

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

July 30, 2023

10:30 am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*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

*I'll Praise My Maker*

arr. Kimball

\*Greeting (*Psalm 105:1-4*)

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples!

**P: Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God's wonderful works!**

L: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**P: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek the Lord's presence continually!**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn

*Ye Servants of God*

No. 181, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Dylan Andrade

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Anthem                                      *Seek Ye First*                                      arr. Wagner

\*Gospel Lesson                      Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52                                      (NT, page 14)

Sermon                                      “SMALL THINGS”                                      Rev. Adam Blagg

Announcements

**We Give Our Thanks**

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace                                      No. 12, UMH

\*Hymn                                      *Bring Forth the Kingdom*                                      No. 2190, TFWS

\*Doxology    No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion                                      No. 13, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

**We Go Forth Renewed**

\*Closing Hymn                      *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*                                      No. 540, UMH  
(stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                      *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*                                      arr. Limbaugh

## This Week's Opportunities

### **Sunday, July 30**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, July 31**

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

### **Tuesday, August 1**

### **Wednesday, August 2**

### **Thursday, August 3**

### **Friday, August 4**

### **Saturday, August 5**

### **Sunday, August 6**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

### Lay Reader:

Renée Wenger

### Attendance Last Sunday:

75

### Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Bonnie Andrade & Joiners

## **Otterbein in Prayer**

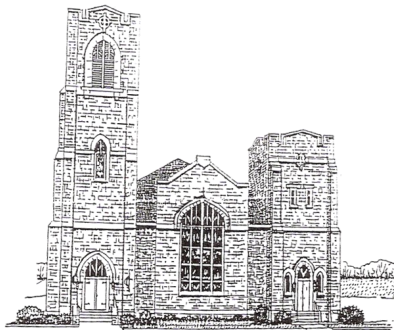
Susie Ayala  
David Angier  
Wanda Baker  
Gary Billingsley  
Millie Bruce  
Rev. Louis Carson  
Fern Cline  
Cliff & Jean Davis  
Ann Dellinger  
Jo Ellen Dickenson  
Mike Earman  
Dennis Gaines  
Ray & Audrey Griffith  
Doris Hanger  
Norma Heath  
Richard Holmes  
Jeff Johnson  
Hailey Joiner  
Allene McCoy  
Mary Jo Mitchell  
Philip Moyers  
George & Betty Painter  
BJ Payne  
Judy Pruett  
Linda Ridder  
Mary Ellen Rohrbaugh  
Kay Schaefer  
Maggie Sparks  
Dot Swartz  
Juanita Taylor  
Daisy VanPelt  
Jim Wampler

### Otterbein UMC Staff

Rev. Adam Blagg	Senior Pastor
Sandra Schaefer	Music Director & Minister of Visitation
Melissa Miller	Office Manager
Dawn Warren	Treasurer
Melvin Falls	Custodian

## Announcements

- **IT Equipment Recycling**—We are planning to use Upcycle USA, a full-service electronic waste recycling company, to dispose of IT equipment the church no longer uses. If you have IT equipment you would like to include in this project, please bring to the church **today** and **place in Room 204**. This includes computers, iPads, chrome books, servers, cell phones, and other items in any condition. If you have questions contact Betty Redmond. If you have specific questions about how the equipment will be handled/recycled, please check out their website: <https://upcyclellc.com>.
- **United Methodist Men's Sunday** is planned for Morning Worship on **Sunday, August 27**. The **Men's Choir will practice** on **Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm** and **Saturday, August 26 at 9:00 am** in the Sanctuary. Those who would like to sing with the Men's Choir are invited to attend these practices. Ricky Goodwyn, Jr., a past member of the College Chorale, will be speaking during the service.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.



**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Dot Swartz  
1285 Shank Drive #235  
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