



Otterbein United Methodist Church

August 9, 2026
Traditional Service

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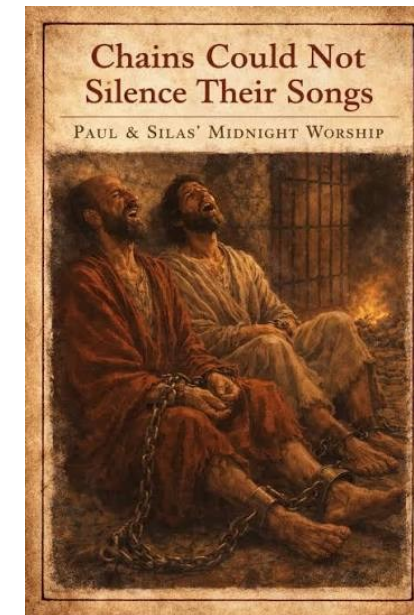
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"The Prison You Carry With You" Acts 16:22-34



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 “Surely the Presence” Elise Sweger

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who is with us in every trial.

People: Our hope is in the Lord, whose love never fails.

Leader: Christ breaks every chain and calls us into true freedom.

People: We come to worship with hearts full of faith and praise.

Leader: Let us lift our voices to the One who saves and restores.

People: We will worship the Lord with joy, for He alone is our Deliverer.

HYMN	“To God Be the Glory”	UMH 98
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN	"It is Well With My Soul"	UMH 377
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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “I Need Thee Every Hour” Elise Sweger

Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

SCRIPTURE
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Acts 16:22-34

SPECIAL MUSIC	“Endless Mercies”	Michael and Michaela Martin
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MESSAGE “The Prison You Carry With You” **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

CLOSING HYMN	“Amazing Grace”	UMH 378
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PASTORAL BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE “Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”
(Please stand if able)

Elise Sweger

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 Vincent and Hazel Noggle, and Frances Westbrook by Robert and Linda Noggle.

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: August 2, 2026

8:45 Traditional 173 Online: 81

9:30	Contemporary	46	30
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11:00 Traditional Chapel 24

Total 243 Online: 111

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - August

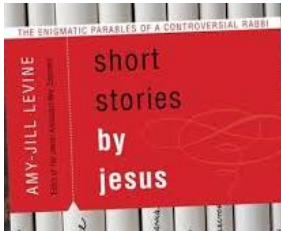
This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You will find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

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 August 9 - 15, 2026** – Ulster UMC – Ulster, Trinity UMC – Clearfield, Evangelical UMC – Middletown, Price Memorial UMC – Freetown – Sierra Leone, Evans Falls UMC – Monroe Township, St. John's UMC – Chambersburg, Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center – Waynesboro.

BASIC Adult Sunday School Class – 10:00 AM – Room 8 (July 26 – August 30)



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.

Women's Bible Study – 7:00 PM – Room 8 (September 15 – November 17)

Join the Women's Bible Study as they dive into “Beatitudes from the Back Side”. Using his method of approaching Bible passages from an unusual angle or a unique starting point, J. Ellsworth Kalas presents new insight into the beatitudes, Jesus' blessings from the Sermon on the Mount.

When we start examining the beatitudes we realize that in Jesus' view, happiness is not something we get by pursuing it; indeed, almost the contrary. We are told that we will be happy—or blessed, if you prefer—in what appears to be the near antithesis of happiness. If we choose to live by the beatitudes, we make a declaration of dependence. We put ourselves into bondage to such things as poverty of spirit, purity of heart, and a readiness for persecution. This isn't the sort of product they advertise on prime-time television; indeed, I'm not sure that it appears overly often in our prime-time worship services. That is because this is not a spiritual quick fix. It doesn't come in a five-easy-lessons capsule. Instead, it is largely contrary to the way we live and to the way we think.

Before we go any further, however, let me say that over the past twenty centuries a very great many people have found in these beatitudes a depth of peace and joy beyond anything our common culture promotes and seeks. But it isn't easy, and it isn't obvious. There's nothing easy or soft about this kind of dependence. Rather, it is an attitude that demands a huge store of courage. It's the kind of dependence the trapeze artist displays when he or she lets go of the bar and with no safety net awaiting, flies off into space, trusting.

Support Our Youth – Car Wash!



You’re invited to come to the front parking lot of the church on Saturday, August 22nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for our youth fundraiser car wash. Donations will be accepted and will be used to support ministry opportunities for the youth of Otterbein. We hope to see you there!!

(Rain date will be Saturday, August 29th)

Children & Teachers Bring Your Backpack/Workbag to Church for Blessing

It’s hard to believe we are getting ready for a new school year. On Sunday, **August 16th**, during our three worship services, Pastor Steve will give a special blessing for the start of the new school year. Ask your friends to come and bring their backpacks too. Remember God is always with you and beside you no matter where you are in your day.

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Blood Drive	August 9	8 – 1 PM	Choir Room
Youth Pool Party	August 9	2 – 5 PM	Martin Farm
Daycare Board Mtg.	August 10	6:00 PM	Library
Scouts	August 10	7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Women’s Group	August 11	7:00 PM	Room 8
Men’s Life Group	August 13	7:00 PM	Library
Wedding Set up / Rehearsal	August 14	5:30 – 9 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Wedding / Reception	August 15	9 AM – 9 PM	Sanctuary / 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.

SAVE THE DATE! June 22, 2027 Sight and Sound Bus Trip

Jonah is a prophet and a man desperately trying to outrun his calling from God—a calling that leads straight to his enemy, Nineveh. After uncharted adventures lead him off a storm-tossed ship and into the belly of a giant fish, Jonah believes all hope is lost. But in the depths, will he learn how to receive grace and extend mercy, even toward those he opposed the most?

Complete with magnificent sets, immersive special effects, and live animals, JONAH is a state-of-the-art theatrical experience for the whole family. Experience one of the Bible’s most powerful stories of mercy as Jonah’s journey comes to life like never before in this original production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

Sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board by the office or contact Nancy Miller.

Communion Dates for 2026

October 4th – World Communion Day

November 8th

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