

Save the Dates.....2023

April 30 - Cake Auction (start planning...details to come)

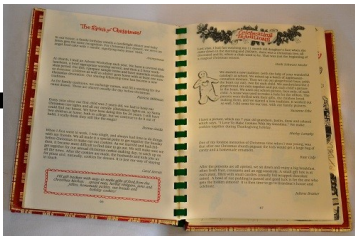
June 9 - Welcome Summer (Food Trucks / Music) 5 - 8 PM

June 19 - 23 Vacation Bible School

September 10 - Church Picnic onsite

October 29 - Rise Against Hunger

December 9 - Christmas Festival Event



Did you get your Amen! Let's Eat II! Cookbook yet?

If not, what are you waiting for!!! They make wonderful gifts! Not sure what to get the person who has everything - a cookbook! Your niece / nephew / grandchild / son / daughter who just got their first apartment / home / married - a cookbook!

Ideas to make it even more unique:

- ♦ Tie a ribbon around it and tuck a utensil in
- ♦ Display the cookbook in a cake pan or slow cooker
- ♦ Add some tea towels and hot pads and tie with ribbon
- ♦ Include items from a specific recipe with the book in a basket / bag

Easter Schedule for April 2023



April 2 - Palm Sunday

(8:45 AM) Traditional Service - Sanctuary - Prayers at the Cross Cantata

(9:00 AM) Contemporary "Gathering" Service - Multipurpose Room

(11:00 AM) Traditional Service - Sanctuary

April 6 - Maundy Thursday

(7:00 PM) Maundy Thursday Service w/communion - Sanctuary

April 7 - Good Friday

(11 - 1 PM) Good Friday Solitude - Sanctuary

A quiet time to reflect, pray and prepare for the celebration of Easter.

You may stay a few minutes or longer. Soft music will be playing in the background.

April 8

(9:00 AM) Easter Egg Hunt / Continental Breakfast

April 9 - Easter Day

(6:30 AM) Easter Sunrise Service - outside

(7:30 - 9 AM) Breakfast served by Otterbein Veterans - Multipurpose Room

(8:45 AM) Traditional Service - Sanctuary

(9:00 AM) Contemporary "Gathering" Service - Multipurpose Room

(11:00 AM) Traditional Service - Sanctuary

Calling Pot Pie Helpers

We need help to do the following: make the dough, run the dough through the pasta machines, cut dough into pieces and stack it on trays, peel potatoes, cut potatoes into chunks, measure ingredients, cook the pot pie, handle the heavy pots and fill the quart containers for sale. If this sounds like something you are able and willing to do, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board located outside the office. You do not have to be a chef to help.

*The dates your help is needed are **March 30 & 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00.***

Pot pie will be sold starting at 1:00 on Friday, March 31.

Loyal Bible Adult Class (Library)

Currently Studying – The International Lesson Series: Uniform Series in a 6-year plan for reading and studying the Bible. The International Uniform Series believes the Bible is the record of God in Christ, the key resource for understanding the Christian faith, being under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of His Spirit. The Spring quarter starts **March 19** and is concentrated on the theme “Jesus Calls Us”. We will study scripture passages from Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts.

Walk to Jerusalem

Don’t forget to walk, run, ride your bike, hop on your elliptical or treadmill then turn your steps/miles in each Sunday! We have a long journey ahead of us and plan to be in Jerusalem for Holy week.

We have 97 people walking and walked 1649.56 miles in 7 days! We are a few miles off the northern coast of Libya in the Gulf of Sidra (Sirte). The Gulf of Sidra is a major center for tuna and sponge fishing in the Mediterranean. Stop by the bulletin board for trivia.

Only 739 miles left on our journey to Jerusalem!

Women’s Bible Study

Starting on March 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Library, the Women's' Bible Study, led by Kaci Wood will focus on the book “Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament” by Lysa TerKeurst. Even in times when we don't know what's ahead, we can always trust in the one who is already there.

As believers, we can witness examples of Jesus' presence and assurance throughout the Bible, even in the Old Testament! We tend to think of Jesus as being only physically present in the New Testament, but did you know He was active in the Old Testament right from the start? It's so important to study how Jesus makes His presence known in every part of the Bible, because this will help us experience more of His presence in our day-to-day lives right now.

Jesus is never absent from the pages of Scripture, and He's certainly not absent in the pages of our stories either. He's there, from cover to cover.

