



Otterbein United Methodist Church

February 22, 2026
Traditional Service

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“The Road with Jesus: From Comfort to Commitment”

Luke 9:51-62



Welcome to Otterbein Church

Whether you are a first-time guest, a new resident looking for a church home, or simply visiting the area, we are delighted you chose to join us for worship. Otterbein is a United Methodist congregation committed to serving our Lord Jesus Christ by sharing the Good News and caring for our neighbors. We would love for you to walk with us on this journey of faith and become part of our church family.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Jane Boley

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Shout to the Lord" Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem.

P: We set our hearts to follow Him.

L: The road is not easy, and the cost is real.

P: Still, we will not turn back.

L: Leave behind comfort; take up commitment.

P: Lord, lead us on the road of discipleship.

HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH 399

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN "Lord I Want to be a Christian" UMH 402

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "How Deep the Father's Love For Us" Jane Boley

Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

SCRIPTURE *Page 734* *Luke 9:51-62*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Adult Choir

MESSAGE "The Road with Jesus: From Comfort to Commitment"
Rev. Steve Salisbury

CLOSING HYMN "Where He Leads Me" UMH 338

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Now in Peace" Adult Choir

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE "Let All Things Now Living" Jane Boley
(Please stand, if able)

WORSHIP NOTES

Hearing assist devices are available at the right rear of the sanctuary in tech room.

Large Print Bulletins are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an Usher.

Children's Worship - Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for the children's moment followed by Otter Kids in Room 5.

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of family and friends who have touched our lives by Ken & Linda Stoltz.

The rosebud on the altar is given in honor of the birth of Maisie James McNatt, daughter of Jimmy and Dana McNatt; granddaughter of Jim & Ruth McNatt; great granddaughter of Kitty Forrest and niece of proud Uncle Jon McNatt.

Usher Captain – Tom Hayes

Organist: Jane Boley

Worship Schedule

8:45 AM Traditional

9:30 AM Contemporary "Gathering"

11:00 AM Chapel

Adult Sunday School:

9:45 - Loyal Class (Library)

10:00 - BASIC Class (Room 8)

Attendance - February 15, 2026

8:45 Traditional 151

9:30 Contemporary 44

11:00 Traditional Chapel 32

Online: 124

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Total 227 Online: 147

The mortgage balance after the February 15th payment is \$149,573.56.

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - February

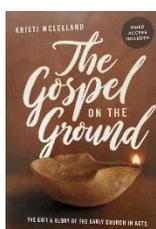
This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would greatly appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You'll find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

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 February 22 - 28**: Bald Eagle UMC – Tyrone, Rose Valley UMC – Trout Run, Stoverdale UMC – Hummelstown, Sprucetown UMC – Spring Mills, United Methodist Church Pittston.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 4 9:00–11:00 AM · Rain or Shine



Children ages 0–12, get ready to grab your Easter basket and lace up your running shoes! Oodles of eggs will be waiting for you to find.

Parishioners: Donations of wrapped candy (no gum, please) would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off items at the office or place them in one of the boxes located in the narthex or contemporary area.

Cake Auction – March 22 – 10:30 AM

The cake auction is coming!!!! It is time for the BAKERS and BUYERS of Otterbein to get excited! The mission committee is hosting the auction on Sunday, March 22nd, at 10:30 AM in the gym with a continental breakfast. The Cake Auction is the fund raiser for Missions. The monies donated are used to assist local families and non-profits and provide funds for Otterbein's response to natural disasters and the needs of others on a national level.

Bakers may bring their cakes on March 22nd beginning at 8:15 AM.

Immediately following the **combined worship service**, breakfast will be available while you view the cakes and pick up your bidding paddle. The auction will begin at 10:30 with Michael Martin as the auctioneer.

Buyers: Your purchase may be paid via cash or check made payable to Otterbein UMC. In the memo, please note "cake auction".

Communion Dates for 2026

March 8th

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday

May 3rd

June 7th

August 2nd

October 4th – World Communion Day

November 8th

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

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Youth Group	February 22	2 - 4:00 PM	Snow Tubing
Daycare Board Meeting	February 23	6:00 PM	Library
VBS Meeting	February 23	7:00 PM	Room 8
Bell Practice	February 23	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	February 23	7:00 PM	Gym / Classrooms
Bible Study	February 24	9:00 AM	Library
Staff Development	February 24	12:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	February 24	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Gym
Special Olympics	February 25	6:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Choir	February 25	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Special Olympics	February 26	6 – 7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Men's Life Group	February 26	7:00 PM	Library
Boy Scout Set Up	February 27	5:30 – 9:00 PM	Gym
Boy Scout Pinewood Derby	February 28		Gym

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