

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

January 18, 2026

10:30 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

*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 *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling* Wood

***Greeting**

L: To those who want to follow him, Jesus asks, "What are you seeking?"

P: Teacher, we do not seek worldly power, but a better way to live.

L: "What are you seeking?"

P: Teacher, we do not seek worldly wealth, nor the prizes of paradise, but simply to be with you.

L: "What are you seeking?"

P: Teacher, we do not seek worldly praise or fame, only that you call us by name. Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story* No. 156, UMH

Children's Time in Worship Anna Steele

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-7	(OT, pg. 679)
*Psalter	Psalms 40:1-11	No. 774, UMH
*Gloria Patri		No. 71, UMH
Anthem	<i>Here I Am Lord</i>	arr. Schrader
Epistle Lesson	I Corinthians 1:1-9	(NT, pg. 165)
*Gospel Lesson	John 1:29-42	(NT, pg. 92)
Sermon	“CALLED”	Rev. Adam Blagg
Solo	<i>Soon and Very Soon with On Jordan’s Stormy Banks</i> Berry Dan Curtis, piano	

Announcements

We Give Our Thanks

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace	No. 12, UMH
*Hymn	<i>In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful</i> No. 2195, TFWS
*Doxology	No. 95, UMH
Prayer of Dedication	
Celebration of Holy Communion	No. 13, UMH
Pastoral Prayer	

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn	No. 348, UMH
	<i>Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling</i>
Benediction	
*Postlude	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i> Page

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, January 18

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, January 19

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

Tuesday, January 20

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204
7:00 pm Admin. Council—
 Rm. 204

Wednesday, January 21

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204
4:00 pm Creation Care
 Taskforce—Rm. 204.
6:00 pm Bells
7:15 pm Choir

Thursday, January 22

3:45 pm New Horizons Band
 Rehearsal—MH
6:00 pm VIA Assembly—Comm.
 Mennonite Church

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

7:30 am UMM—MH

Sunday, January 25

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
Ray Griffith
Fred Hopkins
Emily Joiner
Tina Jolly
Danita Kreeger
Steve Lily
Chuck Macklin
Nancy Miller
Maxine Perry
Judy Pruett
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Juanita Taylor
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Baby Charlie Woods
Gina Wyse
Family of Peggy Miller
Family of Mary Jo Mitchell

Lay Reader:

Kevin Andrade

Attendance Last Sunday:

99

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Betty Redmond & Sean Macomber

Announcements

- **Thank You**—Art Mitchell & family would like to thank everyone who prayed, sent cards, visited, and called, attended, or participated in Mary Jo's memorial service and meal that was served. Thanks also to Adam for a great service for Mary Jo.
- **Flower Calendar**—There is a **2026 Flower Calendar** on the bulletin board near the breezeway entrance with many empty spaces! Flowers can be placed in the sanctuary to remember a friend or family member, recognize a special event, or just because. We invite you to take a look at the calendar and help us fill the empty spaces. Please see Julie Clough or Bev Earman if you have questions. The cost for arrangements is \$60.
- **Chili Luncheon**—On **Sunday, February 1**, the Faith Builders Sunday School Class will host their **annual Chili Luncheon**. Serving will begin **following the worship service** and continue **until 1 pm**. We will be serving mild beef chili with beans, a white chicken chili, hot dogs, homemade pimento cheese sandwiches, and ice cream. A free-will offering will be collected to go towards the College Chorale Scholarship Fund and class missions. Everyone is invited to come and join the fellowship.
- **Lenten Sunday Morning 7-Week Study**—***Give Up Something BAD for LENT*** by James W Moore will be offered **February 15 - April 5 at 9:30 am in Room 204**. The author challenges readers to eliminate something spiritually that they would be better off not doing (*one habit or attitude that is destructive*). Ron Cartee will lead the discussion. See Linda Conrad for a study booklet.
- **Coldest Night of the Year**—We are once again forming a team for the "Coldest Night of the Year" fundraiser to support Open Doors! The event will take place on **Saturday, February 28th**. Detailed information can be found at <https://cnoy.com/location/harrisonburg> OR, talk to Christy Blagg! Please consider walking with us, or donating in support of our team!
- **Clothes Closet** is **NOT accepting donations** at this time **EXCEPT for the following**: winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, AND socks (especially white). Thanks and PLEASE tell your friends and neighbors that the Clothes Closet is OPEN with free clothes for all ages every Monday 4:30-6 pm.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Carolyn Stroop
Bellaire at Stone Port
1684 Port Hills Drive
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

*Remember Carolyn 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