

## ***What's Happening at Otterbein!***

### **Barnabas Group - February**

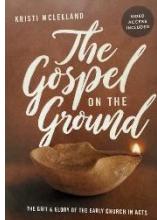
This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would greatly appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You'll find their name and note cards in the **narthex or multipurpose room**.

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 February 8 - 14**: Court Street UMC – Scranton, Woodycrest UMC – State College, Paddletown St. Paul's UMC – Etters, Trans Run UMC – Bedford, Bethel UMC – Montoursville.

### **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.

### **Scam Reminder to be Vigilant**

We've seen an increase in scam attempts targeting our community and parishioners, using the name of our pastor and staff to solicit funds or personal information. Please be extremely cautious of any unsolicited messages (emails, texts, calls) that:

- Urge immediate action or create a sense of crisis.
- Ask for money, gift cards, wire transfers, or sensitive data like credit card or bank info
- Come from unofficial email addresses or unknown numbers

### **What to do:**

- Do NOT reply, click links, open attachments, or send money or gift cards
- Verify by calling the church office at (717) 258-6704
- Delete suspicious messages and report them to the FTC if you wish (reportfraud.ftc.gov)

Thank you for your vigilance in protecting you and our church family.

### **End of Year Statements**

2025 End of Year Giving Statements have been mailed out. If you have any questions, 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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: February 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Communion Dates for 2026

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

## Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Youth Group	February 8	6:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Prayer Shawl	February 9	9:00 AM	Library
Finance Meeting	February 9	6:00 PM	Library
Bell Practice	February 9	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	February 9	7:00 PM	Gym / Classrooms
Bible Study	February 10	9:00 AM	Library
UMW Meeting	February 10	10:00 AM	Room 8
Staff Development	February 10	12:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	February 10	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Gym
Blanket Ministry	February 11	9:00 AM	Room 8
Special Olympics	February 11	6:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Choir	February 11	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Special Olympics	February 12	6 – 7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Men's Life Group	February 12	7:00 PM	Library
UMW	February 13	7 – 2 PM	Kitchen / Room 8
Missions Committee	February 14	TBD	Sanctuary & Gym
Office / Daycare Closed	February 16	All Day	

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month – New Person for Barnabas Group to write notes to

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month – Canned Fruit Sunday

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month – Wave to our friends joining us from home