

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

July 26, 2026

10:30 am

Ninth 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

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Bish

***Greeting**

Leader: We come together as the family of faith.

All: We assemble to honor the living God.

Leader: Through Christ we become God's holy household.

All: In Christ we are bonded together to be God's people.

Leader: Our worship is united into oneness by the Holy Spirit.

**All: In communion with the Holy Spirit, let us celebrate our unity. Let us
worship God!**

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn**

Gather Us In

No. 2236, TFWS

Children's Time in Worship

Maryann Wolfe

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 6:1-7 (NT, pg. 123)

Sermon Rev. Laura Stratton
“MY FAVORITE THINGS: THE BODY OF CHRIST”

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 12:12-31 (NT, pg. 174)

Anthem *Thy Name We Praise* arr. Sterling

We Give Our Thanks

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

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

*Hymn *The Servant Song* No. 2222, TFWS

*Doxology No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion No. 17, UMH

Prayer after Communion No. 11, UMH

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn *We Are God's People* No. 2220, TFWS

*Benediction

*Postlude *The Lost Chord* Sullivan

** Please stand as you are able.*

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Monday, July 27

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen

5:00 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, July 28

6:00 pm Admin. Council—
Rm. 204

Wednesday, July 29

7:15 pm Choir

Thursday, July 30

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 1

Sunday, August 2

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier

Rosalie Bailey

Gary Billingsley

Whitney Bradley

Millie Bruce

Rev. Louis Carson

Nissa D'Andrea

Cliff Davis

Jo Ellen Dickenson

Mike Earman

Samuel & Judi Espinoza

Zach Fickes

Mary Ann Glendye

Mary Ely Griffith

Ray Griffith

Richard Holmes

Fred Hopkins

Joel Jordan

Steve Lily

Chuck Macklin

Ann Miller

Maxine Perry

Judy Pruett

Rev. Matthew Seaton &

Family

Ann Sebrell

Dot Swartz

Carolyn Stroop

Michelle VanPelt

Hazel Willi

Rachel Wenger

Keith Wright

Family & Friends of Ralph
Sebrell

Lay Reader:

Susan Pollard

Attendance Last Sunday:

88

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Bonnie Andrade & Joiner Family

Announcements

- **Listening Sessions**—We have scheduled multiple listening sessions with Pastor Laura, which can be found on the insert in today's bulletin. Please be sure to sign up for one of the sessions on the white board outside of the choir room.
- **Names tags** are available in the High Street Entrance. Please be sure to wear one with your name to help Pastor Laura learn her new congregation.
- **OUMM Canned Food Drive Update**—Another **224 pounds** of canned food has been taken to Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. This represents **187 meals** for those in our community and beyond who are in need. ***Our next scheduled collection will be Sunday, August 2.*** However, your donations may be brought at any time and placed in the colorful buckets as you enter from the back parking lot. *Many thanks for your continued support of this program as we endeavor to be the hands and feet of Christ.*
- **Open Auditions**—Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley, a community-based SATB choir led by Scott Zane Smith, is welcoming new singers. Our 35-member ensemble performs two major concerts each year and will tour Austria in 2027. **Open Auditions are Saturday, August 8, 1–4 pm** at Anthony Seeger Hall, 821 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg. Drop in anytime for a friendly, informal audition—no registration required. Expect light vocalizing, pitch-matching, and simple sight-reading. If you have questions or would like to learn more, reach out on Facebook at Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley or email Scott at szanes@aol.com.
- **Clothes Closet**—The Clothes Closet could use **men's and children's clothing AND white socks**. *Please NO women's clothing.* Thanks!
- **WRE Opportunity**—WRE is seeking **Classroom Assistants** at numerous elementary schools in the area. These are part-time, paid positions. For more information, see the flyer on the FYI board in the Education Hallway.
- **Assisted Listening Devices and large print bulletins and hymnals are available.** Please see an usher for assistance.

Pastor Laura's Listening Tours

Please review the list of Listening Sessions below and choose the one that suits you best to attend. Sign up for that session on the sign-up sheets posted on the white board outside of the choir room.

- 1. Wednesday, July 29, 10-11:30 am**
At the home of *Marylee Huffman*, 927 Rosedale Drive, Rockingham 22801
- 2. Saturday, August 1, 10-11:30 am**
At the home of *Deb Leap*, 497 Spring Oaks Drive, Rockingham 22801
- 3. Sunday, August 2, 1:30-3 pm**
At the home of *Kevin and Bonnie Andrade*, 4547 Wiltshire Street, Rockingham 22802
- 4. Tuesday, August 4, 6-7:30 pm**
At the home of *Bev and Mike Earman*, 139 Turbine Lane, Bridgewater 22812
- 5. Wednesday, August 5, 10-11:30 am**
At the Overlook Apartments Community Club House of *Donna and Dave Fickes*, 607 John Tyler Circle, Harrisonburg 22801
- 6. Saturday, August 8, 10-11:30 am**
At the home of *Carole Gaines*, 4980 Power Dam Road, Elkton 22827
- 7. Sunday, August 9, 2-3:30 pm**
At the home of *Patsy and John Liskey, Sr.*, 4617 S. Valley Pike, Rockingham 22801
- 8. Tuesday, August 11, 6-7:30 pm**
At the home of *Linda Conrad*, 1516 Hawthorne Circle, Harrisonburg 22802
- 9. Wednesday, August 12, 10-11:30 am**
At the home of *Rebekah Long (and Tyler Williamson)*, 480 Confederacy Drive, Penn Laird 22846
- 10. Sunday, August 16, 1:30-3 pm**
At the home of *Carole Barber*, 491 Hickory Grove Circle, Harrisonburg 22801
- 11. Tuesday, August 18, 6-7:30 pm**
At the home of *Carolyn Green*, 1244 Shank Dr., Harrisonburg 22802
- 12. Wednesday, August 19, 10-11:30 am**
At the home of *Anna Steele*, 681 Alleghany Ave., Harrisonburg 22802

Otterbein UMC Involvement Survey

In a church, there are different roles for everyone, and everyone is important and serves a purpose. Together, we are the body of Christ, and we need each person in order to be a healthy body that serves our Lord and makes disciples in our community.

This survey will help Pastor Laura and the nominations team to know your gifts and graces and where you are interested in serving as they spend time in prayer discerning the organization and leadership of Otterbein.

1) Who is filling out this survey?

2) In what way(s) are you interested in serving Otterbein UMC? (You may select more than one.)

- ☐ Administrative Board or Committee
 - ☐ Finance
 - ☐ Trustees
 - ☐ Staff-Parish Relations (HR)
- ☐ Leading a ministry team (such as missions, worship, youth, children, outreach teams)
- ☐ Being a worker bee

3) What are your passions for the church? What are you most excited about? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Missions
- ☐ Outreach
- ☐ Social Justice
- ☐ Worship
- ☐ Children
- ☐ Youth

- ☐ Small Groups
- ☐ Christian Education
- ☐ Strategic Planning & Goal-Setting
- ☐ Finance & Stewardship
- ☐ Caring for others
 - Visiting
 - Writing cards
- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Creation Care

4) What skills and gifts do you think you have that would benefit the church? (Don't be shy – we know you are not boasting, but simply owning the talents God has given you. These could be gardening, baking, cooking, sewing, quilting, playing an instrument, singing, coaching sports, carpentry, crunching numbers, reading, interior design, flower arranging, organizing, photography– just to name a few!)

5) Anything else we should know about you and your passions/interests?

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Cliff Davis
41 Emery Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

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

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Friday: Closed