

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

January 4, 2026

10:30 am

Epiphany Sunday

*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

Leatherman

Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

***Greeting**

L: Come! Let us seek the upside-down kin-dom of God

P: where there is no king— except an infant child.

L: How do we get to this upside-down kin-dom of God?

P: We follow a star to society's outskirts. We dare to dream impossible dreams. We worship a baby born to those deemed "least."

L: What is it like, the upside-down kin-dom of God?

P: There the oppressed are precious and oppressed no more. There outsiders are welcomed in not as guests, but kin.

L: When we worship together, we practice what it will be like

P: to live in the upside-down kin-dom of God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 234, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Donna Fickes

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Lesson	Ephesians 3:1-12	(NT, pg. 193)
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*Gospel Lesson	Matthew 2:1-12	(NT, pg. 2)
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Sermon	“EPIPHANY”	Rev. Adam Blagg
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Solo	<i>Sweet Little Jesus Boy</i> Ricky Goodwyn, Jr.	arr. MacGimsbey
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Announcements

We Give Our Thanks

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace	No. 12, UMH
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*Hymn	<i>We Three Kings</i>	No. 254, UMH
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*Doxology	No. 95, UMH
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Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion	No. 13, UMH
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Pastoral Prayer

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	No. 251, UMH
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Benediction

*Postlude	<i>Go, Tell it On the Mountain</i>	arr. Simone
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This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, January 4

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Monday, January 5

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen

5:00 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, January 6

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

Wednesday, January 7

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204

6:00 pm Bells

7:15 pm Choir

Thursday, January 8

Noon JOY Group—MH

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

Sunday, January 11

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship



Lay Reader:

Deb Brown

Attendance Last Sunday:

71

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Diane Ritchie & Jean VanRoekel

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier

Rosalie Bailey

Gary Billingsley

Marilyn Blagg

Whitney Bradley

Millie Bruce

Earl Cannon

Rev. Louis Carson

Nissa D'Andrea

Cliff Davis

Diane Cline Davis

Jo Ellen Dickenson

Tammy Duxbury

Mike Earman

Samuel & Judi Espinoza

Ray Griffith

Fred Hopkins

Emily Joiner

Tina Jolly

Danita Kreeger

Steve Lily

Chuck Macklin

Peggy Miller

Maxine Perry

Judy Pruett

Dot Swartz

Carolyn Stroop

Juanita Taylor

Michelle VanPelt

John Walsh

Hazel Willi

Baby Charlie Woods

Gina Wyse

Family of Jerry Andes

Family of Mary Jo Mitchell

Announcements

- **2026 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick-up in the High Street vestibule. *Please be sure to pick up the correct box!* If you don't see a box with your name and would like to begin using envelopes for your 2026 giving, fill out your information on the yellow paper and a box will be assigned to you. ***Please be sure to start using your 2026 envelopes today! Everyone has been assigned a new number, so using old envelopes may cause your donation to be credited to someone else!***
- **New OUMM Project**—Beginning the first Sunday in each month in 2026, the men will be collecting canned food for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and any other needy area Food Pantries. Thank you in advance for your support of this monthly project of the OUMM which begins **TODAY**.
- **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.
- **Inclement Weather Policy**—In case of inclement weather, the church office will follow the status of Harrisonburg City Schools. When the schools close for bad weather, the office will be closed and activities will be cancelled. If the schools are delayed 1 or 2 hours, the office will open at 9 am and activities will proceed as planned. Check WHSV-TV and email for information about worship service cancellations.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Maxine Perry
713 Midway Avenue
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

*Remember Maxine 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