

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 TODAY, 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!

CHRISTMAS at OTTERBEIN CHURCH

... Christmas Worship Celebration

Saturday, December 13—4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, 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!

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**. 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** 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 2. **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.

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.

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY IN 2026!

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 4.** The cost is just **\$30 per person**. 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.

REDISCOVER Christmas

NOVEMBER 30, 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.



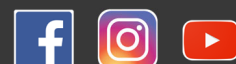
OTTERBEIN CHURCH APP

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.



***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



OTTERBEIN CHURCH

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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

Four Amazing Things about Jesus’ Birth:

- 1) Jesus’ birth is a story of _____.
- 2) Jesus’ birth was the _____ in the garden of Eden.

Genesis 3:14–15 (NLT) (14) Then the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. (15) And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”
- 3) Jesus entered into this world as both _____.

“For 33 years he would feel everything you and I have ever felt. He felt weak. He grew weary. He was afraid of failure. He was susceptible to wooing women. He got colds, burped, and had body odor. His feelings got hurt. His feet got tired. And his head ached. To think of Jesus in such a light is -- well, it seems almost irreverent, doesn’t it? It’s not something we like to do; it’s uncomfortable. It is much easier to keep the humanity out of the incarnation. Clean the manure from around the manger. Wipe the sweat out of his eyes. Pretend he never snored or blew his nose or hit his thumb with a hammer. He’s easier to stomach that way. There is something about keeping him divine that keeps him distant, packaged, predictable. But don’t do it. For heaven’s sake, don’t. Let him be as human as he intended to be. Let him in to the mire and muck of our world. For only if we let him in can he pull us out.”
- Max Lucado in his book “God Came Near”

John 1:14 (NLT) (14) So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.

Hebrews 2:14 (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.

Two Exceptions:

- a) Jesus was not born with a _____ like us.

Matthew 1:20 (NLT) (20) As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.
- Romans 5:12 (NLT) (12) When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH IS A VERY BIG DEAL AND NOT JUST SOME INSIGNFICANT PART OF THE STORY OF JESUS’ BIRTH.

- b) Jesus _____.
- Hebrews 4:15 (NLT) (15) This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

John 1:1–3 (NLT) (1) In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He existed in the beginning with God. (3) God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

Philippians 2:6 (NLT) (6) Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

Colossians 2:9 (NLT) (9) For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

John 10:30 (NLT) (30) The Father and I are one.”

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYONE ELSE WHO WALKED ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH LIKE JESUS.

- 4) The _____ that made Jesus’ birth and resurrection possible is at work in our lives today.

Luke 1:35 (NLT) (35) The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

THE SAME POWER WHO MADE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE WHEN JESUS ENTERED INTO THIS WORLD IS AT WORK IN OUR LIVES TODAY!

CHOOSE TO REDISCOVER THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS!

The following individuals are being baptized today:

- ... Cole Eyler
- ... Devonte Fearon
- ... Selah Karkan
- ... Tim Hawkins
- ... Isaiah Miller
- ... Caroline Mulieri
- ... Riley Mulieri
- ... Chris Schindler
- ... Antoniee Yohe

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.