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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

PASTOR STEVE SALISBURY

Welcome: Brendan Warren, Worship Coordinator

Scripture: Acts 26:24-29

Message: “ The Danger of Almost”
by Rev. Steve Salisbury



Attendance: July 26, 2026

8:45 Traditional	162	Online: 78
9:30 Contemporary	43	17
11:00 Traditional Chapel	25	
Total 230	Online: 95	

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - August

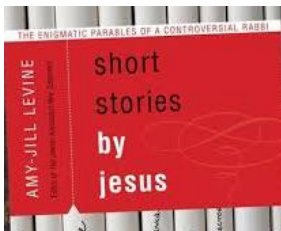
This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You will find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

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 August 2 - 8, 2026** – Mount Olivet UMC – Fawn Grove, Faith UMC – Wapwallopen, Unio Deposit UMC – Hershey, Wesley UMC – Selinsgrove, Howard UMC – Howard, Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center – Windsor, NY.

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.

School Supplies Collection



Thank you for your generous donations of school supplies! As you can see from the pictures, we collected many supplies for our Apple Tree children. The extra supplies will be given to South Middleton School District teachers to use in class. Your support is making a meaningful difference!

Missions – Apple Tree Opportunity



There will be 16 confident and well-dressed South Middleton students starting the school year! Thank you for your generous response to our annual back-to-school clothing collection. The mission committee used the money donated to finish shopping for the leftover apples and to purchase a backpack for each of the students.

Your generosity and kindness are an amazing outpouring of God's love 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)

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
Daycare Back to School Night Set Up	August 2	?	Multi-purpose Room
Daycare Back to School Night	August 3	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Bible Study	August 4	9:00 AM	Library
Women’s Group	August 4	7:00 PM	Room 8
BS Lions Club Board Mtg.	August 5	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Library
Trustee Meeting	August 5	7:00 PM	Library
Men’s Life Group	August 6	7:00 PM	Library
Blood Drive	August 9	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Choir Room
Youth Pool Party	August 9	2 – 5:00 PM	Martin Farm

- 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.

Note: No Prayer Shawl, UMW, or Blanket Ministry for August.

SAVE THE DATE!

June 22, 2027

Sight and Sound Bus Trip

Jonah is a prophet and a man desperately trying to outrun his calling from God—a calling that leads straight to his enemy, Nineveh. After uncharted adventures lead him off a storm-tossed ship and into the belly of a giant fish, Jonah believes all hope is lost. But in the depths, will he learn how to receive grace and extend mercy, even toward those he opposed the most?

Complete with magnificent sets, immersive special effects, and live animals, JONAH is a state-of-the-art theatrical experience for the whole family. Experience one of the Bible’s most powerful stories of mercy as Jonah’s journey comes to life like never before in this original production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

Sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board by the office or contact Nancy Miller.