

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

**January 5, 2025
Communion and Epiphany Sunday**

“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 149: 1-5</i>	<u>On Screen</u>
*Opening Hymn: <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	<u>UMH 211</u> (vs 1-4)
Children’s Chat: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh	Pastor Bill
Morning Prayers... Silent Prayer... Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer (Debts and Debtors)	
Prayer Response: <i>The First Noel</i>	<u>UMH 245</u>
Tithes and Offering	
*Doxology	<u>UMH 95</u>
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Scripture: <i>Matthew 2: 1-12</i>	
The Message: The World Knows!	Pastor Bill
Communion	<u>UMH 13-14</u>
Closing Hymn: We Three Kings	<u>UMH 254</u> (vs 1-4)
Benediction: Let us, as the Three Wise Men did, proclaim Jesus to the world. Please be seated as the acolytes pass your pew.	
Postlude	

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and the appreciation of our church family.

Giving for of the Life Otterbein Ministries & Attendance

December 29 Att: SS - 20 Worship - 100 General Church Ministries Giving: \$3,074.00

Roof Fund We have a Roof Fund for the Sanctuary roof with an estimate of \$ 65,000 to be raised in three years. The "Roof Thermometer" is in the narthex to show the progress. Please mark an envelope for the Roof contributions.

United Women in Faith We will hold our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial service on Sunday, January 12th. The women will lead worship that day.

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.

Men's Fellowship: God wants to grow you into a man of strong faith, a man who fully believes God and each and every one of His promises recorded in scripture. Beginning January 11th at 8:00 am men will meet monthly in room #2 for Devotions and Donuts. Each man will be given the 2025 Devotional Collection entitled *Daily Wisdom for Men*. All men are invited to attend.

Lunch after Church The next Lunch after Church is January 19th 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.

Community Meal The next Community Meal is Tuesday, January 21st, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. 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.

Ages & Stages SS Class New Study Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. These ten ancient "words" were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, and protect us--often from ourselves. Join us as we begin this study, Sunday January 5th.

Women's Bible Study Women's Bible study will be on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am beginning January 30th. This Bible study, *Perfectly Flawed* by Lisa Toney, will help you see how God can turn your weaknesses into strengths. Sign up on the board outside the fellowship hall or contact Brenda Timberlake at 330-575-4016.

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.

2024 Giving Statements Your 2024 Giving Statements will be emailed or sent through regular mail by the end of January.

Birthday Cards Tammy will be starting the birthday cards in 2025. Please be sure the office has your special day on the monthly calendar. Cards will be on the cabinet outside Pastor Bill's office.

THIS WEEK AT OTTERBEIN

Sunday, January 5, 2025

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

www.otterbeinconnection.org

Sunday **January 5 - Communion**
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>
11:30 am Board of Trustees will meet in Room #3 - NOTE DATE CHANGE
Members of the Trustees are: Ray Timberlake, Bill Lenart, Gary Winkhart,
Wayne Cairns, and Carol Jones

Monday **January 6**

Tuesday **January 7**

Wednesday **January 8**

Thursday **January 9**
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday **January 10**
FH & Kitchen Reserved

Saturday **January 11**
FH & Kitchen Reserved
8:00 am Men's Devotions & Donuts in Room #2

Sunday **January 12- UWF Sunday**
9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:15 am Worship - In-person and online (see above)

Prayer Concerns: Ralph Sweeney

Thank You: Huge thank you for all the Christmas goodies and cards! We deeply appreciate all of you for the love and kindness you blessed us with this first Christmas with you! Our love and prayers to you for a healthy & safe Happy New Year! Pastor Bill & Tammy

Sociable Sixties No meetings until March 2025.

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 January we collect paper products and canned pasta 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 149: 1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

People: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

People: For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.

All: Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

***Opening Hymn:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

UMH 211 (vs 1-4)

Verse 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Chorus Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

Chorus Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 3 O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Chorus Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 4 O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, An ensign of Thy people be;
Before Thee rulers silent fall; All peoples on Thy mercy call.

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Prayer Response: *The First Noel*

UMH 245

Verse 1 The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2 They looked up and saw a star shining in the ease, beyond the far:
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Chorus

Verse 3 And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.

Chorus

Verse 4 This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.

Chorus

Verse 5 Then entered in those wise men three, Full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in His presence, Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

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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 2: 1-12*

- 1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem
- 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."
- 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.
- 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

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5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:
6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"
7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.
8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report
to me, so that I too may go and worship him."
9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of
them until it stopped over the place where the child was.
10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.
11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped
him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Holy Communion

UMH 13-14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of
heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to
his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. "When the
supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. "And so, in remembrance of
these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living
sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed
by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: We Three Kings

UMH 254 (vs 1-4)

Verse 1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Chorus O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.

Verse 2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.

Chorus

Verse 3 Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.

Chorus

Verse 4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breaths a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Chorus

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January 2025 – Calendar of Events

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Bill Eckert - Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
Sunday Schedule 8:30 am-Breakfast treats/beverages FH 9:00 am-Sunday school for all ages 10:15 am-Worship in Sanctuary			Office Closed	Office Closed		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion 11:30 am Trustees Meeting in Room #3				7:00 pm Chancel Choir	FH & Kitchen Reserved	8:00 am Men's Devotions & Donuts in Room #2 FH & Kitchen Reserved
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
UWF Sunday	7:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg in Room #2	6:30 pm Cub Scouts in FH		7:00 pm Chancel Choir	FH & Kitchen Reserved	10:00 am UWF Set up for LAC
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11:30 am Lunch After Church 4:30 pm 4H in FH		5:00 – 6:30 pm Community Meal		7:00 pm Chancel Choir		9:00 am - 3:00 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby in FH
26	27	28	29	30	31	
				9:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Chancel Choir		

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