

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - December

This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would greatly appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You'll find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

Please take a moment to write a note that shares God's love, comfort, and encouragement. If writing isn't your thing, preprinted cards with messages are available—just sign your name and place the card 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 December 7-13, 2025** – First UMC – Blossburg, Centre Grove UMC – Clearfield, First UMC – Hershey, Moyiba UMC – Kissy Brook – Sierra Leone, Charlestown UMC – Mercersburg, Jenningsville UMC – Jenningsville.

Join Us for Christmas Caroling!

The Barnabas Group invites you to help spread some holiday cheer through Christmas caroling!

Date: Sunday, December 14

Time: 10:30 AM (right after the combined worship service)

Meeting Place: Church Choir Room

We'll carpool to members' homes to share joyful songs. Names, addresses, and song sheets will be provided before we leave.

Prefer to stay cozy indoors? No problem! You can join our phone call caroling group in the library and still make someone's day brighter.

Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside the office and in the gym. We'd love enough participants to form at least three groups. After caroling, we'll meet back at the church for fellowship and fun!

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: December 7, 14 @ 9:30 (during children's church). Any questions please contact Tammy Ham (717) 243-1872.

Otterbein Christmas showcase

Date: December 20

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Sanctuary

All children and youth are invited to participate in our Christmas Showcase. Activities include a Christmas play, group song, and opportunities for solos or musical performances.

Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board next to the library. Questions? Contact Janna Brandt at families@ottumc.org.

Winter clothing donations

We are collecting warm clothing items to help those in need during the winter season.

Items requested:

- Socks
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Mittens

Distribution:

All donated items will be delivered directly to individuals in need by Landon McGeehan.

Collection period:

Donations will be accepted until **January 15**.

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Outside Group	December 7	3 – 6:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Prayer Shawl	December 8	9:00 AM	Library
Daycare Secret Santa	December 8 – 12	Starts 6:30 AM on Dec. 8 th Ends 5:30 PM on December 12 th	Room 8
Bells of Otterbein	December 8	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	December 8	7:00 PM	Gym
Bible Study	December 9	9:00 AM	Library
UMW Meeting	December 9	10:00 AM	Choir Room
NO Blanket Ministry this week	-	-	-
Staff Development	December 9	12 or 7 PM	Library
Outside Group	December 10	9:00 – 1:30 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Choir Practice	December 10	6:30 – 8 PM Cantata Rehearsal	Choir Room / Sanctuary
Christmas Family Event	December 13	11 – 2:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Combined Worship Cantata	December 14	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Administrative Council	December 14	10:05 AM	TBD
Youth Group Christmas Party	December 14	6 – 8 PM	Multi-purpose Room

Monthly reminders

- 1st Sunday: New person for Barnabas Group notes
- 2nd Sunday: Canned Fruit Sunday
- 3rd Sunday: Wave to our friends joining us from home