

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - January

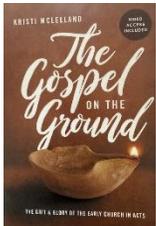
This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would greatly appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You'll find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

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 18 - 24, 2026** – White Mills UMC – White Mills, Royer UMC – Williamsburg, Dillsburg Community Church - Dillsburg, Houserville UMC – State College, Pine Street UMC – Williamsport, Galow UMC – Masorie -Sierra Leone

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.

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: Call Julie Geenisen at **(717) 701-0701** or email **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, and mac & 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 14th & 21st

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:

Toothpaste Toothbrush – individually wrapped Deodorant
Bar of soap - individually wrapped/gender-neutral 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.

Souper Bowl of Caring – February 8th – All Services



Otterbein will once again support Project SHARE on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th, by collecting monetary donations. Project SHARE serves almost 10,000 individuals across all their programs! Soup pots will be out following the services for your donations. Let's tackle hunger and help reduce food insecurity in our area!

Communion Dates for 2026

February 1st August 2nd
March 8th October 4th – World Communion Day
April 2nd – Maundy Thursday November 8th
May 3rd December 24th (2:00, 6:00, and 11:00 PM)
June 7th

Upcoming at Otterbein

| Event | Date | Time | Location |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Choir Practice | January 19 | 6:30 PM | Choir Room |
| NO Boy Scouts | January 19 | 7:00 PM | Gym / Classrooms |
| Bible Study | January 20 | 9:00 AM | Library |
| Outside Group | January 20 | 10 – 1:00 PM | Multi-purpose Room |
| Staff Development | January 20 | 12:00 PM | Library |
| Missions Committee | January 20 | 7:00 PM | Library |
| Choir Practice | January 21 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room |
| Women's Bible Study | January 21 | 7:00 PM | Room 8 |
| Men's Life Group | January 22 | 7:00 PM | Library |
| Outside Group | January 23 | 4:30 – 8:00 PM | Multi-purpose Room |
| Otterbein Youth Group | January 25 | 6:00 PM | Multi-purpose Room |