

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

August 16, 2026

10:30 am

Twelfth 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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Wood

***Greeting**

Leader: It only takes a spark to get a fire going,

All: and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.

Leader: This is how it is with God's love.

**All: Once we've experienced it, we spread God's love to everyone. We
want to pass it on. Let us worship God!**

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story

No. 156, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Betty Redmond

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-5

(OT, pg. 10)

Sermon

Rev. Laura Stratton

“MY FAVORITE THINGS: BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

(NT, pg. 4)

Anthem

Jesus, Full of Grace

Elsey, Sterling

We Give Our Thanks

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace

No. 12, UMH

*Hymn

We've a Story to Tell the Nations

No. 569, UMH

*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

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

No. 2237, TFWS

*Benediction

*Postlude

Psalm 117

Diemer

* Please stand as you are able.

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, August 17

10:00 am Tidings Crew—Rm. 204
4:30 pm Soup Kitchen
5:00 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, August 18

Wednesday, August 19

11:30 am Lunch at Rocktown
Kitchen
6:00 pm Bells
7:00 pm Men's Choir

Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

7:30 am UMM—MH
9:00 am Men's Choir Practice

Sunday, August 23

United Methodist Men's Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier
Rosalie Bailey
Gary Billingsley
Whitney Bradley
Millie Bruce
Rev. Louis Carson
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
Steve Lily
Jackie Lilly
Patty Liskey
Chuck Macklin
Ann Miller
Art Mitchell
Eric Mitchell
Maxine Perry
Judy Pruett
Ann Sebrell
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Rachel Wenger
Keith Wright

Lay Reader:

Bonnie Andrade

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Carole Barber & Sarah Macomber

Assisted Listening Devices and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

Announcements

- **Listening Sessions**—There are still a few listening sessions scheduled! Sign-up sheets are on the white board in the entryway outside of the choir room.
- **UMM Sunday—Next Sunday** the Otterbein UMM will be leading the Worship Service. Shenandoah River District Superintendent Rev. Kyungsuk Cho will bring an inspiring message. The **Men's Choir** will sing. **Practices** will be **Wednesday, August 19 at 7 pm** and **Saturday morning at 9 am** following the OUMM's breakfast. Both practices will be in the Sanctuary. All men of the church are invited to join us - no experience necessary.
- **Lunch Out**—Our next luncheon will be on **Wednesday, August 19, at 11:30 am**. It will be held at **Rocktown Kitchen**, (217 S. Liberty St., Harrisonburg). Just meet in the church parking lot around 11:15 to walk to the restaurant. Parking is available across the street from the restaurant if you're unable to walk. Hope to see you there.
- **Ladies Autumn Tea**—You're invited to the second annual OUMC Ladies Tea on **Saturday, September 12, 2:00 – 3:30 pm**. Anthony Malabad will be the guest speaker telling us about the origin of tea. You will also have an opportunity to support one of our church missions, Fresh Start, with a donation. Mark your calendar and RSVP on the clipboard in the Education Hallway. Guests welcome.
- **New Member Orientation**—Are you interested in joining Otterbein UMC or interested in learning more about how to join, what membership means, or about the UMC denomination? Plan to stay **after worship** on **Sunday, September 20** for lunch and an orientation. The lunch and orientation will last 1.5-2 hours, depending on questions.
- **Clothes Closet**—The Clothes Closet could use **men's and children's clothing AND white socks**. *Please NO women's clothing*. Thanks!
- **Involvement Survey**—Let us know how you'd like to be involved at Otterbein! Use the QR Code or this link: <https://forms.gle/HJ7pGzQxfaUt1i669>



A Neighborhood Exercise

From Church Vitality Coach Paul Nickerson's July 9th Newsletter

Making a Difference in Our Neighborhoods

Less than 10% of people know the names of their eight closest neighbors. And yet, overwhelmingly people want to make connections and have a sense of community.

As a Church, we can address this need.

If you are willing, put a check mark next to one of these activities and add your name. Place this form in the offering plate, and Pastor Laura will pray for you and your neighbors.

Thank you for making a difference right where you live.

Your Name _____

- _____ Bring a plate of cookies to a neighbor
- _____ Have lemonade and cookies on your front lawn and invite neighbors to drop by
- _____ Walk around your neighborhood and have a conversation with someone who is outside
- _____ Invite someone for coffee/tea or time around a firepit
- _____ Do an activity with someone else around something you like: walk, play golf, knit, or any hobby.
- _____ Have a neighbor over to watch a sporting event or favorite TV show
- _____ Write a note to a neighbor who might need encouragement
- _____ Help a neighbor with a project or with a simple act of kindness (groceries, walk a dog, etc.)
- _____ Invite neighbors to be part of a text or email group to improve communication
- _____ Other _____

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Rev. Samuel Espinoza
1336 Woodland Park Circle,
Rm. 3
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

*Remember Rev. Samuel 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