

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

February 1, 2026

10:30 am

Fourth 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 & Announcements

Prelude

Opening Voluntary

Ashford

*Greeting

L: In a world that rewards selfishness,

P: it is wise to hoard resources, foolish to share.

L: In a world built on violence,

P: it is wise to be suspicious, foolish to risk compassion.

L: But God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world:

P: Greed will not serve us in heaven. Self-preservation will not save us in the end, so we will choose to be foolish; we will choose the way of love. Let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No. 451, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Kira Blagg

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson	Micah 6:1-8	(OT, pg. 866)
*Psalter	Psalm 15	No. 747, UMH
*Gloria Patri		No. 71, UMH
Anthem	<i>There Will I Be</i>	arr. Courtney
*Gospel Lesson	Matthew 5:1-12	(NT, pg. 4)
Sermon		Rev. Dan Brown
	“FAITHFUL LIVING IN AN UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD”	
Anthem	<i>Built on a Rock</i> College Chorale	arr. Craig

We Give Our Thanks

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace		No. 12, UMH
*Hymn	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	No. 577, UMH
*Doxology		No. 95, UMH
Prayer of Dedication		
Celebration of Holy Communion		No. 13, UMH
Pastoral Prayer		

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn	<i>Bring Forth the Kingdom</i> (vs. 1-3)	No. 2190, TFWS
Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Postlude on Darwall's 148th</i>	Callahan

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, February 1

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

Wednesday, February 4

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

Thursday, February 5

3:45 pm New Horizons Band
Rehearsal—MH

Friday, February 6

Saturday, February 7

Sunday, February 8

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Congratulations to
Casey & Ryan Drees
on the birth of
their daughter, **Ellie Bristol**,
on **Wednesday, January 21**.
Ellie is the granddaughter of
Kevin & Bonnie Andrade and
niece of **Dylan Andrade**.



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
Tina Jolly
Danita Kreeger
Steve Lily
Chuck Macklin
Nancy Miller
Maxine Perry
Judy Pruett
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Juanita Taylor
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Gina Wyse

Lay Reader:

Charles Williams

Attendance Last Sunday:

Church Cancelled

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Loretta Crider & Erin Wenger

Announcements

- **Chili Luncheon Postponed**—The Faith Builders Sunday School Class have **postponed** their **annual Chili Luncheon** originally scheduled for today. The new date is **Sunday, February 15**.
- **UMM Food Drive—Today**, the Otterbein UMM have collection buckets in the Sanctuary to accept your donations for our monthly canned food drive. Also, we have learned that *Patchwork Pantry* at our neighbor church, Community Mennonite, has need for 1-pound bags of rice and dried beans for their ongoing partnership with Waterman Elementary to send home food on Fridays with students so the families have food for the weekend. This will be a separate *extra mile* giving project of OUMM. Labeled buckets will be the breezeway every Sunday and will go directly to Community Mennonite to support their program. *Thank you for your continued support!*
- **Thank You**—I would like to thank my church family for the calls, cards and prayers for my daughter, Danita Kreeger, during her surgeries and hospital stays. She is home and making baby steps to recovery. ~ God Bless, Loretta Crider
- **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!
- **WRE Concert**—The Weekday Religious Education Students **Choral Concert** will be **Saturday, March 14 at 4 pm** in the **Spotswood High School Gymnasium**. If you would like to make a donation to support the concert, call 540-438-9997, 540-908-1964, or email WRE Rocks1929@gmail.com prior to February 13.
- **Assisted Listening Devices and large print bulletins and hymnals are available.** Please see an usher for assistance.

TLC Person of the Week:

Dot Swartz
1401 Virginia Avenue
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

*Remember Dot 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