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Otterbein United Methodist Church

March 2, 2025
Traditional Service

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

"The Power of the Wilderness" Matthew 4:1-11





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 "Praise to the Lord" Celebration Winds

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tested and tried.

P: We come, seeking the Spirit's guidance in our own lives.

L: Jesus stood firm, trusting in God's Word.

P: We stand in faith, holding fast to God's promises.

L: In every trial, God is our strength and our refuge.

P: We worship the Lord our God and serve Him only.

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH 110

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH 526

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Lift High the Cross" Celebration Winds

Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Nettleton" Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

Celebration Winds

SCRIPTURE Page 682/683 Matthew 4:1-11

MESSAGE "The Power of the Wilderness" Rev. Steve Salisbury

CLOSING HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" Jane Boley

(Please stand, if able)

WORSHIP NOTES

The Altar flowers today are given loving memory of parents Brinton and Mary Minnich and sister Elaine Hurley, by Myrna Minnich.

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.

Usher Captain – Gary Morrow **Organist**: Jane Boley

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 23, 2025

8:45 Traditional 158 Online 125 9:30 Contemporary 50 26 11:00 Chapel 36

Total: 244 Online: 151

Boy Scouts participating in today's Service:

Troop 171 Pack 171

Tripp Huffman - Senior Patrol Leader Noah Flickinger
Abraham Huffman Jackson Bennett
Tyler Bernhisel Jameson Thumma

Edward McCullough

Logan Kuntz Nicholas Antes

Jakob Van Volkenburg Nolan Van Volkenburg

Adult Leaders

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group

The Barnabas Group has a new person for the month of **March** 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.

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 2 - 8, please pray for** North Bend UMC – North Bend, Shiloh UMC – Woodland, Mehoopany UMC – Mehoopany, St Johns Grantville UMC – Grantville, Kwellu UMC – Kwellu – Sierra Leone, Lakemont UMC – Altoona, Osceola UMC – Osceola, Summerhill UMC – Berwick, Reedsville UMC – Reedsville, CrossPoint UMC – Harrisburg, St Thomas-Edenville UMC – St Thomas.

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 igreenisensr@gmail.com

Cake Auction - March 30 - 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 30, 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 30th 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".

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.

Easter Egg Hunt / Continental Breakfast - April 19th (9 - 11 AM) Rain or Shine

Children ages 0 – 12 get ready to grab your Easter basket and put on your running shoes! Oodles of eggs will be waiting for you to find them.

Parishioners: Donation of wrapped candy (no gum, please) and prizes would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off your items at the office or place in one of the boxes located in the Narthex / Contemporary area.

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

Calling Otterbein Veterans

On Easter Sunday morning after the Easter Sunrise service, the Veterans of Otterbein will once again provide 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 outstanding support that we have received from all of you in the past. Please let us know that you are with us by contacting either of the following: Church Office (Nancy) at (717) 258-6704 or office@ottumc.org

Harry Owens at (717) 571-4019 or owenshd@yahoo.com

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Eagle Scout Court of Honor	March 2	2 – 7:00 PM	Sanctuary / Gym
Otterbein Bells	March 3	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Scouts	March 3	7:00 PM	Multipurpose Room
Bible Study	March 4	9:00 AM	Library
SM Soccer Practice	March 4	5:30 PM	Gym
Trustee Meeting	March 4	7:00 PM	Library
Outside Volleyball Grp	March 4	8:00 PM	Gym
Ash Wednesday Service	March 5	7:00 PM	Churchtown Church 351 Old Stonehouse Road South Boiling Springs, PA
Women's Bible Study	March 5	7:00 PM	Room 8
Choir	March 5	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Yoga / Gyrotonics	March 6	11:00 AM	Room 8
Spec. Olympics Basketball	March 6	6 – 7:00 PM	Gym
Revelation BS with Pastor Steve	March 6	7:00 PM	Room 8
Boiling Springs Lions's Club Pancake Breakfast	March 8	8 – 11:30 AM	Multipurpose Room
Outside Memorial Service	March 8	12:30 – 5 PM	Multipurpose Room

^{1&}lt;sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month – New Person for Barnabas Group to write notes to

^{2&}lt;sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month – Canned Fruit Sunday

^{3&}lt;sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month – Wave to our friends joining us from home