

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

December 25, 2022

10:30 am

Christmas Day

*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 Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*      arr. Chapman  
Otterbein Chancel Ringers

\*Greeting

L: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**P: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*      No. 234, UMH  
(stanzas 1, 3, 4, 6)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Handbells	<i>I Saw Three Ships</i>	arr. McChesney
*Gospel Lesson	John 1:1-14	(NT, page 91)
Sermon	“CHRISTMAS”	Rev. Adam Blagg
Anthem	<i>Good Christian Men, Rejoice!</i>	arr. Koerts

Announcements

**We Give Our Thanks**

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace		No. 12, UMH
*Hymn	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	No. 251, UMH
*Doxology		No. 95, UMH
Prayer of Dedication		
Celebration of Holy Communion		No. 13, UMH
Pastoral Prayer		

**We Go Forth Renewed**

*Closing Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i>	No. 246, UMH
*Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Joy to the World</i>	arr. Bish

## This Week's Opportunities

**Sunday, December 25**

**Merry Christmas!**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

**Monday, December 26**

**Office Closed**

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen

No Clothes Closet

**Tuesday, December 27**

1:00 pm *Tidings* Crew

**Wednesday, December 28**

No Choirs

**Thursday, December 29**

**Office Closed**

**Friday, December 30**

**Saturday, December 31**

**Sunday, January 1**

**Happy New Year!**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

## Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Janet Gloeckner & Betty Redmond



## **Otterbein in Prayer**

Susie Ayala

Wanda Baker

Gary Billingsley

Millie Bruce

Rev. Louis Carson

Fern Cline

Loretta Crider

Eleanor Davis

Cliff & Jean Davis

Ann Dellinger

Jo Ellen Dickenson

Amber Earman

Mike Earman

Nancy East

Dennis Gaines

Ray & Audrey Griffith

Doris Hanger

Laura Headlee

Norma Heath

Hunter Hensley

Alice Ely Howell

John Liskey

Allen Litten

Marion Malabad

Allene McCoy

John Miller

Art Mitchell

Eugene Moyers

Mary Jo Mitchell

George & Betty Painter

BJ Payne

Judy Pruett

Mary Ellen Rohrbaugh

Becky Smith

Linda Stephens

Juanita Taylor

Janalee Tutwiler

Anthony VanPelt

Daisy VanPelt

John Welch, Jr.

Mary Wenger

Family of Neola Gaines

Family of John Simmers

## Announcements

- **Special Offering Opportunities**—We want to highlight two worthy causes for this Christmas season. Please consider a gift to the ongoing work of **Faith in Action**. As we move forward on issues of childcare and transportation, any contribution will continue to develop leaders and support the work of this ministry. You can also support the excellent work of United Methodist Family Services through **Charterhouse School**. You can make a notation in the memo line of your donation to both of these organizations.
- **2023 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick-up in the High Street Entrance. Please be sure to pick up the correct box. If you do not see a box with your name and would like to use envelopes for your 2023 giving, please fill out your information on the pink paper and a box will be assigned to you.
- **Winter Clothing Needed** in the Clothes Closet for everyone: women, men, and older children.
- **Thank You**—Donations from the **Christmas Pancake Brunch** so far have totaled **\$1,725.00**, all going towards the **College Chorale Scholarship Fund**. The Otterbein Men's Fellowship thanks all who supported this project with their time, talent, and resources.
- **Thanks**—We would like to thank the Otterbein Congregation for the cards, concerns, prayers, phone calls, and food. We are thankful, grateful, and blessed to have you as our church family. God bless you all. Have a blessed holiday and new year 2023. ~Art & Mary Jo Mitchell
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Irene Ruddle  
Bridgewater Home, Rm. 128  
302 N. Second Street  
Bridgewater, VA 22812

*Remember Irene 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