbein.org or drop it in the Campus Mail by the 15th of each month!
**Better Together**

Snoopy and Charlie Brown exemplify the positive impact of the “Better Together” theme chosen by Cynthia Gray for the Fall Concert of the Otterbein Chorus groups. This concert sponsored by the Warren County Music Club is planned for **Wednesday, October 26 at 3:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room**, and will be aired on the OLN.

Favorite music includes “Together Wherever We Go”, “You’ll Never Walk Alone”, “Stouthearted Men”, “Lean on Me”, “It’s A Small World”, “Unity”, and one of Cynthia’s own publications “If I Knew You”.

The Women’s and Men’s Choruses will be joined by the Trebleaires Women’s Ensemble, directed by Lori Aldridge. This will be the first of four concerts for the 2016/2017 season presented by these 70 musicians from Otterbein and the surrounding communities.

Mark your calendars for this special program and enjoy hearing the harmonies of music exemplifying “Better Together”.

- Ginny Longmire

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**Wicked Editor’s Note**

Well, September was a difficult month for the Harlow family. Took a day off and spent 8 hours looking at cars for my youngest, Stephani. Since she commutes more than 140 miles a day for school, we needed something more reliable and gas saving. We finally found the car at the end of our day. Sent her on her way back to Columbus in a new 2016 lease—no more calls in the middle of the afternoon that her car is broken down and she is far away—whew! Kelsi & Brittni and both the babies went to the Cincy Zoo the same day as we were purchasing Stephani’s car. As they left the Zoo and were driving down Vine Street a lady pulled out in front of them and hit them, causing a huge accident and also hitting a US Postal truck. That was a phone call I wasn’t expecting! Gary and I made it from Springboro to Cincy in 25 minutes, and had to wait an additional hour and 30 minutes for the police to finally show up. The boys wanted out of that car desperately. Everyone is fine, the car that hit Kelsi was an Avis rent-a-car, so they will be paying for the damage.

~ Renee

Kelsi, Jayden, Ryder, Brittni—selfie at the Zoo! This picture was taken as they were getting ready to exit the Zoo after a long day of animal sightings! The boys will be Zoo Keepers for Halloween!
B-OLD ADVENTURE CLUB

August 31st, the B-OLD ADVENTURE CLUB had their 2nd organized activity. Thirteen Otterbein B-OLD ADVENTURE CLUB members boarded the Otterbein bus heading to a outing at the Full Throttle race track in Cincinnati. Our first stop was at Larosa’s, quoting Stacy “to fill our tanks”. After registering in, we viewed a short 10 minute DVD on the rules, regulations, meaning of the flags used at and on the track. Before we entered the track we picked up a helmet with a full face shield and a neck collar. The attendants were very helpful to make sure our helmets and neck collars fit correctly. The group was divided into two groups racing at different times. On pit row we were assigned a gasoline Go-Kart, helped into the Go-Kart, strapped in and waited for the green flag to enter the race track. The race course was a series of turns and widths making passing a challenge. The Go-Karts had a top speed of near 41 mph, and we had several Jeff Gordons and Danica Patricks in our group. Bob Gigax earned the fastest lap speed trophy, he had an advantage by racing in them before. Thanks to Stacy for another fun adventure activity.

-Linda Grogan

LINE DANCING

It’s just us. Miss a step, skip a beat, forget a pattern, turn the wrong way — it doesn’t matter because — it’s just us. We have so much fun. Want to laugh while attempting the “grape vine”? Experienced or not, it doesn’t matter because — it’s just us. We are a group of folks who enjoy the camaraderie and the dance. Are we all the same? Not on your life. And — it doesn’t matter because — it’s just us. Come and join us. We’re looking forward to seeing you. Line Dancing start up date is Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30pm in the Porkolab Activity Studio.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

You are invited to join Joanne Hopton and her family & friends as they celebrate her 85th birthday on Saturday, October 8 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Phillipi Room. As part of Joanne’s birthday celebration, we would invite you to write a special memory of a special time shared with her. Please include the memory with your birthday card. Thank you for being such a special friend. We look forward to seeing many of you at her “surprise” celebration!

