

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	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	No. 758, UMH
*Gloria Patri		No. 71, UMH
Anthem	There Will I Be	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	Built on a Rock College Chorale	arr. Craig
Announcements		

We Give Our Thanks

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace		No. 12, UMH
*Hymn	How Great Thou Art	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	This Little Light of Mine	No. 585, UMH
Benediction		
*Postlude	Postlude on Darwall's 148 th	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
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:

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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 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.
- **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 WRE Rocks1929@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