Welcome to
Otterbein United Methodist Church

November 15, 2026 10:30 am

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

We Gather to Worship the Lord

Prelude *Prelude on "Hyfrydol"* Ritter

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: Family of God, whom do you serve?

All: We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.

Leader: Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?

All: We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.

Leader: Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?

All: We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.

Leader: Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.

All: We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn *Make Me a Servant* No. 2176, TFWS
(sung twice)

Children's Time in Worship Rev. Steve Young

We Proclaim the Word of God

Solo — *Go Down, Moses* — arr. Burleigh
Colin Riley, baritone

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading — Psalm 78:1-7 — (OT, pg. 537)

Scripture Reading — Matthew 25:14-30 — (NT, pg. 28)

Sermon — "PARABLE OF THE TALENTS" — Rev. Laura Stratton

*Hymn — *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* — No. 402, UMH

Reception of New Members — No. 33, UMH

We Give Our Thanks

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

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

Anthem — *My Worth Is Not In What I Own* — Angerman

*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. 2153, TFWS
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Benediction

*Postlude — *Festive Postlude* — Hughes

This Week's Opportunities

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

Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

7:00 pm	Admin. Council—Rm. 204

Wednesday, November 18

6:00 pm	Bells
7:15 pm	Choir

Thursday, November 19

9:30 am	Guy's Grief Group—Mr. J's Bagels
2:00 pm	JOY Group Planning Team—Rm. 204
3:45 pm	New Horizons Band—MH

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21

10:00 am	Charge Conference—Vision of Hope UMC
1:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 22

9:30 am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Advent Book Study
10:30 am	Worship

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

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
Mary Earman
Mike Earman
Rev. Samuel & Judith Espinoza
Zach Fickes
Halcie Fishback
Mary Ann Glendye
Ray Griffith
Fred Hopkins
Joel Jordan
Chuck Macklin
Art Mitchell
Eric Mitchell
Maxine Perry
Judy Pruett
Ann Sebrell
Anna Joseph Sheets
Rudy Smith
Dot Swartz
Carolyn Stroop
Michelle VanPelt
Hazel Willi
Keith Wright
Family of Kay Schaefer

Lay Reader:

Carolyn Green

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Betty Redmond & Sean Macomber

- **Time to Order Poinsettias**—During the Christmas season, our church is decorated with beautiful poinsettias. 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 NEXT 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. Please include $3 per gift in the envelope or whatever donation you can to help cover shipping costs. **Due November 29**.
- **Sunday Morning Advent Study**—**November 22, 29, December 13, and 20** at **9:30 am** in **Room 204**. Ron Cartee will lead the discussion on the book ***Calling All Angels***. See Linda Conrad for a book.
- **Otterbein UMM Pancake Brunch**—*Who likes pancakes!!!* The **Pancake Brunch** will be held in **Memorial Hall** on **Sunday, December 6**. Plan to stay after Worship and enjoy pancakes with syrup and a variety of fruit toppings, sausage, fresh fruit, and a beverage. On **Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 am**, the men will meet in Memorial Hall for a light breakfast and to set up for the brunch. **All donations from the brunch will go to support the College Chorale Scholarship Fund**.

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In honor of:_____

Given by:

_____ ____ X $10 = ____

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TLC Person of the Week:

Rev. Louis Carson
2304 Cedarfield Pkwy., #3829
Richmond, VA 23233

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

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Friday: Closed