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Otterbein United Methodist Church

January 25, 2026
Traditional Service

"A Fish Gift"

Psalm 27:1, 4-9; Matthew 4:12-23

Welcome to Otterbein Church

Whether you are a first-time guest, a new resident looking for a church home, or simply visiting the area, we are delighted you chose to join us for worship.
Otterbein is a United Methodist congregation committed to serving our Lord Jesus Christ by sharing the Good News and caring for our neighbors. We would love for you to walk with us on this journey of faith and become part of our church family.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE "Leaning On Jesus" Jane Boley

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus walks along the shore and calls ordinary people by name.
P: We come, listening for Christ's call in our own lives.
L: "Follow me," Jesus says, "and I will make you fish for people."
P: We leave behind what holds us back and turn toward Him.
L: The kingdom of heaven is near; the good news is being proclaimed.
P: With willing hearts, we worship and follow where Christ leads.

HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH 396

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS 2129

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory "A Quiet Reflection" Jane Boley
Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

SCRIPTURE *Page 393* *Psalm 27:1, 4-9*
Page 683 *Matthew 4:12-23*

SPECIAL MUSIC "To God Be the Glory" Bells of Otterbein

MESSAGE "A Fish Gift" **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

CLOSING HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" Jane Boley
(Please stand, if able)

WORSHIP NOTES

Hearing assist devices are available at the right rear of the sanctuary in tech room.

Large Print Bulletins are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an Usher.

Children's Worship - Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for the children's moment followed by Otter Kids in Room 5.

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of parents, son Dale, wife, Janet and in honor of my children and grandchildren by Harry Lay.

Usher Captain – Tom Wivell **Organist:** Jane Boley

Worship Schedule
8:45 AM Traditional
9:30 AM Contemporary "Gathering"
11:00 AM Chapel

Adult Sunday School:
9:45 - Loyal Class (Library)
10:00 - BASIC Class (Room 8)

Attendance - January 18, 2026

8:45 Traditional	103	Online: 162
9:30 Contemporary	29	34
11:00 Traditional Chapel	28	
Total 160	**Online: 196**	

The mortgage balance after the January 15th payment is $150,921.31.

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - January

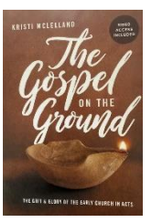
This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would greatly appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You'll find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

Please take a moment to write a note that shares God's love, comfort, and encouragement. If writing isn't your thing, preprinted cards with messages are available—just sign your name and place the card in the basket.

Circle of Prayer

Each week our Susquehanna Annual Conference requests prayer for churches within the Annual Conference, partner churches in Sierra Leone and conference camps. During the **week of January 25 - 31, 2026 –** Gouldsboro UMC – Gouldsboro, Bendersville UMC – Bendersville, Picture Rocks UMC – Picture Rocks, Christ's UMC – Julian, Longstown UMC – York, Welsey Forest Camp & Retreat Center – Weikert.

BASIC Sunday School Class – 10:00 AM in Room 8 (January 11 – April 12)



Please join Harry Owens for this six-week study as you come along with Kristi McLelland as she unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts and shows us that the kingdom of God is always on the move, always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. Explore the call of Jesus to His disciples then and to us today. See how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

Local Mission Project

This local mission project supports Safe Harbour, a non-profit organization in Carlisle, that provides housing and supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Safe Harbour has acquired 27 townhomes intended for low-income families. The current goal is to renovate two specific units immediately to provide families with a home for the winter.

- Volunteer Tasks: Cleaning, painting, minor repairs, and flooring installation.
- Skill Level: All skill levels are welcome; no professional experience is required.
- Schedule: Flexible hours over the coming months.

How to Volunteer: *Call Julie Geenisen at* ***(717) 701-0701*** *or email* **jgreenisensr@gmail.com**

End of Year Statements

2025 End of Year Giving Statements will be available for pick up. Two copies will be sent by email (if you have your email on file), mailed, or available before and after worship services. If you need additional copies, please contact Leslie Conway, Treasurer, at (717) 241-2256 or (717) 512-6759.

Cherry Pie Time! – February 13, 2026

The United Methodist Women will be making ***fresh cherry pies*** to sell on Friday, February 13th. If you'd like to order a pie, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office or in the Contemporary area.

Pie Pick-Up: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Room 8

Otterbein Youth Meals

We're looking for volunteers to help provide meals for our Otterbein Youth gatherings! If you'd like to participate, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway near the office.

Need ideas? Popular options include Pizza, pasta, burritos, chicken tenders, breakfast for dinner, chicken nuggets, and mac & cheese.

Prefer not to cook? You can also sponsor a meal by making a monetary donation. Thank you for supporting our youth ministry and helping us share fellowship through food. – **The Youth Group**

Hygiene Collection for Project SHARE

A new year offers a new opportunity to help our community! The mission committee will be collecting the following items for Project SHARE during the month of January:

Toothpaste | Toothbrush – individually wrapped | Deodorant

Bar of soap - individually wrapped/gender-neutral | Shave Cream

Please place your donations in the mission bins located in the Narthex, office hallway, or gym hallway by January 25th. Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our community.

Souper Bowl of Caring – February 8th – All Services

Otterbein will once again support Project SHARE on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th, by collecting monetary donations. Project SHARE serves almost 10,000 individuals across all their programs! Soup pots will be out following the services for your donations. Let's tackle hunger and help reduce food insecurity in our area!

Communion Dates for 2026

February 1st
March 8th
April 2nd – Maundy Thursday
May 3rd
June 7th
August 2nd
October 4th – World Communion Day
November 8th
December 24th (2:00, 6:00, and 11:00 PM)

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Otterbein Youth Group	Canceled		
Bell Practice	January 26	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	January 26	7:00 PM	Gym / Classrooms
Bible Study	January 27	9:00 AM	Library
Staff Development	January 27	12:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	January 27	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Choir Practice	January 28	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Men's Life Group	January 29	7:00 PM	Library
Communion Sunday	February 1	All Services	

1st Sunday of each month – New Person for Barnabas Group to write notes to

2nd Sunday of each month – Canned Fruit Sunday

3rd Sunday of each month – Wave to our friends joining us from home