

OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Tidings



April 2022

The Tidings
Otterbein United Methodist
Church

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Tidings articles are due by the
15th of each month.

You may either bring articles to
the church office or email them
to oumcdm@hotmail.com

Saturday Night Alive

Not meeting at this time.

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Please check the calendar for
times of regular and special
events.

Weekday Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Have you checked out our Facebook Page? You can find us at facebook.com/OUMCHarrisonburg or through the link on our website. Please check out our page and share with your friends!

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x200 for Melissa

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x204 for Sandy

x207 for Judy

Otterbein in Prayer

Susie Ayala	Mindi Griffith	Mary Jo Mitchell
Gary Billingsley	Ray & Audrey Griffith	Wilma Mitchell
Millie Bruce	Doris Hanger	George & Betty Painter
Rev. Louis Carson	Laura Headlee	Judy Pruett
Todd Christensen	Norma Heath	Don & Bonnie Rohr
Fern Cline	Hunter Hensley	Mary Ellen Rohrbaugh
Cliff & Jean Davis	Dot Jones	Becky Smith
Tom & Doreen Devore	Janet Liskey	Scott Stephens
Jo Ellen Dickenson	Keith Liskey	Juanita Taylor
Mike Earman	Allen Litten	Martha Taylor
Nancy East	Marion Malabad	Daisy Van Pelt
Dennis Gaines	Allene McCoy	Dawn Warren
Ed Gaines	Becky Morlan	Keith & Sharon Waters
Betty Griffith	Betty Miller	Mary Wenger

Cans for Conference Food Drive

Otterbein will host a food drive for Cans for Conference during the months of April and May. The cans will be kept locally and go to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank for distribution. Collection boxes will be located in the breezeway through **Sunday, May 22, 2022.**

Please do not bring out-of-date items or items close to the expiration date. The cans will be dropped off at Mt. Tabor UMC the week of June 1st. Remember the **deadline is Sunday, May 22.** Call Wilma Mitchell with questions or concerns (433-9545).



For Your Information

- **Tidings** deadline for the May 2022 issue is **Monday, April 18 by 9 am.** All groups, classes, and individuals are welcome to submit articles for the *Tidings*. Plan your activities and bring the written details to the church office or email to the office at oumcdm@hotmail.com by the 18th.
- **Prayer Line Ministry:** Call 434-7745 anytime (day or night) to hear a prayer to encourage and give you support. To leave a prayer request: listen to the prayer, then follow the prompts to leave your request or words of praise.

Kits for Conference

This year the Harrisonburg District is focusing on collecting **Hygiene Kits, Cleaning Buckets, and School Kits**. All kits will be taken to Mt. Tabor UMC the first week of June. The Hygiene Kits and Cleaning Buckets will be picked up at the Mt. Tabor site by tractor trailers and taken to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA for processing. The School Kits will be kept and distributed to be used locally. **Please bring your kits to the church by Sunday, May 15, 2022.**

Otterbein will be focusing on **Hygiene and School Kits** and the canned food drive. We will not be making Cleaning Buckets; however, since Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA makes Cleaning Buckets on a continuous basis, you may make a monetary donation to go towards buckets. A complete bucket costs \$75, but any amount is acceptable. Checks should be made payable to Otterbein UMC and designated "Cleaning Buckets" in the memo line.

Volunteers will be needed at Mt. Tabor UMC to help with the collection process. If interested, please call Rev. Brian Posey (540-236-2472) or leave a message at the Mt. Tabor church office (540-434-8703). Rev. Posey is the primary contact for the Annual Conference Kits and Cans collection for the Harrisonburg District.

Remember, **kits are due at Otterbein by Sunday, May 15, 2022.** Contact Wilma Mitchell with questions or concerns (540-433-9545).

WRE Students 2022 Choral Presentation



"God is Love"

Saturday, April 9, 4:00 pm

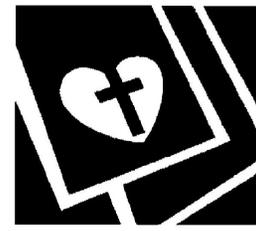


Eastern Mennonite University Commons

1307 Park Road, Harrisonburg

Freewill offering will be received.

WRE Office: 540-438-9997



FROM THE PASTOR

When I come to this time of year and a *Tidings* article is due, I always have to go back and make sure I'm not repeating myself from the previous year. I'm probably safe in not worrying about this, but I always find it so tempting to speak about spring and my love for April. The older I get, the more I dislike winter. Sure, a nice snow is still something I like to see, but after the cold and mess of this past January, I am more than ready for the warm days that are coming. Sometimes the arrival of spring and Easter coincide perfectly; the first daffodils blooming and Holy Week coming at the same time is such a wonderful alignment of nature and liturgy. Other times, Easter is earlier (I can remember very cold sunrise services in my youth), and other years it is a little later. This year has a later date for Easter and my hope is that the sunrise service this mid-month is not so cold.

For the first time in two years Holy Week will appear a little more like normal. We will worship during Holy Week with our neighbors and friends at Asbury, returning to our routine of Maundy Thursday at Asbury and Good Friday at Otterbein. While we are not quite back to a place where we will be having joint choirs, we hope that will be something to look forward to at a future date. I've also been asked to speak at a local Sunrise service so I hope some of you will venture out early on Easter morning to the West Rockingham Ruritan Park for a community sunrise service. The calendar should have the details you need and, of course, we will make announcements in the normal places as well.

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Easter and spring are thematically linked: new life emerges from the dark bleakness of winter/death. Each year we have the opportunity to witness this beautiful return and for this immediate time, we are beginning to see that transformation in the (hopefully) conclusion of the pandemic. No matter how we feel about spring or the pandemic, we can rest assured that the promise of Easter is always present and is eternal in its promise. I do love spring, but the true joy of Easter is something that is almost indescribable. I eagerly await that Sunday morning when our voices will shout together Christ is Alive!

Adam



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UMW News

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

No meeting in April.

The **District Evening Together** is **April 21st** at **7 pm** at **Mountain Valley UMC**. Deloris Reid, the UMW District Social Action Coordinator, will present a program that focuses on current Racial Justice issues.

Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen.

Matthew 28:5-6

The ministry of men at Otterbein United Methodist church is identified as a group of men, partnered with our pastor, to cultivate spiritual growth opportunities. As the ministry begins within our churches, it also extends into our homes, our personal, and professional lives. Everyone possesses various gifts, strengths, life experiences, and professional skills. Opportunities for participation would include diverse ministries of the church, and as such, could easily employ across the ministry a diverse Methodist brotherhood of various talents. Our focus is on all men, assisting them to engage in the living process of spiritual growth.



The Otterbein Men's Fellowship regular **Saturday** meetings for the next several months will be **April 23 and May 28** at Thomas House Restaurant in Dayton. We begin at **7:30 am** and usually conclude in one hour. Breakfast is followed by a short business meeting concluded by a time of devotions and prayer. All are welcomed to attend our gatherings.

At this point our annual Spaghetti Supper is planned for **Saturday, September 24** with the hope that by that time we will be able to gather in person for the meal in Memorial Hall. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!



Want to know more? Contact any member of our planning team: Mike Earman, Bill Pollard, or Carter Ritchie or check our website: <https://www.oumcharrisonburg.org/united-methodist-men>

Pork Tenderloin Sandwich Fundraiser

Weekday Religious Education (WRE) is having a **pork tenderloin sandwich fundraiser**. Sandwiches are **\$3.50** each and will be available on **May 7**. An order form can be found on the bulletin board in the Education Hallway. Contact John Liskey, Jr. with any questions.