

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

**December 22, 2024 - Fourth 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)

<b>*Call to Worship:</b> <i>Psalm 34: 1-5</i>	<u>On Screen</u>
<b>*Opening Hymn:</b> <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	UMH 234 (vs 1-4)
<b>Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle “LOVE”</b>	Beth and Gary Winkhart
<b>Children’s Chat:</b> What is this coming week?	Pastor Bill
<b>Morning Prayers... Silent Prayer... Pastoral Prayer</b>	
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b> (Debts and Debtors)	
<b>Prayer Response:</b> <i>What Child Is This</i>	<u>UMH 219</u>
<b>Tithes and Offering</b>	
<b>*Doxology</b>	<u>UMH 95</u>
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Choir:</b> <i>Carol for Advent</i> by Nancy Price and Don Besig	Chancel Choir
<b>Scripture:</b> <i>Matthew 1: 18-23</i>	
<b>The Message:</b> Our Journey to Bethlehem, LOVE	Pastor Bill
<b>Closing Hymn:</b> Angels from the Realms of Glory	UMH 220
<b>Benediction:</b> “God so loved the world, please show that love to others as Jesus disciples. Please be seated as the acolytes pass your pew.	
<b>Postlude</b>	

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**Giving for of the Life Otterbein Ministries & Attendance**

December 15 Att: Worship - 146      General Church Ministries Giving: \$ 3,266.00

**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.

**Christmas Eve Service** The Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will be at 7:30 pm.

**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.

**Community Meal** Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm is the next Community Meal. The menu is Stuffed Pepper or Broccoli Cheese Soup, salad, rolls, 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.

**Sociable Sixties** No meetings until March 2025

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

**2025 Offering Envelopes** Please pick up your 2025 offering 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.

**Lunch after Church** The next Lunch after Church is January 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. The menu is boneless chicken breasts, potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, dessert & beverage. The cost is \$10 adult, \$5 6-12. Our entire community is welcome to this fellowship event.

# THIS WEEK AT OTTERBEIN

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

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

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**Sunday December 22- Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
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>

**Monday December 23**

**Tuesday December 24 - Christmas Eve**

Church Office Closed  
7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

**Wednesday December 25 - Christmas Day**

Church Office Closed

**Thursday December 26**

Church Office Closed

**Friday December 27**

**Saturday December 28**

**Sunday December 29**

9:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:15 am Worship - In-person and online (see above)

**Prayer Concerns:** Rick Timberlake, Suzanne Turner, Grandpa Lester (Lillian Hultman), Shirley Daugherty, Justin Hylton

**Thank You:** Thank you for the Holiday Box from the UWF. It was a nice surprise and very beautiful! Thanks also to Bud & Brenda Timberlake for delivering it! It was good to visit!  
Love, Murray & Connie Walker

**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.

**\*Call to Worship: Psalm 34: 1-5**

On Screen

Leader: I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

**People: My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

**People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.**

**All: Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.**

**\*Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

UMH 234 (vs 1-4)

**Verse 1** O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels;

**Chorus** O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

**Verse 2** True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

**Chorus**

**Verse 3** Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation; O Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

**Chorus**

**Verse 4** See how shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

**Chorus**

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**Prayer Response: What Child Is This**

UMH 219

**Verse 1** What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

**Chorus** This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

**Verse 2** Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

**Chorus**

**Verse 3** So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own Him;

The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

**Chorus**

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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: Matthew 1: 18-23**

- 18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.
- 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.
- 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
- 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
- 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
- 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

**Closing Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory**

UMH 220

**Verse 1** Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

**Chorus** Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

**Verse 2** Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing; Yonder shines the infant light:

**Chorus** Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

**Verse 3** Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star;

**Chorus** Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

**Verse 4** Saints, before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear:

**Chorus** Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

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Bill Eckert - Pastor**

**December 24, 2024**

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**Welcome ... Announcements**

