Welcome to
Otterbein United Methodist Church

November 29, 2026 10:30 am

First Sunday of Advent

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

We Gather to Worship the Lord

Prelude

Welcome *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* House

*Call to Worship
Leader: Come, listen.
All: A thrill of hope is calling.
Leader: Come, rejoice.
All: A weary world is healing.
Leader: Come, watch.
All: A bright star is shining.
Leader: Come, worship.
All: The Messiah is coming. O come, O come, Emmanuel! Let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 211, UMH
(vs. 1-2, 5-7)

Children's Time in Worship & Linda Conrad
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We Proclaim the Word of God

Anthem *Advent* Smith

Prayer of Illumination		
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 64:1-9	(OT, pg. 694)
Scripture Reading	Mark 13:24-37	(NT, pg. 50)
Sermon	"STAYING AWAKE"	Rev. Laura Stratton
*Hymn	*People, Look East*	No. 202, UMH

We Give Our Thanks

Announcements		
Pastoral Prayer		
Prayer Response	*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*	No. 204, UMH
Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace		No. 12, UMH
Anthem	*Sussex Carol* College Chorale	arr. Rutter
*Doxology	*In the Bleak Midwinter* (vs. 4)	No. 221, UMH
Prayer of Dedication		
Celebration of Holy Communion		No. 13 UMH
Prayer after Communion		No. 11, UMH

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn	*The King of Glory Comes*	No. 2091, TFWS
*Benediction		
*Postlude	*Go Ye to Bethlehem*	Macklin

** Please stand as you are able.*

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, November 29

9:30 am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Advent Study
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Choir Potluck & Rehearsal

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

6:00 pm	Bible Study—Rm. 204

Wednesday, December 2

10:00 am	Bible Study—Rm. 204
6:00 pm	Bells
7:15 pm	Choir

Thursday, December 3

9:30 am	Guy's Grief Group—Mr. J's Bagels
3:45 pm	New Horizons Band Rehearsal—MH

Friday, December 4

Saturday, December 5

7:30 am	UMM Meeting & Brunch Set-up—MH
10:00 am	District Conf.—Manor Memorial

Sunday, December 6

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Lessons & Carols
11:30 am	UMM Brunch
3:00 pm	Massanutten Brass Band—Sanctuary

Assisted Listening Devices and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier
Rosalie Bailey
Gary Billingsley
Whitney Bradley
Rev. Louis Carson
Lt. Col. Sam Cartee
Loretta Crider
Nissa D'Andrea
Cliff Davis
Jo Ellen Dickenson
Mary Earman
Mike Earman
Rev. Samuel & Judith Espinoza
Zach Fickes
Halcie Fishback
Mary Ann Glendye
Ray Griffith
Fred Hopkins
Joel Jordan
Chuck Macklin
Art Mitchell
Eric Mitchell
Maxine Perry
Judy Pruett
Ann Sebrell
Anna Joseph Sheets
Rudy Smith
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Maryann Wolfe
Keith Wright

Lay Reader:

Jim Clough

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Bonnie Andrade & Joiner Family

- **Thank You** for remembering me as TLC Person of the Week. ~Rev. Louis Carson
- **Advent Devotional Guides** are available on the cabinet in the breezeway entrance.
- **Kingsway Apple Tree Project**—**Gifts are due TODAY**.
- **Pledge Cards**—Please return your 2027 Pledge Cards ASAP to better help us complete the budget process for the new year.
- **Bible Study** resumes this week! Sessions are offered **Tuesdays** at **6 pm** and **Wednesday** at **10 am** in **Room 204.**
- **Otterbein UMM Pancake Brunch**—The **Pancake Brunch** will be held in **Memorial Hall next Sunday, December 6**. Plan to stay after Worship and enjoy pancakes with syrup and a variety of fruit toppings, sausage, fresh fruit, and a beverage. This **Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 am**, the men will meet in Memorial Hall for a light breakfast and to set up for the brunch. **All donations from the brunch will go to support the College Chorale Scholarship Fund**.
- **Otterbein UMM Canned Food Drive**—Your final opportunity to donate will be **next Sunday, December 6**. All donations are going to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Our goal is to collect enough donations to provide 1,000 meals this calendar year and we are close! Thank you for your continued support in achieving the vision of nourishing food and good health for everyone, every day!
- **Grown & Growing "Young-ish" Adult Group** will be going to the **Walk to the Manger** at Camp Overlook on **Saturday, December 19.** They will meet at **Bar-B-Q Ranch** at **5 pm** for dinner before. *RSVP for dinner to laurastratton@vaumc.org by Sunday December 13.* If you don't want dinner, we'll meet at Camp Overlook around 6:15 pm.
- **Walk to the Manger at Camp Overlook**—Everyone is invited to join the Young-ish Adult Group at Camp Overlook for the Walk to the Manger on **Saturday, December 19** at **6:15 pm.** Participants will begin by registering for the census before heading out on a nighttime hike through the fields in search of lost sheep. Along the way, you will encounter some amazing characters who help bring the Christmas story to life. This event is open to all ages. Please keep in mind that the walk includes some uneven terrain.
- **Clothes Closet**—We can still use **Men's clothing** and **Children's coats**. Blankets and tarps would be appreciated for this upcoming cold weather. Thanks.

Poinsettias were given in memory of…

Jerry Andes, Sr.
Claudia Andes & Family

John Barber
Kevin & Bonnie Andrade

My Parents
Carole Barber

My Sister:
Loretta Orebaugh
Our Parents:
Lester & Juanita George
George & Wilda Billhimer
Casey & Kathy Billhimer

My Family Members
Who I Miss So Much
Darlene Cochran

Douglas Crider & Gene Hedrick
Loretta H. Crider

Jean & Kermit Early
Jean & Stuart Vincent
Their Family

Our Parents:
John & Virginia Edlind, Sr.
Adrian & Lillian Bos
Carolyn & Gary Edlind, Sr.

My Parents & Brother
Ed Gaines

My Parents
Vicki Gaines

George W. Marrah
Janet W. Gloeckner

My Husband:
Richard N. Green
Carolyn Green

Deanna Hillyard
Ned Hillyard & Family

Our Parents
John & Patsy Liskey

Our Parents:
David & Janet Liskey and
Johnny & Irene Hoover
Connie & Donnie Liskey

Mary Jo Mitchell
Husband Art Michell

Carly & Shawn
Wilma & Eric Mitchell

John & Joyce Zigler
Brielle Nelson
Randy & Beverley Nelson
& Family

Bill & Rose Pollard
George, Louise, & Fred Armentrout
Bill & Susan Pollard

Poinsettias were given in memory of…

Kay Schaefer
Judy Richardson

Shirley Williams
Charles Williams

Our Parents
Wayne & Mary Sue Wenger

John & Joyce Zigler
Dennis & Grace Wright
Eddie & Kim Zigler & Family

Richard Holmes & Cathy McCaleb (Macklin Family)
Jackie Lilly & Steve Lilly (Wingert Family)
Jim & Pat Wingert

Poinsettias were given in honor of…

All My Family Members
Carole Barber

My Wonderful Family
Loretta H. Crider

Mary Earman
Mike & Bev Earman

Ron & Jean Nelson
Randy & Beverley Nelson & Family

Barbara Hartman
Charles Williams



TLC Person of the Week:

Jo Ellen Dickenson
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Remember Jo Ellen this week with a note or a card. Let's show her Otterbein's "tender, loving care"!

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