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A Centennial Birthday!

One hundred years ago, on September 7, 1918, First Methodist Episcopal Church of Orion (as it was known back then) purchased its pipe organ. The Centennial Birthday Celebration of our pipe organ will be held at **4 p.m. Sunday, September 9 with an organ concert.** The public is invited to attend as Jed Poust and Karl Bodenbender take turns blessing us with their musical skills on our two-manual, twelve-rank pipe organ.

We purchased our organ for \$2,000 from Hinners Organ Company of Pekin, Illinois; that would be comparable to \$36,000 in 2018. However, our organ is valued at much more than that today. Our church was only able to purchase the organ with a grant of \$750 gift from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. That grant would be worth \$13,500 today and is likely the largest out-of-state grant we've ever received.

In order to receive the grant from the Carnegie Corporation, the congregation had to pay at least half the cost of the organ; the church's portion came out to \$1,250. Walker Kerr served as church treasurer at the time. The manufacturer reimbursed the church for the freight, which came out to \$8.02 (\$144 today).

Our Epworth Organ style 575, number 24445 arrived in Orion by rail and was installed by Williams Organ and Piano Co. for \$200 (\$3,600 today). Rev. Alvin E Loder was pastor.

Hinners Organ Co. was founded by John L. Hinners in 1879; he was the son of German Methodist Episcopalians and originally a carpenter by trade. Hinners was one of the first American mail order catalogue companies. Its focus on standard models, mass production, and direct marketing meant that even small churches in Midwestern towns could afford a respectable pipe organ. Hinners was also notable for high-quality construction that could be serviced by local craftsmen in an era before reliable roads and electricity. By being among the first to make his products widely affordable to ordinary people across rural America, John Hinners has been compared to both Henry Ford and Aaron Montgomery Ward. The company closed in 1942.*

Our church has changed much over the years and our organ has changed with the times. It was originally located on the east wall of the sanctuary and at some point, the

pipes were painted. It was renovated in 1960 at a cost of \$1,250 by Harold Turner Organ Associates of Albuquerque, New Mexico (\$10,500 today).

When our sanctuary was remodeled and rotated 90 degrees in 1979, our organ was moved to the north wall and, thanks to Jed Poust, the paint stripped from its pipes.

In 2009, puffs of smoke began coming out of the console; some of the mechanicals were simply wearing out. Our church contracted with Levens Organ Company of Buffalo, Iowa to fully digitalize the organ at a cost of \$47,270; most of that was paid thanks to an estate gift from June Coulter. That expense would be worth \$55,230 today.

We have been blessed with a number of gifted organists over the past century, including Elta Bailey, Yvonne Palmgren, Leland Gustafson, Alma Anderson, Carol Hubbard, Jed Poust, Faith (Stevenson) Skirvin, Jane Meyer, Linda Wells and Karl Bodenbender. Incidentally, Mrs. Palmgren was Kurt Nelson's grandmother.

Please join us for this centennial celebration. It will be followed by a **Hot Dog Bar** in the MAC served by our 2019 YouthWorks missions team. Only quality hot dogs will be served with all the trimmings, all for a free-will donation.

Yours for the mission,
Pastor Dave

*Wikipedia.org

Walk to Emmaus

If you've never been on a Walk to Emmaus, I strongly encourage you to participate in one of our upcoming events. Walk to Emmaus is many things. It is often billed as a weekend course in the basics of the Christian faith, I found it to be a celebration of God's love. As a "mature Christian," I didn't think I needed a course in the fundamentals of the faith, but what I did need was the opportunity to experience God's love in a way unlike anything I had ever experienced before. If you would like that experience for yourself, please contact me or any of our Emmaus pilgrims. Upcoming dates are:

Men's Walk, Thurs., Sept. 20 through Sun., Sept. 23
Women's Walk, Thurs., Sept. 27 through Sun., Sept. 30

Pastor Dave

Sunday School Teachers

2, 3, 4 yr. olds – Michelle Faulkner

Pre-K & Kindergarten – Mandy Browning

1st & 2nd grade – Erin Herring

3rd & 4th grade – Peggy Crayne

5th & 6th grade – Rachel Bollinger & Jon Ditzman

Confirmation – Diane McCunn & Greg McCunn

High School – Tara Miller

Generation XYZ – Self-led by Group Members

The Seekers – Sandy McCready, Don Berns

Ladies Small Group – Rachel Girotti

Factory Bible Study Group Leader – Pastor Dave Schultz

Children's Music, Bell/Chime Choirs – Carrie McCunn

Sunday School Secretary & Treasurer – Barb Cooper

Pastor Dave will also rotate between all Sunday school classes throughout the year.

