



Otterbein United Methodist Church

September 27, 2026
Traditional Service

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"The Image: Restored"

Romans 8:28-30; 2 Corinthians 3:18



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	“Nearer, Still Nearer”	Jane Boley
LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
L: We were created in the image of God.		
P: Yet sin has distorted what God intended us to be.		
L: But in Christ, God is making all things new.		
P: He restores what sin has broken.		
L: In Christ, we see the image of God revealed perfectly.		
A: And in Christ, we are being transformed into His likeness.		
HYMN	“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	UMH 381
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		
PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)		
HYMN	“Something Beautiful”	UMH 394
GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	“Meditation on Beach Spring”	Jane Boley
Doxology	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
SCRIPTURE	Page 801/818	Romans 8:28-30; 2 Corinthians 3:18
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	Otterbein Bells
MESSAGE	“The Image: “Restored”	Rev. Steve Salisbury
CLOSING HYMN	“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”	UMH 380
PASTORAL BENEDICTION		
EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES		
POSTLUDE	“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”	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 Fred and in honor of my children and grandchildren by Martha Thomas.		
Usher Captain – Ty Trainor		Organist: Jane Boley
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 - September 20, 2026		
8:45 Traditional	153	Online: 173
9:30 Contemporary	38	34
11:00Traditional Chapel	33	
Total 224	Online: 207	

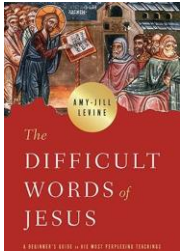
What's Happening at Otterbein!

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. 20 – Oct. 25)



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 starting “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!

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 27 – October 3, 2026** – (PA) Bald Eagle UMC – Tyrone, Black Oak UMC – Port Matilda, Bethel UMC – Dalton, Balls Mills UMC – Cogan Station, Bethany Felton UMC - Felton; (NY) Argyle UMC – Argyle, Bouckville UMC – Bouckville, Amherst Christ – Amherst, Auburn UMC – Auburn, Allen’s Hill UMC – Bloomfield, Belleville UMC – Belleville.

Otterbein Youth

OY (Otterbein Youth) 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.

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Otterbein Bells	September 28	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Scouts	September 28	7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Bible Study	September 29	9:00 AM	Library
Trustee Special Mtg.	September 29	5:30 PM	Library
Outside Group	September 29	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Gym
Women’s Bible Study	September 29	7:00 PM	Room 8
Special Olympics	September 30	5:45 – 7 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Pastor Bible Study	September 30	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Library
Choir Practice	September 30	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Pastor Bible Study	October 1	10:00 – 11:00 AM	Library
Men’s Life Group	October 1	7:00 PM	Library
CAIU	October 2	8 AM – 5 PM	Library
Outside Group	October 3	11 – 4 PM	Gym
World Communion Sunday	October 4	All Services	All Services
Barnabas Group	October 5	9:00 AM	Library

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)