

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

### Announcements

## We Give Our Thanks

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

### 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:**

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### **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