



# Otterbein United Methodist Church

April 26, 2026  
Traditional Service

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## “Alive Again: Hearts on Fire”

Luke 24:13-35



### ***Welcome to Otterbein Church***

Whether you are a first-time guest, a new resident searching for a church home, or simply visiting the area, we are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today.

Otterbein is a United Methodist congregation committed to serving our Lord Jesus Christ by sharing the Good News and caring for our neighbors. We invite you to walk with us on this journey of faith and hope you will find a place within our church family.

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**PRELUDE** "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" Jane Boley

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

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come from journeys marked by doubt and disappointment.

**P: We come, searching for hope again.**

L: The risen Christ walks beside us, even when we do not see Him.

**P: He speaks truth that sets our hearts ablaze.**

L: Open your eyes—the Lord is near!.

**P: Our hearts burn within us as we worship!**

**HYMN** "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH 102

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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

**HYMN** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH 349

### **GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory** "Lord of the Dance" Jane Boley

**Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

### **THE CROSS AND FLAME AWARD PRESENTATION**

**SCRIPTURE** *Page 749* *Luke 24:13-35*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Jubilation Fanfare" Otterbein Bells

**MESSAGE** "Alive Again: Hearts on Fire" **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

**CLOSING HYMN** "O How I Love Jesus" UMH 170

### **PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

### **EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES**

**POSTLUDE** "Lift High the Cross" Jane Boley  
(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 loving memory of Elaine Hurley by Jack and Brian Hurley.

The mortgage balance is \$136,375.73 after the April 15th payment was made.

**Usher Captain** – Bob Enders

**Organist:** Jane Boley

### **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: April 19, 2026**

8:45 Traditional 174

9:30 Contemporary 54

11:00 Traditional Chapel 37

**Total 265 Online: 98**

Online: 80

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

### **Barnabas Group - April**

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.



### **Adult Membership Classes – 7:00 PM – Room 8**

If you are interested in becoming a member of Otterbein UMC, please contact Nancy to let her know ([office@ottumc.org](mailto:office@ottumc.org) or (717) 321-6682).

Mark your calendars for the following dates for classes presented by Pastor Steve:

May 6 – What does it mean to be a Christian?

May 13 – What does it mean to be United Methodist?

May 20 – What does it mean to be part of Otterbein United Methodist Church?

May 24 - Membership Sunday

### **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 April 19 - 25**: St. John's UMC – Dewart, Matamoras UMC – Port Royal, 15<sup>th</sup> Street UMC – Huntingdon, Winterstown UMC – Felton, Christ UMC – Mountain Top, Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center – Windsor, NY.

### **Communion Dates for 2026**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

June 7<sup>th</sup>

November 8<sup>th</sup>

August 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

### **The Carlisle Brass Band – May 3, 2026 – 3:00 PM - Sanctuary**

The Carlisle Brass Band presents “America, becoming...A Story Still Being Written”. The Carlisle Brass band will be at Otterbein on May 3, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free admission and donations accepted.

### **Welcome Summer Event – June 12 (5 – 8:00 PM) – Save the DATE**

Get ready for fun family time and help us welcome summer!

Come hungry—**Kennedy's Kitchen, the Lion's Club, and Auntie Anne's food trucks** will be on site, along with **UMW** baked goods.

Shout **B7, I29, G52—it's BINGO!** Play with **Wendy Wickard** calling the numbers. Kids (and adults!) will enjoy **two inflatables and axe throwing, a family hayride, children's crafts, and Birds of Prey presentations** by **Miller's Wildlife Programs**.

Connect with community organizations, including **Mt. Tabor Preservation Project, Cumberland County Historical Society, West Shore Historical Society, YWCA, Bosler Library, State Police, EMS, Fire Company, Scouts, Hope House, South Middleton Soccer Association, Boiling Springs Youth Wrestling, CPARC**, and the **Amelia Givin Library Read to Dogs** program.

Top it all off with **free popsicles and popcorn!** So much to do in one evening—come out, have fun, and help us **connect with the community.**

***Interested in volunteering? Please contact Nancy at (717) 321-6682!***

## **The Cross & Flame Award**

The Cross and Flame Award, given by the United Methodist Church, recognizes adult leaders for exceptional service to children and youth, particularly through scouting programs. It honors individuals with at least five years of service who promote, support, and foster Christian faith in Scouting or UMC youth ministries.

Key Aspects of the Award:

- **Purpose:** To recognize outstanding service to youth through United Methodist Scouting (Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts) or church-related programs.
- **Eligibility:** Active members of a recognized Christian church who have served at least five years in scouting or youth leadership at the unit, district, or council level.
- **Symbolism:** The award features the official UMC Cross and Flame, adopted in 1968, representing Christ (the cross) and the Holy Spirit (the flame, or “tongues of fire” from Pentecost).
- **Nomination:** The award is not earned like a badge; it requires nomination by a local church or scouting coordinator, typically reviewed by a Conference Committee on Scouting.

The award is designed for leaders who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to spiritual growth and service in children and youth programs.

## **Upcoming at Otterbein**

| <b>Event</b>        | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b>    | <b>Location</b>    |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Member Group        | April 26    | 12 – 4:00 PM   | Multi-purpose Room |
| Youth Group         | April 26    | 6 – 8:00 PM    | Multi-purpose Room |
| Bell Practice       | April 27    | 6:30 PM        | Choir Room         |
| Boy Scouts          | April 27    | 7:00 PM        | Multi-purpose Room |
| Bible Study         | April 28    | 9:00 AM        | Library            |
| Staff Development   | April 28    | 12:00 PM       | Library            |
| Brass Band Practice | April 29    | 7 – 9:00 PM    | Sanctuary          |
| Choir               | April 29    | 7:00 PM        | Choir Room         |
| Outside Group       | April 30    | 5:30 – 8:30 PM | Gym                |
| Men’s Life Group    | April 30    | 7:00 PM        | Library            |
| Communion           | May 3       | All Services   |                    |
| Brass Band Concert  | May 3       | 3:00 PM        | Sanctuary          |

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