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preachers attended, probably including two African Americans, Harry Hosier and Richard Allen. It was at this gathering that the movement became organized as The Methodist Episcopal Church in America.

In the years following the Christmas Conference, The Methodist Episcopal Church published its first Discipline (1785), adopted a quadrennial General Conference, the first of which was held in 1792, drafted a Constitution in 1808, refined its structure, established a publishing house, and became an ardent proponent of revivalism and the camp meeting.



Philip William Otterbein

As The Methodist Episcopal Church was in its infancy, two other churches were being formed. In their earliest years they were composed almost entirely of German-speaking people. The first was founded by Philip William Otterbein (1726–1813) and Martin Boehm (1725–1812). Otterbein, a German

Reformed pastor, and Boehm, a Mennonite, preached an evangelical message and experience similar to the Methodists. In 1800 their followers formally organized the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. A second church, The Evangelical Association, was begun by Jacob Albright (1759–1808), a Lutheran farmer and tilemaker in eastern Pennsylvania who had been converted and nurtured under Methodist teaching. The Evangelical Association was officially organized in 1803. These two churches were to unite with each other in 1946 and with The Methodist Church in 1968 to form The United Methodist Church.

By the time of Asbury's death in March 1816, Otterbein, Boehm, and Albright had also died. The churches they nurtured had survived the difficulties of early life and were beginning to expand numerically and geographically.

*Next month: the Churches Grow (1827-1843)*

*A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.*  
- Proverbs 14:29

**Finance Update:**

Below are the 2007 financial results. The 2007 income was 101% of budget, and our expenses were 98.4% of budget.

✝	December Budget	December Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Income	\$17,510.87	\$26,894.00	\$202,265.00	\$204,070.
Expenses	\$17,253.73	\$17,500.48	\$208,647.73	\$205,377.
Difference	\$257.14	\$9393.52	-\$6,382.73	-\$1,306.

The finance committee is pleased to report that while we ended the year with a deficit of \$1306.74, the church paid 102% of our apportionments. 2007 was the first time since 1996 that our congregation has paid 100% or more. God has blessed us abundantly.

**Meet Our Youth Group Leader**

*I would really love to tell you about me, but come to find out every day the Lord allows me to wake up, I keep finding out that it's no longer me who lives but Christ who lives in me.*

*From the very first day I met the Father, from that day on I knew my life was not going to be the same. Jeremiah 29:11 was the first thing the Lord spoke into my life. From there on my faith walk started. Since then, the Lord has done a mighty work in me, and to this day He's constantly transforming me to look more like Him.*

*I have a very beautiful woman in my life to whom I will be marrying soon (Mindy Greenia). The most amazing son whom I love dearly (Erik Matthew Dezotell), and most of all the Lord has really blessed me by planting me here to serve His people.*

*This congregation is so amazing, but yet I'm not sure as to whether or not you see yourselves that way, which is very humbling to my heart.*

*I am so blessed to be here with you, and most of all to be loved. Finally I see a church that looks like Christ. Praise God!*

*-Darrel Alvin DeZotell*

**February Youth Meeting**  
**February 3, 2008, 1:00 PM**  
**@ Room #4**

*I am the light of the world. Whomever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.* - John 8:12

### Spiritual Discipline in Lent

During Lent let us focus on spiritual disciplines that will help us get closer to God. The following is some spiritual disciplines that many people practice especially in Lent.

**Fasting:** The Western Rite of the Catholic Church requires its members age 18 and 59 to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, unless a physical condition prevents otherwise. Most Protestant churches that celebrate Lent do not have these requirements. However, when we “give something up” for Lent, we are embracing a form of fasting, an excellent spiritual discipline. Some people choose to give up sins (gossip, drunkenness, etc) for Lent. In this way, Lent represents a spiritual training time to overcome evil. Some give up things they have an inordinate desire for, e.g. sweets, caffeine, etc. By giving these up, the person fasting learns to control a particular part of his or her life, which leads to greater self-discipline even when Lent is over. As such in Lent we are able to learn, examine, and get under control our material excesses.

**Prayer:** Lent is a good time to develop or strengthen a discipline of daily prayer.

**Almsgiving (Charity):** While Lent is about giving something up, it is also about putting something positive in its place. The best way to remove vice is to cultivate virtue. Lent has been a traditional time of helping the poor and doing acts of charity and mercy. While as Christians this is a year round calling, Lent is a good time to examine ways to get involved and to make resolutions to actually do them. Giving alms can be done in more ways than just giving out money to people on the street. It can be done by helping your family, friends, and neighbors out of tight situations or being more generous to hired help. However, one of the best ways to give alms is to get out of your comfort zone a little bit, maybe by volunteering for a charity or a shelter. Lent is a perfect time to discern a

call to ministry.

**Scripture Reading:** When facing temptation in the desert, Jesus relied on Scripture to counter the wiles of the devil. It is a formidable weapon for us as well. Biblical illiteracy among Christians of all types is rampant and, quite honestly, shameful. Lent is an excellent time to remedy this problem. The Daily Bible Reading Schedule was enclosed in January Beacon. Reading the bible according to that schedule is a good way to start your bible reading discipline. You can start today. If you need the Bible Reading Schedule, please let Rev. Kim or church office know.

Lent is a time to examine ourselves carefully. Here are some questions that you might pray and meditate during Lent.

- ❖ Am I sharing gladly what I have with others, especially the stranger and the poor?
- ❖ Do I have a gracious and patient attitude with others, especially those who irritate me?
- ❖ Do I feel the power of connection to God and the church in corporate worship?
- ❖ How is my devotional and prayer life progressing? Am I listening to God more and complaining less? Is it time for a change or a growth in my Bible study and prayer life?
- ❖ What are the lurking sin problems, which still plague me?
- ❖ Am I as thoughtful and forgiving of family as others, or do I take my frustration out on them?
- ❖ Do I speak up for the maligned and oppressed, or do I remain silent in order to remain popular?

### Stewardship Corner

Stewardship is derived from an old English term “stye-ward” or “keeper of the pigs.” The concept of the stye-ward, however, is based on an older tradition of the entrusted servant who cared for all of the holding of his master. What has your Master asked you to take care of?

***Did you know that it costs \$35.26 per household each week to support our church’s ministries?***

Someone Special



You are the Special Someone



Please come and fellowship.

All are welcome.

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Immediately after worship

The cost is \$6.00  
The fellowship is priceless.

R.S.V.P. if possible . . .

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*A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but  
heartache crushes the spirit.* - Proverbs 15: 13

*A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a  
harsh word stirs up anger.* - Proverbs 15:1

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By the numbers - attendance

	Sunday		
Children's	<u>Church</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Church</u>
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	69	3	5
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	63	7	0
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	59	14	6

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