



Otterbein United Methodist Church

**August 23, 2026
Traditional Service**

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"The Danger of Comfortable Faith"
Revelation 3:14-22



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 “Leaning on the everlasting Arms” Jane Boley

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus calls us to wake up, to listen, and to follow Him with our whole hearts.

P: Lord, awaken us from comfortable faith and make us fully alive in You.

L: We come not to impress God, but to encounter Him.

P: We open our hearts and invite Christ to change us.

L: Let us worship the One who stands at the door and calls us to come closer.

P: We are here, Lord—speak to us, renew us, and make us Yours.

HYMN	“Come Christians, Join to Sing”	UMH 158
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT / BACKPACK BLESSING

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN "Lord I Want to be a Christian" UMH 402

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	“The Gift of Love”	Jane Boley
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Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

SCRIPTURE *Page 869* *Revelation 3:14-22*

SPECIAL MUSIC Pastor Steve

MESSAGE “The Danger of Comfortable Faith” **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

CLOSING HYMN “Leaning on the everlasting Arms” UMH 133

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” 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 Lee Calaman by Connie Calaman and family.

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: August 16, 2026

Online:

8:45 Traditional	174
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149

9:30	Contemporary	45
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Streaming Issues

11:00 Traditional Chapel 18

Total 237 Online: 149

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

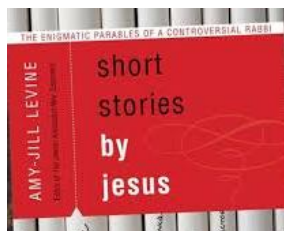
What's Happening at Otterbein!

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.

BASIC Adult Sunday School Class – 10:00 AM – Room 8



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)

The Women's Bible Study Group is wrapping up their summer study and are planning their fall study! Next up: Beatitudes from the Back Side (a different take on what it means to be blessed) by J. Ellsworth Kalas. It has been said that Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is “Christianity 101.” Certainly the Beatitudes are much loved, yet can be quite confusing...how can being persecuted or being in mourning feel “blessed?”

Join us on Tuesdays for ten sessions, beginning September 15 and concluding November 17, the week before Thanksgiving. We look forward to having different women lead each session. If you would like to volunteer to lead a discussion, please contact Brenda Brehm or Rosa Seyfried. You will find it rewarding!

If you would like us to order a book for you, please respond to the Women's Group Facebook post or contact Sally Mentzer at sallymentzer@gmail.com. The book order will be placed on Sept. 4, so please submit your request before that date. Books are also available on Amazon if you prefer to order your own copy. We invite you to join us for this study, even if you can only attend a few sessions. We know you will be blessed!

Mission Trip Scheduled!

Are you available September 20th? The Mission Committee has scheduled a Hurricane Helene rebuilding trip with Appalachia Service Project from September 20–27 in western North Carolina. Appalachia Service Project helps build and repair homes for people in need throughout Appalachia. There will be work for every skill level, and we will stay in an Airbnb with plenty of bedrooms and bathrooms. If you can only join us for part of the week, that is perfectly fine. It is time to SIGN UP and there are SPOTS AVAILABLE! If you are interested in the trip, talk to Julie Greenisen for more information (717) 701-0701.

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.

Glenn Pepper Milk Giveaway

On **September 12, 2026**, from 8:00 to 12:00 noon, Otterbein will be hosting the Glenn Pepper Milk Giveaway. There will be 500 gallons of milk available until 12:00 noon or until it is gone. Glenn passed away on September 30, 2021. His family and friends continue his passion by keeping the milk giveaway alive. To date, 2500 gallons of milk and 700 Farm Show milkshakes have been given out to the public. The milkshakes were donated to Tim Tebow’s “Night to Shine”, which is a prom for special needs young adults. Tell your friends and neighbors – let’s keep Glenn’s dream alive by ensuring everyone has milk.

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
Otterbein Bell Practice	August 24	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Scouts	August 24	7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Special Olympics	August 26	5:45 – 7 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Men’s Life Group	August 27	7:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	August 29	11:00 AM – 3 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Otterbein Youth Rain Date Car Wash	August 29	8 AM – 2:00 PM	Portico (Front)

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.

Communion Dates for 2026

October 4th – World Communion Day

November 8th

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