

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group

The Barnabas Group has a new person for the month of **November** that would appreciate your prayers and notes. The name and note cards can be found in the narthex or multipurpose room. Please stop by and write a note to share God's love, encouragement, or comfort. If you are not a note writer, preprinted cards with notes are available. You need only sign your name and place in the basket.

Circle of Prayer

Each week our Susquehanna Annual Conference requests prayer for churches within the Annual Conference, partner churches in Sierra Leone and conference camps. During the **week of November 16 – 22, 2025** – White Pine UMC – Trout Run, Saxton UMC – Saxton, Mehoopany UMNC – Mehoopany, Mt. Olivet UMC – Mechanicsburg, Gandorhun UMC – Gandorhun – Sierra Leone, Tunkhannock UMC - Tunkhannock

Yellow Breeches Middle School Play – “Alice in Wonderland”

Four of our youth are involved in the Yellow Breeches Middle School play – Johnanna Salisbury, Emma Myers, Michaela Martin, and Bianca Salisbury. Otterbein purchased a block of tickets (\$10.00 per ticket) so we could show our support to our youth. We have a limited number of tickets available, and it will be a first come – first serve basis. If you would like to purchase tickets to sit with the Otterbein group, contact Nancy. You can also purchase tickets on your own via **boilingspringstheatreproductions.ludus.com**

Children's Hand Chimes

Children's Hand chimes are rehearsing for their performances during the 2:00 PM Christmas showcase on December 20th and Christmas Eve 7:30 PM service. ***Rehearsal schedule:*** November 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14 @ 9:30 (during children's church). Any questions please contact Tammy Ham (717) 243-1872.

Small Groups – “Connect. Grow. Belong.”

If you're new to Otterbein—or just haven't had a chance to explore yet—we'd love for you to join one of our small groups! These gatherings are a great way to connect, grow in faith, and build friendships. Below is a list of our groups along with a contact person if you have any questions. Feel free to reach out—or simply come to a meeting. There's always a seat for you, and we can't wait to welcome you!

Prayer Shawl – Martha Thomas

Otterbein Bells – Tammy Ham

United Methodist Women – Hattie Ogle

Blanket Ministry – Martha Thomas or Hattie Ogle

Choir – Elise Sweger

Men's Life Group – Slim Connors

Missions – Julie Greenisen

Flock Together – Dana or Lori Gossert

Poinsettias

Traditionally our church has been decorated during the Advent Season with poinsettias in memory or honor of loved ones. If you are interested in ordering poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary for Sunday, December 14th, please pick up an order form which is in the Narthex, outside the office or in the Contemporary. The price is \$10 per poinsettia, and orders are **due by November 21, 2025**, to Nancy.

Salvation Army – Ring the Bell – December 6th



It is time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army’s Red Kettle collection. Otterbein will be at Karns Grocery Store in Boiling Springs on Saturday, December 6th. We are asking for people to sign up for a one-hour time slot between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM. We encourage you to bring a friend because ringing is more fun when there are two!

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Please write your **name and phone number** in case we need to contact you with changes or other information.

Questions, comments, or schedule changes? Contact Julie Greenisen (717) 701-0701.

As always, thank you Otterbein for all you do for those in need in our community!

Otterbein Christmas Showcase – December 20th at 2:00 PM

All children and youth are invited to participate in our Christmas Showcase on December 20th at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the library for more information as well as a place to sign up to participate. We will be having a Christmas play, Christmas group song, and opportunities for participants to play their musical instrument, sing a solo, and more! If you have any questions, please reach out to Janna Brandt – families@ottumc.org

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Bells of Otterbein	November 17	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	November 17	7:00 PM	Gym
Bible Study	November 18	9:00 AM	Library
Missions	November 18	7:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	November 18	6:00 PM	Gym
Special Olympics	November 19	5:45 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Choir Practice	November 19	6:30 – Cantata 7:15 - Choir	Choir Room
Men’s Life Group	November 20	7:00 PM	Library
Thanksgiving Breakfast	November 22	9:00 AM	Multi-purpose Room
Youth Group	November 23	6:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room

1st Sunday of each month – New Person for Barnabas Group to write notes to

2nd Sunday of each month – Canned Fruit Sunday

3rd Sunday of each month – Wave to our friends joining us from home

Upcoming Dates to Save

- November 22 – UMC Thanksgiving Breakfast – 9:00 AM
- November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00 PM
- November 27 – Free thanksgiving Lunch – 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Hurricane Melissa Relief Effort

Mission Central is responding to the severe devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica, Cuba, and Haiti. They are seeking financial contributions to help cover logistics and provide essential supplies for distribution to these affected islands.

If you would like to support this relief effort, please send your donation directly to **Mission Central at 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050** or visit their website missioncentral.org for more details.