

NEWS & EVENTS



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVE OPPORTUNITY

As we look toward our Christmas Eve services, we are still in need of additional greeters to help welcome people as they arrive. Your gift of service will be a great blessing to our church and a way to honor Jesus as we celebrate His birth. Learn more on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point.



POINSETTIA LIST

The poinsettias on the lobby tree were given in honor or memory of friends and loved ones by members of our church family. A full list of those who donated poinsettias, along with the names of those they're honoring or remembering, is available at Connection Point and on OC Connect (app or website).

YEAR-END CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

All donations to the church must be received no later than December 31 to qualify for the charitable contribution deduction for the 2025 tax year. If mailing your donations, they must be postmarked no later than December 31. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Duesler, Director of Administration, at 717.762.7147 ext. 225 or rick.duesler@otterbeinchurch.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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CUSTODIAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Otterbein is looking for a person who loves to clean and is looking for a part-time job (15-18 hours per week). Hours are flexible. The ability to lift, setup, and move tables and chairs is required. If you are interested in learning more about this job opportunity, please email info@otterbeinchurch.org.



Celebrate the wonder of Christmas with a beautiful candlelight service filled with carols, Scripture, and an encouraging message.

- All four services are identical and will be held in the **Worship Center** — or you can join us online.
- New this year: A **video venue** will be available in the K5 Room during the 3:30 & 5:00 p.m. services.
- **Nursery–Preschool Ministry** will be offered during all service times.
- Plan to arrive a few minutes early to find parking and seating — we don't want you to miss a moment of this special celebration!

Don't forget to invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Invitation cards are available in the church lobby or invite (via text or email) from the OC App. Check out the OC Christmas page on the OC App and otterbeinchurch.org for more details!



CHRISTMAS PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

Don't miss a chance to grab some Christmas photos with your family and friends. The poinsettia tree in the lobby makes a great backdrop! In addition, there will be a festive photo booth set up in the Meeting Room beside the Café on Christmas Eve.



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!



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 Café 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.



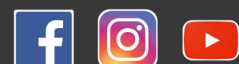
OTTERBEIN CHURCH APP

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.**

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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

REDISCOVER THE JOURNEY

December 21, 2025
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

IN THE “REDISCOVER CHRISTMAS” SERIES:
November 30: Rediscover Wonder December 7: Rediscover the Unexpected
December 13/14: Rediscover Worship December 21: Rediscover the Journey
Christmas Eve: Rediscover the Hope

Four Truths:

1) Life is a _____.

Luke 2:1–7 (NLT) (1) At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (2) (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) (3) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. (4) And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David’s ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. (5) He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. (6) And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. (7) She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

IT IS A GOOD THING FOR US TO REMEMBER THAT LIFE IS A JOURNEY AND NOT JUST A MOMENT IN TIME OR OUR CURRENT REALITY.

2) The Journey is often filled with _____.

UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES AND EVENTS ARE A NORMAL PART OF LIFE’S JOURNEY. NOBODY GETS THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT FACING THINGS THEY DIDN’T PLAN FOR OR THINGS THEY DIDN’T EXPECT OR WANT.

Matthew 2:13–15a (NLT) (13) After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” (14) That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, (15) and they stayed there until Herod’s death.

3) God wants to use your journey to help _____ He wants you to become.

Romans 8:28–29 (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. (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.

DON’T WASTE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR JOURNEY RIGHT NOW BY JUST WISHING YOU WERE PAST IT.

4) _____ is the key to walking through life’s unexpected circumstances and events.

Matthew 1:24 (NLT) (24) When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.

Luke 1:38 (NLT) (38) Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.”

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT) (5) Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. (6) Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Five Practical Suggestions:

1) Remember and think about _____.

2) Regularly _____.

Psalms 119:105 (NLT) (105) Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

YOU CAN’T TRUST SOMEONE YOU DON’T KNOW!

3) _____.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT) (17) Never stop praying.

4) Take _____.

GOD SELDOM SHOWS US THE ENTIRE JOURNEY.

5) Remember that _____.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NLT) (6) So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT) (10) Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Psalms 23:4 (NLT) (4) Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT DEFINE YOU. BUT YOUR RESPONSE TO THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO TRUST GOD THROUGH THEM WILL DETERMINE WHO YOU BECOME.

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