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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

PASTOR STEVE SALISBURY

Welcome: Brendan Warren, Worship Coordinator

Scripture: Acts 12:1-17

Message: “ The Church that Wouldn’t Stop Praying”
by Rev. Steve Salisbury



Attendance: July 19, 2026

8:45 Traditional	149	Online: 271
9:30 Contemporary	48	42
11:00 Traditional Chapel	20	

Total 217 Online: 313

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - July

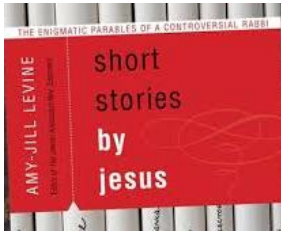
This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You will find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

Please take a moment to write a note that shares God's love, comfort, and encouragement. If writing is not 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 July 26 – August 1, 2026** – Jackson Center UMC – Millerton, Trinity UMC – Philipsburg, Otterbein UMC – Newburg, Mill Creek UMC – Mill Creek, Lenoxville UMC – Nicolson, Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center – Weikert.

BASIC Adult Sunday School Class – 10:00 AM – Room 8 (July 26 – August 30)



Please join Harry Owens as he leads the class on “Short Stories by Jesus, The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi”. Explore a fresh and timely interpretation of Jesus' most popular teaching parables. Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. Life in first-century Palestine was very different from our world today, and many

traditional interpretations of Jesus' stories ignore this disparity and have often allowed anti-Semitism and misogyny to color their perspectives.

In this Bible study based on her *Short Stories by Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine analyzes these "problems with parables" taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

School Supplies Collection



Let's help our Apple Tree children start the school year prepared and encouraged! In conjunction with the Missions Team, we are collecting **new school supplies** to help fill the “bus” outside the office from now through **July 26**. Every donation, big or small, will help fill backpacks and bless our children as they get ready for a new school year.

Suggested items include pencils, notebooks, highlighters, glue sticks, rulers, hand sanitizers, folders, markers, crayons, erasers, pencil bags, tissue packs, pens, index cards, scissors, pencil sharpeners, and colored pencils. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make a difference for our Apple Tree children!

Summer Music

Summer is a great time to share your musical talents! We are seeking volunteers to provide special music (vocal or instrumental) during our Traditional services. Don't worry about perfection—this is a wonderful, relaxed opportunity to glorify God and share your gifts with our church family. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the choir room as well as outside the office.

Missions – Apple Tree Opportunity



Otterbein – let the apple picking begin! We provide new back-to-school clothes for students in the South Middleton School District, whose families are having financial difficulties. If you would like to help provide new clothes, please “pick” an apple from the tree located in the Narthex, office hallway, or the multi-purpose room. Purchase the clothing item listed (don’t forget the gift receipt) and return the item to a Mission Bin with the “APPLE” you picked attached for each item. We will collect clothes until July 26th. Shopping not your thing – you can still help by making a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you. Cash / check (made payable to Otterbein UMC and note “Apple Tree” in the memo) should be placed in a “Mission” envelope, which can be dropped in the offering plate or the office. Thank you for supporting the children in our community!

Communion Dates for 2026

August 2nd
October 4th – World Communion Day

November 8th
December 24th (2:00, 6:00, and 11:00 PM)

CPR / AED Certification Course

We are looking into offering a CPR / AED certification course for anyone who would like to be certified or recertify these important life-saving skills. The course would provide instructions on how to respond in an emergency, perform CPR, and use an AED until professional help arrives. This opportunity is open to church members, volunteers, staff, and anyone in the congregation who may be interested. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office at office@ottumc.org or (717) 258-6704 by **Monday, July 27**, so we can determine the level of interest and begin planning details such as the date, time, and cost.

Support Our Youth – Car Wash!



You’re invited to come to the front parking lot of the church on Saturday, August 22nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for our youth fundraiser car wash. Donations will be accepted and will be used to support ministry opportunities for the youth of Otterbein. We hope to see you there!!

(Rain date will be Saturday, August 29th)

Children & Teachers Bring Your Backpack/Workbag to Church for Blessing

It’s hard to believe we are getting ready for a new school year. On Sunday, August 16th, during our three worship services, Pastor Steve will give a special blessing for the start of the new school year. Ask your friends to come and bring their backpacks too. Remember God is always with you and beside you no matter where you are in your day.

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Scouts	July 27	7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Women’s Group	July 28	7:00 PM	Room 8
Men’s Life Group	July 30	7:00 PM	Library
Communion	August 2		All Services