

OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Tidings



March 2022

The Tidings
Otterbein United Methodist
Church

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oumcharrisonburg.org

Prayer Ministry - (540) 434-7745

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

You may either bring articles to
the church office or email them
to oumcdadm@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](https://www.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	Doris Hanger	Don & Bonnie Rohr
Gary Billingsley	Laura Headlee	Mary Ellen Rohrbaugh
Millie Bruce	Norma Heath	Becky Smith
Rev. Louis Carson	Hunter Hensley	Scott Stephens
Fern Cline	Dot Jones	Juanita Taylor
Cliff & Jean Davis	Janet Liskey	Martha Taylor
Tom & Doreen Devore	Keith Liskey	Daisy Van Pelt
Jo Ellen Dickenson	Marion Malabad	Keith & Sharon Waters
Nancy East	Allene McCoy	Mary Wenger
Dennis Gaines	Becky Morlan	
Florence Green	Betty Miller	
Betty Griffith	Mary Jo Mitchell	
Mindi Griffith	George & Betty Painter	
Ray & Audrey Griffith	Judy Pruett	

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

March 21 - May 9

Open to anyone in the community who is
separated, in the process of a divorce, or in
the process of adjusting to a divorce.

Free of charge.

*Masks will be required to protect
the health of all participants.*

To pre-register or for more information, visit
oumcharrisonburg.org/drw or contact the church office.

For Your Information

- *Tidings* deadline for the April 2022 issue is **Tuesday, March 15 by 3 pm.** 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 oumcdadm@hotmail.com by the 15th.
- **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.



UMW News

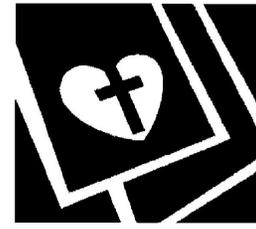
Monday, March 7 is the **World Day of Prayer**.

Tuesday, March 11 will be our **“Call to Prayer & Self-Denial” meeting** at **11:15 am** in **Room 204**.

The first quarter Pledges to Mission are due to the District UMW treasurer by March 15, including the \$4 AMD and the gifts from our Call to Prayer & Self-Denial meeting.

The **District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat** is on **Saturday, March 12** from **9 am—1 pm** at **St. James UMC**. A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses. Refer to the February *Tidings* for details. The registration deadline is March 6. Registration forms are located on the UMW bulletin board by the water fountain.

No monthly meeting in April.



FROM THE PASTOR

We will begin March by moving into the season of Lent. A period of 40 days to include intentional time set aside for the observance of spiritual disciplines that prepare us for the celebration of Easter. Historically, it was also a time of repentance and preparation for new members to join the church. Confirmation occurred during Lent with the celebration happening on Easter. While this was not always the only time it happened, it was a pretty common occurrence throughout our church history.

From time to time, my curiosity is peaked about things in the past and one of those areas is church membership from years past. I will occasionally get a phone call from a family about a wedding that took place decades ago or someone wondering where great-grandma was a member in the 1920s. I enjoy the research and putting together pieces, and Melissa is great at helping dig through the old records. Recently, the question arose around an infant baptism and how many generations had been baptized at Otterbein. We found a date from 1940 and as I began to write this, I noticed that it was a late March date; sure enough it was on Easter in 1940 that the baptism occurred.

Lent is just not about preparation for church membership, it is also about the sense of resetting our journey to be more in line with God's calling on our lives. While we do take time each Sunday to confess our sins in the course of our liturgy, Lent asks us to examine ourselves to find places to improve. This is most distinctly noticed on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. We

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Upcoming College Choral Student Recitals:

Megan Humes Senior Recital

Saturday, March 5

1:00 pm

Forbes Recital Hall

Ricky Goodwyn, Jr. Senior Recital

Saturday, April 16

1:00 pm

Forbes Recital Hall

acknowledge our brokenness, and remember our mortality. Ash Wednesday can be a challenging service; it asks us to acknowledge that we are going to die and connects that liturgically to our own sin. It's not for the faint of spirit, but it also encourages us to draw closer to God and live a more holy life. It points to a time of preparation for the great celebration of Easter. It is work that is worthwhile and any discomfort it might induce is overshadowed by the joy of Easter.

So join with me and the church for these 40 days of Lent. Prepare for the coming celebration. Find a discipline to engage in and let us mark this time with a contrite heart and warm spirit.

Adam

To Our Otterbein Family

Please accept our sincere appreciation for the many cards, well wishes and prayers you've sent over the last several months. It's really an honor to be a part of such a wonderful Church family!

Ed and Vicki Gaines



LENT

Have you been thinking about becoming involved in our group, Otterbein United Methodist Men's Fellowship? One simple way to do this is to join us for a delicious breakfast and a time of prayer and fellowship at our monthly meetings. The Otterbein Men's Fellowship regular **Saturday** meetings for the next several months will be **February 26, March 26, and April 23** 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. Masks and physical distancing rules are in effect.



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!

Check the website below for additional meeting and event dates in 2022.



Want to know more? Contact our Leadership team—Carter Ritchie and Bill Pollard—or go to our website: <https://www.oumcharrisonburg.org/united-methodist-men>

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