Church of the Master & Otterbein University

Campus Ministry

HERE'S WHATS HAPPENING...

Rev. Lucy Kelly's position as the Director of Faith and Spiritual Life is situated under Student Affairs. Lucy works closely with Julie Saker. JULIE SAKER, DEAN OF STUDENTS

Church of the Master's connection with Otterbein is growing in many positive ways. We began this official process in February 2024, and have seen a great partnership forming. Otterbein has opened doors for us to be able to communicate more easily with students and faculty, which allows us to get to know one another and helps us understand the needs of the Otterbein community.

Spring semester was a whirlwind of planning, meeting new people, being invited to attend and speak at multiple events, and it all ended with a celebratory (and busy) graduation.



LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST WITH THE PRESIDENT

> WARM PRAYER BREAKFAST







GRADUATION

Interfaith Work

This year, a group of students wanted to gather in order to talk about faith. We met every Monday afternoon, shared a meal together, and talked about faith, theology, the Divine, and all kinds of questions they had about their beliefs. We grew together as we shared our honest thoughts and honored one another's stories. We do not all share the same faith background and we hope the group continues to diversify as we continue to meet in the fall.



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Growing together in community...

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This past year, Pastor Lucy had the pleasure of traveling and learning alongside Otterbein.

- Feb 2024- Exploration (hosted by the UMC) in Florida.
- March 2024- NetVUE Conference in Atlanta with Bill Fox, VP of Student Affairs (Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education)
- June 2024- TRHT Online Class (Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation)
- August 2024- Interfaith America Summit in Chicago (traveling with Prof. Andrew Mills and Desmon Howard, a student)- thanks to a grant from the West Ohio UMC!





We will continue to have many opportunities to care for and with students, faculty, and staff in the upcoming school year. Here is a peak at what is happening this fall:

- 1.Fall Plunge Service Day (8/24)- First year students help out at the church
- 2. Welcome Otterbein (8/25)- Alumni wear your Otterbein gear to worshiprefreshments for Otterbein served between worship services
- 3. Coffee Ministry begins (8/26)
- 4.Interfaith Group (8/26)
- 5. Fall Pasta Meal (9/18)
- 6. Connecting Threads Sewing Group (TBD)

We are really excited to be planning a mission trip for students to Cuba in May 2025! Rev. Pete Elliot, Associate Pastor from Church of the Messiah, and Pastor Lucy will be leading this trip. We hope to take 20 people with us! We will be working on a farm, where we will be staying, as well as traveling around to distribute food, serve alongside our Cuban brethren, and learning about the culture and history of Cuba. More details coming soon!

ANY QUESTIONS?

Let's chat!

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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