Welcome to
Otterbein United Methodist Church

November 8, 2026 10:30 am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
United Women in Faith Sunday

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We Gather to Worship the Lord

Prelude *The Lord's My Shepherd* Irvine

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: We cry out with the psalmist – Give justice to the weak and the orphan;

All: maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Leader: Rescue the week and needy, deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

All: We rejoice, because God is the Parent of orphans and Protector of those who are vulnerable.

Leader: God gives the desolate a home to live in and provides for the needy.

All: Our God is the God of salvation, and the Lord gives power and strength to God's people. Let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn *Gather Us In* No. 2236, TFWS

Children's Time in Worship Ginny Whitehill

** Please stand as you are able.*

We Proclaim the Word of God

Anthem *The Forest* Cravens
Andrew Cravens

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 72:1-7, 12-14, 18-19 (OT, pg. 533)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 1:17 (OT, pg. 631)

Guest Speaker Jenny Butcher
Isaiah 117 Location Leader, Rockingham House

*Hymn *Rescue the Perishing* No. 591, UMH

We Give Our Thanks

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

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

Anthem *Thy Name We Praise* arr. Sterling

*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 *Sent Out in Jesus' Name* No. 2184, TFWS
(sung twice)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Innes

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, November 8
UWF Sunday

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

10:30 am	UWF Book Study—Rm. 204
11:00 am	UWF—Rm. 204
7:00 pm	Book Club—Rm. 204

Wednesday, November 11

6:00 pm	Bells
7:15 pm	Choir

Thursday, November 12

9:30 am	Guy's Grief Group—Mr. J's Bagels
Noon	JOY Group—MH
3:45 pm	New Horizons Band—MH

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

Sunday, November 15

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Luncheon
1:30 pm	"Mystery of the Christmas Star" at the JMU Planetarium

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier
Rosalie Bailey
Gary Billingsley
Whitney Bradley
Rev. Louis Carson
Lt. Col. Sam Cartee
Loretta Crider
Nissa D'Andrea
Cliff Davis
Jo Ellen Dickenson
Mike Earman
Rev. Samuel & Judith Espinoza
Zach Fickes
Halcie Fishback
Mary Ann Glendye
Ray Griffith
Fred Hopkins
Joel Jordan
Deb Leap & Family
Chuck Macklin
Art Mitchell
Eric Mitchell
Maxine Perry
Judy Pruett
Kay Schaefer
Ann Sebrell
Anna Joseph Sheets
Rudy Smith
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Keith Wright



The flowers on the altar today are given by Darlene Cochran in memory of her sisters and loved ones and to the Glory of God.

- **"Mystery of the Christmas Star"**—This is the last Sunday to reserve your seat to learn more about the Christmas Star on our visit to the JMU Planetarium **next Sunday, November 15**, at **1:30 pm**. Sign up today on the Creation Care Taskforce bulletin board where you will find directions and parking details. Also, enjoy a provided lunch following worship service before we head out for the planetarium.
- **Time to Order Poinsettias**—During the Christmas season, our church is decorated with beautiful poinsettias from Riverside Plants and Mulch. If you would like to order one to help decorate the church, see the order form below. They may be ordered in memory or in honor of a loved one. Each poinsettia is **$10**. The **order deadline is Sunday, November 22**. Please make checks payable to Otterbein UMC with "poinsettia" written on the memo line. Use the form in the bulletin and place in offering plate or return to the church office. They may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.
- **Kingsway Apple Tree Project** collects Christmas gifts for children of families affected by the incarceration of a parent or step-parent. Stop by the Apple Tree in the Narthex and pick an envelope or two. More information is on the table. Questions? call Bev Earman at 443-994-0841.

Attendance Last Sunday:	**Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:**
94	Susan Pollard & Dylan Andrade

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

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In honor of:_____

Given by:

_____ ____ X $10 = ____

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Jenny Butcher
Location Leader
Isaiah 117 House, Rockingham VA

Jenny Butcher is the Rockingham County Location Leader for Isaiah 117 House, where she leads efforts to bring a home to the community that provides physical and emotional support for children entering foster care. Since stepping into her role in August 2024, Jenny has overseen local fundraising, volunteer development, and community partnerships to help launch the Rockingham County location.

Prior to this role, Jenny served as a Deputy Clerk for the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, where she worked closely on foster care cases. This experience gave her a firsthand understanding of the system and deepened her commitment to supporting children and families during times of crisis.

Jenny is deeply passionate about this mission, shaped by both her professional experience and her own personal story in foster care. She uses her voice to advocate for children and to raise awareness around the realities they face on removal day.

She lives in Rockingham County with her husband and two children and is committed to strengthening her community through service, advocacy, and faith-led leadership.

TLC Person of the Week:

Gary Billingsley
3935 Sunnyside Drive
Health Care Room 240
Rockingham, VA 22801

Remember Gary 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