Men’s Life Group

Starting on March 23, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Library, the Men’s Life Group, led by Slim Connors will focus on the book “A Man and His Story” Volume II - A Man and His Story (33 The Series)

Every man's life tells a "story". In the pursuit of Authentic Manhood, every man must understand and come to grips with the defining moments and key relationships that have shaped his unique "story".

This volume of 33 The Series provide men with a biblical perspective of their "story". It equips them to embrace how their past has affected their present and prepares them to deal with whatever the future may hold. In A Man and His Story, both experts and regular guys will help men learn from their past, come alive in their present and enjoy God's best in the future.



UPLIFTING NOTES NEEDED

The Barnabas Group has selected the next recipients for our congregational written notes, to share some Otterbein family love. Please join us in writing a note to lift these people up. Designated areas in the narthex and gym have been set up with blank note cards. Please write a note and deposit it in the appropriate folder. You do not need to provide an envelope, or postage. The Barnabas group will do the rest.

If you have any questions, please contact one of our group members:
Patti Johnson, Hattie Ogle, Linda Stolz, Pat Strickler, Betsy Swearingen or Debbie Anderson.

Mt. Asbury Spring Clean-up

The mission committee is coordinating a day of service at Mt. Asbury. We will be working outside to clean up and prepare the grounds for the summer season. The day would begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 with lunch and snacks provided. Those interested could meet at the church and carpool to Mt. Asbury. We plan to help on Saturday, April 22. If you are looking for some fun in the sun and connecting to nature, please check the back of the Get Connected card or contact Julie Greenisen at (717) 701-0701.

Wellness Classes

We had such an overwhelming response to our wellness classes that we are continuing them through March. The Wellness class dates are as follows and are limited to 20 people per class. The classes will be held in the Multi-purpose room by Stacey Downing from the YMCA. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

March 30 10:15 - 11:15 AM

April 6 10:15 - 11:15 AM

April 13 10:15 - 11:15 AM

April 20 11:00 - 12:00 PM (note time change)

April 27 10:15 - 11:15 AM

(We are hoping to offer classes in May as well—stay tuned. Then we will take off June, July and August and reconvene in September)

If you want to share a picture sharing what your small group is doing, please email to Nancy (office@ottumc.org)

Children's Ministry

Exciting things are happening with our Children's ministry at Otterbein! We are expanding our children's ministry program. Our goal is to help our children build a deeper understanding and relationship with Jesus. To make this exciting vision a reality, we need people to help by volunteering! We need you to commit to help one Sunday morning per month for three months. After three months, we will prayerfully reevaluate the next steps for our children's program. If you feel God is calling you to volunteer to help with the children's ministry, please contact Janna Brandt, Director of Family Ministries at families.ottumc.org. Thank you!

Luke 18:16 But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Notary Needed

We are in the process of doing clearances for our children's Sunday School, VBS, etc. If you or someone you know is a notary and would be available on a Sunday after the services to notarize Safe Sanctuary paperwork, please let Janna know via (717) 258-6704 or families@ottumc.org



April 8, 2023
9 - 11:00 AM Rain or Shine
Ages 0 - 12

Children: Grab your Easter basket and put on your running shoes! Get ready to search for oodles of eggs! Continental breakfast.

Parishioners: Donations of wrapped candy and prizes would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off at the office or place in box in Narthex / Gathering area.

Suggested prize ideas: coloring books, crayons, bubbles, kites, craft kits, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, matchbox cars, puzzles, books, squishies, sporting supplies (balls, etc.)

Happenings At Otterbein UMC

Event	Date	Time	Location
Walk to Jerusalem Continues	3/26/2023		Wherever you choose to walk
Otterbein Bells	3/27/2023	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
Bible Study	3/28/2023	9:00 AM	Library
Women's Bible Study	3/28/2023	7:00 PM	Library
Lent Series Bible Study (Pastor Steve)	3/28/2023	7:00 PM	Room 8
Lent Series Bible Study (Pastor Steve)	3/29/2023	10:30 AM	Room 8
Christian Education	3/29/2023	7:00 PM	Library
Choir	3/29/2023	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Wellness Class	3/30/2023	10:15 AM	Multi-purpose Room
Men's Life Group	3/30/2023	7:00 PM	Library
Lent Series Bible Study (Zoom) (Allegra Juday)	3/30/2023	7:30 PM	(note time change)
Pot Pie Making / Purchase	3/30 - 31/2023	8 - 12 PM 1 - 5 PM	Pot Pie Prep / Cook Purchase (Gym)
Turn your steps or miles into Nancy via Get Connected Card / email	4/2/2023		office@ottumc.org