

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

August 9, 2026

10:30 am

Eleventh 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

Prelude on "Patmos"

***Greeting**

Leader: "Go, make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord.

All: Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,

Leader: And let our daily living reveal you everywhere.

All: "Go, make of all disciples." We welcome your command.

Leader: "Lo, I am with you always." We take your guiding hand.

**All: The task looms before us, and we follow you, for your power will bring
your kingdom here. Let us worship God!**

***Opening Prayer**

*Opening Hymn

To God Be the Glory

No. 98, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Vicki Gaines

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20 (NT, pg. 34)

Sermon Rev. Laura Stratton
“MY FAVORITE THINGS: WHY”

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-21 (NT, pg. 61)

Anthem *Every Good and Perfect Gift* Sorenson

We Give Our Thanks

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

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

*Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* No. 396, UMH

*Doxology No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion No. 13, UMH

Prayer after Communion No. 11, UMH

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn No. 2241, TFWS
The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

*Benediction

*Postlude *Offertoire* Battmann

** Please stand as you are able.*

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, August 10

9:00 am Tidings Deadline
4:30 pm Soup Kitchen
5:00 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, August 11

10:30 am UWF Book Discussion—
Rm. 204
11:00 am UWF—Rm. 204

Wednesday, August 12

6:00 pm Bells
7:15 pm Choir

Thursday, August 13

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16

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
Loretta Crider
Nissa D'Andrea
Cliff Davis
Jo Ellen Dickenson
Mike Earman
Rev. Samuel & Judi
Espinoza
Zach Fickes
Mary Ann Glendye
Ray Griffith
Fred Hopkins
Joel Jordan
Steve Lily
Jackie Lilly
Chuck Macklin
Ann Miller
Art Mitchell
Eric Mitchell
Maxine Perry
Judy Pruett
Ann Sebrell
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Rachel Wenger
Keith Wright
Family of Richard Holmes

Lay Reader:

Judy Richardson

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Vicki Gaines & Carla Nemoytin

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

Announcements

- **Newsletter Deadline**—The **deadline** for the **August Tidings** is **TOMORROW, August 10 by 9 am**. Thank you for helping us meet our deadline.
- **United Women of Faith** will meet **Tuesday, August 11 at 10:30 am** for our book discussion: *Seventy Times Seven* by Alex Mar. Our discussion will be led by Ginny Whitehill. At **11 am**, we will have our regular meeting which will include our "Candle Burning" program to honor our sisters in faith who have died this past year. All are welcome to attend both the book discussion and our meeting. Please contact Pat Wingert (540-405-2204) for more information.
- **Listening Sessions**—There are still a few listening sessions scheduled! Sign-up sheets are on the white board in the entryway outside of the choir room.
- **Involvement Survey**—There is still time to participate in the Involvement Survey! Use the QR Code or this link: <https://forms.gle/HJ7pGzQxfauT1i669>
- **Lunch Out**—Our next luncheon will be on **Wednesday, August 19, at 11:30 am**. It will be held at **Rocktown Kitchen**, (217 S. Liberty St., Harrisonburg). Just meet in the church parking lot around 11:15 and since it is only 2 blocks from church, we could just walk there. If you aren't able to do that, you can park in the big lot across the street. Hope to see you there.
- **OUMM-Led Sunday Worship Service (August 23rd)**—Practice for the Men's Choir: Wednesday, August 19 at 7 pm in OUMC Sanctuary and Saturday, August 22 at 9 am following the OUMM Breakfast Meeting. No experience necessary - just show up!
- **Clothes Closet**—The Clothes Closet could use **men's and children's clothing AND white socks**. Please **NO women's clothing**. Thanks!



**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Judith Espinoza
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*Remember Judith 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