

# The Spirit of Otterbein

# August 2021

## Come and Worship!

It's raining hard as I write this. I've chatted with three people who are either at a beach, just came back from beach living and others, like me, who wish we were at the beach. Such is summertime!

Summer is also the time of year many folks choose to take a STAYCATION from Sunday worship. You know what this is. Kids or grandkids are home, and everyone wants to sleep in. Families are visiting this summer, finally, and you don't want to miss even one minute with them. You're getting ready to go somewhere or recovering from your vacation. And then there is the wonderful option to worship over the internet, at the time of your choosing.

My friends, we need to you to continue to worship with us every Sunday! Worship is the presence of God intersecting with YOU and the blessings through words and music. Our worship experience is true three-part harmony. John Wesley in his **Directions for Singing** (*United Methodist Hymnal*, page vii) wrote, "Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength, . . . .". We want to worship together in that same spirit! And that's best when we're together.

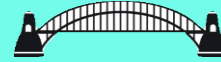
With three Sunday opportunities to worship, timing shouldn't be a hindrance. With openness to start fellowshiping after the service with others, that's not a barrier. With the pleasure of listening to the preacher of your preference, there's no reason to stay away. And certainly, wherever two or more are gathered in His name, He is there. But I also just read that public worship is 17 times better than private worship!

So, we invite you to come back into worship if it is healthy for you and your family. We are doing a new thing here in Martinsburg and we want each of you to be part of this. See you soon!

Pastor Carol Rhan

MCP Public Worship times and August preaching schedule:

**Martinsburg Cooperative Parish**  
of United Methodist Churches  
Otterbein UMC  
St Luke's UMC  
Trinity UMC  
August 2021



**All our churches  
worshiping together  
August 29th, 10:00am at  
Otterbein UMC**

We heard your creative ideas and hopes for all of us to be together at times. Come be a part of this fifth Sunday fun as three churches gather at Otterbein for Sunday worship as a wider parish family.

Summer Worship Series

## "We are One"

Sunday mornings through August 22  
Join us in worship all summer as we get to know one another and let God remind us of who we are **together** in Christ!

All of our

**pastors are available for you** by appointment, and a pastor is always on call for emergencies. Reach out to any of our pastors or church offices to make an appointment.

**For the pastor on call,  
day or night, dial**

**304-664-4141**

Otterbein UMC 9:00 a.m.

Trinity UMC 10:00 a.m.

St. Luke's UMC 11:00 a.m.

Aug 1	Pastor John	Pastor Carol	Pastor John
Aug 8	Pastor Carol	Pastor Mike	Pastor Carol
Aug 15	Pastor John	Pastor Mike	Pastor John
Aug 22	Pastor Mike	Pastor John	Pastor Mike
Aug 29	All three pastors together with you in our combined service - 10:00am at Otterbein		

## **“Getting to Know You” opportunities with our pastor team in August**

All our churches are hosting a time of fellowship with the pastors in August. Come enjoy a time of visiting together and us all getting to know one another. Please contact each church office to RSVP and see how you can help make these times of fellowship a success.

**Otterbein UMC August 1** after Sunday worship visiting with Pastors John and Mike

**Otterbein UMC August 8** after Sunday worship visiting with Pastor Carol

**St Lukes UMC August 15**, 5:00pm fellowship meal with all three pastors, please RSVP church office

**Trinity UMC August 29**, 6:00pm fellowship meal with all three pastors, please RSVP church office

## **Martinsburg Cooperative Parish FAQ sheet**

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Praise God for your willingness to allow God to build something new among us! We will continue revising and posting updated FAQ sheets in all our churches as we learn, grow and adapt each month. Your input is valuable to our learning and working together fruitfully, so please keep sharing ways we can be better supports for our neighbors and our neighbor churches. Have you seen the Martinsburg Cooperative Parish FAQ sheet on your bulletin board?

1. Mary Jo Jennings
4. Samantha Deter and Ruth Ann Myers
7. Christy Polak and Robin Richards
10. Gary Raines
12. Jean Fulk
14. Larry Clemons
16. Dan Waters
20. Kim Welch
24. Sarah Corwin-Roach
26. Linda Roach
27. Betty Ann Keiter Tabler and Marcia Stickley
30. Pat Fleming
31. Rick Deuell, Katelyn Spack and Kelset Welch





## FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:



- August 1 In honor of Pastor Carol Rhan, Pastor Mike Cantley and Pastor John Mayden, Jr. who began serving Otterbein UMC on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- August 8 OPEN
- August 15 In memory of Milton and Laura Bowers, Tom and Hazel Grove, and Floyd and Peggy Butts given by Jean, Brad and Cathy Butts.
- August 22 In Memory of Alberta and Paul Gruver, given by Jake Gruver.
- August 29 In Memory of Helen L.O. McDaniel, given by The Family.

