

NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome TO OTTERBEIN CLASS

WELCOME TO OTTERBEIN CLASS | NOVEMBER 8

Are you new to Otterbein? Join Pastor Mike for our Welcome to Otterbein Class and learn more about who we are at Otterbein Church and how you can take your next step. The class will be offered on **Sunday, November 8, at 9:30 a.m.** in the OC 45 Building. The OC 45 Building is the tan building located next to the OC Youth Building, the white, tent-shaped building. Register on the OC App, online at otterbein-church.org, or stop by Connection Point in the church lobby.



GRIEF SHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS | NOV. 17

The holiday season is fast approaching. With the holiday focus on family, traditions, social events and “cheer,” emotions can blindsides you. Knowing what to expect and being prepared can be an immense help. Surviving the Holidays is a one-night event designed to help you navigate this emotional time. The group will meet on **Tuesday, November 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the OC 45 Building. We will begin with some light refreshments as we introduce ourselves to one another. Then we will watch a video, participate in a brief discussion, and encourage one another. Sign up by Nov. 15 on the OC App, ocregister.org, or stop at Connection Point. Feel free to invite others.



JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CHOIR

We will be having our Christmas Celebration Weekend on December 12 & 13 that will include a special worship choir directed by Dave Besecker. This year, the choir will be singing in parts and will have its own piece to share during the celebration! We invite anyone (Middle School-Adult) to participate, regardless of previous choir experience or ability to read music. There will be rehearsals on Wednesday nights, November 18–December 9, with a full rehearsal on December 10. If you would like to join the choir or desire more information, sign up on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Pt.



THE BIBLE JOURNEY is our churchwide Bible reading plan—one chapter a day, with helpful podcasts and questions to ponder what you’ve read. If you are new to the Journey, you can find the daily reading plan on the OC App, on the Otterbein Church 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 at 7:00 a.m. with a direct link to that day’s reading. Now is a great time to start reading the Bible!

1st TUESDAY PRAYER GATHERING

We will have our First Tuesday Prayer Gathering on **Tuesday, November 3** at 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting in Room 402. Park on the south side of the building and use the Groups Entrance. Everyone is invited to join in this time of prayer for our church, community, and world.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX INFORMATION

We are once again partnering with Samaritan’s Purse in their Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection. Information, labels, and shoeboxes are available in the lobby today. ALL boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, Nov. 22. **You can also PACK A BOX ONLINE** FOR \$30 (\$36 if you add the Bible Study material to the box). You can choose the items you want to put in your box or have Samaritan’s Purse do it for you. A link to pack boxes online and for more information and resources for packing a shoebox can be found on the OC App or at www.otterbeinchurch.org.

INDOOR SOCCER COMING SOON!

Indoor Soccer begins on **Tuesday, November 10**. The group will meet weekly from 5:30–7:30 p.m. in the Otterbein Community Center Gym. Anyone in 9th grade or older is welcome to attend. All skill levels are welcome. Come join us for a great time of exercise and fellowship!

ULTIMATE FRISBEE - INSIDE!

Ready to get active, have fun, and connect with others? Ultimate Frisbee is back starting **Sunday, November 15!** Join us each week from 5:30–8:30 p.m. in the Otterbein Community Center Gym for a relaxed, pickup-style game. Teams will be formed each week, with players rotating throughout the evening. High school age and up are invited to join in, so bring your energy and get ready to play!



SAVE THE DATE

Timeless Treasures, our senior adult group, will have a Christmas luncheon at Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant on **Monday, December**

14 at noon. The family-style meal costs \$30 per person. Sign up on Nov. 29 & Dec. 6. More details coming soon!

PARK UPDATE

OTTERBEIN COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE

Please note: The park restrooms have been closed for the winter season. During this time, restroom key cards will be temporarily deactivated. **Please hold onto your key cards**—they will be reactivated when the restrooms reopen in the spring.

CHOSEN

BELONG & BECOME

NOVEMBER 1, 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](http://ocregister.org), OR AT CONNECTION POINT IN THE LOBBY.

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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

STAND FIRM

November 1, 2026
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

IN THE “CHOSEN” SERIES:			
September 27:	You Are Chosen	October 4:	Dead to Life
October 11:	One Body	October 18:	Transformed
October 25:	Roles & Submission	November 1:	Stand Firm

Ephesians 6:10–20 (NLT)(10) A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. (11) Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. (12) For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (13) Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. (14) Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. (15) For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. (16) In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. (17) Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (18) Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (19) And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God’s mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. (20) I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God’s ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

Four Truths:

1) Living the Christian life requires _____ .

Ephesians 6:10 (NLT)(10) A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

John 15:5 (NLT)(5) “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

Philippians 4:13 (NLT)(13) For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

2) We are in a _____ .

Ephesians 6:11–12 (NLT)(11) Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. (12) For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

THE STRATEGY AND GOAL OF THE DEVIL IS TO PULL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS AWAY FROM GOD AND THE TRUTH.

James 1:14–15 (NLT)(14) Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. (15) These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL THAT WE DON’T BECOME SO FIXATED ON WHAT THE DEVIL IS DOING THAT WE TAKE OUR EYES OFF THE ONE WHO HAS ALREADY DEFEATED HIM.

Colossians 2:15 (NLT)(15) In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Hebrews 2:14–15 (NLT)(14) Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. (15) Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

3) Putting on the _____ is essential to stand against the devil’s strategies.

Ephesians 6:11 (NLT)(11) Put on **all** of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

Ephesians 6:13 (NLT)(13) Therefore, put **on every piece** of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD IS NOT A CHECKLIST WE DO. INSTEAD, IT IS CHOOSING EVERY DAY TO LIVE IN WHO JESUS IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US.

4) We need to _____ and other followers of Jesus to be strong and stand against the devil’s strategies.

Ephesians 6:18–20 (NLT)(18) Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (19) And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God’s mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. (20) I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God’s ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

Romans 8:26–27 (NLT)(26) And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. (27) And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NLT)(16) Always be joyful. (17) Never stop praying. (18) Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND HIS MIGHTY POWER!!!!

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 our website at www.otterbeinchurch.org.