

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

September 6, 2026

10:30 am

Fifteenth 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

Thaxted

Holst, arr. Callahan

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The world is God's field, and we are called to live as God's people within it.

All: Lord, make us faithful servants of your kingdom, and may our lives bear the fruit of God's kingdom.

Leader: When we see weeds among the wheat, let us not lose heart.

All: We will trust in God's wisdom, patience, and justice. Let us worship God!

Anthem

A Living Sacrifice

McDonald

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn**

Victory in Jesus

No. 370, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Kira Blagg

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (OT, pg. 577)

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NT, pg. 14)

Sermon Rev. Laura Stratton
“FIELDS OF WHEAT & WEEDS”

*Hymn *I Want a Principle Within* No. 410, UMH

We Give Our Thanks

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

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

Anthem *Ave Verum Corpus* Mozart
College Chorale

*Doxology No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion No. 13, UMH

Prayer after Communion No. 11, UMH

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn *Song of Hope* No. 2186, TFWS
(sung twice)

*Benediction

*Postlude arr. Rowland-Raybold
Partita on “God the Omnipotent”

** Please stand as you are able.*

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, September 7

Office Closed

No Soup Kitchen
No Clothes Closet

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 10

9:30 am Guys Grief Group—Mr.
J's Bagels
Noon JOY Group—Rocktown
History Museum

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

2:00 pm Ladies Autumn Tea—
MH

Sunday, September 13

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
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

Lay Reader:

Ron Cartee

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Diane Ritchie & Jean VanRoekel

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

Announcements

- **OUMM Food Collection TODAY!**—All canned food items will be delivered to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank by the Otterbein UMM. You may bring items anytime if you have forgotten today. Thank you!
- **OUMC Ladies Tea**—The second Ladies Autumn Tea will be **Saturday, September 12, 2:00-3:30 pm**. Anthony Malabad will be our guest speaker. A freewill donation to one of our church missions, Fresh Start, will be appreciated. Guests are welcome. RSVP on the clipboard in the Education Hallway.
- **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.
- **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**.

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

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

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm

Friday: Closed