

Read how to prepare for worship on the inside!

Our Sanctuary is Open for Worship

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

(No Sunday School)

*** MASKS ARE REQUIRED!!!! ***

*** IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A MASK WITH YOU,
ONE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU. ***



Otterbein United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 2378

Martinsburg, WV 25402

The Spirit of Otterbein

AUGUST 2020

The *Spirit* of Otterbein

From the Pastor's Desk

August 2020

Resonance

*"Listen, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel!
Should you not know justice?—² you who hate the good and love the evil,?" Micah 3:1-2a*

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Amos 5:24

Scripture readings for seasons of Christmas and Easter are so obvious, but where does one turn in the between times especially these between times. I have found comfort in the Psalms as the psalmists cry out to God and praise God in the midst of their sometimes difficult circumstances. I find resonance with our current world situation in reading the prophets. I've spent time this summer with some of the minor prophets in particular and commend to your reading Amos, Micah, and Habakkuk. Not the most popular texts in Scripture and definitely not the easiest ones to read, but the prophets speak out about things that resonate with what we are experiencing today.

If you choose to undertake reading these texts, I suggest you use a modern translation study Bible and read the footnotes and study helps to understand the context in which the words were spoken to the people of Israel. Don't be in a hurry, but rather take time to sit with the readings for a while—these are not quick and easy reads, but deep thought provoking texts. These readings should be bookended with prayer before and after.

Serving Christ together with you,

Pastor Patricia

Five Ways to Worship

Worship in the sanctuary or worship virtually from home at 11:00 a.m.

Our virtual services have been greatly upgraded.

Please try one or more of these methods to worship.

- **In person** in the sanctuary following the guidelines outlined in the For a Reason-For A Season in this newsletter
- **Facebook:** Facebook Live at www.Facebook.com/otterbeinumcmartinsburg
- **Internet:** For those with internet but not on Facebook go to <https://zoom.us/> and enter Meeting ID: 886 6337 0629 and when prompted Password: 310715
- **Phone:** For those without internet you can call in from your telephone by dialing 1-301-715-8592 and entering Meeting ID: 886 6337 0629 followed by Password: 310715
- **YouTube:** Recorded services are available after Sunday on our YouTube channel [oumcmartinsburg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmcmartinsburg)

Past Recorded services are available on our website.

DATE	HIGHLIGHTS
August 2 11:00 a.m.	Ninth Sunday of Kingdomtide <i>Celebration of Holy Communion—super sanitary style</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21• Sermon: <i>Curbside to Go</i>
August 9, 11:00a.m.	Tenth Sunday of Kingdomtide <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33• Sermon: <i>Great Steps of Faith</i>
August 16, 11:00 a.m.	Eleventh Sunday of Kingdomtide <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scripture: Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28• Sermon: <i>Faithful Hearts and Faithful Deeds</i>
August 23, 11:00 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday of Kingdomtide <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20• Sermon: <i>Identity Crisis?</i>

Read and Reflect Book Bunch Summer Selection

Our summer read is *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. You can purchase the book from any bookstore or download on your e-book device. The book is also available as an audio book. There is no need to sign up for this group. Those who would like to reflect on the selection are invited to an online chat on Wednesday, August 26th at 3:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82992657808?pwd=NmpwU0sxL3UvQmFmSkJQVld0QmxEUT09>

Phone In: +1 301 715 8592

When prompted enter Meeting ID: 829 9265 7808 When asked, enter the Password: 474766

Pastor's Summer Study: United Methodist Social Principles

Our Social principles cover a wide range of issues and are upheld in [Our United Methodist Church Social Creed](#):

“We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God’s gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends. We affirm the natural world as God’s handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind. We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family. We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons. We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world. We believe in the present and final triumph of God’s Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.” (excerpted from *The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2017-2020* . Cokesbury. Kindle Edition.)

