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Otterbein United Methodist Church

*October 25, 2026
Traditional Service*

**"WAIT?!? THAT'S IN THE BIBLE." THE
PROPHET WHO WANTED TO DIE"**

JONAH 4



Welcome! We are grateful you have joined us for worship today. Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a longtime member, we pray you feel at home and experience God's love among us.



Traditional Worship Service		
PRELUDE	“Aria”	Jane Boley
LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
L: We rejoice when God shows us mercy.		
P: But what happens when God shows mercy to someone we think does not deserve it?		
L: Jonah wanted judgment; God offered compassion.		
P: God’s mercy is greater than our sense of who deserves it.		
L: God’s grace reaches farther than we would choose.		
A: Lord, make our hearts as generous in mercy as Yours!		
HYMN	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	UMH 384
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		
PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)		
HYMN	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”	UMH 420
GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	“I Love Thee, My Lord”	Jane Boley
Doxology	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
SCRIPTURE	Page 655	Jonah 4
SPECIAL MUSIC	“As the Deer”	Otterbein Bells
MESSAGE	“Wait?!? That’s In the Bible.”	Pastor Steve Salisbury
The Prophet Who Wanted to Die”		
CLOSING HYMN	“Blessed Assurance”	UMH 369
PASTORAL BENEDICTION		
EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES		
POSTLUDE	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	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 Sunday School class in Room 5.		
Today’s altar flowers are given in loving memory of Cindy Wivell by Tom Wivell.		
Usher Captain: Slim Connors		Organist: Jane Boley
Worship Schedule		Adult Sunday School:
8:45 AM - Traditional		9:45 AM - Loyal Class (library)
9:30 AM - Contemporary “Gathering”		10:00 AM - BASIC Class (room 8)
11:00 AM - Chapel		
Attendance: October 18, 2026		
8:45 AM - Traditional	166	8:45 Online - 113
9:30 AM - Contemporary	43	9:30 Online - 21
11:00 AM Chapel	37	
Total: 246		Online: 134

The mortgage balance after the October 15th payment is \$86,343.28

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 (Starts November 1)



Please join Harry Owens as he leads the class on “Now and Not Yet” starting on November 1st. *Now and Not Yet Bible Study* explores six profound ways God makes His faithfulness known in the biblical stories of Abraham, Joseph, Israel, Hannah, and the Apostle Paul. As you encounter God through the pages of His Word, you'll see His ways, His character, His purposes, and His faithfulness in the lives of His people.

And the more you understand God's ways, the more you will discover that He's just as faithful in your life right now—even more than you know.

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!

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 25 - 31, 2026** – (PA) Beech Valley – Trout Run, Bethlehem Codorus UMC – Codorus, Bowmans Chapel UMC – Mapleton Depot, Brick UMC – Duryea, Centre Grove Clearfield UMC - Clearfield; (NY) Attica: Trinity UMC – Attica, Bergen UMC – Bergen, Bleecker Community Church UMC – Gloversville, Bowens Corners UMC – Fulton, Brasher Falls UMC – Brasher Falls, Chenango Bridge UMC – Binhamton.

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)

Pot Pie made lovingly by the United Methodist Women

We need help to do the following: make the dough, run the dough through the pasta machines, cut dough into pieces and stack it on trays, peel potatoes, cut potatoes into chunks, measure ingredients, cook the pot pie, handle the heavy pots, and fill the quart containers for sale. If this sounds like something you are able and willing to do, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board located outside the office or in the Contemporary. You do not have to be a chef to help.

We need your **help on October 29 and 30th from 8:00 a.m. – 12 PM.** Pot Pie will be **sold on Friday, October 30th, starting at 1:00 until 5 PM** in the multipurpose room. Pot pie is \$10 per quart. Thank you!

United Methodist Women’s Thanksgiving Breakfast – November 21 at 9:00 AM

Ladies of Otterbein, please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Breakfast in the multipurpose room. Every year we love to gather and take a moment before the busyness of the season to worship and fellowship as women with our sisters from churches all around the community. A delicious home-cooked breakfast will be served followed by our speaker. If you are interested in joining us this year the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church office.

If you can make an egg casserole or pastry, please contact Hattie Ogle at (717) 258-3438

Hospitality Station Volunteers Needed

Help us offer a warm welcome on Sunday mornings by volunteering at the Hospitality Station in the narthex. Volunteers assist with filling and cleaning the urns, making coffee, setting up and cleaning the water and juice station, and arranging snacks for the services. If you feel led to serve, please contact the church office.

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Otterbein Youth	October 25	6 – 8:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Bells	October 26	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	October 26	7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Bible Study	October 27	9:00 AM	Library
Outside Group	October 27	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Gym
Women’s Bible Study	October 27	7:00 PM	Room 8
Special Olympics	October 28	5:45 – 7 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Choir Practice	October 28	6:30 PM – Cantata 7:00 PM – Choir	Choir Room
Men’s Life Group	October 29	7:00 PM	Library
CAIU	October 23	8 AM – 5 PM	Library
CPARC	October 23	4:30 – 9:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Pot Pie	October 29 October 30	8 – 12 PM 8 – 12 PM Sales 1-5 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Outside Group	October 31	11 – 3:00 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.

Communion Dates for 2026

November 8th

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