NEWS & EVENTS

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—REGISTER TODAY!



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 TODAY— Sunday, November 29 & December 6** at Connection Point, online at ocregister.org, or on the OC App.

FIRST TUESDAY PRAYER GATHERING

We will have our First Tuesday Prayer Gathering at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1. 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.

RAMSEY FinancialPeace UNIVERSITY

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY IN 2027!

Start the new year with a fresh financial start! Financial Peace University (FPU) isn't your average "money class." It's practical, entertaining, and life changing. More than 1.5 million families and individuals have completed FPU—and the average household pays off $5,300 in debt and saves $2,700 in just 90 days. Built on timeless biblical principles, this 9-week course will help you create a plan that works. **Classes meet Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. starting January 10.** The cost is just $30 per family or individual. Sign up on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point on Sunday morning. Questions? Contact Rick Duesler at rick.duesler@otterbeinchurch.org.

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.

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!

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!

SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

SERVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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.

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 TODAY—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.**

CHRISTMAS Blessing Box #CHRISTMAS

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.**

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



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WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here!

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

WHEN PRAYERS GO UNANSWERED

November 29, 2026
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

IN THE "FEAR NOT" SERIES:

Nov. 29: *When Prayers Go Unanswered*
Dec. 6: *When You Don't Know What's Next*
Dec. 13: *When People Talk*
Dec. 20: *When You Feel Like Nobody Special*
Dec. 24: *Peace Has A Name*

Luke 1:5–25 (NLT) (5) When Herod was king of Judea, there was a Jewish priest named Zechariah. He was a member of the priestly order of Abijah, and his wife, Elizabeth, was also from the priestly line of Aaron. (6) Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. (7) They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old. (8) One day Zechariah was serving God in the Temple, for his order was on duty that week. (9) As was the custom of the priests, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. (10) While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying. (11) While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. (12) Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. (13) But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John. (14) You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, (15) for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. He must never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth. (16) And he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God. (17) He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will cause those who are rebellious to accept the wisdom of the godly." (18) Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure this will happen? I'm an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years." (19) Then the angel said, "I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! (20) But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time." (21) Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah to come out of the sanctuary, wondering why he was taking so long. (22) When he finally did come out, he couldn't speak to them. Then they realized from his gestures and his silence that he must have seen a vision in the sanctuary. (23) When Zechariah's week of service in the Temple was over, he returned home. (24) Soon afterward his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant and went into seclusion for five months. (25) "How kind the Lord is!" she exclaimed. "He has taken away my disgrace of having no children."

Three Truths:

1) Faithful people can still have _____ .

FAITHFULNESS TO GOD DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ANSWERS YOU WANTED TO YOUR PRAYERS.

2) God _____ and answers in His time and in His way.

Luke 1:36 (NLT) (36) What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month.

GOD IS DOING SOMETHING AND IS AT WORK IN OUR LIVES EVEN WHEN WE DON'T THINK HE IS DOING ANYTHING IN RESPONSE TO OUR PRAYERS.

EXAMPLES:
> Paul (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
> Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42)
> Hebrews 11:33-39 examples

WE WILL SELDOM UNDERSTAND THE WHY OR THE TIMING WHEN IT COMES TO UNANSWERED PRAYERS.

3) God wants us to _____ while we wait for an answer.

a) Keep praying and _____ .

Luke 18 & Luke 11 are examples

Romans 12:12 (NLT) (12) Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

b) Receive _____ while you wait.

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.

PEACE HAS A NAME AND HIS NAME IS JESUS.

c) Remember _____ you don't know.

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NLT) (8) "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. (9) For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

d) Do not _____ on God.

BE CAREFUL YOU DON'T MAKE YOUR DECISION ABOUT GOD BASED ON ONE UNANSWERED PRAYER WITHOUT CONSIDERING ALL THE OTHER PRAYERS THAT WERE ANSWERED AND THE BLESSINGS HE HAS PROVIDED TO YOU.

e) Hold on to the _____ .

ON THE DAY YOU STAND FACE TO FACE WITH JESUS CHRIST, YOU WILL SEE WHAT YOU COULDN'T SEE HERE!

CHRISTMAS IS THE PROOF GOD HEARS!

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**.