

**Otterbein United Methodist Church
6025 Shepler Church Road SW
Navarre, Ohio 44662**

December 1, 2024 - First Sunday of Advent

“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: <i>Psalm 25: 1-6</i>	<u>On Screen</u>
*Opening Hymn: <i>We Would See Jesus</i>	<u>UMH 256 (vs 1,2,4 and 5)</u>
Lighting of the First Advent Candle “HOPE”	Glenn & Janice Courtney
Children’s Chat: What does Advent mean??	Pastor Bill
Morning Prayers... Silent Prayer... Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer (Debts and Debtors)	
Prayer Response: <i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	
Tithes and Offering	
*Doxology	<u>UMH 95</u>
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Special Music: <i>I Trust Jesus</i> by Matthew West	<u>On Screen</u>
Scripture: <i>Jeremiah 33: 14-17</i>	
The Message: Our Journey to Bethlehem, the HOPE”	Pastor Bill
*Closing Hymn: <i>There’s a Song in the Air</i>	<u>UMH 249</u>
*Benediction: May your hope and strength always be in the Lord and Savior Jesus!! Please be seated as the acolytes pass your pew.	
Postlude	

The Altar Flowers are in loving memory of dad,
Charles E Coates.
Happy Heavenly Birthday!
Allyson & Bob and Family

Giving for of the Life Otterbein Ministries & Attendance

November 24 Att: SS - 31 Worship - 113 General Church Ministries Giving: \$ 5,720.10

Roof Fund We have a Roof Fund for the Sanctuary roof. Our estimate is \$ 65,000 to be raised in three years. The "Roof Thermometer" is in the narthex to show the progress.

Happy Birthday Tammy Eckert! The congregation is invited to stay after worship today for cake and punch for Tammy's 63rd Birthday. Congratulations, Tammy!! Everyone is welcome.

Sociable 60's The year-end banquet is tomorrow at noon, at Otterbein.

United Women in Faith Serving Banquets The UWF have these scheduled. **Pies and help are needed.** Please sign up on the narthex Blessings Board. The dates are December 6th - 1:00 pm, December 7th - 5:00 pm, December 9th - 6:30 pm, December 18th - Noon, and December 21st at 1:00 pm. We will serve pies and help at each of these. Thanks so much.

Children's Christmas Program The children are hard at work preparing for the Christmas Program on December 15th. Practice will be the last 15 minutes or so following the Children's Chat during worship. Please have your kids here to practice the next few weeks. Thank you!

Community Meal The next Community Meal is Tuesday, December 17th, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Menu is Pulled Pork, pasta salad, applesauce, dessert, and beverages.

Kid's Program JAM (Jesus and Me) is held during each Community Meal, families can eat from 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm, then the children, K-grade 6 will go to the classroom wing for an hour.

Name Badges If you would like a name badge, please call church office or Karen Cochran.

Blue Christmas We will have a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday December 8th at 3:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is in Narthex. This service is for anyone who has experienced loss of any kind.

The Ages and Stages Sunday school class will study the book, The Christmas Letters by Magrey R. DeVega. This book invites you to explore some of the letters in the New Testament, the Epistles, to hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. We will rediscover how to make Christmas more than just an annual observance, but a way of life, modeled after Jesus, all year round.

The Faithkeepers Sunday school class will finish the Jeremiah study this Sunday, December 1st. We will begin an Advent study by Magrey DeVega entitled, The Christmas Letters the week of December 2nd. We will discuss chapter 1 on Sunday December 8th. Books are available at the welcome center or in the classroom.

2025 Offering Envelopes Please pick up your envelopes in the Narthex. If you do not have envelopes, but would like to use them, please notify Judy Medley or Jill Wilson.

Altar Flowers 2025 The 2025 Altar Flower Chart is posted outside the Fellowship Hall doors. If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday, please sign up. Some dates are marked off as special Sundays, so please choose another Sunday.

Christmas Cards Let us help deliver your Christmas cards to "*your church loved ones*". The money you save on the postage, or a goodwill offering can be put in the "*postage money box*." This will go to Sanctuary Roof Fund.. You can get your Christmas cards at any time.

Sound Technician Needed We are in need of someone to learn to run the sound board. Please see Michael Medley or text (330) 353-0848. Training will be provided. We are also in need of someone to help with the website.

