



# Otterbein United Methodist Church

May 17, 2026  
Traditional Service

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## “Troubled Hearts”

John 14:23-29



### **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

### LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "How Firm A Foundation" Adult Choir

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the midst of anxious hearts and uncertain days, God calls us to worship.

**P: We come seeking the peace that Christ alone can give.**

L: Jesus does not abandon us in our struggles or fears.

**P: Christ walks beside us with mercy, strength, and hope.**

L: Let us open our hearts to the presence of the living God.

**P: We will worship with trust, gratitude, and praise.**

HYMN "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" UMH 534

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### Offertory

Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

SCRIPTURE *Page 764* *John 14:23-29*

MESSAGE "Troubled Hearts" **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

CLOSING HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

### PASTORAL BEDICTION

CHORAL BEDICTION "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Adult Choir

### EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

### POSTLUDE

(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 Brenda Brown by Robert Brown.

**Usher Captain** – Ty Trainor

**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: May 10, 2026

8:45 Traditional 170

Online: 76

9:30 Contemporary 38

16

11:00 Traditional Chapel 31

**Total 239 Online: 92**

**After the May 15th mortgage payment was made, the balance is \$118,942.51**

## ***What's Happening at Otterbein!***

### **Barnabas Group - May**

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.



### **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](mailto:office@ottumc.org) or (717) 321-6682).

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

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 17 - 23, 2026** – Covington UMC – Covington, Cito UMC – McConnellsburg, Lewisberry UMC – Lewisberry, East Benton UMC – Dalton, St. Paul's UMC – State College.

### **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 is 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**.

Due to serious health issues, Gen Gap Band will not be able to play at our event. Please keep them in your prayers. **New Band this year:** Nite Fuel

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**.

### **LARGE JUICE CANS NEEDED:**

*Large juice cans are needed to transport Alter Flowers weekly after service. Please put them in the kitchen on the counter. Thank you!*

## Communion Dates for 2026

June 7<sup>th</sup>

August 2<sup>nd</sup>

October 4<sup>th</sup> – World Communion Day

November 8<sup>th</sup>

December 24<sup>th</sup> (2:00, 6:00, and 11:00 PM)

## VBS at Otterbein



Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

VBS at Otterbein is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm with dinner included! Registration is open to children ages 5 – entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information and to register, please visit the Otterbein website at <https://ottumc.org/> . If you have any questions, please reach out to Janna Brandt at [families@ottumc.org](mailto:families@ottumc.org). We hope to see you there!

## Upcoming Youth Group Dates

June 7 (6 – 8 PM) – Meet at church

July 12 (4 – 6 PM) – Meet at Midway Bowling

August 9 (2 – 5 PM) – Pool Party at Martin Farm

**Over the next few weeks**, our committees and what they do will be shared in the bulletin so you know who you can contact and what they do. This week we highlight our **Trustees**. Jim McNatt – Chair

*The Trustees steward the church's properties and assets to help create safe, accessible, and welcoming spaces that support the United Methodist Church's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. If you have a concern that needs attention, please contact the appropriate person listed below for that area.*

**Oversight of Building:** Terry Miller & Steve Ellerman

**Oversight of Cemetery:** Bob Loy, Chris Schaffer, & Dan Housel

**Liaison for Daycare Board:** Beth Helterbran

**Oversight of Technical:** Jim McNatt & Chris Schaffer

**Oversight of Parsonage:** Jim Compton & Patty Sandora

**Oversight of Outside Grounds:** Patty Sandora & Beth Helterbran

## Spring Yard Work Assistance

Do you need a little help getting the flower beds, garden, or lawn ready for spring and summer? Talk to a member of the Mission Committee **OR** call Julie Greenisen (717) 701-0701 or the office (717) 258-6704.

## College or High School Graduates

On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, during our 8:45 and 9:30 services, we would like to recognize our graduating seniors from high school or college. If you have a graduating senior, please contact Janna Brandt at [families@ottumc.org](mailto:families@ottumc.org) so we can include them in our recognition.

Note: Please share the graduate's name, photo, and post-graduation plans whether you are a parent or grandparent no later than May 24, 2026.

## Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Youth Group	May 17	6 – 8:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Bell Practice	May 18	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Daycare Board Meeting	May 18	6:00 PM	Library
Boy Scouts	May 18	7:00 PM	Off-site
<b>NO</b> Bible Study	May 19	9:00 AM	Library
Missions Committee Mtg.	May 19	7:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	May 20	3 – 6:00 PM	Library
New Members Meeting	May 20	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Library Room 8
Worship Committee Mtg.	May 20	6:00 PM	Library
Choir	May 20	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Celebration of Life Service for Jim Snyder	May 21	10:00 AM Viewing 11:00 AM Service 12:00 PM Luncheon	Sanctuary / Multi-purpose Room
BSHS Baccalaureate	May 21	6:00 PM	Gym / Sanctuary
Men's Life Group	May 21	7:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	May 22	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Multi-purpose Room
New Member Sunday	May 24	8:45 AM	Sanctuary
Office Closed	May 25		

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month – New Person for Barnabas Group to write notes to

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month – Canned Fruit Sunday

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month – Wave to our friends joining us from home.

Friday, June 12 5-8PM

Welcome

# SUMMER

at Otterbein UMC, Carlisle

647 FORGE ROAD



**MUSIC BY  
NITE FUEL**



**Patrick from Miller's  
Wildlife and Conservation  
Specialists will be bringing  
birds of prey to  
educate us on them.**

## **FUN FOR THE KIDS**

inflatables  
face painting  
children's crafts  
bingo  
hay rides  
read to dogs  
popcorn  
popsicles  
and much more!

## **FOOD TRUCKS**

Boiling Springs Lions Club  
Kennedy's Kitchen  
Auntie Anne's



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