With great appreciation Pam, Greg, Terri, Brad & Brian

- John Kinsinger

(picture on Page 17)
Don Brown and his wife Orpha (deceased) became residents of Otterbein Lebanon on March 3, 2012, when they moved to Swallow Court. Don was living on Hill Floor Neighborhood at the time of his death on August 25.

Francis “Frank” Hart became an Otterbein Lebanon resident when he moved to the Asbury Neighborhood where he was living at the time of his death on September 11. Frank is survived by his wife Rita Hart, step-daughter Pat Shugrue and one step-grandchild.

Gloria Heitfield became a resident of Otterbein Lebanon on May 27, 2016 when she moved to the Newcomer Neighborhood, where she was living at the time of her death on September 21. Gloria is survived by her son Ronald Heitfield, daughters Suzy Conover and Jessica Jarnigan, and seven grandchildren.

Barbara Kerstetter and her husband Paul became Otterbein Lebanon residents on April 22, 2008, when they moved to Robin Court, where she was living at the time of her death on September 7. Barbara is survived by her husband, Paul (Robin Court); sons: Alan, Dale and Terry Kerstetter; five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Rhoda “Agnes” Retherford became an Otterbein Lebanon resident on June 28, 2016 when she moved to Mathews Hall Neighborhood, where she was living at the time of her death on September 11. Agnes is survived by her daughters Teresa Burr and Maria Kowanick, step-daughter Charlotte Phipps, two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Peggy Bercaw-Trees became a resident of Otterbein Lebanon on December 14, 2009 when she and her husband Carl (deceased) moved to Meadowlark Court. Peggy later moved to Newcomer Hall Neighborhood, where she was living at the time of her death on September 13. Peggy is survived by her sons Terry, Dave and Jeff Bercaw, daughter Janet Monson, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Are you ready to vote?

Our next presidential election (November 8) is fast approaching. This may be the most important election in which you participate in your lifetime.

As a resident of Otterbein, the Social Concerns Committee wants to be sure your vote is counted. In addition to the national offices to be voted on there will be several state and county offices and issues on the ballot. This November election will decide much about our future. There is the expectation the voting numbers will be large so you might be interested in voting early or using an absentee ballot. Early voting will begin October 12 at the Board of Elections in Lebanon. Forms to request an absentee ballot were mailed to you or are available in the Program Office.

The concern of our committee is that you are registered with your PRESENT ADDRESS. If you are new to Otterbein or have moved within Otterbein’s Community, be sure to change your address at the Board of Elections.

A Candidates Day meeting will be offered on October 10 at 10:00am in the Multi-Purpose Room. We will invite all candidates we will vote on and a discussion of the two issues will take place at the same time. More information on that meeting will follow.

With questions or explanations you may call me at my home—Dianne Rellick, Social Concerns Chairperson at 513-933-4956.
Hopton’s Hints

Would Your Kitchen Pass A Health Inspector’s Test?

These veggie washes, listed below, will remove some pesticide residues from nonorganic produce along with bacteria. Because many pesticides are systemic, they wind up inside the produce, where you can’t remove them. That’s why it’s important to buy certified-organic produce as much as possible.

Eating organic can be expensive but it’s worth it. The Environmental Working Group research has found that nearly two-thirds of produce samples tested by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2013 contained pesticide residues, even after being washed and peeled. The following were the biggest offenders:

The nine dirtiest fruits and veggies in the supermarket:

1. **Potatoes**: The average potato had more pesticides by weight than any other produce.
2. **Spinach, Kale, Collard Greens**: These leafy greens have been found to be contaminated with insecticides that are toxic to the human nervous system.
3. **Apples**: Nonorganic apples have earned this unfavorable spot on the EWG’s Shopper’s Guide to Pesticides in Produce report five years running.
4. **Peaches & Nectarines**: A whopping 98 percent of peaches and 97 percent of nectarines tested positive for at least one pesticide residue.
5. **Strawberries**: Strawberries always make the list, partly because fungus prompts farmers to spray. This delicious fruit is harboring more than 40 different pesticides.
6. **Grapes**: A single grape sample showed traces of 15 different pesticides. Be wary of conventional raisins as well.
7. **Celery**: Celery can carry more than 60 pesticides. Definitely go for organic here.
8. **Cucumbers**: Think twice before you chop up a conventional cucumber for your next salad. As many as 86 pesticides can remain on the skin after washing. Although, cutting off the skin can reduce your chances of exposure.
9. **Sweet Bell Peppers**: Red, yellow, or orange bell peppers consistently make the list because they tend to have high pesticide residue.

