

# *Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church*

August 2, 2026

10:30 am

Tenth 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

Grazioso

Oesten

### **\*Greeting**

Leader: Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,

**All: broken and shared, life for the world.**

Leader: Let us be wine, love freely poured.

**All: Let us be one in the Lord. Let us worship God!**

### **\*Opening Prayer**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

No. 616, UMH

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

Children's Time in Worship

Janet Gloeckner

### **We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:26-29

(NT, pg. 30)

Sermon

Rev. Laura Stratton

“MY FAVORITE THINGS: HOLY COMMUNION”

Scripture Reading     I Corinthians 11:17-34     (NT, pg. 173)

Anthem     *My Worth Is Not In What I Own*     arr. Angerman

**We Give Our Thanks**

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

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

\*Hymn     *I Come with Joy*     No. 617, 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. 614, UMH

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude     *Canzona*     Roesch

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## **This Week's Opportunities**

### **Sunday, August 2**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, August 3**

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen

5:00 pm Clothes Closet

### **Tuesday, August 4**

### **Wednesday, August 5**

6:00 pm Bells

7:15 pm Choir

### **Thursday, August 6**

### **Friday, August 7**

### **Saturday, August 8**

### **Sunday, August 9**

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 Mary Earman  
on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by  
her family.*

## **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

Rev. 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

Eric Mitchell

Maxine Perry

Judy Pruett

Ann Sebrell

Dot Swartz

Carolyn Stroop

Michelle VanPelt

Hazel Willi

Rachel Wenger

Keith Wright

Family & Friends of Ralph  
Sebrell

### **Lay Reader:**

Charlie Williams

### **Attendance Last Sunday:**

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### **Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:**

Loretta Crider & Erin Wenger

- **Reminder**—**Today**, collection buckets are available to receive your donation for the ongoing Otterbein UMM canned food drive.
- **Come Make a Joyful Noise!**—Bell Choir & Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals resume this **Wednesday, August 5!** Bells: 6-7 pm, Choir: 7:15-8:15 pm.
- **Newsletter Deadline**—The **deadline** for the **August Tidings** is **Monday, August 10 by 9 am**. Thank you for helping us meet our deadline. *Note—this is a change.*
- **Pastor Laura's Contact Info**—If you need to get in touch with Pastor Laura, you can do so at laurastratton@vaumc.org or by calling the church office (540-434-7747).
- **Listening Sessions**—It's not too late to sign up for a listening session with Pastor Laura! Sign-up sheets are on the white board in the entryway outside of the choir room.
- **Involvement Survey**—If you would like to participate in the Involvement Survey discussed last Sunday, you may do so by using the QR Code or this link: <https://forms.gle/HJ7pGzQxfaUt1i669>
- **Men's Widower Support Group**—A Men's Widower Support Group is being formed. Please speak to Gary Edlind or Art Mitchell today if interested.
- **OUMM-Led Sunday Worship Service (August 23<sup>rd</sup>)**—Practice for the Men's Choir: Wednesday, August 19 at 7 pm in OUMC Sanctuary and Saturday, August 22 at 9 am following the OUMM Breakfast Meeting. No experience necessary - just show up!
- **Thank You** so much to our Otterbein Church family for all the cards, thoughts, and prayers for the passing of my Ralph. He loved his times at Otterbein and was always so happy to see the people, enjoy dinners together, and enjoy the beautiful music. For bringing him so much happiness, I and his family thank you. ~Ann Sebrell
- **Clothes Closet**—The Clothes Closet could use **men's and children's clothing AND white socks**. *Please NO women's clothing*. Thanks!
- **Assisted Listening Devices and large print bulletins and hymnals are available**. Please see an usher for assistance.



**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Jo Ellen Dickenson  
1285 Shank Drive, #112  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

*Remember Jo Ellen 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