



Otterbein United Methodist Church

February 16, 2025
Traditional Service

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*Sermon Series: Preparing the Way:
A Heart Ready for Renewal*

"Remembering Our First Love"

Revelation 2:1-5



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 “I Surrender All” Elise Sweger

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “ Here I Am Lord” Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, all who long for renewal in Christ!
P: We seek to return to our first love of Christ.
L: The Lord calls us to remember, repent, and return.
P: We open our hearts to His refining fire.
L: Let us worship with passion and devotion,
P: For Christ’s love has never failed us!

HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH 64

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN “Spirit of the Living God” UMH 393

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory “Shout to the Lord” Elise Sweger
Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

SPECIAL MUSIC Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE *Page 867* Revelation 2:1-5

MESSAGE “Remembering Our First Love” **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

CLOSING HYMN “Amazing Grace” UMH 378

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”
Adult Choir

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE “My Hope is Built” 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 to the glory of God by Richard and Patti Johnson.

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

Worship Schedule	Adult Sunday School:
8:45 AM Traditional	9:45 - Loyal Class (Library)
9:30 AM Contemporary “Gathering”	10:00 - BASIC Class (Room 8)
11:00 AM Chapel	

Attendance - February 9, 2025

8:45 Traditional	70	Online	164
9:30 Contemporary	35		28
11:00 Chapel	20		

Total: 125 Online: 192

Mortgage Balance after February 15th payment: \$203,966.06

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group

The Barnabas Group has a new person for the month of **February** 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, preprinted cards with notes are available. You need only sign your name and place in the basket.

Carlisle Area Church Softball League

Do you enjoy playing softball? Are you interested in putting an Otterbein team together to be part of the Carlisle Area Church Softball League? If you are interested in doing this, please contact Nancy and she will give you the information. The season runs from May until mid-July with playoffs in July. There are 7 churches in the league, but they would like to have more. The games are played at Plainfield Park and Carlisle United Methodist Church.

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 February 16 - 22, please pray for** LaAnna UMC – Cresco, Milan UMC – Milan, Bendersville UMC – Bendersville, Summerdale UMC – Summerdale, Sprucetown UMC – Spring Mills, Broad Avenue Altoona UMC – Altoona, Bethel Avoca UMC – Avoca, Stairville UMC – Wapwallopen, Hebron Millersburg UMC – Millersburg, Salladasburg UMC – Salladasburg.

Mission Trip Anyone?

The Mission committee is considering a trip to eastern Tennessee this spring or summer with the Appalachian Service Project. This is the organization that our partner church, Colonial Heights UMC, is working with to rebuild five (5) houses for those affected by Hurricane Helene. Before we set a date with the organization, we would like to know how many people would like to go. If you are interested in participating, please contact Julie Greenisen at jgreenisensr@gmail.com

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 see Noah at Sight & Sound. Lunch is at Shady Maple. \$193.00 per person which includes gratuity for the meal and the bus driver. The bus only holds 50 people so sign up early to ensure you get your seat on this fun adventure!
ONLY 1 SEAT LEFT

Women’s Bible Study – Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Room 8



Find hope and assurance in God’s faithfulness when it feels like your world is crumbling. Life often looks very different than we hoped or expected. Some events may simply catch us off guard for a moment, but others shatter us completely. We feel disappointed and disillusioned, and we quietly start to wonder about the reality of God’s goodness. Lysa TerKeurst understands this deeply. But she's also discovered that our disappointments can be the divine appointments our souls need to radically encounter God. In *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, Lysa invites us into her own journey of faith and, with grit, vulnerability, and honest humor shares how to find strength when disappointments leave you shattered.

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.

Adult Membership Classes

If you are interested in becoming a member of Otterbein UMC, please contact Nancy to let her know. Mark your calendars for the following dates for classes: May 1, 8 & 15 followed by Membership Sunday on May 18th. More details are coming closer to May.

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Office / Daycare Closed	February 17		
Otterbein Bells	February 17	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Scouts	February 17	7:00 PM	Multipurpose Room
Bible Study	February 18	9:00 AM	Library
SM Basketball Practice	February 18	5:30 PM	Gym
Missions Meeting	February 18	7:00 PM	Library
Outside Volleyball Grp	February 18	8:00 PM	Gym
Women’s Bible Study	February 19	7:00 PM	Room 8
Choir	February 19	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Worship Committee Mtg.	February 19	8:00 PM	Library
Yoga / Gyrotonics	February 20	11:00 AM	Room 8
Spec. Olympics Basketball	February 20	6 – 7:00 PM	Gym
Revelation BS with Pastor Steve	February 20	7:00 PM	Room 8

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