

# *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
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### **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 148<sup>th</sup></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

## **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

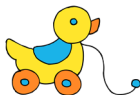
Juanita Taylor

Michelle VanPelt

Hazel Willi

Gina Wyse

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**.

### **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 in 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 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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 [WRERocks1929@gmail.com](mailto:WRERocks1929@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