

So. Otselec Methodist News

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First Day of Spring ???

One of the best bargains I've ever picked up at an auction is the chair in which I'm sitting at the moment. No, it's not an antique... In fact it's a very modern contrivance with a seat that swivels as well as adjusts up and down, and most important, has caster wheels that allow it to move about when needed.

I consider it a great bargain, not so much because of the low price it cost, but more so because of the service it has given me. Sitting as it does, in front of my computer, it is used for many hours almost every day. I suppose it could really be called my "thinking chair".

Its mechanical functions become important to my thinking process in various ways. If I need to consult something on my desk, I just slide to the right a few feet and consult. Or I can spin around to check something in the filing cabinet behind me. Those caster wheels save a lot of getting up and down!

And if, as is happening now, I find myself without an idea worth developing for the next Newsletter, I can lean back and swivel to the left where my favorite window reveals a pretty out-doors scene. Between the snow-laden branches of a pine on one side and a hemlock on the other, I look down on a meadow lying beneath more snow than it has seen for the past several years. The snow is still falling, almost "whiting out" the hill beyond, and as the silent flakes drift by my window, the winter scene begins to awaken just the least bit of a thought.

I and my chair leave the window and swivel to the right, where facing me on my desk, is a calendar, which in turn seems to be a part of this developing thought. Sure enough! Right there on the calendar it says that March 20 is the first day of Spring! Bingo!! The thought that started at the window bounces off the calendar and takes root on the computer screen:

As February winds down it seems unbelievable that Spring is officially only a few weeks away. But there's the catch! Although Spring is supposed to arrive here on March 20th, we all know that it won't show up until it's good and ready. And it probably won't be ready around here until sometime in April, so we can forget that March 20th business... I wonder what March 20th brings to the other places that our little paper reaches?

I have first-hand information that Spring has already arrived in North Carolina and that our readers in Florida never lost it. To those lucky people, March 20 is just another day on the calendar. I am informed that North Carolinians have been mowing their lawns since early February.

One of our Newsletters goes way up to Alaska. I have no idea what March 20 brings to that far northern state, but since part of it is above the Arctic Circle while the lower part is more temperate, I imagine that Alaska has quite a variety in climate.

Treasurer's Corner

I say it a lot over the year - where does the time go? It seems like it was only we were celebrating Christmas! I do think time has a way of getting away from us no matter what the season of year we are in. The saying goes: March will either come in like a lion and go out like a lamb, or vice versa. In the end there is nothing we can do about it, What is time, anyway? Is it the seconds, minutes or hours that keep track of? Or is it by the seasons of the year? There is a calendar of time kept in months, a spiritual calendar using different time/events in the life of Jesus and there are many 'sayings' about time ie: Time waits for no man, it's that time of year, what time is it? And the list goes on. Many songs relate to time ie: Time in a Bottle, Time after Time, Old Time Rock & Roll, The Times they are a Changin and I've had the Time of my Life just to mention a few. How do you relate to time? I hope that all of us treasure the 'time' we have on this good earth, whether it is measured with our blood family, church family, family of friends at home and at work, and with our children grandchildren and great grandchildren. Appreciate any way you use your time as you never know when your 'time' is over. We can plan our time ,but God has an eraser...

Please keep our little church in your prayers.

Ann F Campbell
Pres

<i>Receipts:</i>			<i>Beg Balances:</i>
Envelopes & Pledges	3765.00		Chng: 5340.58
Loose Offerings	365.00		Savings: 8910.60
60+ rent (1sr qtr)	175.00		
Interest (Wells Fargo)	131.25		
	TOTAL	4436.25	Receipts: 4436.25
<i>Payments:</i>			Payments: 4669.74
Minister's Salary	231.50		Balance - 233.49
Housing	1670.00		<i>Ending Balances:</i>
Treasurer	153.30		Chng: 5107.09
Travel	0.00		Savings: 8910.60
Organist	0.00		
Secretary	0.00		
Tech Support	153.30		
Postage	43.83		
Fuel Oil	587.00		
NYSEG	190.56		
Apportionment	987.30		Year to Date: +1091.93
Penny Stone (trash removal)	30.00		
Telephone	89.04		
Dave Cruikshank (8 snow plows)	320.00		
Upper Room (Mar-Apr)	15.90		
Great America Financial Services (copier)	198.01		
	TOTAL	4669.74	

