

Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church

July 12, 2026

10:30 am

Seventh 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 Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Steve Young, organ

Ashdown

***Greeting**

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

All: Because of God's everlasting goodness, we offer God our thanks and praise.

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All: Because of God's care and concern for humanity, we offer God our thanks and praise.

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

All: Because of God's transforming powers and actions, we gather as a community of faith and trust in God—and we offer God our thanks and praise. Let us worship God!

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Sarah Macomber

** Please stand as you are able.*

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Lesson I Corinthians 13 (NT, pg. 175)

Sermon Rev. Laura Stratton
“MY FAVORITE THINGS: LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

*Gospel John 13:31-35 (NT, pg. 108)

Anthem *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* arr. Williamson

We Give Our Thanks

Announcements

Annual Conference Report

Pastoral Prayer

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

*Hymn *The Gift of Love* No. 408, 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 No. 2223, TFWS
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

*Benediction

*Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* Page

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, July 12

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Welcome Carry-in
Lunch

Monday, July 13

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen
5:00 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, July 14

Wednesday, July 15

Noon Lunch Out—Lisa's
Hometown Grill

Thursday, July 16

2:00 pm JOY Group Planning—
Rm. 204

Friday, July 17

Saturday, July 18

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship



*The flowers on the
altar today are given to
the glory of God and in
honor of Jocelyn Beckler's
birthday tomorrow and in
memory of her twin sister,
Jacquelyn, by Kathy
Beckler.*

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier
Rosalie Bailey
Gary Billingsley
Whitney Bradley
Millie Bruce
Rev. Louis Carson
Nissa D'Andrea
Cliff Davis
Jo Ellen Dickenson
Mike Earman
Samuel & Judi Espinoza
Zach Fickes
Mary Ann Glendye
Mary Ely Griffith
Ray Griffith
Richard Holmes
Fred Hopkins
Joel Jordan
Steve Lily
Chuck Macklin
Ann Miller
Maxine Perry
Bill Pollard
Judy Pruett
Ralph & Ann Sebrell
Brenda Smith
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Rachel Wenger
Keith Wright

Lay Reader:

Jim Clough

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Susan Pollard & Dylan Andrade

Announcements

- **Nametags** are available in the High Street Entrance. Please be sure to wear one with your name to help Pastor Laura learn her new congregation.
- **Welcome Lunch**—Join us **today** following Worship for our **Welcome Lunch in Memorial Hall** for Pastor Laura and her Family. The elevator will have attendants.
- **Office Hours**—Melissa will be working remotely some this week, so it's best to call or email first before making a special trip to the office.
- **Lunch Out**—Our next luncheon will be on **Wednesday, July 15, at noon**. It will be held at **Lisa's Hometown Grill**, 15552 Old Spotswood Trail (Old Rt. 33), Elkton. The home of the famous Jess's hot dogs. I would suggest **meeting in church parking lot around 11:15 to carpool**. After lunch Casey Billhimer will do a tour of the Miller-Kite House and museum. No admission charge. Hope to see you there.
- **Clothes Closet**—The Clothes Closet could use **men's and children's clothing AND white socks**. *Please NO women's clothing*. Thanks!
- **WRE Opportunity**—WRE is seeking **Classroom Assistants** at numerous elementary schools in the area. These are part-time, paid positions. For more information, see the flyer on the FYI board in the Education Hallway.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Millie Bruce
1332 Woodland Park Circle
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

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

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OFFICE HOURS:

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