

## ***What's Happening at Otterbein!***

### **Barnabas Group - March**

This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would greatly appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You'll find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

Please take a moment to write a note that shares God's love, comfort, and encouragement. If writing isn't your thing, preprinted cards with messages are available—just sign your name and place the card in the basket.

### **Circle of Prayer**

Each week our Susquehanna Annual Conference requests prayer for churches within the Annual Conference, partner churches in Sierra Leone and conference camps. During the **week of March 8 - 14**: Trinity UMC – Elizabethtown, St Peter's UMC – Riverside, Rhodes Memorial UMC – Lewistown, Mount Zion UMC – Steelton, Slocum UMC – Wapwallopen, Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center – Waynesboro.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 4 9:00–11:00 AM · Rain or Shine



**Children ages 0–12**, get ready to grab your Easter basket and lace up your running shoes! Oodles of eggs will be waiting for you to find.

**Parishioners:** Donations of wrapped candy (no gum, please) would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off items at the office or place them in one of the boxes located in the narthex or contemporary area.

### **Cake Auction – March 22 – 10:30 AM**

*The cake auction is coming!!!!* It is time for the BAKERS and BUYERS of Otterbein to get excited! The mission committee is hosting the auction on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:30 AM in the gym with a continental breakfast. The Cake Auction is the fund raiser for Missions. The monies donated are used to assist local families and non-profits and provide funds for Otterbein's response to natural disasters and the needs of others on a national level.

**Bakers** may bring their cakes on March 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:15 AM.

Immediately following the **combined worship service**, breakfast will be available while you view the cakes and pick up your bidding paddle. The auction will begin at 10:30 with Michael Martin as the auctioneer.

**Buyers:** Your purchase may be paid via cash or check made payable to Otterbein UMC. In the memo, please note "cake auction".

### **Calling Otterbein Veterans – Help Needed April 5 (Easter Sunday)**

Following the Easter Sunrise service, the Veterans of Otterbein will host a sausage and pancake breakfast to recognize the support the congregation has provided during our military service. To accomplish this mission, we will need the support that we have received from you in the past.

If you can help, please contact:

Church Office (**Nancy**) at (717) 321-6682 or [office@ottumc.org](mailto:office@ottumc.org)

**Harry Owens** at (717) 571-4019 or [owenshd@yahoo.com](mailto:owenshd@yahoo.com)

**Save the date: VBS will be June 15 – 19, 2026**

**OY Snow Tubing was rescheduled to Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

### Supplies Needed!



The VBS decorating crew is looking for the long brown packing paper (the kind that comes in Amazon packages). A box for collection will be located outside of the office. Thank you for your help! – Janna, Director of Family Ministries

### Communion Dates for 2026

March 8<sup>th</sup>

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

June 7<sup>th</sup>

August 2<sup>nd</sup>

October 4<sup>th</sup> – World Communion Day

November 8<sup>th</sup>

December 24<sup>th</sup> (2:00, 6:00, and 11:00 PM)

### Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Blood Drive	March 8	8 – 1:00 PM	Choir Room
Jeanne Hamilton Celebration of Life	March 8	2:00 PM	Sanctuary
Otterbein Youth Snow Tubing	March 8	2 – 4:00 PM	
Prayer Shawl	March 9	9:00 AM	Library
Bell Practice	March 9	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	March 9	7:00 PM	Gym / Classrooms
Bible Study	March 10	9:00 AM	Library
UMW Meeting	March 10	10:00 AM	Room 8
Staff Development	March 10	12:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	March 10	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Gym
Outside Group	March 10	7 – 9:00 PM	Room 8
Blanket Ministry	March 11	9:00 AM	Room 8
Choir	March 11	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Special Olympics	March 12	6 – 7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Men's Life Group	March 12	7:00 PM	Library
Member Use	March 13	5:30 – 7:30 PM	Multi-purpose Room
BSHS Baseball Breakfast	March 14	8:30 – 11:00 AM	Multi-purpose Room

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month** – New Person for Barnabas Group to write notes to

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Canned Fruit Sunday

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Wave to our friends joining us from home

**To our Scouts, leaders, and volunteers:** Thank you for building character and leadership through faith and service.

*“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.”* — **John Quincy Adams**