



Otterbein United Methodist Church

March 8, 2026
Traditional Service

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"The Road with Jesus: From Consumption to Compassion"

Luke 10:25-37



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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Elise Sweger

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Sanctuary" Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Who is our neighbor on this road?

P: The wounded, the overlooked, the forgotten.

L: Love is not theory but mercy in motion.

P: Make us interruptible, O God.

L: Send us across the road toward need.

P: Teach us to love as Christ has loved us.

HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH 557

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN "In the Garden" UMH 314

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Elise Sweger

Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

SCRIPTURE *Page 735* *Luke 10:25-37*
Andrew Huffman

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Are One in the Lord" Adult Choir
Flute - Kathy Singiser

MESSAGE "The Road with Jesus: From Consumption to Compassion"
Rev. Steve Salisbury

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN "Nothing but the Blood" UMH 362

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be with You till We Meet Again" Adult Choir

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE "I Love to Tell the Story" Elise Sweger
(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 loving memory of our parents - John and Mary Paden and Paul and Virginia Russell by Gerald and Donna Paden.

Usher Captain – Gary Morrow

Organist: Elise Sweger

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 - March 1, 2026

8:45 Traditional 183

9:30 Contemporary 45

11:00 Traditional Chapel 22

Online: 103

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Total 250

Online: 126

Troop 171 Boy Scouts: Nicholas Antes, Tyler Bernhisel, Richard Card, Brodey Detman, Noah Flickinger, Abraham Huffman, Trip Huffman and Edward McCullough.

Pack 171 Cub Scouts: Aditi Bijaypati, Dylan Giornesto, Miles Kondas and Jameson Thumma.

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - March

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 March 8 - 14**: Trinity UMC – Elizabethtown, St Peter's UMC – Riverside, Rhodes Memorial UMC – Lewistown, Mount Zion UMC – Steelton, Slocum UMC – Wapwallopen, Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center – Waynesboro.

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".

Calling Otterbein Veterans – Help Needed April 5 (Easter Sunday)

Following the Easter Sunrise service, the Veterans of Otterbein will host a sausage and pancake breakfast to recognize the support the congregation has provided during our military service. To accomplish this mission, we will need the support that we have received from you in the past.

If you can help, please contact:

Church Office (**Nancy**) at (717) 321-6682 or office@ottumc.org

Harry Owens at (717) 571-4019 or owenshd@yahoo.com

Save the date: VBS will be June 15 – 19, 2026

OY Snow Tubing was rescheduled to Sunday, March 8th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Supplies Needed!



The VBS decorating crew is looking for the long brown packing paper (the kind that comes in Amazon packages). A box for collection will be located outside of the office. Thank you for your help! – Janna, Director of Family Ministries

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
Blood Drive	March 8	8 – 1:00 PM	Choir Room
Jeanne Hamilton Celebration of Life	March 8	2:00 PM	Sanctuary
Otterbein Youth Snow Tubing	March 8	2 – 4:00 PM	
Prayer Shawl	March 9	9:00 AM	Library
Bell Practice	March 9	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	March 9	7:00 PM	Gym / Classrooms
Bible Study	March 10	9:00 AM	Library
UMW Meeting	March 10	10:00 AM	Room 8
Staff Development	March 10	12:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	March 10	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Gym
Outside Group	March 10	7 – 9:00 PM	Room 8
Blanket Ministry	March 11	9:00 AM	Room 8
Choir	March 11	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Special Olympics	March 12	6 – 7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Men's Life Group	March 12	7:00 PM	Library
Member Use	March 13	5:30 – 7:30 PM	Multi-purpose Room
BSHS Baseball Breakfast	March 14	8:30 – 11:00 AM	Multi-purpose Room

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

To our Scouts, leaders, and volunteers: Thank you for building character and leadership through faith and service.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.” — **John Quincy Adams**