



# Otterbein United Methodist Church

July 5, 2026  
Traditional Service

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## “Different Fourths”

Jeremiah 29:4-7



### ***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** "America the Beautiful" Jane Boley

### **LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Today we gather with grateful hearts, giving thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and the God from whom every good gift comes.

**P:** We praise the Lord, whose truth endures through every generation and every nation.

**L:** As we remember those who worked and sacrificed for our country's freedom, we also remember the One who gave His life to set us free from sin and death.

**P:** We gladly declare that Jesus Christ is our Savior, our King, and our lasting hope.

**L:** Let us worship the God who calls us to love our neighbors, seek justice, pursue peace, and shine as His light in the world.

**P:** With thankful hearts and faithful spirits, we come to worship the Lord! Amen.

**HYMN** "America" UMH 697

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)**

**HYMN** "God of the Ages" UMH 698

### **GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory** "America" Jane Boley

**Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**SCRIPTURE** *Page 558* *Jeremiah 29:4-7*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Kathy Miller

**MESSAGE** "Different Fourths" **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

**CLOSING HYMN** "America the Beautiful" UMH 696

### **PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

### **EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES**

**POSTLUDE** (*Please stand if able*) "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Jane Boley

## 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 honor of our granddaughter, Savannah's 17th birthday and son, Brian's birthday by Russell and Hattie Ogle.

**Usher Captain** – Greg Ham

**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: June 28, 2026**

8:45 Traditional 120

9:30 Contemporary 30

11:00 Traditional Chapel 20

**Total 170 Online: 148**

Online: 112

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## What's Happening at Otterbein!

### Barnabas Group - June

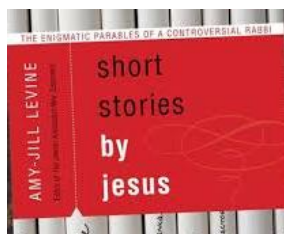
This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You will find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

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 July 5 - 11, 2026** – ALL churches and pastors going through this time of transition.

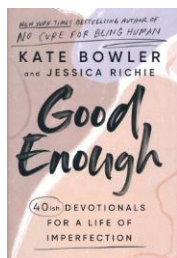
### BASIC Adult Sunday School Class – 10:00 AM – Room 8 (July 12 – August 16)



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.

In this Bible study based on her *Short Stories by Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine analyzes these "problems with parables" taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

### Women's Group – 7:00 PM – Starts June 23 through August 11<sup>th</sup> – Room 8



Some things you can fix, some you can't, and that's okay. Live imperfectly amid the chaos. Kate Bowler, a mom with stage 4 cancer, and co-author Jessica Richie offer 40 devotions on life as it is—beautiful, meaningful, difficult, and challenging. With gentle humor and compassion, they'll help you reflect upon living in the now.

### School Supplies Collection



Let's help our Apple Tree children start the school year prepared and encouraged! In conjunction with the Missions Team, we are collecting **new school supplies** to help fill the “bus” outside the office from now through **July 26**. Every donation, big or small, will help fill backpacks and bless our children as they get ready for a new school year.

Suggested items include pencils, notebooks, highlighters, glue sticks, rulers, hand sanitizers, folders, markers, crayons, erasers, pencil bags, tissue packs, pens, index cards, scissors, pencil sharpeners, and colored pencils. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make a difference for our Apple Tree children!

## Missions – Apple Tree Opportunity



Otterbein – let the apple picking begin! We provide new back-to-school clothes for students in the South Middleton School District, whose families are having financial difficulties. If you would like to help provide new clothes, please “pick” an apple from the tree located in the Narthex, office hallway, or the multi-purpose room. Purchase the clothing item listed (don’t forget the gift receipt) and return the item to a Mission Bin with the “APPLE” you picked attached for each item. We will collect clothes until July 26<sup>th</sup>. Shopping not your thing – you can still help by making a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you. Cash / check (made payable to Otterbein UMC and note “Apple Tree” in the memo) should be placed in a “Mission” envelope, which can be dropped in the offering plate or the office. Thank you for supporting the children in our community!

## Communion Dates for 2026

August 2nd

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)

## CPR / AED Certification Course

We are looking into offering a CPR / AED certification course for anyone who would like to be certified or recertify these important life-saving skills. The course would provide instructions on how to respond in an emergency, perform CPR, and use an AED until professional help arrives. This opportunity is open to church members, volunteers, staff, and anyone in the congregation who may be interested. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office at [office@ottumc.org](mailto:office@ottumc.org) or (717) 258-6704 by **Monday, July 20**, so we can determine the level of interest and begin planning details such as the date, time, and cost.

## Summer Music

Summer is a great time to share your musical talents! We are seeking volunteers to provide special music (vocal or instrumental) during our Traditional services. Don’t worry about perfection—this is a wonderful, relaxed opportunity to glorify God and share your gifts with our church family. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the choir room as well as outside the office.

## Upcoming Youth Group Dates

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

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

## Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Scouts	July 6	7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Bible Study	July 7	9:00 AM	Library
BS Lions Club Board Mtg.	July 7	5:30 PM	Library
Women’s Group	July 7	7:00 PM	Room 8
Trustees Mtg.	July 7	7:00 PM	Library
BSHS Mini-Thon Car Wash	July 11	11 – 1:00 PM	Under Portico
Youth Group	July 12	4 – 6:00 PM	Midway Bowling
Finance Mtg.	July 13	6:00 PM	Library