



# Otterbein United Methodist Church

September 6, 2026  
Traditional Service

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## **“The Image: What Are We?”** **Genesis 1:26-31**



### ***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 God, Our Help”                      Celebration Winds

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In the beginning, God spoke, and creation came to life.  
**P: We praise the God who created the heavens and the earth.**  
L: God made us in God's image, giving every human life dignity and purpose.  
**P: We are God's creation, made to know God, love God, and reflect God's glory.**  
L: So let us lay aside the things that divide us and remember who we are.  
**All: We belong to our Creator. Let us worship the God whose image we bear!**

**HYMN**                      “All Creatures of Our God and King”                      UMH 62

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

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

**HYMN**                      “For the Beauty of the Earth”                      UMH 92

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**            “Ocean Grove Usher’s March”                      Celebration Winds  
**Doxology**            “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**SCRIPTURE**                      *Page 1*                      *Genesis 1:26-31*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**            “Camp Meetin”                      Celebration Winds

**MESSAGE**                      “The Image: What are We?”                      **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

**CLOSING HYMN**            “This is My Father’s World”                      UMH 144

**PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES**

**POSTLUDE**                      “Praise to the Lord”                      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 honor of our parents and children by Dean and Vicki Clepper.

**Usher Captain –** Ty Trainor                      **Organist:** Jane Boley

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

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Attendance: August 30, 2026</b>               | <b>Online:</b>     |
| 8:45 Traditional                      159        | 120                |
| 9:30 Contemporary                      42        | 35                 |
| 11:00 Traditional Chapel                      27 |                    |
| <b>Total 228</b>                                 | <b>Online: 155</b> |

***Next week is Canned Fruit Sunday!***  
***Don’t forget to bring canned fruit and fill the wagon!***

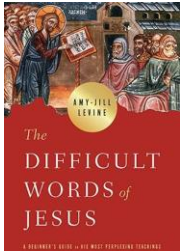
## ***What's Happening at Otterbein!***

### **Barnabas Group - September**

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 (Sept. 6 – Oct. 11)**



Please join Harry Owens as he leads the class on “Difficult Words of Jesus” starting on September 6th. Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God’s word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil’s children (John 8:44).

In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation.

### **Women’s Bible Study – 7:00 PM – Room 8 (Tues.) (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!

To have a book ordered for you, please respond to the Women’s Group Facebook post or contact Sally Mentzer at [sallymentzer@gmail.com](mailto:sallymentzer@gmail.com). The order will be placed on Sept. 4, so please submit your request before then. Books are also available on Amazon if you prefer to order your own copy. We invite you to join the study, even if you can attend only a few sessions. We know you will be blessed!

### **Two Bible Study Opportunities by Pastor Steve**

#### **Philippians: Joy in Every Circumstance – 10 AM – Library (Thurs) (Sept. 17 – Oct. 22)**

What does it mean to experience genuine joy, even when life doesn't go according to plan? Join us for a six-week study of Paul’s letter to the Philippians as we explore Christian joy, humility, purpose, peace, and contentment. Together, we’ll dig into the biblical text, discover what Paul’s message meant for the early church, and consider what it means for us as followers of Christ today.

No previous Bible study experience is necessary—just bring your Bible, your questions, and a willingness to grow.

## **How to Be a Disciple Wednesday - 6:30 PM - Library (Sept. 16 – Oct. 21)**

Following Jesus is more than believing the right things, it's learning to live like Jesus in every part of our lives. In this six-week study, we'll explore what it means to grow as a disciple through prayer, Scripture, worship, Christian community, serving others, and sharing our faith. Each week will combine biblical teaching with practical ways to put our faith into action.

Whether you're new to following Christ or have been walking with Him for years, come discover what it looks like to move from simply believing in Jesus to intentionally following Him.

### **Circle of Prayer**

Each week our Susquehanna & Upper New York Conferences requests prayer for churches within their area and our Conference Camp / Retreat centers. During the **week of September 6 – 12, 2026** – (PA) Amberson UMC – Spring Run, Albright Loganton UMC – Loganton, Askam UMC – Hanover Township, Athens UMC – Athens, Aldersgate Mechanicsburg UMC – Mechanicsburg, (NY) Alplaus UMC – Rexford, Apalachin First UMC – Apalachin, Akron First UMC – Akron, Amboy Belle Isle United Church UMC – Syracuse, Addison UMC – Addison, Alexandria Bay UMC – Alexandria Bay.

### **Mission Trip Scheduled!**

Are you available September 20<sup>th</sup>? 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 13<sup>th</sup>! OY is open to all youth in grades 6 – 12. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:elisebordner@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining or have any questions.

Upcoming at Otterbein

| Event                      | Date         | Time           | Location           |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Office Closed              | September 7  |                |                    |
| Bible Study                | September 8  | 9:00 AM        | Library            |
| UMW Meeting                | September 8  | 10:00 AM       | Room 8             |
| Blanket Ministry           | September 9  | 9:00 AM        | Room 8             |
| Special Olympics           | September 9  | 5:45 – 7 PM    | Multi-purpose Room |
| Choir Practice             | September 9  | 7:00 PM        | Choir Room         |
| Men’s Life Group           | September 10 | 7:00 PM        | Library            |
| CAIU                       | September 11 | 8 AM – 5 PM    | Library            |
| Outside Group              | September 12 | 11 – 4:00 PM   | Gym                |
| Free Milk Giveaway         | September 12 | 8 – 12:00 Noon | Under Portico      |
| Combined Revival Service   | September 13 | 10:00 AM       | Outside            |
| Potluck Picnic / Pig Roast | September 13 | 12:00 Noon     | Multi-purpose Room |

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.

Communion Dates for 2026

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)