<b>*Call to Worship:</b> <i>Isaiah 9:6-7</i>	On Screen
<b>Opening Hymn:</b> <i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	<u>UMH 218</u>
<b>Lighting of the Christ Candle</b>	Tammy and Pastor Bill
<b>Silent Prayers ..... Pastoral Prayer</b>	
<b>The Lord’s Prayer:</b> (Debts and Debtors)	
<b>Prayer Response:</b> <i>Away in a Manger</i>	<u>UMH 217</u>
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>	
<b>*Doxology:</b>	<u>UMH 95</u>
<b>Anthem:</b> <i>Christmas Communion Song</i> by John A, Ray and Susan Naylor Callaway	Chancel Choir
<b>Communion:</b> <i>The Bread of Life and the Cup of Joy</i>	
<b>Scripture Reading:</b> <i>Luke 2:1-18</i>	
<b>The Message:</b> <i>Our Journey to Bethlehem, Jesus</i>	Pastor Bill
<b>Candle Lighting</b> (see instructions)	
<b>*Closing Hymn:</b> <i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	<u>UMH 239</u>
<b>*Benediction: Merry Christmas, Jesus is Born!!</b>	Pastor Bill
<b>Organ Postlude</b>	

**Candle lighting:**

Pastor Bill will light his candle from the Christ candle. He will light the usher’s candles and they will light the choir member’s candles. **The *lighted* candles remain upright, and the *unlighted* candles are tipped to be lighted.** As you leave, please place your candle and drip protector into one of the containers at the entrance.

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**TONIGHT’S OFFERING**

You may designate your offering for the General Fund or the Sanctuary Roof Replacement Fund. There are envelopes in the pew holders. The offering plates are at the entrance doors to the sanctuary.

**Sunday Schedule**

8:00 am - Breakfast treats & beverages in FH  
9:00 am-Sunday school for all ages  
10:15 am-Worship - In-person and online  
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<https://otterbeinconnection.org/live-stream>  
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**Participating in Tonight’s Service**

Liturgist  
Greeter  
Online Host  
Organist  
Pianist  
Choir Director

John Feucht  
Mary Hultman  
Janice Hare  
Jody Seward  
Jamie Seward  
Jody Seward

## **Poinsettias**

The poinsettias are in memory and honor of loved ones and in celebration of the birth of Jesus. If you ordered a poinsettia from the church, you may take it home following tonight's service.

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## *Christmas Poinsettias are:*

### *In Memory Of:*

- ... Harry L. Jones, Lucille Jones, Sam Shoemaker, Richard & Elizabeth Cramer by Carol Jones
- ... Husband, Parents and Brother by Ruth Mohr
- ... Bob & Martha Maag by Joe & Diane Little
- ... Ethel Wheeler and Shirley Goodman by Dennis & Joanne Wheeler
- ... Glen Snyder by Dennis & Joanne Wheeler and Dave & Missy Callahan
- ... Ruby Cairns by Wayne Cairns
- ... Grandad & P.O. Grandma, Uncle Danny, Gramma Jeanne, and Grandma & Grandpa Tib  
by Kelly & Jann Coates and Family
- ... Thelma DeWire by Linette McGowan
- ... My parents, Dwight & Mildred Gauze; brother, Merlin Gauze; Grandparents, Clyde & Nellie Davis,  
and my husband, Steve Knox. Forever in my heart by Judy Knox
- ... Our parents by Dave & Bonnie Steenrod

### *In Honor Of:*

- ... Our Family by Bill & Tammy Eckert
- ... My Parent's, Dave & Bonnie Steenrod, 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Heather Steenrod



**\*Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 9:6-7*

On Screen

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

**People: And the government will be on his shoulders.**

Leader: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**People: Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.**

**All: He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

UMH 218

**Verse 1** It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

**Verse 2** Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

**Verse 3** And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow.  
Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing,  
O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing

**Verse 4** For lo! the days are hastening on, By prophet seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold  
When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

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**Prayer Response:** *Away in a Manger*

UMH 217

**Verse 1** Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**Verse 2** The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

**Verse 3** Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

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**\*Doxology**

UMH 95

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Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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**Scripture: Luke 2:1-18 The Birth of Jesus**

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.  
2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)  
3 And everyone went to their own town to register.  
4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David,  
5 because he belonged to the house and line of David.  
6 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.  
7 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,  
8 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there  
9 was no guest room available for them.  
10 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.  
11 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.  
12 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.  
13 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.  
14 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."  
15 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,  
16 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."  
17 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,  
18 "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."  
19 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.  
20 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,  
21 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

**\*Closing Hymn: *Silent Night, Holy Night***

UMH 239

**Verse 1** Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

**Verse 2** Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

**Verse 3** Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

**Verse 4** Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

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