

*Welcome to
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

September 17, 2023

10:30 am

Sixteenth 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

Lord, Here Am I

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*Greeting (*from Psalm 103*)

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

L: As a father shows compassion to his children,

P: so the Lord shows compassion to the faithful.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

No. 126, UMH

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Children's Time in Worship

Larry & His Friend, Willy

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Lesson Romans 14:1-12 (NT, page 163)

Anthem *The Meditations of My Heart* Hagenberg

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 (NT, page 20)

Sermon "SEVEN OR SEVENTY-SEVEN" Rev. Adam Blagg

Anthem *A Living Sacrifice* McDonald

Announcements

We Give Our Thanks

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

*Hymn *Where Charity and Love Prevail* No. 549, UMH
(stanzas 1, 3-5)

*Doxology No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion No. 20, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn *Freely, Freely* No. 389, UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude *Rigaudon* Campra

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, September 17

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204
7:00 pm SPRC—Rm. 204

Wednesday, September 20

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204
6:00 pm YA Gathering—MH
6:00 pm Chancel Rings
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 21

2:00 pm JOY Group Planning
Team—Rm. 204
3:45 pm New Horizons Band
Rehearsal—MH
6:30 pm VIA Core Teams
Assembly—Mass. Pres.

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

7:30 am UMM Meeting—
Thomas House

Sunday, September 24

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Otterbein in Prayer

Phyllis Albrite
Susie Ayala
David Angier
Wanda Baker
Gary Billingsley
Millie Bruce
Rev. Louis Carson
Fern Cline
Linda Conrad
Cliff & Jean Davis
Ann Dellinger
Jo Ellen Dickenson
Mike Earman
Judi Espinoza
Mary Fisher
Dennis Gaines
Ray & Audrey Griffith
Doris Hanger
Norma Heath
Aaron Heatwole & Family
Jeff Johnson
Ruth Jordan
Allene McCoy
Mary Jo Mitchell
Wilma Mitchell
Philip Moyers
George & Betty Painter
BJ Payne
Judy Pruett
Linda Ridder
Mary Ellen Rohrbaugh
Maggie Sparks
Dot Swartz
Juanita Taylor
Daisy VanPelt
Family of Sue Haag

Lay Reader:

Mary Sue Wenger

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Darlene Cochran & Elisabeth Williams

Announcements

- **Tidings Deadline**—**TOMORROW BY 9 AM.** Thanks for helping us meet our deadline!
- **Mystery Friends 2023-24**—**College students:** do you want to receive a reminder each month of how special you are to Otterbein? **Congregation:** do you or your group want to make a college student's day? Mystery Friends is the perfect match, and it's SO EASY! **Students:** simply fill out an information form (found at the church entrances and in the choir room) and return it **TODAY.** **Congregation:** if you would like to participate, you can sign up to cover one month, birthdays, special occasions, however works best for you. Volunteers are needed beginning in October, so don't delay. If you would like to sign up to make a college student feel special please contact either Beverley Nelson (beverleyznelson@comcast.net or 540-908-8793) or Kim Zigler (kzigler@comcast.net or 540-246-7781). Let's continue to show how important our college students are to our congregation.
- **Bells Across America**—The Massanutten Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution reminds us that the week of September 17 through 23 commemorates the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America. The U. S. Constitution was signed 236 years ago on September 17, 1787! Otterbein will be participating in Bells Across America by ringing the tower chimes on September 17 at 4:00 pm. Church bells will be heard simultaneously from coast to coast at this time. We thank our faithful tower chimes keyboardist, Mary Griffith, for playing today to join others across America to celebrate this special historical event.
- **Luncheon at Traditions**—We will be having lunch at **Traditions** on **Wednesday, September 27** at **11:30 am.** We will meet at Traditions. This is a buffet only. The price is \$15.99 plus tax (10% discount for seniors) and includes drink. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Education Hallway.
- **Men's Clothing Needed**—The Clothes Closet is in need of men's clothing especially short sleeve shirts and shoes. Please no khaki slacks at this time. Thank you!
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available.** Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Gary Billingsley
Health Care Room 240
3935 Sunnyside Drive
Rockingham, VA 22801

*Remember Gary this
week with a note or a card.
Let's show him Otterbein's
"tender, loving care"!*

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Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm
Friday: Closed