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# Otterbein United Methodist Church

**January 12, 2025**
**Traditional Service**

## "The Power of Water"

## Matthew 3:13 - 17

### *Welcome to Otterbein Church*

Whether you are a first time guest, a new resident seeking a church home or just visiting the area, we're glad you took the time to join us for worship. We are a United Methodist congregation seeking to serve our Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Good News and serving our neighbors. We'd love to have you join us on our journey of faith.

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**PRELUDE** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Elise Sweger

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come to the waters, all who thirst for grace and renewal.
**P:** We come, seeking the Spirit who moves over the waters.
L: In Christ, the heavens are torn open, and God's voice declares love.
**P:** We hear the call to follow and live as beloved children of God.
L: Let us remember our baptism and rejoice in the promise of new life.
**P:** With joy and thanksgiving, we worship the Lord who makes us new!

**HYMN** "Nothing But the Blood" UMH 362

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)**

**HYMN** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" UMH 605

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**
**Offertory** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Elise Sweger
**Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Take My Life, and Let It Sing" Adult Choir

**SCRIPTURE** *Pages 682* Matthew 3:13-17

**MESSAGE** "The Power of Water" **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

**CLOSING HYMN** **"**Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

**PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Shalom to You" Adult Choir

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES**

**POSTLUDE** "Lead On, O King Eternal" Elise Sweger
(Please stand, if able)

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Hearing assist devices** are available at the right rear of the sanctuary in tech room.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an Usher.

**Children's Worship -** Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for the children's moment followed by Otter Kids in Room 5.

**Today's altar flowers** *are given in memory of our loved ones by Paul & Chloe Duncan Zullinger.*

**Usher Captain –** Tom Wivell **Organist:** Elise Sweger

**Worship Schedule**
8:45 AM Traditional
9:30 AM Contemporary "Gathering"
11:00 AM Chapel

**Adult Sunday School:**
9:45 - Loyal Class (Library)
10:00 - BASIC Class (Room 8)

**Attendance - January 5, 2025**

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| 8:45 Traditional | 163 | Online | 107 |
| 9:30 Contemporary | 38 | | 23 |
| 11:00 Chapel | 23 | | |

**Total: 224** **Online: 130**

**After the January 15th payment**, the mortgage balance will be $205,155.03.

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

**Barnabas Group**

The Barnabas Group has a new person for the month of **January** that would appreciate your prayers and notes. The name and note cards can be found in the narthex or multipurpose room. Please stop by and write a note to share God's love, encouragement, or comfort. If you are not a note writer, there are cards with notes already printed in them. You need only sign your name and place in the basket.

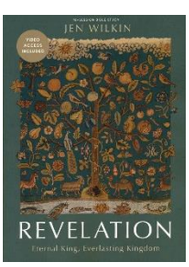
**Circle of Prayer**

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 January 12 - 18, please pray for** First Three Springs UMC – Three Springs, Fort Loudon UMC – Fort Loudon, Camp Hill UMC – Camp Hill, Lower Bambara UMC – Panguma – Sierra Leone, First Lewistown UMC – Lewistown, Bowmans Chapel UMC – Mapleton Depot, Bower Memorial Berwick UMC – Berwick, Pine Mill UMC – Equinunk, Daggett UMC – Millerton, New Germantown UMC – Blain, Hawley UMC – Hawley, Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center – Weikert.

**Bus Trip to Sight & Sound – Noah** – **June 10, 2025**

We have scheduled a bus trip through Wolf's bus lines for June 10, 2025, to Sight & Sound to see Noah. Lunch is at Shady Maple. $193.00 per person which includes gratuity for the meal and the bus driver. The bus holds 50 people so sign up early to ensure you get your seat on this fun adventure!

**BASIC Sunday School Class – Revelation**




Come join Harry Owens at the BASIC Sunday School class as they study Revelation. Pastor Steve is offering this study on Thursday's starting at 7:00 pm in Room 8. Revelation shouldn't leave us fearful or confused, but its imagery and concepts often confound our modern ears. If all Scripture is God-breathed and profitable, though, we should assume Revelation is as accessible and helpful as any other book of the Bible. Study Revelation verse-by-verse to discover how the last book of the Bible is accessible, helpful, and speaks a steadying word of assurance and endurance to the church in every age.

**YOGA / Gyrotonics Starts: January 16** at 11 AM in Room 8

Stacey from the YMCA is back and ready to get us back in shape for the new year. This program is for any adults whether you are a beginner starting an exercise routine or a seasoned person. Gyrotonics exercises – each movement flows into the next, allowing the joints to move through a natural range of motion without jarring or compression. Come out and join the fun while taking steps to remain healthy. To defray the cost of the program, a basket will be placed in the room during the session if you would like to donate.

**Snow Removal**

It is that time of year when we anticipate snow and its removal from the church parking lots. To guide the plows and prevent damage to our lawn areas, approximately 30 snow poles have been installed around the edges of our lots. As you enter and leave the church property, please be mindful of their presence.

**Karns & Giant Gift Card Sales**

Giant Food Stores and Karns Food Stores gift cards are available in both $25 and $50 amounts. Cards may be purchased before the 8:45 Traditional Service at the Welcome Desk or in the church office on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The funds raised by this program are used to purchase equipment for the church.

**Events at Church**

Just a reminder you must reserve rooms and space for every meeting, birthday party, celebration, gym usage, etc. by contacting Nancy in the office. We have many events, practices and celebrations in the building, and we need to ensure that rooms are available. Thank you for understanding the importance of scheduling with the office.

**Upcoming at Otterbein**

| Event | Date | Time | Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prayer Shawl | January 13 | 9:00 AM | Library |
| Otterbein Bells | January 13 | 6:30 PM | Choir Room |
| Scouts | January 13 | 7:00 PM | Multipurpose Room |
| Bible Study | January 14 | 9:00 AM | Library |
| UMW | January 14 | 10:00 AM | Room 8 |
| SM Basketball Practice | January 14 | 5:30 PM | Gym |
| Outside Volleyball Grp | January 14 | 8:00 PM | Gym |
| Choir | January 15 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room |
| Yoga / Gyrotonics | January 16 | 11:00 AM | Room 8 |
| Revelation BS with Pastor Steve | January 16 | 7:00 PM | Room 8 |
| Outside Birthday Party | January 18 | 12 – 5 PM | Multipurpose Room |

1st Sunday of each month – New Person for Barnabas Group to write notes to

2nd Sunday of each month – Canned Fruit Sunday

3rd Sunday of each month – Wave to our friends joining us from home