

Otterbein United Methodist Church
6025 Shepler Church Road SW
Navarre, Ohio 44662
November 19, 2023

“Our mission together is to share the ministry of Jesus Christ with all.”

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Please pass the registration pad down the row and record your attendance)

*Call to Worship	<u>On Screen</u>
*Opening Hymn: <i>We Gather Together</i>	<u>UMH 131</u>
Puppets: <i>We Thank You</i>	Good News Gang
Children’s Chat	Kathy Williams
Morning Prayers... Silent Prayers ... Pastoral Prayer	
(You are invited to come, kneel & pray at the altar.)	
Lord's Prayer (Debts & Debtors)	
Prayer Response: <i>These Alone Are Enough</i>	<u>On Screen</u>
Tithes and Offering	
*Doxology	<u>UMH 95</u>
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Scripture Reading: <i>Psalms 100</i>	
Good News: <i>Will we get around to God?</i>	<i>Pastor Carl</i>
*Closing Hymn: <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	<u>UMH 102</u>
*Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

The Altar Flowers are in Thanksgiving
of loved ones past and present.
Love, Connie Forney & family

Giving for the Life of Otterbein Ministries & Attendance

November 12th Att: SS - 35 Worship - 100 General Church Ministries Giving: \$3,234.37

Poinsettias Today is the last day to order poinsettias (red or white) for the altar area on Christmas Eve. Please complete the information on the envelope and enclose the correct amount of money. The cost is \$ 9.00 each. Pick up following the Christmas Eve **evening** service. Envelopes are at the Welcome Center.

Lunch after Church Today is Lunch after Church at 11:30 am. Menu is boneless chicken breast, potatoes & gravy, vegetable, applesauce, dessert & beverages.
Cost adults, \$10.00; age 6-13, \$5.00; 5 and under, free. There will not be a Lunch after Church in December, The next one will be January 21st.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Tonight, November 19th at 7:00 pm, the Fairless Clergy will hold their Annual Thanksgiving Service at Brewster Friends Church. Offering will go to support their ministries. All are invited to attend.

Community Meal Tuesday, November 21st, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm is the Community Meal. Menu is cheeseburger soup or chili, cornbread, applesauce, desserts & beverages. Dine-in/carryout.

Hanging of the Greens November 26th is Hanging of the Greens. Stay for lunch then help us decorate God's house and prepare it for the Christmas Celebration.

UM Student Day Offering Next Sunday, November 26th is United Methodist Student Day. There is a special offering for scholarships for UM students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church. Envelopes will be provided.

Children's Christmas Program The children are already hard at work preparing for the Christmas Program on December 17th. Practice will be the last 15 minutes or so of the Sunday School hour. Please have your kids here to practice the next few weeks. Thank you!

Christmas Breakfast & Children's Party December 17th at 8:00 am we will have our annual Christmas Breakfast. At 9:00 am the children will have a visit with Santa, a treat and a chance to take pictures. The Children will be performing in the 10:15 am Worship Service.

2024 Offering Envelopes The financial secretaries are preparing the offering envelopes for 2024. If you have weekly or monthly and want to change, please notify Judy Medley or Jill Wilson. Also, if you do not have envelopes, but would like to use them, please notify them.

United Women in Faith Serving Banquets The banquet season is upon us. The UWF will be serving several before the end of the year. **We need pies and help.** Please sign up on the sheet on the Blessings Board in the narthex. The banquets are December 4th at noon, December 8th at 1:00 pm, December 11th at 6:30 pm, December 13th at noon, December 15th at 6:00 pm, December 16th at 1:00 pm. There will be sign-up sheets posted for these as they come nearer. We will serve pies at each of these and need help. Thanks so much.

Sociable 60's The Sociable 60's will meet at noon on Monday, December 4th at Otterbein. Let everyone know to call Judy Carrick for reservations.

Name Tags If you did not get a name tag, please notify the office of how you want your name listed and correct spelling. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT OTTERBEIN

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Church Office Hours: 8:00 am - noon, Monday - Thursday; Closed Friday

www.otterbeinconnection.org

Sunday

November 19

8:30 am Breakfast treats & beverages in the Fellowship Hall
9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:15 am Worship - In-person and online
Facebook: Otterbein UMC Navarre YouTube: OtterbeinUMC Navarre
Drive-in Worship on 90.1 FM <https://otterbeinconnection.org/live-stream>
11:30 am Lunch After Church
1:00 pm Charge Conference
7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Brewster Friends Church
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Youth Fellowship

Monday

November 20

Tuesday

November 21

5:00 - 6:30 pm Community Meal

Wednesday

November 22

Church Office Closed

Thursday

November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

Friday

November 24

FH Reserved

Saturday

November 25

Sunday

November 26 - United Methodist Student Day

8:30 am Breakfast treats & beverages in the Fellowship Hall
9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:15 am Worship - In-person and online (see above)
11:30 am Hanging of the Greens
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Youth Fellowship

Charge Conference The congregation is invited to our annual charge conference today at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. All are encouraged to attend.

Prayer Concerns: Family and friends of Tusky Valley staff, students and families

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to the family of Hilda Pfouts.

Fairless Food Cupboard Needs: In November we collect white rice, dried navy beans, and boxed potatoes. Monetary donations are needed. (Please mark your envelope "Fairless Food")

***Call to Worship**

On Screen

Liturgist: God breathes upon us and fills us with life.

People: We gather now and give thanks and praise.

Liturgist: God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.

People: We come now and are grateful that God is always near.

Liturgist: God touches our hearts through friends and family.

People: We are so grateful for what they mean to us.

Liturgist: Let our hearts always be joined in thanksgiving and wonder for what God has done for us.

People: We come now rejoicing and with thanksgiving to God who has blessed us daily.

Opening Hymn: *We Gather Together*

UMH 131

Verse 1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Verse 2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; So from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!

Verse 3 We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant, And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be. Let Thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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Hymn: *These Alone Are Enough*

On Screen

Verse 1 Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Verse 2 Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Verse 3 I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.
I return to you your gifts untold.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Verse 4 When the darkness falls on my final days,
take the very breath that sang your praise.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

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***Doxology**

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

- 1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
- 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

***Closing Hymn:** *Now Thank We All Our God*

UMH 102

Verse 1 Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

Verse 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed; And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.

Verse 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven; The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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Good News Notes - November 19, 2023

It is not the date when we began observing Thanksgiving. It is that we did and do stop and give thanks.

Thanksgiving is the expression:

1. of deep gratitude
2. Productivity of the land.
3. A memorial of the dangers and hardships that were persevered.
4. All that God has blessed us with.

The pilgrims came because of religious persecution - They wanted to worship God as they saw fit.

Five grains of corn were placed at every plate. This would recall sacrifice, suffering and hardship.

The religious nature of Thanksgiving draws us to God's word. It is full of thanksgiving of God's people.

Our Psalm today is a true rendering of gratitude and thanksgiving.

The Psalmist looks up and thanks God with a heart full of gratitude. (Verse 2)

He has the right perspective between himself and God. A loving, growing and giving relationship with gratitude.

The Psalmist gets around to God by looking around himself with those in his community. (Verse 4)

Gratitude is a group response. The Psalmist notices how his neighbors are living, how they are doing, what they are feeling and thinking.

We are not created to be alone.

Grateful people get around to God as we get around to one another.

Grateful people look inside too.(Verse 5) The Psalmist's life has not been easy.

The Psalmist has to rely and depend that God is good. When? **ALL THE TIME!**

The signs of Thanksgiving are all around us, if we only get around to God.

What are the signs of Thanksgiving in your life this year?