Super-Simple Veggie Wash:
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
1 cup cold tap water in a spray bottle
Mix, shake well, and apply to your produce. Rinse with tap water before cooking or serving.

Leafy Green Wash:
1 cup distilled white vinegar
3 cups water
Mix the water and vinegar together in a bowl. Allow your greens to soak in the bowl for about 2 minutes, then rinse them well. This wash, done in a special research project, killed 98 percent of bacteria on food.

Leafy greens are contaminated with E. coli bacteria, according to the CDC. If you want even more of the germ-killing boost, add a tablespoon or two of salt. A study in the Journal of Food Protection found that vinegar’s ability to kill E. coli bacteria was “significantly enhanced” when salt was added to the mix.

~Joanne Hopton

Searching for a Few Good Men (and Women)

If you served as a U.S. Marine, we want to invite you and your significant other to the 241st Birthday Observance of the Corps. The “party” is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The traditional cake cutting will take place and slices will be served with your choice of coffee or punch. Expect the party to last no more than one hour. In order to build an accurate roster, please call John Tonkin at 696-8047 with your name, address, phone number and your spouse’s first name. Invitations will be sent out in mid-October and if enough responses return, the party will go on as planned.

~John Tonkin
Vera Harbaugh moved to 4735 Wren Court in early-September. Vera celebrates her birthday on March 21 and enjoys sewing and swimming. Vera has five children, three grandchildren and twenty-eight great-grandchildren. Vera’s hometown is Maineville, Ohio.

Thelma Kuntz moved to 746B Buckeye Court in mid-September. Thelma celebrates her birthday on August 25 and is a retired Claims Examiner for the State of Ohio. She has one child, six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Thelma’s hometown is Lebanon, Ohio.

Patty Schanke moved to 221 Terrace Place in late August. Patty celebrates her birthday on November 14 and is a retired Teacher-Guidance Counselor. She enjoys puzzles, reading and games. Patty has two children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Patty’s hometown is Middletown, Ohio.

Pauline Seaver moved to 746A Buckeye Court in late August. Pauline celebrates her birthday on July 28 and is retired from the IRS and currently a Blackstone Aide. She has three children and four grandchildren.

Otterbein Home Health has been administering flu vaccines to I.L. residents since September. The following is the make up date for this month ~ **Thursday, October 13 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Phillippi Room.**

Please be sure to bring your Medicare or other primary health insurance cards with you. There is no co-pay whether you have Medicare or non-traditional Medicare.

Got Rocks?
I am looking for a collector of rocks and minerals or a Rock Hound, here on the Otterbein campus. I have a large collection and I would like to learn more about it. Please call me at 513-932-7229. Thank you.

-Barbara Richards
Are you feeling dizzy or off balance?

Jamie Hodapp PT, DPT from Otterbein’s Home Heath, will be presenting an informational session on Vestibular Therapy.

When: October 6th from 2:00 to 3:00 PM
Where: Phillippi Room

Jamie will explain what vestibular therapy is and how it could help you in your daily life if you struggle with dizziness and vertigo.

YMCA Health Happenings

By: Sheri Reid

Fall has arrived in its colorful beauty! It is such a treat to usher in this season with sunny days, cool nights and pumpkins galore. With all the change going on outside, the YMCA is making a few changes too! We will start our new water and land fitness schedule this month. The “Balance It” class you have asked for will be held on the track upstairs in the LEC on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 10:15am. “Balance It” will cost $3 per class or you can purchase a flex card in the YMCA to use. Water Volleyball is here to stay every Friday at 1:15pm and its is FREE for everyone!

