

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve and 2024

We need ushers for our Christmas Eve services at 2 PM, 7:30 PM and 11 PM. If you can usher for one or more of the services, please use the signup sheet located on the bulletin board outside the office. Please also check the 2024 Usher Signup sheet and sign up for a spot as well as confirm the month(s) your name is already listed (the list rolls over each year).

Loyal Bible Adult Class

Currently studying The International Lesson Series: Uniform Series in a 6-year plan for reading and studying the Bible. The Series believes the Bible is the record of God in Christ, the key resource for understanding the Christian faith, being under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of His Spirit. The winter quarter is concentrated on the theme "Faith That Pleases God" and will be studying scripture passages from Ruth, 2 Chronicles, I Samuel, Isaiah, Daniel, Proverbs, Habakkuk, Matthew, Luke, Hebrews, and Romans.

Toys for Tots Donations – November 5 to December 10



Otterbein will be supporting our local Toys for Tots again this year. The collection will run from November 5 to December 10, 2023. Toys we collect will go to children in Cumberland and Perry Counties. Boxes have been placed in the Narthex, outside the office and in the contemporary area. **All donations must be in the boxes by December 10, 2023**, so they can be delivered to the Marines in time for their Christmas distribution. Please note the toys must be new and unwrapped. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please place cash, or check in a Missions envelope and write Toys for Tots on the outside of the envelope and in the memo area of your check so an elf can do the shopping for you. Envelopes can be placed in the collection plates or mailed to the church office (Attn: Missions, Otterbein UMC, 647 Forge Road, Carlisle, PA 17015). Last year your donations helped 4,615 children receive 67,188 toys. Thank you for your support in this effort!!

Christmas for the Family Event – December 9 (11 – 2 PM)

On Saturday, December 9, 2023, we will be hosting our annual community "Christmas for the Family" event. We encourage everyone to come dressed in their favorite Christmas PJs. The UMW will have chili, hotdogs, chicken nuggets and mac & cheese available for purchase for lunch. Santa and Mrs. Claus, hayride, hot chocolate bar, card making, cookie decorating and crafts!

Christmas Cheer – December 10 – 2:30 PM

Quote from James and Janet Tyson: "Merry Christmas! What a nice surprise last year when we heard a most glorious sound outside. It was some members (friends) from Otterbein Church singing Christmas carols. The atmosphere was joyful. It made the message of the season perfect. Our deck has room for even more carolers this year."



The Barnabas Group is asking for your help to spread some Christmas Cheer by caroling. The date for caroling is Sunday, December 10 at 2:30 p.m. We will meet in the church library to carpool to member's homes. The Barnabas Group will finalize the recipients of our joyful noise and names and addresses will be provided prior to leaving the church as well as song sheets. Don't want to jump in and out of your car? No problem – you can still participate. We will have a small group staying in the library and doing phone caroling. Christmas is about bringing joy to others so come out and help bring joy to others! Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside the office as well as in the Contemporary area. We need enough people caroling to break into small groups. We will meet back at the church after caroling for some hot chocolate and to share experiences while caroling.

Giving Hope This Christmas



For the person on your list who has everything, purchase a Stocking Stuffer kit from Hope Walks: Freedom from Clubfoot!

Clubfoot is a deformity present at birth that twists the foot downward and inward, making walking difficult or impossible. Hope Walks is working in clinics in Africa and the Dominican Republic to provide treatment to correct the feet of babies who would otherwise live with crippling deformity. An important part of the correction process, the Ponseti method, is a brace and two connected shoes.

This is where your gift comes in! Purchase a kit, which includes a pair of leather and three paint pens for them to unleash their creativity for just \$20! Once they are decorated, send them back to Hope Walks (shipping label included) or return them to Otterbein UMC. Hope Walks will send the individual a photo of their completed masterpiece! Stocking Stuffer kits will be available for purchase in the Narthex and Contemporary area from November 12 – December 17, 2023.

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.

Event	Date	Time	Location
Bells of Otterbein	12/4/2023	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Bible Study	12/5/2023	9:00 AM	Library
Financial Team	12/5/2023	6:30 PM	Library
NO Yoga / Pilates	12/7/2023		
Sight & Sound Bus Trip	12/7/2023	Departs 10:15 AM Sharp	Otterbein Parking Lot
Christmas Family Event	12/9/2023	11 – 2 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Christmas Caroling	12/10/2023	2:30 PM	Meet in Library
Prayer Shawl	12/11/2023	9:00 AM	Library

Christmas Eve Services

- December 21 Longest Night Service 7:00 PM
- December 24 Combined Service 9:00 AM
- December 24 Traditional Christmas Eve Service w/communion 2:00 PM
- December 24 Contemporary Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM
- December 24 Traditional Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:30 PM
- December 24 Traditional Christmas Eve Service w/communion 11:00 PM