

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

October 4, 2026

10:30 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

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

We Gather to Worship the Lord

Prelude *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* Rowland-Reynold

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Lord, we come today, trusting in your love.

All: Lord, have mercy on us, and hear our cry!

Leader: Lord, be gracious to us and shine your face upon us so that your
love and power may be known among the earth.

All: Lord, have mercy on us, and hear our cry! Let us worship God!

***Opening Prayer**

*Opening Hymn *One Bread, One Body* No. 620, UMH

Children's Time in Worship Kira Barco

We Proclaim the Word of God

Anthem *Gentle Airs Melodious Strains* Handel
Brian Garmendia, tenor; Megan Wong, piano; Marlie Dela Cruz, cello

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading	Psalm 67	(OT, pg. 529)
Scripture Reading	Matthew 15:21-28	(NT, pg. 17)
Sermon	“FAITH & PERSISTENCE”	Rev. Laura Stratton
*Hymn	Kyrie	No. 2275, TFWS

We Give Our Thanks

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

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

Anthem *Give Thanks to the Lord* arr. Sherman

*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. 548, UMH
In Christ There Is No East or West

*Benediction

*Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* Wood

** Please stand as you are able.*

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Monday, October 5

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen

4:30 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, October 6

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

Wednesday, October 7

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204

6:00 pm Bells

7:15 pm Choir

Thursday, October 8

9:30 am Guys Grief Group—Mr.
J's Bagels

Noon JOY Group—MH

3:45 pm New Horizons Band—
MH

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship



*The flowers on the altar
today are given in memory
of Barbara Hartman and
to the Glory of God by
Judy Hartman and
Charles Williams.*

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

Mike Earman

Rev. Samuel & Judith

Espinoza

Zach Fickes

Mary Ann Glendye

Ray Griffith

Fred Hopkins

Joel Jordan

Deb Leap & Family

Patty Liskey

Chuck Macklin

Art Mitchell

Eric Mitchell

Maxine Perry

Judy Pruett

Ann Sebrell

Dot Swartz

Carolyn Stroop

Michelle VanPelt

Hazel Willi

Keith Wright

Family of Jackie Lilly

Family of Steve Lilly

Lay Reader:

Susan Pollard

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Loretta Crider & Erin Wenger

- **Miracle Sunday**—Otterbein is offering \$5,000 from our Mission Endowment Fund to the **Miracle Sunday Offering** that the UMC denomination is collecting for an endowment that will support 500 students annually to prepare for pastoral ministry across Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. If you would like to add your contribution to this effort, please make your check payable to OUMC and designate "Miracle Sunday" in the memo line or give cash and write "Miracle Sunday" on the envelope. Thank you!
- **OUMM Food Collection TODAY!**—The bright orange buckets are out this morning! All canned food items will be delivered to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank by the Otterbein UMMen. You may bring items anytime if you have forgotten today. **Thank you!**
- **Bible Study** continues this week! Sessions are **Tuesdays at 6 pm** and **Wednesday at 10 am**. We are studying the book of James. Reading guides are available in the rack outside of Room 204.
- **Directory Updates**—Please let the church office know of any directory changes or additions by **October 18**. Email the office at oumcadm@hotmail.com or submit your info by using this form: <https://tinyurl.com/OUMCDirectoryUpdate>. We plan to print a new directory soon!
- **October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**—Please remember to extend a word/message/card to Pastor Laura expressing your thanks for all her hard work and spiritual leadership for OUMC! ~Staff Parish Relations Committee
- **Parking Lot Safety**—Selah Academy's student drop-off/pick-up is around 9 am and 2 pm, Monday–Thursday. Please be aware that there will be extra cars and children in the parking lot if you are coming to the church during that time.
- **Clothes Closet**—The Clothes Closet could use **men's and children's clothing, white socks, AND shoes for everyone**. Please NO women's clothing. Thanks!
- **Weekday Religious Education Fall Benefit Auction** will be held **Saturday, October 17 at 10 am** at Shady Oaks at Weavers Mennonite Church. Breakfast and lunch available! Join them **Friday, October 16 from 5-7 pm** for their **Bake Sale and Silent Auction**.

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Rosalie Joesph
340 Ohio Avenue
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

*Remember Rosalie 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