With General Conference meeting soon and all the unrest in our world, you should know where we stand on many social issues. Our Social Principles is a six-week online study Tuesday’s at 5:00 p.m. remaining classes are on August 4, 11, 18, 25 and will cover topics of society and rights, economics, political policies and global concerns. We’ve already discussed our task as stewards of the earth and our role in society with all human beings. Hot topics we’ve covered have included climate control, human sexuality, divorce, suicide, and racism. : Purchase the text *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church:2017-2020* as a book or an e-book from Amazon, Cokesbury, or other booksellers.

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When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 884 4737 9663 then when prompted again, enter the Password: 648614

For a Reason *For a Season*

Otterbein United Methodist Church Policies and Procedures for Pandemic

Purpose: To keep everyone as safe as possible in the midst of a highly contagious virus and to ensure compliance with all applicable governmental and BWCUMC guidelines.

Safer at Home:

- Stay home if you feel ill or have any symptoms of disease (cough, fever, etc.)
- Those over 65 years of age and those with any pre-existing medical conditions that compromise their immunity are advised to not come to the church but to worship from home until the pandemic ends.
- Worship virtually from home at 11:00 a.m.
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Coming for Worship:

- Come straight from home to church without stopping at other establishments to reduce possibility of bringing virus into church property.
- Minimize the items you bring with you into church building (suggest that you do not bring printed material, no food or beverages, and ladies may wish to use a small washable handbag or bag that can be disinfected).

Arriving at Church:

- Follow the direction of the safety team who will direct you to an available space.
- Park with a space between your vehicle and other vehicles to maintain social distance when exiting and entering your vehicle.
- Put on face covering before you exit your vehicle.
- If you choose to wear gloves put them on before you leave your vehicle. (Sanitizer is available inside the church for those not wearing gloves.)
- Always maintain a minimum social distance of 6 feet between yourself and others.

Entering the Church:

- Enter only through the portico entrance at the rear of the church.
- Always maintain a minimum social distance of 6 feet
- Face coverings are required. If you are not wearing a face covering you will receive one from the safety team before you enter the building.
- Wear face coverings over nose and mouth at all times while on church property including parking lot, hallways, common areas (Assembly Room, Sanctuary, Classrooms, Restrooms, etc.) and office spaces.
- Hand sanitizing is required immediately upon entry into the building and hand washing or sanitizing after using restroom facilities or touching any common-use surfaces (door handles, handrails, light switches, etc.)
- Check-in with our safety team who will ensure we have your name and phone number for contact tracing (this information will be used in the event you contract COVID 19 to contact all who had contact with you and will be used if anyone in worship contracts COVID 19 to let you know you've been exposed).

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Otterbein United Methodist Church Policies and Procedures for Pandemic (Continued)

Restrooms

- Limited to one person at a time to maintain appropriate distance. (Young children may be accompanied by parent or guardian.)
- Hand washing for minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water following use of the facilities.
- Use a clean paper towel to open door upon exiting.

In the Sanctuary

- Maintain social distance of six feet.
- You will be guided to your seat by a member of the safety team.
- People living in the same house may sit together without six feet of separation between household members.
- No seating in the balcony.
- No printed materials in the sanctuary.
- No singing or unison speaking during the pandemic to reduce the amount of exhaled aerosol that could contain virus.
- Remain seated until dismissal by rows to avoid congestion in hallways.
- Offering received upon exit from the sanctuary in designated box

Exiting the Church:

- Altar Guild will remove flowers before congregation exits and take them outside for pick-up by donors.
- Follow the direction of the safety team to the exit.
- Maintain safe social distance of six feet between yourself and others.
- Exit immediately upon conclusion of the service.
- Exit only through the portico entrance at the rear of the church.
- Wear face covering (and disposable gloves if you choose to wear them) until you are in your vehicle and dispose of these in a proper waste receptacle at home.
- Exit the parking lot promptly to clear the way for others to safely get to their vehicles.

