

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

November 30, 2025

10:30 am

First Sunday of Advent

*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

O Holy Night

Adam

***Greeting**

L: Wake up; wake up! The day of God is near.

P: We do not know the hour, so we will live like the time is here and now. God is here, now!

L Let us go to the house of our Living God.

P: We journey with all peoples of all creeds.

L: Let us go and bask in Holy Wisdom's warmth

P: so that we can learn her ways and choose her paths.

L: To enter the house of God, we must wake up to the nightmare of hate and violence; all oppression must cease.

P: We will beat our weapons into tools for love. We will take the walls we raise against the stranger and build a house where all can live in peace.

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

No. 211, UMH

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Children's Time in Worship

Barb German

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT, pg. 631)

*Psalter Psalm 122 No. 845, UMH

*Gloria Patri No. 71, UMH

New Testament Lesson Romans 13:11-14 (NT, pg. 162)

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 24:36-44 (NT, pg. 27)

Sermon “LET US GO!” Rev. Adam Blagg

Reception of New Members No. 33, UMH

Announcements

We Give Our Thanks

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

*Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* No. 694, UMH

*Doxology VENI EMMANUEL

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion No. 13, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn *People, Look East* No. 202, UMH

Benediction

*Postlude *Angels We Have Heard On High* Shackley

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, November 30

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Monday, December 1

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen

5:00 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, December 2

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

Wednesday, December 3

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204

6:00 pm Bells

7:15 pm Choir

Thursday, December 4

Friday, December 5

Saturday, December 6

7:30 am UMM Meeting &
Pancake Brunch Prep

Sunday, December 7

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship—Cantata

11:30 am Pancake Brunch

6:00 pm Massanutten Brass

Band Concert—OUMC

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier

Rosalie Bailey

Gary Billingsley

Marilyn Blagg

Whitney Bradley

Millie Bruce

Karen & Earl Cannon

Rev. Louis Carson

Nissa D'Andrea

Cliff Davis

Diane Cline Davis

Jo Ellen Dickenson

Mike Earman

Judi Espinoza

Ed Gaines

Charles Glassick

Ray Griffith

Fred Hopkins

Emily Joiner

Tina Jolly

Deb Leap

Steve Lily

Chuck Macklin

Peggy Miller

Art & Mary Jo Mitchell

Maxine Perry

Judy Pruett

Dot Swartz

Carolyn Stroop

Juanita Taylor

Michelle VanPelt

John Walsh

Hazel Willi

Baby Charlie Woods

Gina Wyse

Family of Art Hanger

Lay Reader:

Patsy Liskey

Attendance Last Sunday:

115

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Bonnie Andrade & Joiner Family

*Today we welcome **Gary & Carolyn Edlind** to Otterbein as they transfer their membership from First Presbyterian Church. Gary serves as our Director of Visitation. Welcome!*

Announcements

- **Snacks Needed**—We will be providing lunch and snacks for the choir and musicians on **Saturday, December 6** as they prepare for the Cantata. If you can help, please contact Mary Sue Wenger (540-433-8741).
- **Kingsway Apple Tree Project Gifts are due TODAY!** If you have questions, please contact Bev Earman (434-994-0841). A big thank you to all who have participated; you have made Christmas a little brighter for a child.
- **UMM Christmas Brunch**—The **Christmas Family Brunch** is planned for **Sunday, December 7** in Memorial Hall immediately following the Christmas Cantata, presented during Morning Worship at 10:30 am. All donations will support the **College Chorale Scholarship Fund**.
- **Massanutten Brass Band**—Join the Massanutten Youth and Massanutten Brass Bands for their annual **“Christmas in Brass!”** concert on **Sunday, December 7 at 6 pm** at **OUMC!** All donations will go to the Salvation Army. Sean & Sarah Macomber and Micah Blagg perform with these groups and would love to see you there!
- **Christmas Concert**—Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley, a 38-member professional choir under the direction of artistic director Scott Zane Smith, presents their holiday concert, **“The Wonder of Christmas”** on **December 20-21**, at **Linville Creek Church of the Brethren** in Broadway. Our one-hour concert consists of sacred and secular music, with many familiar tunes that celebrate the magic of the holiday season. **Concerts both days are at 3 pm**. For more information, find us on Facebook, @Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley.
- **New OUMM Project**—Beginning the first Sunday in each month in 2026, the men will be collecting canned food for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and any other needy area Food Pantries. Thank you in advance for your support of this monthly project of the OUMM which begins on **January 4th, 2026**.
- **Clothes Closet** is **NOT accepting donations** at this time **EXCEPT for the following**: winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, AND socks (especially white). Thanks and PLEASE tell your friends and neighbors that the Clothes Closet is OPEN with free clothes for all ages every Monday 4:30-6 pm.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

Poinsettias were given in memory of...

John Barber

Kevin & Bonnie Andrade

My Loved Ones

Carole Barber

Our Grandparents

Adam & Christy Blagg

Lester & Juanita George

Fritz & Loretta Orebaugh

Kathy Billhimer

My Sisters: Katherine

Arthur & Elaine Lee

Darlene Cochran

Douglas Crider

Loretta Crider

Jean & Kermit Early

Jean & Stuart Vincent

Their Children

Harry & Leota Smith

Ray Earman

Mike & Bev Earman

Mr. & Mrs. John Edlind, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Bos, Sr.

Carolyn & Gary Edlind, Sr.

Carl & Maxine Miller

Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Gaines, Jr.

Dennis W. Gaines

Ed & Vicki Gaines

All Our Loved Ones

Zanda, Dusty, Julie, Zack,
Carolyn, & Tyler Family

Deanna Hillyard

Ned Hillyard & Family

Harold & Charlotte Lambert

Raymond Harper

Diana & Esten Lambert

Our Parents

John & Patsy Liskey

Shawn & Carly

Wilma Mitchell & Eric

John & Joyce Zigler

Brielle Nelson

Randy & Beverley Nelson
& Family

Wanda Baker

Betty Painter

Judy Richardson

In Memory of Lee E.

& Allene McCoy

Dennis & Eleanor McCoy

Our Parents:

Naomi & Bill Rhodes

Roxanne Rhodes & Pam
Moyers

Poinsettias were given in memory of...

Shirley A. Williams

Judy Hartman & Charles
Williams

Our Parents

Wayne & Mary Sue Wenger

Our Parents, Grandparents, & Great Grandparents:

John & Joyce Zigler

Dennis & Grace Wright

Eddie & Kim Zigler & Family

Poinsettias were given in honor of...

The Otterbein Musicians

Carole Barber

Our Wonderful Otterbein Staff

Adam & Christy Blagg

My Beautiful Family

Loretta Crider

Mary Earman

Mike & Bev Earman

The Edlind's 56th Wedding Anniversary

Carolyn & Gary Edlind, Sr.

All Our Loved Ones

Zanda, Dusty, Julie, Zack,
Carolyn, & Tyler Family

Barbara Hartman

Judy Hartman & Charles
Williams

To the Glory of God

Jim & Pat Wingert



**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Charles Glassick
3935 Sunnyside Dr., Suite B
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

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

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Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm
Friday: Closed