

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

March 9, 2025

10:30 am

First Sunday in Lent

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

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP**

**We Gather to Worship the Lord**

Welcome

Prelude

*Were You There*

Bennett

\*Greeting

L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, say to the Lord:

**P: My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

L: For God will protect us from evil and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

**P: God rescues those who love God and is present with us in trouble.**

L: God answers when we cry out and reveals our salvation to us.

**P: Let us worship God!**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn

*Be Still, My Soul*

No. 534, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Kira Blagg

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Anthem

*Return to the Lord, Your God*

Lantz, III

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1--11 (OT, page 180)

\*Psalter Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 No. 810, UMH

\*Gloria Patri No. 71, UMH

Sermon "TRUST" Rev. Adam Blagg

Hymn *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* No. 611, UMH  
(vs. 1-2)

Baptism No. 39, UMH

Hymn *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* No. 611, UMH  
(vs. 3-4)

Announcements

**We Give Our Thanks**

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace No. 12, UMH

\*Doxology No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion No. 13, UMH  
*Lead Me to Calvary* arr. Black  
College Chorale

Pastoral Prayer

Have mercy O God, **hear our prayer.**

**We Go Forth Renewed**

\*Closing Hymn *Forgive our Sins as We Forgive* No. 390, UMH

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Held

## This Week's Opportunities

### **Sunday, March 9**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, March 10**

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen  
5:00 pm Clothes Closet

### **Tuesday, March 11**

11:00 am UWF—MH  
6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

### **Wednesday, March 12**

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204  
6:00 pm Bells  
7:15 pm Choir

### **Thursday, March 13**

Noon JOY Group—MH  
3:45 pm New Horizons Band  
Rehearsal—MH

### **Friday, March 14**

### **Saturday, March 15**

### **Sunday, March 16**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship



*The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Scott Delaine Long's baptism, in memory of your own baptism, and to the Glory of God by Matt, Katie, & Grant Long.*

## **Otterbein in Prayer**

Phyllis Albrite  
David Angier  
Rosalie Bailey  
Gary Billingsley  
Whitney Bradley  
Millie Bruce  
Rev. Louis Carson  
Fern Cline  
Nissa D'Andrea  
Ann Dellinger  
Jo Ellen Dickenson  
Elva Downs  
Mike Earman  
Judi Espinoza  
Charles Glassick  
Ricky Goodwyn, Jr.  
Ray Griffith  
Art Hanger  
Norma Heath  
Fred Hopkins  
Chuck & Nancy Macklin  
Betty Miller  
Art & Mary Jo Mitchell  
Betty Painter  
BJ Payne  
Maxine Perry  
Judy Pruett  
Dot Swartz  
Carolyn Stroop  
Juanita Taylor  
Daisy VanPelt  
Michelle VanPelt  
Russel Whitmore  
Hazel Willi  
Gina Wyse  
Family of Katrina Morris

### **Lay Reader:**

Bonnie Andrade

### **Attendance Last Sunday:**

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### **Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:**

Susan Pollard & Dylan Andrade

## Announcements

- **Many Thanks** to all those who helped, donated, and attended the Faith Builders annual Chili Luncheon on February 23. We received over \$1,500 in donations and were able to provide a College Chorale Scholarship for one semester and \$300 to Fresh Start.
- **Massanutten Brass Band** will present their concert, “**Songs of Praise,**” **TODAY at 6 pm** at **EMU’s Lehman Auditorium**. Choir members Sean and Sarah Macomber are members of the Shenandoah Valley’s British-style Brass Band. You want to be sure to attend this benefit concert featuring music based on traditional hymns!
- **Meet our Missionary**—**Jennifer Moore**, UMC **Missionary to Macedonia**, will be visiting with us **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am** in **Memorial Hall**. All are invited to hear about the work she is doing with Children and Youth through Christian education and to express our appreciation for her commitment to mission. We will also enjoy lunch with Jennifer provided by the United Women in Faith.
- **WRE Concert**—WRE students from 15 elementary schools will present their **Choral Concert, “Light of the Lord”** on **Saturday, March 15 at 4 pm** at **Spotswood High School Gymnasium**.
- **Nursery Volunteer Needed**—If you can provide nursery care one Sunday every-other-month, please contact Betty Redmond or the church office.
- **Clothes Closet**—Currently our racks and storage shelves are full. So please **NO** more donations (except maybe winter coats) for right now. We appreciate all your generosity. But what we need right now are clients to take clothing. Please spread the word that we are open every Monday 4:30 - 6 pm. Thanks !!
- **Free Tax Prep** is available! See the flyer on the FYI bulletin board for more information or call 540-212-9835 (use this number to make an appointment as well).
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Dot Swartz  
1401 Virginia Avenue  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

*Remember Dot this week  
with a note or a card.  
Let's show her Otterbein's  
"tender, loving care"!*

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm

Friday: Closed