Our hours are also changing this fall on Saturdays only. We will now open at 9:00am and close at 4:00pm on Saturdays. The hours for the rest of the week will be the same as in the past.

On Wednesday, October 26th, we will be having a Halloween Party and Open House from 10:00am to Noon. We will be serving some ghoulish treats, water fitness demonstrations and a costume contest. Please bring a friend and come on down to the YMCA for a HOWLING good time!
TALKING DONKEY

My father laughed during movies. Not a weak soft laugh. But a roaring, loud embarrassing laugh. Too often the audience looked, not at the screen, but at him. As a preadolescent, I was soundly humiliated. The movies my father most enjoyed were the Francis movies based on the novel, Francis, written by army captain David Stern III in 1946. A series of movies followed including "Francis Goes to the Races", “Francis Goes to West Point”, “Francis Joins the Navy”. In the movies Francis, the mule, talks to Donald O’Conner. But to no one else.

Do you remember the movies? I certainly do. And, I admit that I found them funny.

Francis was part of America's post World War II culture.

In the book of Numbers we find a talking donkey. Balaam was a sorcerer summoned by Moab’s king, Balak, to curse the Israelites as they crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land. As Balaam rode his donkey on a tight mountain ledge, the donkey stopped and would go no farther. Balaam beat the donkey three times demanding that the donkey move forward. Each time the donkey refused because the donkey could see what Balaam could not: The Angel of God holding the sword of death. After the third beating, the donkey said to Balaam, “Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day. Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?” Then God opened Balaam’s eyes and he saw the angel and he knew that the donkey had saved him.

This is one of the strangest stories in the Bible. It is one of the most difficult to take literally. Talking animals are in children’s books, 1950’s movies and 1960’s TV shows like Mr. Ed.

But, there is something here: Often there are dangers we do not see. There are dangers that we cannot see. Sometimes we can negotiate the narrow ledges of life only with a guide who can see what we cannot see.

The more time that I spend in reading devotionals and Scripture and the more time that I spend in prayer, the more I see the dangers that are hidden from plain sight.

-Pastor George Phillips
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<td>United Methodist Women Children’s Sabbath program - Chapel/OLN. The theme is &quot;Children of Promise - closing the opportunity gap&quot; with guest speaker Tracy Carter from the Warren county program “4C for Children”. This program is aimed at educating adults who care for children. Everyone is invited!</td>
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Otterbein Lebanon’s choral groups begin a new musical season with the theme, “Better Together”. Some of the song selections are; “Together Wherever We Go”, “Put a Little Love in Your Heart” and “Lean On Me”. The program is directed by Lori Aldridge and Cynthia Gray. Barbara Crouse and Susan Beagle are the accompanists, and Trish Dicken provides percussion. Invite family and friends to come and enjoy this special concert which is open to everyone!

Oct. 27 | 9a – 2p| “Spooktacular” Bake Sale sponsored by the Mission Committee in the Campus Center Lobby. Your freewill donation supports church mission projects.       |
| Oct. 30 | 9:45a| Worship Service in the Chapel                                                                                                                  |
|       | 11:00a| Adult Christian Education Classes                                                                                                               |
| Oct. 31 | 1:30p| Church Nominating Committee meets in Phillippi                                                                                                 |

**Tues. 9:30a Porkolab – Prayer and Bible Study for everyone**

**Wed. 4:15p Recorder Choir rehearsal/CAR**

**Wed. 5:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Chapel**

**Fri. 10a Worship Service Heritage Lobby**

**Fri. 11a Worship/Mathews Serenity Room**
Autumn Art Happenings

Autumn is here and there are lots of fun happenings in the Creative Arts Center. We will be painting fall trees on glass goblets, decorating pumpkins, a fall potluck and also plenty of fall themed drawing and painting opportunities.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12 we will be getting more boxes back from storage so stop by the Creative Arts Center to see if some of your things have made it back.

