

NEWS & EVENTS

Celebrate EASTER with us

EASTER EGG HUNT | SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Hop on over to Otterbein Community Park (13375 Welty Road) on Saturday, March 28 for our annual Egg Hunt! This fun-filled event is open to kids ages 2 through 5th grade, and the hunt will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to arrive early and bring a basket or bag to collect eggs—we have plenty to go around, but the fun goes fast!

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND | MARCH 28 & 29

Join us on Palm Sunday weekend for a special Easter celebration that will include our adult choir, worship team, children's dance ministry, and a message by Pastor Mike. There will be two Saturday evening services, at 4:00 & 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be available for children birth—preschool. We will have our regular schedule on Sunday morning with services at 8, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE | THURSDAY, APRIL 2

On Thursday, April 2, we will have two communion services (6:00 & 7:30 p.m.) in the Worship Center. Childcare will be available for children birth—preschool at 6:00 p.m. Both services are identical and will last approximately 60 minutes. The service will include an intimate time of worship and reflection as we focus on Jesus' death and share communion.

EASTER WEEKEND | APRIL 4 & 5

We will have a Saturday evening service on Easter weekend at 6:30 p.m. to make room for additional guests who will join us as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Childcare will be available on Saturday evening for children from birth—preschool. We will have our regular schedule on Easter Sunday at 8, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

Today is the last day for donating bag(s) of individually wrapped candy for our egg hunt (no Smarties or lollipops, please, as they do not fit inside the eggs). Bags of candy can be dropped off in marked boxes in the church lobby thru 3/15.

OC SERVE

As we prepare for the Easter season, we have additional service times to accommodate newcomers and guests to Otterbein Church. More services give YOU more opportunities to offer the gift of service. If you love Jesus and children, we could use your help with **CHILD CARE**. We are also looking for friendly faces to serve as **GREETERS** during the Saturday service times.

- > **Saturday, March 28: 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.**
- > **Thursday, April 2: 6:00 p.m.**
- > **Saturday, April 4: 6:30 p.m.**

Learn more on the OC App, online at ocregister.org or stop by Connection Point on Sunday morning.

EASTER meal & Breakfast

We are providing Easter meals to people in our community who are struggling financially. People can choose a bag of food that includes ham, potatoes, dinner rolls, corn, green beans, macaroni and cheese, fruit, butter, and cookies OR they can request individually packaged meals that can be heated up in a microwave. Here are ways that you can be involved in helping our church serve our community in Jesus' name:

- 1) Give \$35 for an Easter Meal bag which will feed an entire family, \$12 for the purchase of a single serve meal, or give a gift in *any amount* for the breakfast and/or other expenses related to the Easter Meal Outreach.
- 2) Volunteer to help pack and distribute the bags and/or serve breakfast on Friday morning, April 3.
- 3) Volunteer to help prepare single serve meals on Thursday, April 2 from 11am-1pm.
- 4) Bake and donate cookies to be included in the bags. Chocolate chip and sugar cookies only, packed in bags by the dozen. Please, no nuts or peanut butter.

If you would like to be involved, sign up on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point.

TIMELESS TREASURES—SAVE THE DATE

Timeless Treasures, has scheduled a bus trip on Wednesday, September 30 to Sight & Sound in Lancaster to see the new production, "Joshua." The cost for the trip is \$175.00 per person. This price includes your admission to the show, bus transportation, and a meal afterward at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. **Sign-up with payment will be available at Connection Point on March 15 & March 22.**

OTTERBEIN MOTORCYCLE GROUP | MARCH 15

Join a group from Otterbein for a group ride on Sunday, March 15. The group will leave from the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. **EVERYONE WHO RIDES IS WELCOME.** If you are interested in going on the ride — sign up on the OC App, ocregister.org, or at Connection Point.

JOIN THE JOURNEY

The Bible Journey is our churchwide Bible reading plan—one chapter a day, with helpful podcasts, resources, and a place to ask questions along the way. It's a great way to grow closer to God by spending time in His Word.



You'll find the daily reading plan on the OC App, our website, and at facebook.com/groups/ocdevotionals (click "join" to have it show up in your feed). If you have notifications turned on in the OC App for "Bible Journey," you'll get a reminder each morning at 7:00 a.m. with a direct link to that day's reading. You can also download a weekly copy of the plan at otterbeinchurch.org/the-bible-journey. We have added an [audio link on the OC App](#) to LISTEN to the daily reading. Join us!

BE PREPARED TO GIVE ANSWERS AND DEFEND YOUR FAITH

MARCH 8, 2026

WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here!

