

## ***What's Happening at Otterbein!***

### **Barnabas Group - January**

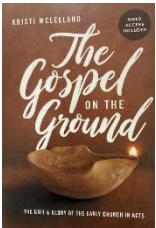
This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would greatly appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You'll find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

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 January 11 - 17, 2026** – Catawissa Avenue UMC – Sunbury, Barry Salem UMC – Ashland, Moosic UMC – Moosic, Flemington UMC – Flemington, Doyleburg UMC – Doyleburg.

### **BASIC Sunday School Class – 10:00 AM in Room 8 (January 11 – April 12)**



Please join Harry Owens for this six-week study as you come along with Kristi McLelland as she unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts and shows us that the kingdom of God is always on the move, always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. Explore the call of Jesus to His disciples then and to us today. See how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

### **Local Mission Project**

This local mission project supports Safe Harbour, a non-profit organization in Carlisle, that provides housing and supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

#### ***Project Details***

Safe Harbour has acquired 27 townhomes intended for low-income families. The current goal is to renovate two specific units immediately to provide families with a home for the winter.

- Volunteer Tasks: Cleaning, painting, minor repairs, and flooring installation.
- Skill Level: All skill levels are welcome; no professional experience is required.
- Schedule: Flexible hours over the coming months.

#### ***How to Volunteer***

To join the project or ask questions, contact Julie Greenisen:

- Phone: (717) 701-0701
- Email: [jgreenisensr@gmail.com](mailto:jgreenisensr@gmail.com)

### **End of Year Statements**

2025 End of Year Giving Statements will be available for pick up after January 15, 2026. Two copies will be sent by email (if you have your email on file), mailed, or available before and after worship services. If you need additional copies, please contact Leslie Conway, Treasurer, at (717) 241-2256 or (717) 512-6759.

**Ushers Needed for 2026**

We’re looking for volunteers to help with ushering in 2026! Please check the Usher Signup sheet to choose a spot and confirm any month(s) where your name is already listed. (The list rolls over each year, so a quick review is helpful.)

**Otterbein Youth Meals**

We’re looking for volunteers to help provide meals for our Otterbein Youth gatherings! If you’d like to participate, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway near the office.

Need ideas? Popular options include:

- Pizza
- Pasta
- Burritos
- Chicken tenders
- Breakfast for dinner
- Chicken nuggets
- Mac and cheese

Prefer not to cook? You can also sponsor a meal by making a monetary donation. Thank you for supporting our youth ministry and helping us share fellowship through food. – **The Youth Group**

**Women’s Bible Study – 7:00 PM in Room 8 – January 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

Each of us has a strong woman who has influenced our life. How have they shaped you—spiritually, emotionally, and physically? How do they mentor and inspire you?

Join us as we reflect on these questions and share stories about the strong women who have helped mold us into who we are today.

**Hygiene Collection for Project SHARE**

A new year offers a new opportunity to help our community! The mission committee will be collecting the following items for Project SHARE during the month of January:

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| Toothpaste  | Toothbrush – individually wrapped |
| Bar of soap - individually wrapped/gender-neutral |                                   |
| Deodorant   | Shave Cream                       |

Please place your donations in the mission bins located in the Narthex, office hallway, or gym hallway by January 25th. Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our community.

**Winter clothing donations**

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

**Items requested:** Socks, scarves, gloves, and 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**.

Communion Dates for 2026

February 1<sup>st</sup>

March 8<sup>th</sup>

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

June 7<sup>th</sup>

August 2<sup>nd</sup>

October 4<sup>th</sup> – World Communion Day

November 8<sup>th</sup>

December 24<sup>th</sup> (2:00, 6:00, and 11:00 PM)

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Prayer Shawl	January 12	9:00 AM	Library
Choir Practice	January 12	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	January 12	7:00 PM	Gym / Classrooms
Bible Study	January 13	9:00 AM	Library
UMW Meeting.	January 13	10:00 AM	Room 8
Staff Development	January 13	12 or 7:00 PM	Library
Blanket Ministry	January 14	9:00 AM	Room 8
Worship Meeting	January 14	6:00 PM	Library
Choir Practice	January 14	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Women’s Bible Study	January 14	7:00 PM	Room 8
Men’s Life Group	January 15	7:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	January 17	12 – 4:00 PM	Gym

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