Let’s hear it for the arts! - Janna

Class Schedule — October

Painting & Drawing

Beginning Watercolor—Leaf Painting
- Thursday, 10/6 at 1:00pm

Drawing & Sketching: Directional Light & Shadows
- Friday, 10/7 at 1:00pm

Painting Fall Trees, Looking Up w/Acrylics (Beginning)
- Tuesday, 10/11 and 10/18 at 10:00am

Drawing & Sketching: Outside Fall Trees
- Thursday, 10/13 at 1:00pm

Drawing & Sketching: Fabric Draping (oooh!)
- Friday, 10/14 at 1:00pm

Crafts & Snacks

Mini Lattice Crust Baked Apples
- Tuesday, 10/4 at 1:00pm

Buttons with Dolly
- Tuesday, 10/11 and 10/25 at 1:00pm

Pumpkin Tray Favors with Jean
- Monday, 10/17 and 10/24 at 10:00am

Tailgate Days Potluck with Mummy Dogs and More!
- Monday, 10/17 at 11:30a in the Wilson

Painted Fall Goblets
- Thursday, 10/27 @ 1:00pm
  or Friday, 10/28 @ 1:00pm
  ~ Sign up in Program Office!

**ART Trip**

Norman Rockwell
At the Springfield Art Museum
Wednesday, 10/19 at 9:00am
Sign up in the Program Office

**ART Documentary**

Norman Rockwell: Painting America

“He was able to sum up the story and ... understand who the people were, what their motives were, everything in one little frame”, Lucas said in an interview. “I think he’s left a legacy that’ll never be forgotten.”

Monday, 10/10 at 1:00pm in the Porkolab

Pumpkin Decorating on the Terrace

Friday, October 21 at 2:00pm

Join us on the Terrace for Mini Caramel Apples and decorating a pumpkin. Sign up in the Program Office if you would like a pumpkin reserved for you.

Pumpkin Decorating
Glow in the Dark ~ or ~ Mummies ~ or ~ You Choose!

Ho Ho Hold the Date

Christmas at Otterbein

~ Saturday, November 19
~ 9:00am to 2:00pm
~ reserve your craft table beginning October 3 in the Program Office
~ table for residents $10.00 or half table at $5.00

Art Happenings Calendar available!

For more information contact
Janna 696-8510 or janna.morrison@otterbein.org

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How to Lock in Your Giving

For several years, Mr. and Mrs. Planner have made annual gifts of $1,000 to Otterbein Lebanon. We appreciate these gifts and take seriously our stewardship responsibility to use these and all funds wisely. We depend on people like the Planners who give regularly and generously. Without them, we could not fulfill our charitable mission with the standard of excellence and care to which we aspire.

The Planners also realize the importance of their gifts and have done something to "lock in" their giving. For example, in their wills they have arranged for a portion of their estate to come to Otterbein Lebanon for our endowment. When this bequest is added, the endowment will be able to provide, in perpetuity, an additional annual amount of at least $1,000 for the annual fund. In other words, the Planners' current annual gift of $1,000 will continue for generations!

As with all endowments, our endowment preserves capital. This means we do not spend the money you place into the fund, but only a portion of the annual earnings. The rest is left to help the fund grow so each year it may produce more and thus keep pace with inflation.

Anyone who leaves a bequest to Otterbein Lebanon can earmark all or a portion of their gift for our endowment. And, you may leave your bequest in honor of or in memory of someone if you wish.

The rule of thumb to "lock in" your annual gift is to give an amount equal to 20 times the annual gift amount. In the Planners' case, they needed to make a bequest of $20,000 to generate at least $1,000 each year. For an annual gift of $5,000, the bequest would need to be $100,000.

Also, an endowment may be established during life with current gifts and then added to by bequest. To learn more about how you can use an endowment fund to "lock in" your giving, contact our director of charitable gift planning, Debbie Yurasek. She will explain the various options to you. She can also demonstrate the advantages of giving appreciated stock or other assets in a tax-efficient manner. Debbie Yurasek, 513-766-5824; dyurasek@otterbein.org; 119 Campus Center.

