NEWS & EVENTS



LAST DAY TO SIGN UP: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS | NOV. 17

The holiday season is fast approaching. With the holiday focus on family, traditions, social events and "cheer," emotions can blindside 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.



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 NEXT SUNDAY, November 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.



LOCAL2GLOBAL MINISTRY TRIPS TO PUERTO RICO

We're organizing three mission trips to Puerto Rico in 2027. The trips are scheduled for May 22-28, June 26-July 2 (OC Youth ONLY) and October 23-29. Each trip will involve the same kind of work and physical activity — this is an outdoor, labor-focused mission. Please Note: There will be an "interest meeting" on December 6 at 12:30 p.m. If you're interested in learning more, please **complete the interest form** on the OC App or at ocregister.org. Pastor Adam Sewell will follow-up with more information for all the interested applicants.



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!



Special services & times... check out the OC Christmas page on the OC App and otterbeinchurch.org for more details!

ASSISTANCE WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

OC Local2Global would like to assist families who attend Otterbein Church and who are struggling financially to purchase Christmas gifts for their children (birth-grade 12). If you need assistance or know a family who needs assistance, please complete the Gift Assistance application on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or at Connection Point. Contact Adam Sewell, adam.sewell@otterbeinchurch.org, if you have questions. Applications must be submitted by Sunday, November 29.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will have a poinsettia tree in our church lobby again this year for the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be included on the tree in memory or in honor of someone, complete the online form on the OC App, visit online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point. Each red poinsettia costs $10. Orders need to be completed by Sunday, December 6.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ULTIMATE FRISBEE - INSIDE!

Ready to get active, have fun, and connect with others? Ultimate Frisbee is back starting **Monday, November 16**! 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! Register on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point.

INDOOR SOCCER CONTINUES WEEKLY

Join us on Tuesdays from 5:30—7:30 p.m. in the Otterbein Community Center Gym for a great time of exercise and fellowship. Anyone in 9th grade or older is welcome to attend. All skill levels are welcome.

LIVE CHRISTMAS WREATH CLASS | DEC. 1

Join us for an evening of fellowship and wreath making! We'll gather in the K5 Room at Otterbein Church on Tuesday, December 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost for the class is $55, and all supplies will be provided. This class is recommended for adults. **Space is limited to 50 participants. Registration will close on November 23 or when the class is full.** Learn more and register on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point.

TIMELESS TREASURES—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. We'll enjoy Christmas music and sing along with Dave Besecker to make the afternoon even more special. **Sign up with payment on Sunday, November 29 & December 6** at Connection Point, online at ocregister.org, or on the OC App.

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 YouTube

PRESSING ON TOGETHER

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

WELCOME

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.

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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

PRESSING FORWARD TOGETHER

November 15, 2026
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

Philippians 3:10–11 (NLT) (10) I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, (11) so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

Philippians 3:12–16 (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. (15) Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. (16) But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

GOD IS A GOD WHO DESIRES CHANGE. HE DOES NOT WANT US TO BECOME SATISFIED OR STUCK WITH WHO WE ARE TODAY AND STOP GROWING AND MATURING.

Four Truths:

1) We know _____ of the Church.

Matthew 16:18 (NLT) (18) Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Colossians 1:18 (NLT) (18) Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

THE CHURCH IS JESUS' CHURCH. IT WAS HIS IDEA. HE IS BUILDING IT. AND HE IS THE HEAD OF IT.

2) We know that Jesus wants His Church to _____.

Ephesians 4:15–16 (NLT) (15) Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. (16) He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Acts 2:47 (NLT) (47) all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 4:4 (NLT) (4) But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.

3) We know Jesus wants us to be faithful to _____ for the Church.

Matthew 28:19–20 (NLT) (19) Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (20) Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

We exist to GLORIFY GOD
by creating environments where people can
BEGIN a relationship with Jesus,
BECOME more like Jesus,
CONNECT with others who follow Jesus, and
SERVE OTHERS in Jesus' name.

4) We know Jesus wants us to address and remove _____ .

>> We see examples of this in Acts 6 and Acts 15

Acts 6:7 (NLT) (7) So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too.

REMOVING BARRIERS NEVER MEANS CHANGING THE GOSPEL OR WHAT SCRIPTURE TEACHES. IT MEANS REMOVING THE OBSTACLES WE HAVE PUT IN THE WAY AND/OR THAT WE HAVE CONTROL OVER.

Otterbein's History of Removing Facility-Related Barriers:

> 1957 - Purchased land on Park Street and construct Phase 1 of a new church building
> 1967-1968 - Completed Phase 2 with addition of 400-seat sanctuary and fellowship room
> 1990 - Added second worship service
> 1994-1995 - Purchased Keystone Ford building and renovate into Otterbein Ministry Center/Parking
> 1998 - Added third worship service
> 2000 - Purchased Star Electric building and renovate into youth ministry building
> 2004 - Purchased 50 acres of land on Welty Road with the goal of future church relocation
> 2008 - Constructed Sprung building (white tent-like building) for growing youth ministry
> 2018 - Renovated Otterbein Ministry Center into new Worship Center, and children's classrooms
> 2019 - Constructed Otterbein Community Center on the Welty Road property
> 2023 - Constructed OC Groups addition for growing children's ministry

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**.