Discontinued until further notice are the following:

- No Bulletins
- No Greeters at Sanctuary entrance
- No Lay Readers
- No Coffee Hour: No food or beverage in the building
- No Sunday School for children, youth, and adults.
- No Nursery or Children's Church
- No Small Group gatherings
- No Renting to outside groups
- No Card ministry table
- No Prayer Request Sheet (Contact pastor by phone, text, or e-mail with requests)
- No Registration Pads or Connection Cards

Remember It Is All

For a Reason  ***For a Season***

Please be advised that as the ongoing pandemic situation changes, this information will be reviewed and updated to correspond with the current level of risk and governmental/BWCUMC guidelines and requirements.

- 1 Mary Jo Jennings
- 4 Janet Deter, Samantha Deter, Ruth Ann Myers and Chelsea Payton
- 6 Richard Stickley
- 7 Christy Polak and Robin Richards
- 9 Kathy Weaver
- 10 Gary Raines
- 11 Roger Kief
- 12 Jean Fulk
- 14 Larry Clemons
- 16 Dan Waters
- 20 Kim Welch
- 23 Terry Miller
- 24 Sarah Corwin-Roach
- 26 Linda Roach
- 27 Betty Ann Keiter-Tabler and Marcia Stickley
- 30 Pat Fleming
- 31 Rick Deuell



Thank You's

Our family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, cards and food during the death of our daughter, Wendy Price Blake. We hope to have a memorial service at a later date when restrictions on the number of people allowed to gather in the Church is increased to a number large enough to accommodate any number of people who would like to attend.

Jean and Dave Fulk

Give to Glorify God!!!

Options for Supporting Your Church with Your Gifts

Our finances depend upon your continued support throughout this time.

These are some options to get your financial gifts to your church.



- **Mail** your check(s) in an envelope to Otterbein UMC
P.O. Box 2378
Martinsburg, WV 25402
- **Click and give** by making a donation through the church website at www.otterbeinumc.net on the home page. Click the “donate” button to give through either PayPal or by debit or credit card.
- **Donate through our Conference** at <https://www.bwcumc.org/churchgiving>
Once you click on the link just follow the simple directions to set-up your donation.
- **Online banking** by submitting an electronic payment through your bank online bill-pay
- **Auto pay** Please consider making your online/electronic contribution a recurring monthly gift

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS!!

The secretary has new office hours starting August 1st. Donna will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. and on Fridays from 9:00a.m. to 1:30p.m. She will be off on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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MISSION MOMENT

The "Things You Can't Eat" Ministry

With the knowledge that many items on a grocery list are not food, OUM plans to help folks in need by giving out non-edible items such as: detergent, soap, toothpaste, paper products, etc. This will be a continuation of our Blessing Box Ministry with a few modifications.

Instead of putting items in the Blessing Box, we will be distributing these items on Wednesday, August 12th from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. and on Wednesday, August 26th from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. We will set up outside under the Portico (at the back of the church). Families and individuals can pick up needed items during those times. Social distancing and/or masks will be required. With these changes in place, we hope to better serve our neighbors around the church as well as the community at large.

Flyers with info about this ministry will be placed in the Blessing Box, local laundromats, and locations where free meals are available. Temporary signage on the days of distribution will be placed on Queen Street & Pennsylvania Avenue. We will also try for some press coverage by the local newspaper.

On the first Tuesday of each month, members of Otterbein will have an opportunity to take part in this ministry by bringing donations to the church from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Portico entrance. Another option is to bring your donations on any Sunday you are attending and leaving them on the designated table in the assembly room. Please do not bring items at other times since no one may be at the church to receive them.

The items requested are:

- 46 oz. or smaller liquid laundry detergent
- Individual bars of soap
- Toothpaste
- Dishwashing liquid (small)
- Boxes of tissues or small individual packs
- (2) pack of paper towels
- Toilet paper (4 pack) if available

Please limit your donations to these specific items so we can keep distributions equitable. As we continue this ministry, we may expand the items we offer. You can also donate to this ministry monetarily if you wish. (We will accept them at the same time as other donations.)

Remember, God has no hands but our hands!