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(You may complete and return this reply form to 119 Campus Center.)

___ Please send me free literature about creating an endowment with Otterbein Lebanon.
___ Please contact me about a personal visit. The best time to call me is: ________________________.
___ I have provided for Otterbein Lebanon in my will or other estate-planning document.
___ Please send information about the Heritage Society.

Name:_____________________________________________ Phone:____________________________
Address:___________________________________________ Email:_____________________________

Charitable Gifts Matter Program. Debbie’s October 18th (10 a.m.) guest will be Goldfinch Court resident, Jean Bowdan.

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**OCT. 2**  
**Voice of Hope Concert**  
Voice of Hope Concert will be here at Otterbein on **Sunday, October 2 at 2:00pm in the MPR.** The trio consists of three locals from three different backgrounds with one thing in common, our love for the Lord. Trio members are Jeanie Cupp, Nathan Noertker and Cindy Rapp. They bring a new song with a message of Hope to those who are seeking peace and joy in their lives. All residents are welcome!

**OCT. 3**  
**Hearing Loss of America**  
Monday, October 3 at 6:30pm in the Phillipi Room, join members for a presentation by Christine Pett from Med-El. She will talk about Cochlear Implant systems, what they are, different kinds and when they are appropriate. If you are hard of hearing or love someone who is, please join us!

**OCT. 4**  
**Art Lecture Series**  
Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30pm Professional Michael Coyan is back with “The World of Pieter Bruegel” in the Conference Room. This art lecture series runs for 5 weeks. This painter is known as the “father of landscape and genre painting in the North”. Sign up in the Program Office.

**OCT. 5**  
**Pie & Chat**  
Join the Program Girls for some Fall pie and some Fantastic chat on **Wednesday, October 5 at 1:00pm in the Porkolab Activity Studio.** Everyone is welcome!

**OCT. 6 & 13**  
**EDWARD JONES**  
Rob Bedinghaus, Financial Advisor, from Edward Jones is back with two more seminars on **Thursday, October 6 with “Tax Free Investing”** and Thursday, **October 13 with “Outsmart the Scammers”, both at 1:00pm in the Porkolab Activity Studio.** We hope to see you there!

**OCT. 7**  
**K-9 Fest!**  
Join us on **Friday, October 7 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm down at the Pavilion Field area** for a K-9 Fest for a “barking” good time! There will be multiple vendors, pup portraits, and of course a costume contest! Call Stacy at 933-5472 for additional information. See you there!

**OCT. 12**  
**FALL CRUISE**  
Join Renee & Julie for a fun Fall Cruise on Armco Lake in the Spirit of Otterbein on **Wednesday, October 12 with departures at 1:00p—2:30pm.** You will need to sign up in the Program Office for your Bus Shuttle and Boat Boarding Times. Space is limited. Fall Cruise on the water with some light refreshments and great company!

**OCT. 21**  
**TRI Horse Trip**  
Yes, this will be our 3rd attempt to make it to the TRI Horse Farm in Springboro. We will be departing **Campus Center on Friday, October 21 at 9:00am,** travel to Springboro and listening about volunteer opportunities with the horses and special needs children, then we will eat lunch as well. Sign up in the Program Office, space is limited to 10 residents.

**OCT. 23**  
**CONCERT!**  
There will be a Clarinet and Piano concert on **Sunday, October 23 at 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room** by Jim Wise. Everyone is welcome to come in and enjoy the
OCT. 24
AARP will be back at Otterbein on Monday, October 24 from 10:00am to 3:00pm for their Senior Driving Safety Course. You will need to sign up in the Program Office. You will receive a Certificate of Completion when finished, perhaps saving you money of your auto insurance. This class will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room and there is a lunch break.

OCT. 26
SAS Shoes!
SAS Shoes will be back for their Fall/Winter Sale on Wednesday, October 26 from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Phillippi Room. Come in and purchase your new pair of shoes! All welcome.

