NEWS & EVENTS

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX INFORMATION

All shoeboxes must be returned to the church **TODAY BY NOON**. If you didn't get a chance to pack one, you can still **BUILD A BOX ONLINE FOR $30** ($36 if you add the Bible Study material). 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 otterbeinchurch.org.

SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

THE GIFT OF SERVICE

As we head into the Christmas season, we're adding more service times to welcome newcomers and guests. That also means more chances for you to jump in and offer *the gift of service*. If you love Jesus and enjoy caring for kids, we need help in **Nursery & Preschool Child Care**. We're also looking for warm, friendly **Greeters** for the Saturday services and Christmas Eve. Learn more on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point.

PUERTO RICO MISSIONS '27

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.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

CHRISTMAS at OTTERBEIN CHURCH

SAVE THE DATES

- **Christmas Worship Celebration**
  December 12—4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
  December 13—8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- **Christmas Eve services**—12:30, 2:00, 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.

Check out the OC Christmas page on the OC App and otterbeinchurch.org for e-card options. There are also printed cards at the doors for you to invite your friends and family to attend with you!

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 Blessing Box

Would you like to help a family who attends our church and is struggling financially to provide Christmas gifts for their children? We are collecting $20 Walmart gift cards in our Christmas Blessing Box located at Connection Point on Sunday mornings. These will be distributed to the eligible families that completed Christmas Gift Assistance applications. **Please drop off the gift cards at Connection Point through Sunday, December 13.**

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.**

THE BIBLE JOURNEY is our church-wide 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!

THE BIBLE JOURNEY

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



NOVEMBER 22, 2026

WELCOME

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

THANKFUL FOR YOUR WHOLE LIFE

November 22, 2026
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE THANKFUL FOR OUR WHOLE LIFE?

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.

Four Truths:

1) **God wants us to be _____ .**

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT) (18) Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

WE HAVE A GOD WHO IS WILLING AND INTERESTED IN BEING IN THE MIDDLE OF WHAT WE ARE FACING.

2) **We can be thankful because we know _____ in every part of our life.**

Romans 8:28 (NLT) (28) And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:29 (NLT) (29) For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

THE GOOD GOD IS WORKING TOWARD IS NOT ALWAYS COMFORT OR AN EASY LIFE. THE GOOD IS BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS.

James 1:2–4 (NLT) (2) Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. (3) For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. (4) So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

Genesis 50:20 (NLT) (20) You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

YOU ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORY – NOT THE END.

3) **Tell God the _____ about what you need and how you feel and then _____ what He has done.**

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.

Philippians 4:6–7 (NLT) (6) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. (7) Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 13 (NLT) (1) O LORD, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? (2) How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand? (3) Turn and answer me, O LORD my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die. (4) Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall. (5) But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. (6) I will sing to the LORD because he is good to me.

Psalm 77:1–2 (NLT) (1) I cry out to God; yes, I shout. Oh, that God would listen to me! (2) When I was in deep trouble, I searched for the Lord. All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven, but my soul was not comforted.

Psalm 77:7–9 (NLT) (7) Has the Lord rejected me forever? Will he never again be kind to me? (8) Is his unfailing love gone forever? Have his promises permanently failed? (9) Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he slammed the door on his compassion? Interlude

Psalm 77:11–14 (NLT) (11) But then I recall all you have done, O LORD; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. (12) They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works. (13) O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you? (14) You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations.

4) **Choose thankfulness _____ .**

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT) (18) Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

FEELINGS USUALLY FOLLOW ACTIONS.

Habakkuk 3:17–18 (NLT) (17) Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, (18) ***yet*** I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!

Romans 8:32 (NLT) (32) Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

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**.