



Otterbein United Methodist Church

**May 3, 2026
Traditional Service**

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**“Alive Again:
You Are My Witnesses”**

Acts 1:1-11



Welcome to Otterbein Church

Whether you are a first-time guest, a new resident searching for a church home, or simply visiting the area, we are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today.

Otterbein is a United Methodist congregation committed to serving our Lord Jesus Christ by sharing the Good News and caring for our neighbors. We invite you to walk with us on this journey of faith and hope you will find a place within our church family.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE "When We All Get to Heaven" Celebration Winds

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather as people changed by the risen Christ.

P: We gather, ready to be sent,.

L: The Spirit gives power for the work ahead.

P: We are called to be witnesses in all the world.

L: Why stand still? The mission is before us!

P: We go with joy to live and share the good news!

HYMN "Go, Make of All Disciples" UMH 571

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH 474

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Ocean Grove Ushers March" Celebration Winds

Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

SCRIPTURE *Page 770 Acts 1:1-11*

SPECIAL MUSIC "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Celebration Winds

MESSAGE "Alive Again: You Are My Witnesses" **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593

PASTORAL BEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE 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 loving memory of Arlene Raudabaugh and Andrew Ham by Jeff and Tammy Ham.

Usher Captain – Ty Trainor

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: April 26, 2026

8:45 Traditional 177

Online: 84

9:30 Contemporary 42

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11:00 Traditional Chapel 35

Total 256 Online: 101

Carlisle Brass Band - 3:00 PM in Sanctuary today

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - May

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.



Adult Membership Classes – 7:00 PM – Room 8

If you are interested in becoming a member of Otterbein UMC, please contact Nancy to let her know (office@ottumc.org or (717) 321-6682).

Mark your calendars for the following dates for classes presented by Pastor Steve:

May 6 – What does it mean to be a Christian?

May 13 – What does it mean to be United Methodist?

May 20 – What does it mean to be part of Otterbein United Methodist Church?

May 24 - Membership Sunday

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 May 3-9, 2026** – Union UMC – Equinunk, New Era UMC – Wyalusing, Oakville UMC – Shippensburg, Wenksville UMC – Biglerville, Trinity UMC – Pennsdale.

Communion Dates for 2026

June 7th

October 4th – World Communion Day

August 2nd

November 8th

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

The Carlisle Brass Band – Today – 3:00 PM - Sanctuary

The Carlisle Brass Band presents “America, becoming...A Story Still Being Written”. The Carlisle Brass band will be playing today - May 3, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free admission. Donations accepted.

Welcome Summer Event – June 12 (5 – 8:00 PM) – Save the DATE

Get ready for fun family time and help us welcome summer!

Come hungry—**Kennedy's Kitchen, the Lion's Club, and Auntie Anne's food trucks** will be on site, along with **UMW** baked goods.

Shout **B7, I29, G52—it's BINGO!** Play with **Wendy Wickard** calling the numbers. Kids (and adults!) will enjoy **two inflatables and axe throwing, a family hayride, children's crafts, and Birds of Prey presentations** by **Miller's Wildlife Programs**.

Connect with community organizations, including **Mt. Tabor Preservation Project, Cumberland County Historical Society, West Shore Historical Society, YWCA,**

Bosler Library, State Police, EMS, Fire Company, Scouts, Hope House, South Middleton Soccer Association, Boiling Springs Youth Wrestling, CPARC, and the Amelia Givin Library Read to Dogs program.

Top it all off with **free popsicles and popcorn!** So much to do in one evening—come out, have fun, and help us **connect with the community.**

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Nancy at (717) 321-6682!

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Brass Band Concert	May 3	3:00 PM	Sanctuary
Bell Practice	May 4	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	May 4	7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Bible Study	May 5	9:00 AM	Library
Outside Group	May 5	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Gym
BS Lions Club Board Mtg	May 6	5:30 PM	Library
Trustees Meeting	May 6	7:00 PM	Library
Membership Meeting	May 6	7:00 PM	Room 8
Special Olympics	May 6	5:45 – 7:00 PM	Gym
Choir	May 6	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Outside Group	May 7	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Gym
Men's Life Group	May 7	7:00 PM	Library
Prayer Shawl	May 11	9:00 AM	Library

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