

*Welcome to
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

February 22, 2026

10:30 am

First Sunday in Lent

*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

Prelude in C Minor

Chopin

*Greeting

L: We are the body of Christ, and we depend on God's grace.

**P: We pray to God in times of distress, knowing that we are freed from sin
and preserved from trouble.**

L: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

P: We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

Take Time to Be Holy

No. 395, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Maryann Wolfe

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

(OT, pg. 2)

*Psalter Psalm 32 No. 766, UMH

*Gloria Patri No. 71, UMH

Anthem *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* arr. Leavitt

New Testament Lesson Romans 5:12-19 (NT, pg. 156)

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11 (NT, pg. 3)

Sermon "SIN" Rev. Adam Blagg

Anthem *Change My Heart, O God* arr. Joel
College Chorale

Announcements

We Give Our Thanks

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

*Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* No. 292, UMH

*Doxology No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion No. 13, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn No. 269, UMH
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Benediction

*Postlude *God So Loved the World* Leatherman

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, February 22

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

1:00 pm *Tidings* Crew—Rm. 204
6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

3:45 pm New Horizons Band
Rehearsal—MH

Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28

7:30 am UMM—MH

Sunday, February 29

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier
Rosalie Bailey
Gary Billingsley
Whitney Bradley
Millie Bruce
Rev. Louis Carson
Debbie Cox
Nissa D'Andrea
Cliff Davis
Jo Ellen Dickenson
Mike Earman
Samuel & Judi Espinoza
Mary Ann Glendye
Ray Griffith
Fred Hopkins
Tina Jolly
Danita Kreeger
Steve Lily
Chuck Macklin
Nancy Miller
Maxine Perry
Judy Pruett
Hector Santiago
Ann Sebrell
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Keith Wright

Lay Reader:

Bonnie Andrade

Attendance Last Sunday:

108

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Janet Gloeckner & Emma Rexrode

- **Creation Care Weekly Lenten Challenge** for the week of 2/22/26 asks you to think about sustainable living as an act of faith. Single-use plastics are polluting our water, as well as exposing us to harmful chemicals and microplastics. Try fasting from single-use plastic bags this Lent. <https://bit.ly/4rkGMW1>
- **Education Opportunity**—Are you at risk for developing type 2 Diabetes or just want to know more about healthy eating and exercise? See details of a free series of classes on the bulletin board.
- **OUMM Food Drive—Next Sunday** the Otterbein UMM will have collection buckets in the Sanctuary to accept your donations for our monthly canned food drive. *Thank you for your continued support!*
- **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! Checks can be made out to "Coldest Night of the Year" with Otterbein UMC in the memo line. OR, you can write a check to the church with "CNOY" in the memo line. OR, you may donate online: tinyurl.com/OUMC-CNOY.
- **WRE Concert**—The Weekday Religious Education Students **Choral Concert** will be **Saturday, March 14 at 4 pm** in the **Spotswood High School Gymnasium**.
- **Gleaning Coordinator Needed**—Outreach is seeking a new gleaning coordinator for 2026. Gleaning has been a part of Outreach for the last 12 years. 2025 was the most successful year of gleaning with over 3,000 pounds distributed to city organizations distributing food. If you are interested or want to know more, please contact Vicki Gaines at 540-820-3841.
- **Second Mile Giving**—Patchwork Pantry at our neighboring church, Community Mennonite, has need for **1-pound bags of rice and dried beans** for their ongoing partnership with Waterman Elementary to send food home with students on Fridays . A labeled bucket will be in the breezeway **every Sunday** and donations will go directly to CMC to support their program. This is a separate project from our OUMM monthly canned food drive. *Thank you for your continued support!*
- **Assisted Listening Devices and large print bulletins and hymnals are available.** Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

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

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Friday: Closed