



Greetings from Pastor Matt:



Love and Life

Otterbein of Navarre, I greet you with excitement for the spring season and all that comes with spring. The spring activities continue to reveal God’s love and we are made aware of God’s love each and every Easter morning. Yes, the Resurrection of God’s one and only Son; Jesus Christ. I invite you to read about God’s love in 1 John 4:7-21.

Did you notice how God is showing his love? Showing His love by sending his son Jesus Christ to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. This means God’s love is a grace filled love, that justifies us to the point that we become heirs of the kingdom of heaven, which is a love that gives us hope for eternal life.

Vs. 14, “the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.”

Vs. 15, “acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.”

Vs. 17, is the signed sealed gift of love, “In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we

are like him.”

What kind of love? A perfect love, vs. 17-19, “Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have a boldness in the day of judgment; because He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.” Happy Resurrection, our Savior Loves and Lives.

Pastor Matt Garrabrant

Are you Coachable?



I invite you to join me and meet our Coach Rev. Jeff Croft. Rev. Croft will begin meeting with us on zoom once a month starting in April. Rev. Croft will lead us through “The 7 Dimensions of Congregational Development.” The 7 Dimensions are as follows; Discerning, Visioning, Gathering, Discipling, Worshiping, Maturing, and Multiplying. I believe we are at a point in time where Otterbein of Navarre must come into a ministry alignment with God’s Word and with the

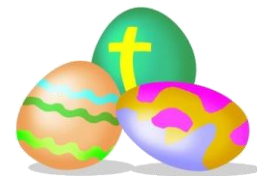
Holy Spirit leading into the future. First meeting will be April 20th at 7:00 pm. Pastor Matt Garrabrant

Lawn Mower Clinic We are holding the Lawn Mower Clinic on Friday and Saturday, March 31st .April 1st. This is for walk behind mowers Service includes blade sharpening, oil change, spark plug replacement and power washing. Mowers must all be in working condition. Drop-off will be Friday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the picnic shelter behind the church. Work will be on Saturday, from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon If at possible, please pre-register by calling Abbey at (330) 904-3148 with the following information: Name, address, phone number, brand of engine, brand/model of mower. A \$40.00 donation is requested to benefit the Roof Fund of Otterbein UMC of Navarre. You may also register by calling the church, (330) 484-2776, during office hours – Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am – Noon. The office is closed on Friday.



Celebrate Easter with Us - Schedule

- 4/2 10:15 am Palm Sunday worship with Children’s Program
- 7:00 pm Fairless Clergy Worship at Otterbein
- 4/7 7:30 pm Holy Friday Worship
- 4/8 10:00 am Community Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/9 8:00 am Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 4/9 9:00 am Sunday school for all ages
- 4/9 10:15 am Resurrection Worship!



Brunch & Brushes Come, eat, paint and create a “priceless work of art.” Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 am meet in the Fellowship Hall for a brunch provided by Doris Brown and a painting experience led by Brenda Timberlake. Register on the Narthex Bulletin Board or call the church office. The fee is \$25.00 which all goes to the Narthex Roof Fund. This will be a fun day! Men, women, and kids are invited. No artistic ability required!



United Women in Faith

Otterbein Women United in Faith will meet Tuesday, April 11th at 1:00 pm. Doris Brown will have the program and Rev. Garrabrant will serve communion. All women are invited. There will not be a Spring Rummage Sale this year.

Lunch after Church Every third Sunday from September through May, we serve a meal immediately after worship, usually starting about 11:30 am. This is a fundraiser. In April we will be serving a roast beef dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, applesauce, dessert and beverages. Cost: adults, \$10; age 6-12, \$5 and 5 and under free. Carryout or dine-in.



Community Meal The FaithKeepers Sunday school class will serve the next Community Meal April 18th from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. The menu is barbequed meatballs, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cottage cheese/applesauce, dessert beverages. The Community Meals are served the 3rd Tuesday of every month. There is carryout or dine-in. All are invited.



Vacation Bible School June 19th -23rd from 9:00 am - noon is VBS. At Hero Hotline VBS, your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. The students will make their own art projects at the Craft Station, sing new songs at the Music Station, explore the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station, play games at the Recreation Station, and enjoy tasty treats at the Snack Station. Along the way, the Heroes will hear about our mission project and respond to a call for action! Join us as we answer God's call together, to serve, bring peace, and build each other up! There will be classes for kids 4 years old and up through those who are entering the 7th grade. Register on line at: Otterbeinconnection.org and call the church office.

Summer Camp It is time to register for summer camp. There are discounts through early registration, families sending siblings, Tuscarawas District and East Ohio Conference camperships, and our church helps financially to ensure our youth have a tremendous faith-based experience during the summer months. East Ohio Conference and Tuscarawas District awarded \$2,021 to several Otterbein families, who filled out campership forms this past May. Our Otterbein's UMW and church contributed to the cost of each camper's fees \$1,926 funds! This means that without this financial support, 14 campers from nine different families would not have had the spiritual experiences from summer camp this past season.



Sociable Sixties We meet the first, Monday of the month at 12:00 noon. Everyone who is retired is welcome to join us. It is a time for fellowship and friendship. We enjoy a meal, have a short meeting and a program. We hope you will come and be a part of this ministry.

Honoring The 80's & 90's On May 7th we will be honoring those from our congregation that are 80 years old or older. They will be recognized during worship. After taking a group picture, they will be served a Swiss steak lunch. Each guest may bring 2 people with them. There will be a \$ 5.00 fee for those persons. An invitation is being mailed the first part of April. You may call the church and make a reservation.

Teddy Bear Ministry The Teddy Bear Ministry is up and rolling!! Folks can donate NEW TEDDY BEARS to be named, sit in Sunday worship, and then you may take them to someone who needs a smile or cheer. The NEW Bears are to be put on the rack in the narthex. The bulletin board has the names of the Bears, where you sign them out. This ministry was started several years ago by Ray & Nancy Fortner. We are thankful we can continue it. If you have questions, call Judy Carrick.



Weekly Prayer Vesper Pastor Matt will lead the Wednesday Prayer Vesper. This begins at 7:00 pm and will last about an hour. He gives current information about events at Otterbein, goes over the prayer concerns list and offers a short devotion. You can watch on Facebook live.

Prayer Chain If you have a concern or a praise you would like placed on the prayer chain, please call Michelle Feucht at (330) 309-6140.

Grief Recovery Pastor Matt will be offering and leading a study on the Grief Recovery method. The 8 sessions will be a weekly gathering at Otterbein UMC on Sunday evenings 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, beginning April 16th. The cost of \$ 20 will cover the handbook that each individual will receive and work through for those 8 sessions. Sign up by seeing Pastor Matt.



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