

Become a member of

Friends of Old Otterbein



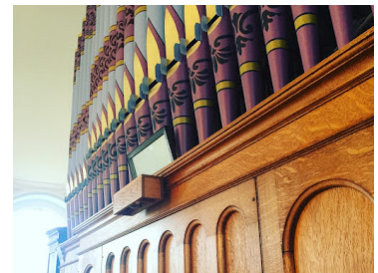
What is Friends of Old Otterbein?

Friends of Old Otterbein is a non-profit, charitable corporation, founded in the 1980s to support the needs of the historic site and to interpret the history of this colonial era church, its unique structures, the immigrant people who founded it, and the city with which it is associated.

Old Otterbein United Methodist Church was founded in 1771. During 2021, the 250th anniversary year, Friends of Old Otterbein introduces its first-ever membership drive.

Old Otterbein is:

- One of a very few preserved Colonial or Continental era (1785) structures in Baltimore
- Home to a vital congregation, welcoming to all persons, engaged in worship, and serving the community in varied ways
- On the National Register of Historic Places and the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties
- A site in continuous use since 1771
- The “mother church” for two Protestant traditions that grew out of Colonial Baltimore Town’s immigrant German community
- A gathering place for community groups
- Home to an historic pipe organ
- A music rehearsal and concert space
- A favorite wedding site
- A green and gracious oasis at a busy urban crossroads



Choose from three annual membership levels:

- Individual Friend \$20
- Family of Friends \$25 (2 adults plus children under age 18)
- Institutional Friends \$100

For information about additional giving levels, please contact Friends of Old Otterbein at otterbeinat250@gmail.com or indicate on tear-off below, and someone will be in touch with you.



Membership Benefits:

- educational and social events
- one-time annual discount on the use of our gracious meeting space (the Nelker Building) with caterer's kitchen, tables and chairs, handicap accessibility, and adjacent brick-paved courtyard
- updates, news, and information about events at Old Otterbein



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Become a member of the Friends of Old Otterbein!

Name _____ Phone(s) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Membership Level ___ \$20 Individual Friend
___ \$25 Family of Friends # adults ___ ages of children under 18 _____
___ \$100 Institutional Friend [Contact: _____ Phone _____]
___ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.
___ I'd like to know more about additional giving levels.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ make checks payable to "Friends of Old Otterbein"

OR credit # _____ Exp ___/___ CV _____ Signature: _____

Please complete this form and return to

Friends of Old Otterbein 112 West Conway Street, Baltimore MD 21201

Some Frequently Asked Questions:

Is Friends of Old Otterbein a church?

No. Friends of Old Otterbein is a separate 501.c.3 charitable organization with a board of directors who are both church members and community friends. Funds raised by Friends of Old Otterbein are used solely for building and grounds restoration and maintenance, for the historical interpretation needs of this unique historic site, and returned through membership benefits.

Who can be a member of Friends of Old Otterbein?

Anyone can be a member.

Friends of Old Otterbein are:

- families of former members, descendants of the immigrants who founded the church, folks whose spiritual "DNA" traces back to this place;
- neighbors in nearby Otterbein, Sharp/Leadenhall, Federal Hill, and other communities;
- history buffs and preservation-minded people;
- long-time supporters through our sports parking program;
- other churches, especially those from the EUB tradition;
- organizations with similar goals;
- civic-minded businesses.

Do I have to be a member of the church to join?

No. Membership in Friends of Old Otterbein is completely separate from church membership.
If you have other questions, please contact us at otterbeinat250@gmail.com or 410 708-8632.

