

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

September 13, 2026

10:30 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

We Gather to Worship the Lord

Prelude

We Bow Down

Paris, arr. Larson

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus our King is exalted on high.

All: We will praise him!

Leader: He is the Lord, and forever his truth will reign.

**All: Let heaven and earth rejoice in God's holy name! Jesus our King is
exalted on high. Let us worship God!**

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn**

The Lily of the Valley

No. 2062, TFWS

Children's Time in Worship

Steve Young

We Proclaim the Word of God

Anthem

Take Me to the Water
College Chorale

Dilworth

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	(OT, pg. 556)
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Scripture Reading	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	(NT, pg. 14)
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Sermon	Rev. Laura Stratton “THE KINGDOM OF GOD”	
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*Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	No. 405, UMH
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We Give Our Thanks

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace	No. 12, UMH
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Anthem	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	Zschech, arr. Hayes
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*Doxology	No. 95, UMH
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Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion	No. 13, UMH
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Prayer after Communion	No. 11, UMH
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We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn	<i>Bring Forth the Kingdom</i>	No. 2190, TFWS
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*Benediction

*Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune and Air</i>	Purcell/Wilford
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** Please stand as you are able.*

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, September 14

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen
4:30 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, September 15

9:00 am Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, September 16

11:30 am Lunch Out—Southern
Kitchen
6:00 pm Bells
7:15 pm Choir

Thursday, September 17

9:30 am Guys Grief Group—Mr.
J's Bagels
2:00 pm JOY Group Planning
Team—Rm. 204
3:45 pm New Horizons Band—
MH

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am New Member
Orientation—MH

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier
Rosalie Bailey
Gary Billingsley
Whitney Bradley
Millie Bruce
Rev. Louis Carson
Loretta Crider
Nissa D'Andrea
Cliff Davis
Jo Ellen Dickenson
Mike Earman
Rev. Samuel & Judith
Espinoza
Zach Fickes
Mary Ann Glendye
Ray Griffith
Fred Hopkins
Joel Jordan
Steve Lily
Jackie Lilly
Patty Liskey
Chuck Macklin
Ann Miller
Art Mitchell
Eric Mitchell
Maxine Perry
Judy Pruett
Ann Sebrell
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Jay Williams
Keith Wright



*The flowers on the
altar today are given to
the Glory of God and in
loving memory of Aaron
Griffith by the Benjamin
Ray Griffith Family.*

Assisted Listening Devices and large print bulletins and hymnals
are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

- **Lunch Out**—Our next Lunch Out will be **Wednesday, September 16, at 11:30 am** at **Southern Kitchen** in New Market. If you would like to carpool, meet at 11:00 am in the church parking lot or make prior arrangements with someone on the list. Hope to see you there!
- **New Member Orientation**—Are you interested in joining Otterbein UMC or interested in learning more about how to join, what membership means, or about the UMC denomination? Plan to stay **after worship** on **Sunday, September 20** for lunch and an orientation. The lunch and orientation will last 1.5-2 hours, depending on questions.
- **Mystery Friends 2026-27**—**College students:** do you want to receive a reminder each month of how special you are to Otterbein? **Congregation:** do you or your group want to make a college student's day? Mystery Friends is the perfect match, and it's SO EASY! **Students:** simply fill out an information form (found at the church entrances and in the choir room) and **return it by Sunday, September 27.** **Congregation:** if you would like to participate, you can sign up to cover one month, birthdays, special occasions, however works best for you. Volunteers are needed beginning in October, so don't delay. Contact either Bev Nelson (beverleyznelson@comcast.net, 540-908-8793) or Kim Zigler (kzigler@comcast.net, 540-246-7781). Let's continue to show how important our college students are to our congregation.
- **Otterbein Signature Coconut Cakes**—Orders for Otterbein Signature Coconut Cakes & Cupcakes will be taken during the month of September. Sign-up sheets are located at the water fountains. There is a limited number to be sold, so sign up ASAP to be guaranteed your cakes for the holidays! All proceeds will be donated to Otterbein's Outreach Programs.
- **Clothes Closet**—The Clothes Closet could use **men's and children's clothing, white socks, AND shoes for everyone.** *Please NO women's clothing.* Thanks!
- **Weekday Religious Education Fall Benefit Auction** will be held **Saturday, October 17 at 10 am** at Shady Oaks at Weavers Mennonite Church. Breakfast and lunch available! Join them **Friday, October 16 from 5-7 pm** for their **Bake Sale and Silent Auction.**

Lay Reader:

James Clough

Attendance Last Sunday:

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Ray Griffith
2163 Layman Trestle Road
Rockingham, VA 22802

*Remember Ray this week with
a note or a card.*

*Let's show him Otterbein's
"tender, loving care"!*

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Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm

Friday: Closed