

NEWS & EVENTS



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 14.

WINTER WARMTH DRIVE

We're collecting **new socks, hats, and gloves** for our local homeless shelters. If you're able, consider picking up a few items to help someone in need this season. A collection box is available at Connection Point now through December 14.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN THIS YEAR?

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 returned by Sunday, November 30.

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, go to the OC App, ocregister.org, or Connection Point in the lobby and complete the online form. Each red poinsettia costs \$10. Orders need to be completed by Sunday, December 7.

THE BIBLE 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.** Join us on the journey!

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX COLLECTION

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.



CHRISTMAS at OTTERBEIN CHURCH

- **Christmas Worship Celebration**
December 13—4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
December 14—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 more details!



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**. Learn more on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point.

FELLOWSHIP

TIMELESS TREASURES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

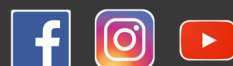
Timeless Treasures, our senior adult group, will have a Christmas luncheon at Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant on Monday, December 8 at noon. Matt and Carol from *Sweet Life* will share Christmas music to make the afternoon even more special. The cost is \$30 per person. Sign up with payment **TODAY and November 30** at Connection Point, online at ocregister.org, or on the OC App.

COLLEGE AGE (18-25) RETREAT | JANUARY 1-4

Otterbein Church Young Adults will be traveling to Kill Devil Hills, NC, for a weekend retreat on Thursday, Jan. 1-Sunday Jan. 4. We'll enjoy some teaching by Pastor Dwight on Christian living, plus we'll enjoy food, games, and fellowship. **Register by December 8**. Learn more on the OC App or ocregister.org.

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

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THE POWER OF Gratitude

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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.



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

THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

November 23, 2025
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

Luke 17:11–19 (NLT) (11) As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. (12) As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, (13) crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (14) He looked at them and said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.

(15) One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!” (16) He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. (17) Jesus asked, “Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? (18) Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” (19) And Jesus said to the man, “Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

1) **God wants us to _____ and acknowledge the things He does for us.**

1 Chronicles 16:8m (NLT) (8) Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.

Psalms 92:1 (NLT) (1) It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to the Most High.

Psalms 100:4 (NLT) (4) Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalms 106:1 (NLT) (1) Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Colossians 3:15 (NLT) (15) And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

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

GOD WANTS US TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO HIM BOTH PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY.

2) **Being grateful and expressing thanks generally doesn’t happen without _____ on our part.**

2 Timothy 3:1–2 (NLT) (1) You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. (2) For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful.

What do you have to be thankful for today?

3) **Being a grateful person and expressing thanks to God has _____.**

Luke 17:19 (NLT) (19) And Jesus said to the man, “Stand up and go. **Your faith has healed you.**”

a) **We will experience less _____ and have greater peace.**

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.

b) **It will help us to not _____.**

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

c) **It helps us to be more _____ and not covet what others have.**

1 Timothy 6:6–10 (NLT) (6) Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. (7) After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. (8) So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. (9) But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. (10) For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

d) **It helps us to draw us _____ and trust Him more.**

James 1:17 (NLT) (17) Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

4) **Being a grateful person and expressing thanks to God _____ for you to talk with others about what Jesus has done in your life.**

PEOPLE NOTICE WHEN YOU ARE A GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL PERSON!

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.