Quarter Auction and Pasta Dinner Saturday, October 6 in the MAC

Join us for a pasta dinner at 6 pm with the bidding for the Quarter Auction beginning at 7 pm. Mark your calendar and tell friends. There will be many great youth and adult items to bid on. *It's a great, entertaining way to shop early for Christmas!* It's a fun evening, and you won't want to miss it!

Ladies Small Group

Our Ladies Small Group will begin meeting again on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7 pm in the high school room. All ladies and friends are invited!

YOUTH NEWS

Sun., Sept. 9 – Sunday school for all ages at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 9 – **Confirmation class** begins at 9:15 a.m. and meets at the bottom of the ramp in Fellowship Hall. Parents or a responsible adult are requested to attend this initial meeting with their child.

Prepare Your Hearts for Sunday

Have you ever looked Jesus' favorite topics? If you have, you've discovered that 16 of the 38 recorded parables of Jesus address the topic of money. In fact, Jesus had far more to say about money than he did heaven. So why is the subject of money avoided so often in church? That won't be the case in September as I will be asking, "Is poverty spiritual?" I'll be drawing on Dallas Willard's *The Spirit of the Disciplines* [Harper Collins © 1988, available at Christianbooks.com and Amazon.com]. I'll be preaching several sermons on the subject; my sermon texts include, in no particular order, Matthew 6:19-34; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 12:13-21; Luke 18:18-20 and 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19.

Lay liturgists are asked to read Mark 7:24-37 on September 9; Mark 8:27-38 on September 16; Mark 9:30-37 on September 23 and Mark 9:38-50.

Beginning on Sunday, September 2, our psalter will be drawn from Psalm 45, then Psalm 125, Psalm 19, Psalm 1 and we wrap the month up with Psalm 124.

Each week, the New Testament reading is from the Book of James; I encourage you to read it this month.

I'll see you in church

Pastor Dave

Consecration Sunday

Mark your calendars for our Consecration Sunday to be held October 14. Following the 10:30 service, please plan to attend our Celebration luncheon. More details will be in the October *Courier*.

Sanctuary Choir News

Rehearsals for the Sanctuary Choir will begin September 6 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. New members are welcome!

Bell and Chime Choir News

Youth Chime Choir is for children in grades 3-5 and will practice about twice a month on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. This choir plays in church 3-4 times per year. Practice times to be announced.

Youth Bell Choir is for students in grades 6-12. Practices are Sunday mornings from 8:30 – 9:15 about twice a month and will play in church about four times per year. Practice times to be announced. You don't need to read music to play bells – we will teach you how!

Adult Bell Choir practice will be on Thursdays at 8 p.m. New ringers are welcome! Watch for info on the date for the first practice.

Orion UMC & the Fall Festival

Sat., Sept. 1, 5:00 pm – Paper airplane contest in the MAC

Sat., Sept. 1, 8:30-11 pm – Middle school party in the MAC

Sun., Sept. 2 at 8:00 a.m. – Community-wide worship service at Central Park with *The Chosen Ones*.

Sun., Sept. 2 at 5:00 p.m. – Fall Fiesta in the MAC. Our youth will serve walking tacos; TLC Preschool will serve dessert.

Sun., Sept. 2 at 6:00 p.m. – *Guys with Ties* from Comedy Sportz will perform in the MAC. The show is free!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Several years ago, our Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) adopted the Liberia Annual Conference as its partner conference. Liberia has been beset by poverty and disease and a host of other problems.

