

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

March 15, 2026

10:30 am

Fourth 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

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Wood

\*Greeting

L: We are children of light,

**P: rejoicing in everything good and right and true.**

L: We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and raises us from the dead.

**P: In the dream of the beloved community of God, we are awake, and we stand in the light of Christ.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

No. 465, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Donna Fickes

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

*Gospel Lesson	John 9:1-41	(NT, pg. 102)
Sermon	“SIGHT”	Rev. Adam Blagg
Solo	<i>Give Me Jesus</i> Ricky Goodwyn	arr. Trenney

Baptism & Reception of New Members No. 33, UMH

Announcements

**We Give Our Thanks**

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

\*Hymn *Lead Me, Guide Me* No. 2214, TFWS  
(sung twice)

\*Doxology No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion No. 13, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

**We Go Forth Renewed**

\*Closing Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* No. 454, UMH

Benediction

\*Postlude *Postlude on “Palestrina”* Young

## This Week's Opportunities

### **Sunday, March 15**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
4:30 pm SPRC—Rm. 204

### **Monday, March 16**

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

### **Tuesday, March 17**

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

### **Wednesday, March 18**

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

### **Thursday, March 19**

2:00 pm JOY Group Planning  
Team—Rm. 204

### **Friday, March 20**

### **Saturday, March 21**

### **Sunday, March 22**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

*We celebrate the baptisms of  
**Cody Wayne Bynaker** and  
**Willow Catherine Bynaker**  
today during worship.  
Willow is the daughter of Cody  
& Mary Bynaker and  
granddaughter of Claudia Andes.*

## **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  
Family of Eugene Moyers  
Family of Tom Pittman

### **Lay Reader:**

Jim Clough

### **Attendance Last Sunday:**

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

Betty Redmond & Sean Macomber

## Announcements

- **Creation Care Weekly Lenten Challenge** for the week of 3/15/26 asks you to consider energy efficiency. Use this checklist to weatherize every room in your home: <http://bit.ly/4rfd8kG>
- **Good Friday Prayer Walk**—The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Harrisonburg downtown ecumenical Good Friday prayer walk, based on the "Stations of the Cross," will be held **Friday, April 3**, from **noon to 1:00 pm**. The walk **begins at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**, and **ends at St. Stephens United Church of Christ**, stopping at a total of 10 downtown churches and public buildings. Led by someone carrying a large cross, the group stops at each station where a member of the "Biblical Storytellers Guild" will tell a passage from the Gospel of Matthew and a local pastor responds with a prayer. This is a contemplative, communal, and spiritual practice of shared ecumenical worship and witness that has been going on every year in downtown Harrisonburg for four decades. Please join us! The walking route is accessible for wheelchairs and strollers.
- **Update** —The Otterbein UMMen made a delivery of **55 pounds of rice and 91 pounds of dried beans** to Patchwork Pantry at our neighboring church, Community Mennonite. Your generous donations will go home each Friday with Waterman Elementary students so needy families will have food for the weekend. A labeled bucket will be in the church breezeway each Sunday through May for your continued donations. This is a separate project from our OUMM monthly canned food drive. *Thank you for your continued support of this second mile giving program.*
- **Gleaning Coordinator**—Good News, Otterbein has a new Gleaning Coordinator! Tara Eckenroad will be coordinating schedules and delivery locations in 2026. If you have questions or are interested in being a part of a team please contact Tara (tara.eckenroad@gmail.com or (724) 255-7251) as soon as possible. A great service project for families; please consider signing on!
- **VA Annual Conference** will be held in **Harrisonburg** this summer (June 17-20) and the Shenandoah River District will be looking for **over 150 volunteers** to help with this event. There will be many opportunities to help in many different ways leading up to and the weekend of the conference. Be thinking of how you may be able to help and stay tuned for more information as it is released!
- **Assisted Listening Devices and large print bulletins and hymnals are available.** Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Jo Ellen Dickenson  
1285 Shank Drive, #112  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

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

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm

Friday: Closed