OCT. 26
FALL OUTING!
The date to the Fall Outing has been moved to Wednesday, October 26 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Partners will bring their children and/or grandchildren to Otterbein for this annual event. This year we are utilizing the Trick-n-Trunk concept. Residents that want to participate with giving away candy to the children will park (car or golf cart) in the parking lot across from Campus Center, the TCU Parking Lot or take a table inside the Phillippi Room (Phillippi, Campus Center, LEC and Terrace Place residents only). There will be hotdogs and chips available down at the Pavilion for all participants. We hope to see many of you participating in this new and exciting event!

OCT. 28
Busom Buds
The company Busom Buds will be here on Friday, October 28 from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the Porkolab Activity Studio. Busom Buds is a ladies Bra Fitting Service that will fit you properly and customize your order just for your comfort and measurements. They will have items for sale that day, and any customized fittings will be returned in approximately two weeks to the resident. We hope to see many of you ladies there to take advantage of this special event.

OCT. 31
HALLOWEEN PARADE
The Mom’s Club of Lebanon will be back again this year with their toddlers for a Halloween Costume Parade on Monday, October 31 beginning at 12:30pm in the 1912 Restaurant, moving down to Heritage Lobby then over the Mathews Hall. Please look for those lil ones as you enter Campus Center. They will have wonderful costumes and their big smiles just for you!

Door Decorating Contest
Back again will be our Halloween Door Decorating Contest in the Campus Center on Monday, October 31 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Partners will have fun decorating their department doors and residents will be encouraged to see them all and vote for their favorites. More details will be coming on a flyer. Let the Boooo’s begin!

Program Department Door in 2013—it was the Keebler Elf Tree—when you peeked in the window you could see the Keebler Cookie Elves making cookies!!!
Recently, we had a visitor to the Heritage Center from China who was drawn to our Missionary Exhibit, particularly, the camphor chest. This chest is one of the many artifacts we have from China, given to the Heritage Center by Gladys Ward, a missionary to China who was a resident of Otterbein from 1987-1999. What tales this chest could tell. So another research project ensued.

Gladys was the daughter of Edwin Beecher Ward and his wife Elizabeth. She was born of these missionary parents in Guangdong, China in 1901. Her parents, also residents of Otterbein, had begun their missionary work for the United Brethren Church in 1898. (This is another story to be told later.)

Gladys grew up in China and spent her childhood except for college and the majority of her adult life working and serving in the mission field. Her work spanned much of China’s history in the last century...from the old Manchu Dynasty, to a “supposedly republican form of government,” plus life under the Japanese after the invasion in 1937, to the Communist regime. She spent most of her time in the Guangdong Province but later served in the Philippines and Hong Kong. Basically homeschooled by her mother, she attended high school in the Shanghai American School where she was a star basketball player and returned to the U.S. to attend college at Coe College in Iowa in 1923. She briefly attended the University of Arizona, but graduated from Coe. She taught school one year in Oregon, then, began work for the Women’s Missionary Association as a field worker, and was able to return to China in 1926 where she served faithfully until 1951. Most of her service was in the small rural villages and towns where she could mix with the people she served. She was fluent in Cantonese and preferred to work directly with the people, bringing them to Christ.

During the Korean War, Gladys had to move her energies to the Philippines working with a Chinese church. In 1955, she returned to Hong Kong and continued her missionary work there. After her “retirement” in 1967, she began teaching in the Alliance Bible Seminary on Cheung Chau Island until moving to Otterbein in October 24, 1987. She was then 87, and was accompanied by one of her former students, Gertrude Leung, who returned to Hong Kong. She lived quietly in Bethany Hall.

Gladys remained at Otterbein until her death in 1999. She donated her body to Wright State Medical School and her cremains were returned to Otterbein and buried next to her parents in the Otterbein Cemetery.

While at Otterbein she became a close friend of Mary Lue Warner and Student Pastor at Otterbein-Lebanon UMC, Ellen King. After her passing, Mary Lue served as her Power of Attorney to settle her small estate. As a result 6 boxes of her papers were given to the Center for the Evangelical United Brethren Heritage at UTS in Dayton, OH. This is a large diverse collection of documents, letters, diaries, newspaper and magazine articles, many photographs, etc. that span an time period from 1897-1987. The collection includes her papers as well as those of her parents. There is also a box of genealogy data on the Ward family.

