

Otterbein News

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**News and Notes for the
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Sunday Worship: 9:15 am

Sunday School: 10:30 am

From Pastor Bruce;

Greetings, today is a blustery day!!

That reminds me of Winnie the Pooh and his song to his friends, Piglet, Rabbit, and Eeyore. " Oh the wind is lashing lustily, and the trees are thrashing thrustily, and the leaves are rustling gustily, so it's rather safe to say, that it seems that it may turn out to be, it feels like it will undoubtedly, it looks like a rather blustery day!

Will March come in like a Lion, or like a Lamb? Well today (Feb. 25th) it seems it will come in like a roaring Lion! Friends, the groundhog says we will have an early Spring. Tonight I will listen to the March Forecast from Channel 27, WHTM.

For me, I am having a knee replaced March 12 so I hope Spring comes a little late (to mow grass, weed, mulch, etc). Either way, winter will be over before too long, and Spring will be just around the corner. Spring is a sign of new life! And yes, new life means resurrection, new life for flowers, buds on trees, and the spring birds returning.

For us as Christians, it is our time to celebrate as well. We give thanks for what our Lord and Savior did personally for each of us. He suffered, bled, and died on the cross for each of us to take away our sins. But it didn't end with the winter! Spring came, and in that Jesus Christ arose, conquering all our cold, dreary time of winter.

Yes, Spring came, and Christ arose! Hallelujah! Let's celebrate our seasons here in Central Pennsylvania, they certainly all are wonderful. You know what else is wonderful? The resurrection is wonderful, and so is God's love for us all!





- March 6: 7:00 pm - **Ash Wednesday Service** at Christ Church
- March 9: 8-8:45 am - Lenten Breakfast at Christ Church (this will occur each Saturday of Lent moving to a new church each week)
- March 16: 8-8:45 am - Lenten Breakfast at Oakville UMC
- March 23: 8-8:45 am - Lenten Breakfast at Trinity UMC, Walnut Bottom
- March 30: 8-8:45 am - Lenten Breakfast at Cleversburg UMC
- April 6: 8-8:45 am - Lenten Breakfast at Prince St. UB Church, Shippensburg
- April 13: 8-8:45 am - Lenten Breakfast at Messiah UMC Church
- April 18: 7:00 pm - **Maundy Thursday Service** at Otterbein UMC, 7:00pm
- April 19: 7:00 pm - **Good Friday Service** at Newburg UMC, (Pastor Bruce will be participating)
- April 21: 6:15 am - **Sunrise Service** at Otterbein UMC
- April 21: **Regular Worship Services for Easter!**
8:30 am and 10:45 am at Christ
9:15 am at Otterbein

**Have a great early Spring, Happy Easter.
Keep (and share) the Faith!!**

Wednesday Lenten Breakfasts: Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, Christ UMC will host a breakfast at the Greenvillage Diner, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and going till 8:15 a.m. Breakfast and fellowship are shared as well as a devotional time. This year we would especially like to invite our brothers and sisters from Otterbein UM to join us. All are encouraged to invite your friends and neighbors on these Wednesday mornings during Lent.



Check out 2019 Camps and Retreats

www.susumcamps.org

There is a copy of the brochure on the green table or online. The Otterbein Abiding Memorial Trust Fund provides camping scholarships. Please see the Pastor if you are interested.



Our 5th Sunday Lunch on March 31 will be a little different this time. We will be having a fundraiser for Monica Bailey to help with expenses on her mission trip to Russia. A Spud and Salad Bar with all the fixings will be served at 12:00 p.m. There will be no charge, just make a donation if you would like. Christ UMC is also invited to join us.

ICE CREAM DAY

Eric and Kristi Stahlman will be making homemade soft serve ice cream for the Strawberry Festival (May 18). All are welcome to come to their home as taste testers Saturday, April 27!! Come any time between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Their address is 207 Shady Road, Newburg.



Annual Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 6 9:00 a.m.

We will be working outside at the church cleaning our grounds. All help would be greatly appreciated.



Ladies come enjoy an evening of food and fellowship Saturday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. No preparation or clean up involved. Bring your children and be sure to invite your friends. The men of the church prepare, serve and cleanup.

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