Side notes

Dates to remember

March 5 - Ash Wednesday... 12-2 at So. Otselic UMC

7 - 60+ dinner at 5:00 PM at the church

9 - Daylight savings begins ... turn your clocks *AHEAD* by one hour

16 - Valley Lenten Service at 4:00 PM

21 - 60+ dinner at the church

23 - Administrative Board meeting after the service

30 - PPRC meeting after the service
Deadline for newsletter article due

31 - Deadline for Easter Flower order

April 4 - 60+ dinner at 5:00 PM at the church

Ecumenical Valley Lenten Services

The schedule for the Valley Lenten Services are as follows. These are open for anyone that wishes to attend. Bring a friend and we hope to see you!!

March 9 - United Presbyterian, Cincinnati, 4 pm

March 16 -So. Otselic UMC, 4 pm

March 23 -OLPH Catholic, Cincinnati, 4 pm

March 30 -Taylor Wesleyan, 4 pm

April 6 -Christian Union, Cincinnati, 4 pm

April 13 - First Baptist, Cincinnati, **Easter Cantata, 6 pm**

All Because of Jesus...
Pastor Peter Bush

A heart felt thank you...

I just wanted to thank Connie Neumeister for sending me 14 names from her church for our newsletter! Small miracles come in the most unexpected ways and times! Thank you SO much Connie. *Annie ☺*

Our Sympathy and Condolences ...

We wish to send our sympathy and condolences to Harold and Lolita White on the passing of their grandson, Zachary Hotaling and to Richard and Angela Harris on the passing of her Mother, Lorena Auwarter. They are now in God's hands and at peace. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

16th Annual South Otselic Valley & Fishing Heritage Day

When: Saturday May 17th from 9 to 4

Where: Town Park and Fish Hatchery

Vendors ... Food ... Entertainment ... Tours ... Fishing experiences

This is a free and family event (except for food and souvenirs)

Pray for our Country

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Plants for the Easter Garden - 2025

Each year our sanctuary becomes a beautiful garden of lilies and spring flowers. Our United Methodist Church will again be providing the plants.

Orders must be received by Monday, March 31st to enable us to meet the order date of our supplier.

*If you would like to dedicate a plant, please fill out the form below and send the order and your check
(payable to: **South Otselic United Methodist Church**)*

To: Ann Campbell, PO Box 856, Sherburne, NY 13460 - deerknoll1948@gmail.com - (607) 674-9355
by March 31, 2025. Thank you for your support!

_____ I/We wish to dedicate an Easter plant in *loving memory* of:

_____ I/We wish to dedicate an Easter plant in *honor* of:

PLANT ORDER:

Easter Lily - (6" pot)	_____ @ \$ 12.00 = _____
Hyacinth - (6" pot)	_____ @ \$ 10.00 = _____
Tulip - (6" pot)	_____ @ \$ 10.00 = _____
Daffodil - (6" pot)	_____ @ \$ 10.00 = _____
Mini-roses - (6" pot)	_____ @ \$ 10.00 = _____

NAME: _____ Phone Number _____ Total = _____

(The 'choice' of flowers will be done in the order that I receive your orders)

I think the proper term for 'senior' women should be: Queen-agers. That is all. Carry on.

Planting Your Spring Garden

For The Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love.
There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap
What You Sow. Pass It On!!!

I swear the me that orders groceries & the me that actually has to cook the meals are 2 entirely different people.