



Otterbein United Methodist Church

October 11, 2026
Traditional Service

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“Wait?!? That’s in the Bible. ‘The Woman Who Nailed a Guy to the Ground’”



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		
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP	“Peace Like a River”	Adult Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP		
L: The Bible is filled with unexpected people.		
P: God often works through those the world overlooks..		
L: Jael was not a warrior on the battlefield.		
P: Yet God used her in a surprising way.		
L: Our strength does not determine God’s ability to use us.		
A: Lord, use us wherever You have placed us!		
HYMN	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	UMH 154
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		
PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)		
HYMN	“The Gift of Love”	UMH 408
GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	“Amazing Grace”	Elise Sweger
Doxology	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
SCRIPTURE	Page 172	Judges 4
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace”	Adult Choir
MESSAGE	“Wait?!? That’s in the Bible “ The Woman Who Nailed a Guy to the Ground”	Rev. Steve Salisbury
CLOSING HYMN	“We’ll Understand it Better By and By”	UMH 525
PASTORAL BENEDICTION		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	“Go Now in Peace”	Adult Choir

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE	“Blessed Assurance”	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 honor and memory of our parents by Robert and Barbara Loy.

Usher Captain – Slim Connors	Organist: Elise Sweger
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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	

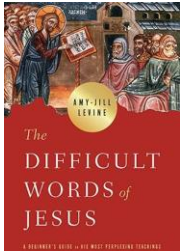
What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - October

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).

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 October 11 - 17, 2026** – (PA) Beaver Memorial UMC – Lewisburg, Bendersville UMC – Bendersville, Bethany Red Lion UMC – Red Lion, Bradley Memorial UMC – Dickson City, Calvary West Decatur UMC – West Decatur; (NY) Arcade UMC – Arcade, Avon UMC – Avon, Ballston Spa UMC – Ballston Spa, Black River UMC – Black River, Bluff Point UMC – Kuka Park, Centenary-Chenango Street UMC - Binghamton.

Children's Handchime Choir (open to all 3rd grade and above)

Children’s Handchime choir will begin rehearsals Sunday October 11th at 9:30 during Children's Church. The choir will be performing during the Children's Christmas Showcase, December 19th, and during the 7:30pm Christmas Eve Family service.

Please see the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and in the Contemporary. Any questions contact Tammy Ham (c: 717-243-1872)

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Office Closed	October 12		
Daycare Staff	October 12	6:30 A – 4:30 PM	Room 8
Prayer Shawl	October 12	9:00 AM	Library
Finance Meeting	October 12	6:00 PM	Library
Bells	October 12	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Bible Study	October 13	9:00 AM	Library
UMW	October 13	10:00 AM	Room 8
Outside Group	October 13	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Gym
Women’s Bible Study	October 13	7:00 PM	Room 8
Blanket Ministry	October 14	9:00 AM	Room 8
Special Olympics	October 14	5:45 – 7 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Pastor Bible Study	October 14	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Library
Choir Practice	October 14	6:30 PM – Cantata 7:00 PM – Choir	Choir Room
Pastor Bible Study	October 15	10:00 – 11:00 AM	Library
Men’s Life Group	October 15	7:00 PM	Library
CAIU	October 16	8 AM – 5 PM	Library
Car Show / Chili Cook-Off / Bake Sale	October 17	11 – 4 PM	Gym

- 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

November 8th
December 24th (2:00, 6:00, and 11:00 PM)