

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 23 - 29, 2025** – Port Royal UMC – Port Royal, Wesley UMC – Tyrone, Centenary UMC – Steelton, Mifflinville UMC – Mifflinville, Salladasburg UMC – Salladasburg, Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center – Weikert.

Yellow Breeches Middle School Play – “Alice in Wonderland” – Dec. 6th at 7:00 PM

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 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 / Hattie Ogle

Flock Together – Dana or Lori Gossert

Choir – Elise Sweger

Men's Life Group – Slim Connors

Missions – Julie Greenisen

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 TODAY**, 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

Offering Envelopes for 2026

Offering envelopes are now available in the **Narthex** and **Contemporary area**. Please stop by and pick yours up. If you did not request envelopes but would still like them, please contact: **Leslie Conway, Treasurer**

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Bells of Otterbein	November 24	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	November 24	7:00 PM	Gym
NO Bible Study	November 24	9:00 AM	Library
Thanksgiving Eve Service	November 26	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Thanksgiving Lunch	November 27	11 – 2:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
First Day of Advent	November 30		All Services

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

Boy Scout Cardboard Update

Troop 189 (Boy Scout troop and Girl Scout troops combined) is the first-place winner with 21,484 pounds.

Troop 171 is the second-place winner with 7,113 pounds.

Thank you to everyone for your kindness, support, and help! -Troop 171 and Errol Huffman