



Otterbein United Methodist Church

August 16, 2026
Traditional Service

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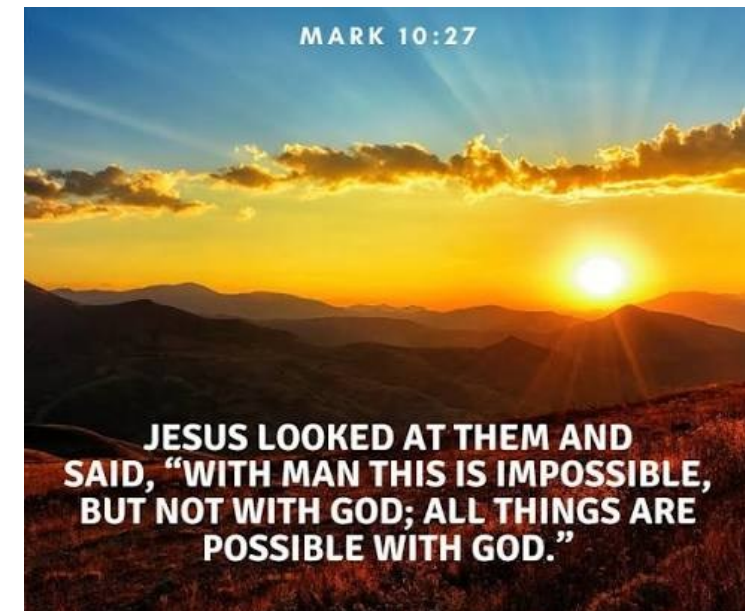
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"The Problem With Being Good"

Mark 10:17-27



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 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” Elise Sweger

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come before God, not trusting in our own goodness.
P: We trust in the grace of Christ, who calls us to follow Him.
L: Let us lay down our pride and open our hearts to Jesus.
P: Lord, have Your way in us and through us.
L: May we seek not our own righteousness, but the righteousness of Christ.
P: We surrender ourselves to the One who alone gives us life.

HYMN “And Can It Be” UMH 363

CHILDREN’S MOMENT / BACKPACK BLESSING

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” UMH 382

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory “Take Time to be Holy” Elise Sweger
Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

SCRIPTURE *Page 716* *Mark 10:17-27*

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”
 Michael Martin and Zach Sweger

MESSAGE “The Problem With Being Good” **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

CLOSING HYMN “I Am Thine O Lord” UMH 417

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE “Jesus Calls Us” 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 memory of four fine Marines lost to us on August 16, 1967 by Ty and Marci Trainor.

Usher Captain – Ty Trainor **Organist:** Elise Sweger

Worship Schedule	Adult Sunday School:
8:45 AM Traditional	9:45 - Loyal Class (Library)
9:30 AM Contemporary “Gathering”	10:00 - BASIC Class (Room 8)
11:00 AM Chapel	

Attendance: August 9, 2026

8:45 Traditional	143	Online: 81
9:30 Contemporary	38	22
11:00 Traditional Chapel	30	

Total 211 Online: 103

The mortgage balance after the August 15th payment is \$109,626.46.

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - August

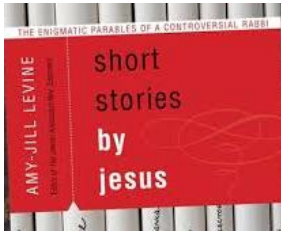
This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You will find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

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 16 - 22, 2026** – Wesley UMC – Bloomsburg, Salem UMC – Blairs Mills, Helock UMC – Muncy Valley, Fairdale Community UMC – Montrose, Charlton UMC – Harrisburg, Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center – Weikert.

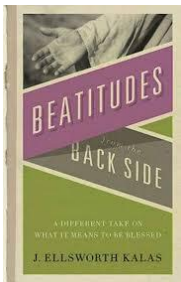
BASIC Adult Sunday School Class – 10:00 AM – Room 8 (July 26 – August 30)



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)



Ladies -- Please consider joining the Otterbein Women's Bible Study Group for our Fall study. We will read and discuss the book entitled "Beatitudes from the Back Side (a different take on what it means to be blessed)" by J. Ellsworth Kalas, in ten sessions. Dr. Kalas presents the beatitudes with new insights and a fresh look. If you wish to join us, please contact the office or Sally Mentzer to let them know that you would like the book that goes with this study. Please join us for some, or for all, of our sessions as we savor the blessings of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount.

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)

Otterbein Youth

OY (Otterbein Youth) returns Sunday, September 13th! OY is open to all youth in grades 6 – 12. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, September through May. OY meets from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the gym; dinner is provided. If you would like to be added to the email reminder list for OY, please reach out to Janna Brandt at families@ottumc.org.

Blood Drive

I am reaching out to share the results from last Sunday’s blood drive. We ended the day with 31 people registering and collected donations from 22 of those individuals. These 22 donations will be used to help a minimum of 66 people. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, registered, volunteered, or helped spread the word. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of others!

Calling all Singers!

Love to sing and worship the Lord? Join the Adult Choir! Singers of all experience levels are welcome!

Adult Choir Rehearsals begin on Wednesday September 2nd at 7:00pm, with a potluck dinner for choir members and their families starting at 6:00 pm in Room 8.

Interested in singing, but want a shorter commitment? Join us for the Christmas Cantata! Rehearsals begin Wednesday October 7th at 6:30 pm. Students in 9th grade on up, who sing in their school choir, are welcome to join as well. We will perform on Sunday, December 13th at the combined worship service.

Contact Elise Sweger at elisebordner@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or have any questions.

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Scouts	August 17	7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Bible Study	August 18	9:00 AM	Library
Missions Meeting	August 18	7:00 PM	Library
Men’s Life Group	August 20	7:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	August 22	10 – 3:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
OUMC Youth Car Wash	August 22	8 – 2:00 PM	Outside at Portico
Boy Scout’s Movie / Popcorn	August 22	5:30 – 9:30 PM	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.