THIS WEEK AT OTTERBEIN

Sunday, December 1, 2024

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

www.otterbeinconnection.org

Sunday December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

10:15 am Worship - In-person and online

Facebook: Otterbein UMC Navarre YouTube: Otterbein UMC Navarre

Drive-in Worship on 90.1 FM <https://otterbeinconnection.org/live-stream>

11:30 am Cake and punch for Tammy Eckert's 63rd Birthday in FH

Monday December 2

Noon Sociable 60's Banquet in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday December 3

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm FH reserved

Wednesday December 4

Thursday December 5

7:00 pm Chancel Choir in Sanctuary

Friday December 6

1:00 pm Banquet in FH

Saturday December 7

5:00 pm Banquet in FH

Sunday December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

10:15 am Worship - In-person and online (see above)

3:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

Prayer Concerns: Beth Henderson, Barry and Mary Kay Pickett, Allie Newtz

NOTE: The office is closed Wednesday, Thanksgiving Day and Friday. If you need to reach the church, please leave a voicemail message, as the phone will be checked regularly.

Baby Congratulations We extend our congratulations to Jordan and Alisha Provost on the birth of their son, William Jordan. He was born November 20, 2024. He weighs 8# 9 ozs. and is 20.5" long. He joins big sister, Olivia

Keep Informed: If you would like to get frequent text reminders, please sign up for the Otterbein Remind. Just text, @otter1963 to 81010. Thanks.

Fairless Food Cupboard In December we collect Homestyle Bakes Complete Meals, pasta and spaghetti sauce for the Fairless Food Cupboard. Monetary donations are also welcome. (Please mark your envelope "Fairless Food")

There are lists of these items near the shopping cart. Please take one when you are shopping, to help remember what is needed.

Scriptures and Liturgy December 1, 2024

John Feucht - Liturgist

Call to Worship: Psalm 25: 1-6

On Screen

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

People: Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Leader: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

People: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

All: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Opening

***Opening Hymn:** *We Would See Jesus*

UMH 256 (vs 1,2,4 and 5)

Verse 1 We would see Jesus; lo! his star is shining above the stable while the angels sing;
there in a manger on the hay reclining; haste, let us lay our gifts before the King.

Verse 2 We would see Jesus, Mary's son most holy, light of the village life from day to day;
shining revealed through every task most lowly, the Christ of God, the life, the truth, the way.

Verse 4 We would see Jesus, in his work of healing, at eventide before the sun was set;
divine and human, in his deep revealing of God made flesh, in loving service met.

Verse 5 We would see Jesus, in the early morning, still as of old he calleth, "Follow me!"
Let us arise, all meaner service scorning; Lord, we are thine, we give ourselves to thee.

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Prayer Response: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

UMH 251

Chorus Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Chorus

Verse 2 The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

Chorus

Verse 3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

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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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Special Music: *I Trust Jesus* by Matthew West

Who else could stand beside me in the fire? Who else could part the waters at my feet?
Who else could move the mountains I am facing? Who else already holds my victory?

Chorus I trust Jesus, I trust Jesus. In the storm, in the fight. All my days, all my life. I trust Jesus, always Jesus.
Come what will, come what may. Still my heart will choose to say, I trust Jesus.

Who else would pay the price for my redemption? Who else would bear a cross that's meant for me?
Who else laid down their life for my salvation? Who else has conquered death and holds the key?

Chorus

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame.
I trust in Jesus name. My hope is built (my hope is built). On nothing less (on nothing less) Than Jesus'
blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, I trust in Jesus name.

I trust Jesus, I trust Jesus. In the storm, in the fight. All my days, all my life. I trust Jesus, always Jesus.
Come what will, come what may. Still my heart will choose to say. Come what will, come what may.
Still my heart will choose to say. I trust Jesus.

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame
I trust in Jesus name.

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Scripture: *Jeremiah 33: 14-17*

- 14 “‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the
people of Israel and Judah.
15 “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.
16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it
will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’
17 For this is what the Lord says: ‘David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel,

***Closing Hymn:** *There’s a Song in the Air*

UMH 249

Verse 1 There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer
and a baby's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

Verse 2 There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth, for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth. Ay! the
star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

Verse 3 In the light of that star lie the ages impearled; and that song from afar has swept over the world. Every
hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

Verse 4 We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down through the night from the heavenly
throne. Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring, and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

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