

NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome TO OTTERBEIN CLASS

Are you new to Otterbein? Join Pastor Mike on **Sunday, March 1** for our Welcome to Otterbein Class. In the class, you will learn more about who we are at Otterbein Church and how to take your next step. The class will be offered at 9:30 a.m. in the OC 45 building (beside the white tent building). Register at Connection Point, on the OC App, or at ocregister.org.

EASTER CELEBRATION CHOIR

We will have an Easter Celebration Weekend on March 28 & 29 (Palm Sunday Weekend), including a special choir. Rachel Weaver, Director of Worship Ministries, invites anyone (Middle School through adult) to participate, regardless of previous choir experience or ability to read music. Music will be given out in February with rehearsals beginning March 12. If you want to join the choir, complete the form on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

On Saturday, March 28, at 11:00 a.m. our OC Kids Ministry will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the OC Community Park on Welty Road. This year, we will be filling more than 18,000 eggs with candy and other goodies. We encourage you to consider donating bag(s) of individually wrapped candy for our egg hunt (no Smarties or lollipops, please, as they do not fit inside the eggs). Bags of candy can be dropped off in marked boxes in the church lobby through March 15. Thanks so much for your help!



THE BIBLE JOURNEY

We have just started a new book in the New Testament! In 1st Corinthians, Paul will show us how to be gospel-centric people. **Join us on the journey!**

The Bible Journey is our churchwide Bible reading plan—one chapter a day, with helpful podcasts, resources, and a place to ask questions along the way. It's a great way to grow closer to God by spending time in His Word.

You'll find the daily reading plan on the OC App, our website, and at facebook.com/groups/ocdevotionals (click "join" to have it show up in your feed). If you have notifications turned on in the OC App for "Bible Journey," you'll get a reminder each morning at 7:00 a.m. with a direct link to that day's reading. You can also download a weekly copy of the plan at otterbeinchurch.org/the-bible-journey. **We have added an audio link on the OC App to LISTEN to the daily reading.**

1st Corinthians

OTTERBEIN Small Groups

Otterbein has many different small group environments where people connect with others and learn biblical principles for life. **It's not too late for YOU to join a group!** Learn more or sign up on the OC App or online at ocregister.org.

Sunday PM Couples Small Group

The group meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in various homes, John & Lorie Lehman facilitate.

Sunday Sermon Based Groups

1st & 3rd Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (ongoing), Tony & Kelly Cassidy
2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (ongoing), Mark Green

Tuesday AM Women of the Word: This group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the OC 45 Building.

Men's Base Camp: This group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. It's an interactive study of Hebrews with live teaching and group discussion.

Men's Group Thursday AM: This group meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room.

LOCAL2 GLOBAL

LOCAL2GLOBAL SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in getting more involved with **local outreach** or in responding to **disaster relief** needs through Samaritan's Purse? We are currently **updating our contact lists** for both ministry areas and would love to know if you'd like to be included. Learn more on the Registrations page of the OC App or online at ocregister.org.

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

The 2025 giving statements were emailed to you. You can access your statement by clicking the link provided in the email or through the church app. For individuals without an email address on file, statements will be sent via mail. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Duesler at the church office at 717-762-7147 or rick.duesler@otterbeinchurch.org.

Events

UPCOMING EVENTS | SAVE THE DATES

- Friendship Company Musical: February 28 & March 1
- Easter Egg Hunt: March 28
- Easter Celebration Weekend: March 28 & 29
- VBS June 8-11

GROWING FORWARD

BECOMING THE PERSON GOD CREATED YOU TO BECOME

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here!

CHILDREN

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, it is our goal to make this the best hour of their week and the most helpful hour of yours. We encourage you to take advantage of our age-graded ministries for your children during the worship service. This will allow your children to learn at an age-appropriate level. For assistance in locating your child's classroom, please visit GUEST CENTRAL. If you choose to keep your children with you, we ask that you be considerate of others by taking them to the lobby if they become restless or have extended periods of crying. There is a television for you to watch the service in the Cafe seating area in the lobby.

OFFERING

OFFERING baskets are available in the lobby at the Worship Center doors or you can give online on the OC App and at otterbeinchurch.org using a debit or credit card.

NEW HERE?

We encourage you to visit **GUEST CENTRAL** in the lobby following the service so we can provide you with additional information about Otterbein, answer your questions, and give you a gift.

