

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

September 3, 2023

10:30 am

Fourteenth 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      *Awake, My Heart, With Gladness*      arr. Weber

\*Greeting (*from Psalm 105*)

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds  
among the peoples!

**P: Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God's wonderful works!**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn      No. 139, UMH

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
(stanzas 1, 3-5)

Children's Time in Worship      Sarah Macomber

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Anthem            *We Lift Up Our Hearts and Voices*    arr. Kauffmann

\*Gospel Lesson            Matthew 16:21-28            (NT, page 18)

Sermon                                  “THIRD DAY”            Rev. Adam Blagg

Anthem                                  *A Jubilant Psalm*                                  Johnson  
College Chorale

Announcements

**We Give Our Thanks**

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

\*Hymn                    *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*            No. 424, UMH

\*Doxology    No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion    No. 13, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

**We Go Forth Renewed**

\*Closing Hymn            *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*            No. 297, UMH

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                                  *Psalm 148*                                  John Blow

## **This Week's Opportunities**

### **Sunday, September 3**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, September 4**

#### **Office Closed—Labor Day**

No Soup Kitchen  
No Clothes Closet

### **Tuesday, September 5**

### **Wednesday, September 6**

6:00 pm Chancel Ringers  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

### **Thursday, September 7**

### **Friday, September 8**

### **Saturday, September 9**

### **Sunday, September 10**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

#### **Lay Reader:**

Judy Richardson

#### **Attendance Last Sunday:**

108

#### **Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:**

Diane Ritchie & Lena Blagg

## **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  
Dennis Gaines  
Ray & Audrey Griffith  
Sue Haag  
Doris Hanger  
Norma Heath  
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 Joseph Keane

### **Otterbein UMC Staff**

Rev. Adam Blagg	Senior Pastor
Sandra Schaefer	Music Director & Minister of Visitation
Melissa Miller	Office Manager
Dawn Warren	Treasurer
Melvin Falls	Custodian

## Announcements

- **Welcome** to our new **College Chorale Students!** You may see their pictures and information on the updated bulletin board in the Education Hallway.
- **Bible Study** will resume the week of **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet on **Tuesday evenings at 6 pm** and **Wednesday mornings at 10 am**. We will be studying Matthew and Mark from a comparative point of view. A reading guide can be found outside of Room 204. Hope to see you there!
- **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 by **Sunday, September 17**. **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 or Kim Zigler using the following contact information: Bev can be reached by e-mail [beverleyznelson@comcast.net](mailto:beverleyznelson@comcast.net) or by phone 540-908-8793 and Kim can be reached at [kzigler@comcast.net](mailto:kzigler@comcast.net) or 540-246-7781. Let's continue to show how important our college students are to our congregation.
- **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:**

Wanda Baker  
Joy House #J383-B  
302 N. Second Street  
Bridgewater, VA 22812

*Remember Wanda 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