CHILDREN

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, it is our goal to make this the best hour of their week and the most helpful hour of yours. We encourage you to take advantage of our age-graded ministries for your children during the worship service. This will allow your children to learn at an age-appropriate level. For assistance in locating your child's classroom, please visit GUEST CENTRAL. If you choose to keep your children with you, we ask that you be considerate of others by taking them to the lobby if they become restless or have extended periods of crying. There is a television for you to watch the service in the Cafe seating area in the lobby.

OFFERING

OFFERING baskets are available in the lobby at the Worship Center doors or you can give online on the OC App and at otterbeinchurch.org using a debit or credit card.

NEW HERE?

We encourage you to visit **GUEST CENTRAL** in the lobby following the service so we can provide you with additional information about Otterbein, answer your questions, and give you a gift.

WELCOME CARD

We encourage you to complete a Welcome Card which can be found in the seat backs in the Worship Center. A digital Welcome Card is also available (Use the QR Code). If you have a **PRAYER REQUEST** you would like our prayer team to pray for, please include it on the Welcome Card. Welcome Cards can be dropped in the baskets at the lobby doors at the conclusion of the service.



OTTERBEIN CHURCH APP

We encourage you to download the OC APP where you can complete the Welcome Card, give online, read the announcements, share a prayer request, find message notes, register and sign up for events, watch last week's service and much more. Use the QR Code or search for Otterbein Church Waynesboro in any of the app stores.



***SIGN UP, REGISTER, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON THE OC APP, OCREGISTER.ORG, OR AT CONNECTION POINT IN THE LOBBY.**



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SERVICE TIMES:

8:00 a.m. – Worship, Nursery & Preschool
9:30 a.m. – Worship, Nursery, Preschool, Elementary & Youth
11:00 a.m. – Worship, Nursery, Preschool & Elementary

DOES GOD EXIST?

March 8, 2026
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

IN THE "ANSWERS" SERIES:

March 8: *Does God Exist?* **March 15:** *Can We Trust the Bible?*
March 22: *Why Does God Allow Suffering?* **March 29:** *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?*
April 5: *What Does the Resurrection Prove?*
April 12: *Effective Ways to Give Answers and Defend Your Faith*

INTELLECTUALLY HONEST PEOPLE CAN DRAW NO OTHER CONCLUSION BUT TO SAY THAT THE DESIGN OF THE UNIVERSE AND HUMAN BODY HAD TO HAVE A DESIGNER.

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH HAS SOLID AND THOUGHTFUL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PEOPLE ARE ASKING.

1 Peter 3:13–16a (NLT) (13) Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? (14) But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. (15) Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And **if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. (16) But do this in a gentle and respectful way....**

Jude 3 (NLT) (3) Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, **urging you to defend the faith** that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people.

Colossians 4:5–6 (NLT) (5) Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. (6) Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

TODAY'S BIG QUESTION: DOES GOD EXIST?

FOUR ARGUMENTS FOR GOD'S EXISTENCE:

1) The _____ Argument—Something can not come from nothing.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD IS A REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE.

Genesis 1:1 (NLT) (1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2) The _____ Argument—Design demands a designer.

Psalms 19:1 (NLT) (1) The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship.

Psalms 139:13–14 (NLT) (13) You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. (14) Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

Romans 1:20 (NLT) (20) For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

3) The _____ Argument—Where does right and wrong come from?

IF THERE IS A MORAL LAW THAT GOVERNS MANKIND IN EVERY CULTURE AND HAS FOR CENTURIES, WHERE DOES THAT COME FROM?

Romans 2:14–15 (NLT) (14) Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. (15) They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.

4) The _____ Argument—The reality of God in human experience.

ANTHROPOLOGISTS HAVE NEVER DISCOVERED A HUMAN CULTURE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD THAT HAD NO CONCEPT OF THE DIVINE.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT) (11) Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. **He has planted eternity in the human heart,** but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

DOUBT IS NOT THE ENEMY OF FAITH. THE ENEMY OF FAITH IS THE UNWILLINGNESS TO SEEK ANSWERS TO YOUR DOUBT.

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) (6) And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that **he rewards those who sincerely seek him.**

THE FOUR ARGUMENTS ARE NOT JUST INTERESTING IDEAS. THEY ARE LINES OF EVIDENCE THAT WHEN YOU PUT THEM TOGETHER BUILD A CASE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD.

*For more information about what it means to begin a relationship with Jesus or what to do after making a decision to follow Him, stop at Guest Central in the lobby following the service, email us at info@otterbeinchurch.org, or call the church office at 717.762.7147 to set up an appointment. You may also learn more about what it means to follow Jesus and/or request materials and find additional information to help you on your spiritual journey by clicking "**Next Steps > Jesus**" on*