WELCOME CARD

We encourage you to complete a Welcome Card which can be found in the seat backs in the Worship Center. A digital Welcome Card is also available (Use the QR Code).

If you have a **PRAYER REQUEST** you would like our prayer team to pray for, please include it on the Welcome Card. Welcome Cards can be dropped in the baskets at the lobby doors at the conclusion of the service.



OTTERBEIN CHURCH APP

We encourage you to download the OC APP where you can complete the Welcome Card, give online, read the announcements, share a prayer request, find message notes, register and sign up for events, watch last week's service and much more. Use the QR Code or search for Otterbein Church Waynesboro in any of the app stores.



***SIGN UP, REGISTER, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON THE OC APP, OCREGISTER.ORG, OR AT CONNECTION POINT IN THE LOBBY.**

FIND US ON



OTTERBEIN CHURCH

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SERVICE TIMES:

8:00 a.m. – Worship, Nursery & Preschool
9:30 a.m. – Worship, Nursery, Preschool, Elementary & Youth
11:00 a.m. – Worship, Nursery, Preschool & Elementary

BECOMING FOCUSED—PART 2

February 8, 2026
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

IN THE “GROWING FORWARD” SERIES:

January 4: *Becoming Confident* January 11: *Becoming Like Christ*
January 18: *Becoming Free* February 1: *Becoming Focused—Part 1*
February 8: *Becoming Focused—Part 2* February 15: *Becoming Content*



Philippians 3:12–21 (NLT) (12) I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. (13) No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, (14) I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Psalms 96:2–3 (NLT) (2) Sing to the LORD; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. (3) Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD DID IN 2025:

- People who chose to begin a relationship with Jesus: 54
- Baptisms: 50
- Recommitments to Jesus Christ: 228
- Total percentage of people who grew spiritually: 81%
- Average worship attendance (in person & online) for Adults, Children, and Youth: 1543
 - Average OC Kids (birth-grade 5) at Church—207
 - Average OC Youth (grades 6-12) at Church—76
- Worship attendance on January 11, 2026: 1698
 - Worship Center—1031
 - Online (live & on demand) —333
 - Total in Worship Center & Online—1379
 - Children (birth-grade 5) at Church—225
 - Youth (grades 6-12) at Church—94
- People who started attending Otterbein last year: 168
- People in a small group: 260+
- People who are serving at Otterbein: 300+
- Total General Church giving: \$2,423,498
- Total Building Fund giving: \$372,006
- Total Local2Global giving: \$294,342
- Total (General Church, Local2Global, BF): \$2,909,846

**GOD HAS CHOSEN TO BLESS OUR CHURCH IN INCREDIBLE WAYS.
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!**

OUR TRANSFORM NEXT VISION (JUNE 2023-DECEMBER 2025):

- Add Addition to our Church Building to Make More Room for our Growing Children and OC Groups Ministries.
- Expand and Improve our Online Church Experience and Digital Ministries.
- Construct an Outdoor Stage and Continue to Develop the Otterbein Park and Community Center for Church and Community Use.
- Lower our Mortgage by at Least One Million Dollars to Position us for Future Growth.
- Continue to Explore Ministry Opportunities and Programming Changes that will Help Us to Have A Greater Effectiveness in Reaching the Next Generation for Christ.

**TRANSFORM NEXT GIVING EXCEEDED THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AND
MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO REACH THE NEXT
GENERATION FOR CHRIST.**

**GOD DOESN’T WANT US TO FEEL LIKE WE HAVE ARRIVED OR THAT OUR WORK IS
YET DONE AS A CHURCH. THERE IS MORE TO BE DONE AND HE WANTS US TO
LOOK FORWARD AND TO PRESS ON!**

**WITH GOD’S HELP AND IN HIS POWER, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD AND WILL
PRESS ON TO REACH THE END OF THE RACE AND RECEIVE THE HEAVENLY PRICE
FOR WHICH GOD, THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, IS CALLING US.**

YOU ARE NOT HERE BY ACCIDENT.

Ephesians 3:20–21 (NLT) (20) Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (21) Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

For more information about what it means to begin a relationship with Jesus or what to do after making a decision to follow Him, stop at Guest Central in the lobby following the service, email us at info@otterbeinchurch.org, or call the church office at 717.762.7147 to set up an appointment. You may also learn more about what it means to follow Jesus and/or request materials and find additional information to help you on your spiritual journey by clicking “**Next Steps > Jesus**” on