Mary Lue kept some of Gladys’ documents and artifacts from her life in China for our Heritage Center. While going through the two boxes of items we have, plus photographing some of the her personal gifts and papers for our inventory, I ran across a hand typed corrected copy of her autobiography with some of the pages missing. The Seminary has a copy that they found also. Their copy has been scanned and retyped and is available to read on line. Which I did. I’m not sure when she wrote it, but probably in her “retirement” years in Hong Kong. What an amazing lady! I also found that we have a copy of a book written by her, At The Master’s Command—The Sixty Years Ministry of Gladys Ward, which may be one in the same as her autobiography, I can’t tell as it is written in Cantonese!

Gladys Ward, a true servant of God!
Labor Day Potluck
Sponsored by the CCC, was a great success. Somewhere between 80 to 100 people, including a number of our new residents, exchanged conversation and a variety of dishes. The CCC activity was started by a group of residents. It meets on Saturday mornings to promote Coffee, Conversation and Camaraderie in the Wilson Community Room for all residents and guests. The object of this is to support resident social interaction. Retirement Community years are a time of shifting social networks, in part because previous relationships are often left behind. A number of studies have shown that the relationship between social interaction and health is a positive. “Hanging out” is important to your health! Please join us every Saturday from 8:00am till whenever, just to hang out!

Meet the Reniers
Greg and Susan Renier have been supporting the ministry of The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) since 1987. When they retired from their jobs, they decided to do a little more by volunteering as VOM Voices in their community. As VOM Voices, their purpose is to effectively share the message of the persecuted church and the ministry of The Voice of the Martyrs to the American church in order to fulfill our Christian responsibility according to Hebrews 13:3—“Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.” (NKJV) Their key objectives are 1) to educate Christians concerning what the Bible has to say about the persecuted church; 2) to raise the level of awareness of the needs of persecuted Christians around the world; 3) to present the ministry of The Voice of the Martyrs as a way to fulfill our responsibility as Christians and meet the needs of the suffering Church by acquiring effective prayer and financial partners.

If you would like to have Greg and/or Susan come and do a presentation for a Bible study group, or simply for your family or a group of friends, please contact them by phone (513-410-3219) or email szren47@gmail.com. Their presentation can be anywhere from 10 minutes to a full hour if you so desire. They have videos and slide show presentations, and either or both of them will be honored to speak to your group. They also have handouts and some books and literature available.

The United Methodist Women will be observing Children’s Sabbath on Monday, October 10 at 2:30pm in the MPR. The theme this year is Children of Promise: Closing Opportunity Gaps. Tracy Carter, who is Vice President of 4C for Children, will be the speaker. 4C for Children is an organization that educates and supports the adults who care for your children in southwest Ohio, the Miami Valley and Kentucky. Come, learn of the work of this group in Warren County and see how we can help in their work. Everyone is welcome!

United Methodist Women’s Sunday will be observed on Sunday, October 23 at 9:45am in the MPR. The guest speaker will be Joan Johnson from Beavercreek, Ohio. Joan has served 8 years as a Women’s Division Director and currently is in her fourth year as Conference President of United Methodist Women in West Ohio Conference. She is the lay administrator of her local church, St. Paul UMC in the Miami Valley District. Joan credits her passion for mission to the support of education she has received from United Methodist Women. Come hear her on Sunday morning, October 23. Also broadcast on the OLN.
B-OLD ADVENTURE CLUB!
1st trip to the Go-Kart Races!
Haven’t the tomatoes been delicious this year? Our court rep., Bob Gigax, raised many special tomatoes from seed of a “Beef master” variety, which provided many including a beauty of 7” in diameter and weighing 2lbs and 11oz! What a whopper!

-Rachel Brown

Residents happily receiving information on fall prevention during our Fall Prevention Day!
Residents enjoying mocktails and steel drum music during our End of Summer Mocktail party on the Terrace!
# Happy Anniversary to You!

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