



# Otterbein United Methodist Church

March 9, 2025  
Traditional Service

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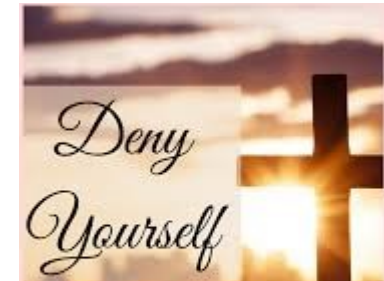
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*Sermon Series: Walking in Holiness -  
A Journey of Transformation*

**“Deny Yourself - The Call to Surrender”**

**Luke 9:21-27**



### **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** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Elise Sweger

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

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "Come Thou Fount" Adult Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves."

P: We come, ready to lay down our selfish desires and follow Him.

L: "Take up your cross daily," He calls.

P: We take up the cross of love, sacrifice, and obedience.

L: "For whoever loses their life for my sake will save it."

P: We surrender all, trusting in the life Christ alone can give.

**HYMN** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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

**HYMN** "Lord I Want to be a Christian" UMH 402

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory** "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Elise Sweger

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

**ANTHEM** "Medley of the Cross" Adult Choir

**SCRIPTURE** *Page 733* Luke 9:21-27

**MESSAGE** "Deny Yourself - The Call to Surrender"  
**Rev. Steve Salisbury**

**CLOSING HYMN** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS 2129

**PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Shalom" Adult Choir

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES**

**POSTLUDE** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" 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.

**The Altar flowers today are given in** loving memory of our parents, John and Mary Paden and Paul and Virginia Russell by Gerald and Donna Paden.

**Usher Captain** – Gary Morrow

**Organist:** Elise Sweger

**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 - March 2, 2025**

8:45 Traditional	199	Online	105
9:30 Contemporary	36		17
11:00 Chapel	24		

**Total: 259      Online: 131**

## ***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 9 - 15, please pray for** First New Milford UMC – Milford, Dillsburg Community Church – Dillsburg, Slocum UMC – Wapwallopen, Queen UMC – Claysburg, Wayne UMC – McVeytown, First Muncy UMC – Muncy, Weaver Memorial UMC, Bonthe – Sierra Leone, South Montrose Community UMC – Montrose, Faith UMC – Huntingdon, Daniels – St Thomas UMC – Mount Pleasant Mills, Sweden Valley Faith UMC – Coudersport.

### **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](mailto:jgreenisensr@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 19<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:office@ottumc.org)

**Harry Owens** at (717) 571-4019 or [owenshd@yahoo.com](mailto:owenshd@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Gathering Vision Meeting	March 9	11:30 AM	Multi-purpose Room
Youth Group Game Night	March 9	6 – 8:00 PM	Room 8
Prayer Shawl	March 10	9:00 AM	Library
Otterbein Bells	March 10	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Scouts	March 10	7:00 PM	Multipurpose Room
Bible Study	March 11	9:00 AM	Library
United Methodist Women	March 11	10:00 AM	Room 8
SM Soccer Practice	March 11	5:30 PM	Gym
Outside Volleyball Grp	March 11	8:00 PM	Gym
Blanket Ministry	March 12	9:00 AM	Room 8
Special Olympics	March 12	5:30 PM	Gym
SPRC Meeting	March 12	6:00 PM	Library
Women's Bible Study	March 12	7:00 PM	Room 8
Choir	March 12	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Yoga / Gyrotonics	March 13	11:00 AM	Room 8
Spec. Olympics Basketball	March 13	6 – 7:00 PM	Gym
Revelation BS with Pastor Steve	March 13	7:00 PM	Room 8
UMW - Coleslaw	March 14	AM	Kitchen

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