Thank You
Blessing Box Committee

OUR RESIDENTS:

Linda Brining, Room 716
Cadia Healthcare
14014 Marsh Pike
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Betty Raines
Clary Grove, Room 159B
209 Clover Street
Martinsburg, WV 25404

Raymond "Mutt" Gano
Elmcroft Assisted Living, Room 201
200 Gloucester Drive
Martinsburg, WV 25401

Ethel Bovey
Shenandoah Center
50 Mulberry Tree Street
Charles Town, WV 25414

Terry Bowers
Hospice Facility, Room 127
320 Hospice Lane
Kearneysville, WV 25430

Activities Dignity Loving Patient
Healthcare Nurse Insurance
Cost Staff **ASSISTED** Care
Mature Doctors **LIVING** Support
Disability Long Term Family Needs Medical
Adult Facility Seniors Meals Home
Geriatric Aging Life Social Rest
Residential Community Rehab Elderly



Ethel Bovey turned 105 on July 28th!!!

Thanks to all who sent Birthday cards and good wishes to Ethel on her birthday. She received over 100 cards!! The Lord blessed both Ethel and I in that she was having a good day and clarity of mind. My friend Dava and I sang and visited thru the window. Ethel asked if we would come back next year. When we asked her to sing with us, she replied, "It's my birthday you are supposed to sing to me." So, you see, she still has her wit and humor.

Kathy Weaver



Prayer List

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IMMEDIATE:

Richard Ahearn
Jack & Betty Allen
Mary Kay Apple
Hallie Beveridge
Terry Bowers
Linda Brining
Sharon Burns
Mike Callahan
Stacey Chaney
Mike Emery
Jean and Dave Fulk
Genevieve Hedges
Sally Hefflee
John Kesecker
Barbara Lancaster
Lars Lilienthal
Sharon Lynde
Arlene Mauck
Lydia McBee
Joyce Oats
Captain Jack Overton
Betty Raines
Cliff Sebring
Julie Shallis
Janice Shipe
Mike Shipe
Mike Wheeler
Linda Winegardner

THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER:

Carolyn Betke
Dave Betke
Sandra Biner
Vanessa Bishop
Buck Browning
JoAnn Cave
Amy Chapman
Patty Cooper
Sarah Crowell
Lee Cutlip
Mark Day
Paul Fell
Mary Ann Fields
Janice Fischbach
Virginia Fitzwater
Frank Harrison
Tammy Hatfield
David Hoffman
Melissa Holmes
Pamela Jones
Davis Keller
Joyce Kulb
Patty LeMaster
Eunice Lloyd
Sherry Manor
Bill Miller
Cathy Potts
Melissa Shade
Robert Shank
Kimberly Sisk
Lisa Thompson
Becky Weaver
Mindy Wilmer
Clinton Wright
Wilson Youngblood
Carolyn Zdziera
Beverly Zook

GENERAL PRAYER CONCERNS:

End to the Coronavirus
Unity in the spirit of our Nation
Health care workers
Drug Addiction Epidemic
Our Military & Families
Homeless
The Middle East
Parkinson Support Group
Families touched by violence
CCAP/Loaves and Fishes
National, State, & Community Leaders
Police officers
First Responders
Children's Ministry

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:

Ethel Bovey
Max Corbin
Bob & June Cutlip
Scott Davis
Janet Deter
Janice Dodson
Jeremy Duke
Rion Foster
Dave Fulk
Mutt Gano
Dan Kesecker
Jerry and Phyllis Kusner
Brenda McDaniel
Betty Ann Keiter Tabler

MILITARY MEMBERS:

Joshua Brining
Nick Foster
Brett Richards
Christopher Riser

SYMPATHY:

Our sympathies are extended to the friends and family of the following:

- Wendy Lee's family in the passing of her father in law.



PRAYER CHAIN MEMBERS:

Jean Butts 304-263-4427
Emily Waters 304-263-9433
Joy White 304-229-0946
Pat Wilson 304-263-5887

If you would like to become a member of the prayer chain, please let Jean Butts know.