Liberia Ministries are our September Mission of the Month. Orion UMC has a covenant relationship with Rev. Priscilla Jaiah, a missionary serving at the Ganta Mission. She has visited Orion UMC before. In order to be in a covenant relationship with Priscilla, we want to support her ministry with \$2,000. There are other needs in Liberia which we hope to support also.

Your support of Liberian ministries—above and beyond your regular support of our church—will help us to reach out in love and compassion to the people of Liberia.

Festival for Missions Sunday, December 2 at Noon

It's not too early to think about Christmas and our Festival for Missions! "Designer's Choice" is the theme. You may design anything with a Christmas theme, and the donated items will be sold by silent auction at a catered fellowship meal to be held on Sun., Dec. 2.

The Chosen Ones will entertain and inspire you at the **Fall Festival Community Worship Service** Sunday, Sept. 2 at 8:00 a.m. in Central Park. We will not hold worship services that morning, and we hope you'll join us in the park. Rain location is our church. Invite a friend!

We would like to thank Esterdahl's and Rev. Craig Miller for the wonderful service honoring Audrey. Thank you to those who sent food, cards, memorials, and flowers and to the ladies at the church for the wonderful meal. Your kindness is appreciated!

God bless,

The Family of Audrey Cook

To Pastor Dave & OUMC Members...

Thank you for providing me with the honor of speaking before your congregation to share information on Christian Care. Thank you to Loving Stitches for the gift of eight homemade quilts! These will be in high demand in just a few short months as the weather gets colder, so it's nice we will be able to provide warmth for those in need.

I appreciate you making Christian Care a Mission of the Month and am very thankful that you, as a pastor, are challenging your congregation to not only look beyond their four walls, but also to look beyond their city boundaries to recognize areas of need.

I am honored that Christian Care is one of the charities you support. You are all making a difference throughout our entire community by your love, your actions, and your generosity. Thank you for your support and helping us succeed in our mission.

Steve Gottcent

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2019 Youth Mission Trip to Denver

YouthWorks will again provide us with our youth mission destination next year and it will be Denver. Our trip will begin on Friday, July 19, 2019 and run through Friday, July 26. An extra day has been added to the trip so we follow one of the hiking trails in the Rocky Mountain National Park. Participants must have completed sixth grade; those completing high school in 2019 are also welcome to participate.

Total cost is \$650, including a \$50 deposit is due by Monday, September 10; persons who register by that time will receive a \$25 credit to their account. Checks should be payable to OUMC. After September 10, the cost of the trip increases to \$690 and the \$25 credit will be forfeited. Fundraising opportunities begin early in September. Questions may be directed to Pastor Dave.

You are Cordially Invited to the 100th Birthday Party for our Pipe Organ

Where: Orion UMC Sanctuary

When: Sunday, September 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for a concert as we celebrate the musical blessings we have received over the past 100 years with our pipe organ and stay for a Hot Dog Bar in the MAC sponsored by our YouthWorks missionaries. Everyone is invited!

Blessings on your Birthday!

9/03	Donna Boehm Kurt Nelson Maryn Bollinger	9/20	Justin Catour Dustin Ditzman
9/05	Nancy Poust	9/21	Roy Ator Tom Patton
9/06	Mason Magee	9/22	Jim Coe Riley Knox
9/09	Anthony Killion Andy Combites Tony Kosek Owen Bollinger	9/24	Ian Bollinger Pat Cooper
9/10	Bonnie Knowles Chuck Stone Tess Herring	9/25	Kathleen Etheridge Darrell Muhleman Darrin Nelson
9/12	Jonathan Schultz	9/26	Gene Boehm
9/13	Carolyn Ator Dawn Pasmore	9/28	Mary Jane Griffin
9/16	Jon Ditzman Andrew Haars	9/29	Taylor Meece
9/17	Donna Peterson	9/30	Stu Etheridge Breanna Carr
9/18	Rylin Smith Aidan Pasmore Cindy Gladkin		

*Please contact the church office
to add your name.*

*Welcome back to Sunday School!
Have a terrific year!*