

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

September 10, 2023

10:30 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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

*Lord, Revive Us*

arr. Martin

\*Greeting (*from Psalm 119*)

L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

**P: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

**P: Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn

No. 103, UMH

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Children's Time in Worship

Marylee Huffman

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Anthem

*A Prayer for Our Time*

arr. Martin

College Chorale

*(We will never forget—in memory of the loved ones lost on 9/11/2001)*

\*Gospel Lesson                      Matthew 18:15-20                      (NT, page 20)

Mission Moment                      Mercy House                      Shannon Porter

Announcements

Anthem                      *Lord of My Heart*                      arr. Leavitt

**We Give Our Thanks**

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

\*Hymn                      *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*                      No. 382, UMH

\*Doxology                      No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion                      No. 13, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

**We Go Forth Renewed**

\*Closing Hymn                      No. 581, UMH

*Lord, Whose Love Though Humble Service*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                      *Voluntary No. 1*                      G. F. Handel

Mercy House is a nonprofit organization with multiple programs combating poverty and homelessness in Harrisonburg, Virginia. As a provider of family shelter, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention services, our agency is committed to restoring our clients to self-sufficiency by addressing the barriers and challenges that led to housing instability or experiencing homelessness. Mercy House serves the City of Harrisonburg, and provides services to clients within Rockingham, Augusta, and Page Counties.

## This Week's Opportunities

### **Sunday, September 10**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, September 11**

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

### **Tuesday, September 12**

10:00 am UWF—Rm. 204  
6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

### **Wednesday, September 13**

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204  
6:00 pm Chancel Ringers  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

### **Thursday, September 14**

Noon JOY Group—MH  
1:00 pm Congregational Care  
MT—Rm. 204  
3:45 pm New Horizons Band  
Rehearsal—MH

### **Friday, September 15**

### **Saturday, September 16**

### **Sunday, September 17**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

## **Otterbein in Prayer**

Phyllis Albrite  
Susie Ayala  
David Angier  
Wanda Baker  
Gary Billingsley  
Millie Bruce  
Rev. Louis Carson  
Fern Cline  
Linda Conrad  
Cliff & Jean Davis  
Ann Dellinger  
Jo Ellen Dickenson  
Mike Earman  
Judi Espinoza  
Mary Fisher  
Dennis Gaines  
Ray & Audrey Griffith  
Doris Hanger  
Norma Heath  
Aaron Heatwole & Family  
Jeff Johnson  
Ruth Jordan  
Allene McCoy  
Mary Jo Mitchell  
Wilma Mitchell  
Philip Moyers  
George & Betty Painter  
BJ Payne  
Judy Pruett  
Linda Ridder  
Mary Ellen Rohrbaugh  
Maggie Sparks  
Dot Swartz  
Juanita Taylor  
Daisy VanPelt  
Family of Sue Haag  
Family of Joseph Keane



*The flowers on the altar today  
are given in memory of Aaron  
Griffith (a beloved son,  
brother, husband, father,  
grandfather, and a forever go  
kart champion) and to the  
glory of God by his family.*

## Announcements

- **Joy Group** Luncheon is **Thursday, September 14 at 12:00 noon**. Our program is the History of The Thomas House in Dayton. Our speaker is the current owner Jack Kearney who purchased the restaurant 4 years ago. Our menu is shredded beef, potatoes, carrots, cranberry salad, rolls and butter, and dessert (\$12.00 at the door). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Education Hallway and join us for our September luncheon.
- **Mystery Friends 2023-24**—**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 17**. **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. If you would like to sign up to make a college student feel special please contact either Beverley Nelson (beverleyznelson@comcast.net or 540-908-8793) or Kim Zigler (kzigler@comcast.net or 540-246-7781). Let's continue to show how important our college students are to our congregation.
- **Luncheon at Traditions**—We will be having lunch at **Traditions** on **Wednesday, September 27 at 11:30 am**. We will meet at Traditions. This is a buffet only. The price is \$15.99 plus tax (10% discount for seniors) and includes drink. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Education Hallway
- **Men's Clothing Needed**—The Clothes Closet is in need of men's clothing especially short sleeve shirts and shoes. Please no khaki slacks at this time. Thank you!
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

### Lay Reader:

Carole Barber

**Attendance Last Sunday:**

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**Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:**

Susan Pollard & Dylan Andrade

**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Audrey Beierle  
1104 Ridgewood Road  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

*Remember Audrey 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