

# *Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church*

January 25, 2026

10:30 am

Third 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

Prelude

Opening Voluntary

Ashford

### **\*Greeting**

L: In the sea of life's daily stress and strife, in the struggle to keep our heads above the waves, Jesus calls us from the shore: "Follow me, and be fishers of people!"

**P: God gathers us into new boats built with room for friend and stranger.**

L: "Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose. Follow me, and build abundant life."

**P: We will be weavers of community, architects of justice, gardeners of peace.**

### **\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** *All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded* No. 132, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Kira Blagg

### **We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 9:1-4	(OT, pg. 638)
*Psalter	Psalms 27:1, 4-9	No. 758, UMH
*Gloria Patri		No. 71, UMH
Anthem	<i>There Will I Be</i>	arr. Courtney
Epistle Lesson	I Corinthians 1:10-18	(NT, pg. 166)
*Gospel Lesson	Matthew 4:12-23	(NT, pg. 3)
Sermon	“UNITY”	Rev. Adam Blagg
Anthem	<i>Built on a Rock</i> College Chorale	arr. Craig

## Announcements

### **We Give Our Thanks**

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace		No. 12, UMH
*Hymn	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	No. 77, UMH
*Doxology		No. 95, UMH
Prayer of Dedication		
Celebration of Holy Communion		No. 13, UMH
Pastoral Prayer		

### **We Go Forth Renewed**

*Closing Hymn	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	No. 585, UMH
Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Postlude on Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup></i>	Callahan

## **This Week's Opportunities**

### **Sunday, January 25**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, January 26**

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen

5:00 pm Clothes Closet

### **Tuesday, January 27**

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

### **Wednesday, January 28**

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204

6:00 pm Bells

7:15 pm Choir

### **Thursday, January 29**

3:45 pm New Horizons Band

Rehearsal—MH

### **Friday, January 30**

### **Saturday, January 31**

10:00 am Chili Lunch Prep—MH

### **Sunday, February**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Chili Luncheon

## **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

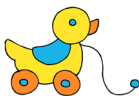
Pat Wingert

Baby Charlie Woods

Gina Wyse

Family of Peggy Miller

Congratulations to  
**Gasey & 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:**

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### **Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:**

Bonnie Andrade & Joiner Family

- **Reminder**—Next Sunday (Feb. 1) is the day to bring your canned food items for the Otterbein UMM Food Drive. Collection buckets will be located in the Sanctuary and in the Breezeway as you enter the church from the main parking lot. *Thank you in advance for your support of this monthly project of the OUMM.*
- **Chili Luncheon**—Next Sunday, February 1, the Faith Builders Sunday School Class will host their **annual Chili Luncheon**. Serving will begin **following the worship service** and continue **until 1 pm**. We will be serving mild beef chili with beans, a white chicken chili, hot dogs, homemade pimento cheese sandwiches, and ice cream. A free-will offering will be collected to go towards the College Chorale Scholarship Fund and class missions. Everyone is invited to come and join the fellowship.
- **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.
- **WRE Volunteers Needed**—WRE is looking for volunteers to walk with students and assist the teacher with added safety at 2 schools where it is necessary to cross a street. They are also interested in hiring part-time (paid) teacher's assistants. If you have questions or would like to apply, contact Amanda Ritchie at 540-908-1964 or email [WRERocks1929@gmail.com](mailto:WRERocks1929@gmail.com). If you are interested in serving on the board, contact Brent Showalter, 540-810-2514.
- **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