## OUR SHUT-IN RESIDENTS:

**Jerry Kusner** Room 220,  
Elmcroft Assisted Living  
200 Gloucester Drive  
Martinsburg, WV 25401

**Betty Raines**  
Stonerise Martinsburg, Room 159B  
209 Clover Street  
Martinsburg, WV 25404

**Phyllis Kusner (NEW ADDRESS)**  
Stonerise Martinsburg, Room 142  
209 Clover Street  
Martinsburg, WV 25404

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

**Barbara Lancaster** Room 232  
Harmony At Martinsburg  
13857 Apple Harvest Drive  
Martinsburg, WV 25403



# Prayer List

August 2021

## IMMEDIATE:

Lee Cutlip  
Mike Emery  
Lydia and Steven McBee  
Dwight Neel  
Janice Shipe  
Mike Shipe  
Mike Wheeler  
Carol Zdziera  
Jim LeMaster  
Vanessa Bishop  
Dean Parker  
Carol Hensler  
Brett Twigg  
Kaleb Goff  
Sharon Serio  
Sue Davis  
Keith Hammersla  
Charles Workman  
Jonathan  
Elizabeth  
Peggy

## LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:

Max Corbin  
Bob & June Cutlip  
Scott Davis  
Janice Dodson  
Jeremy Duke  
Rion Foster  
Dave Fulk  
Dan Kesecker  
Brenda McDaniel  
Betty Ann Keiter Tabler  
Cliff Sebring  
Betty Allen  
Katherine Ford

## MILITARY MEMBERS:

Joshua Brining  
Nick Foster  
Brett Richards  
Christopher Riser  
Conner Waters

## GENERAL PRAYER CONCERNS:

End to the Coronavirus  
Unity in the spirit of our Nation  
Drug Addiction Epidemic  
Our Military & Families  
Homeless  
Families touched by violence

CCAP/Loaves and Fishes  
National, State & Community Leaders  
Police officers  
First responders  
Health care workers  
Children's Ministry

## PRAYER CHAIN MEMBERS:

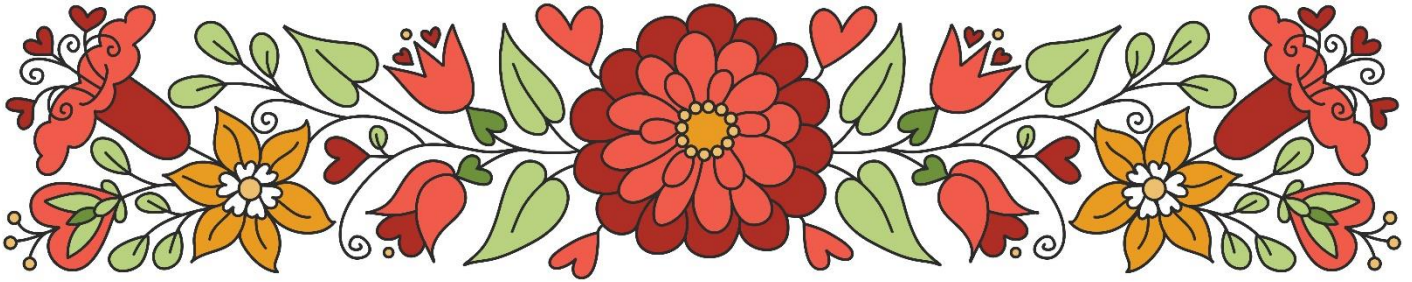
Jean Butts 304-263-4427  
Emily Waters 304-263-9433  
Joy White 304-229-0946  
Pat Wilson 304-263-5887  
If you would like to become a



## 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  
Mary Ann Fields  
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

## Sister ACTS News:



Thank you to everyone who has provided food in July & the past months for Immanuel's House on Wednesdays of each week. Our donations there are always so appreciated! As of now, our schedule is filled for this ministry through September.

Remember to "like" our Facebook page if you use that social media platform. You are also welcome to invite your friends with a heart for service to our meetings or also like our FB page. We are blessed that our group has grown a lot—even during the pandemic, and we are very thankful!

Mary, Sue Ann and Leigh

### OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY!

For those interested in Outreach, please sign-up on the list on the table coming into the Assembly Room. Pastor John will have more information for you.

***There will be a small "Getting To Know You" reception with Pastor John in the Assembly Room right after service on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Coffee and refreshments will be available. Pastor Carol's reception will be held the following Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.***



# AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 9:00am Pastor John Mayden, Jr.  <i>Communion</i>	2	3 <b>TRUSTEES MEETING 7:00pm</b>	4	5	6	7
8 Worship 9:00am Pastor Carol Rhan	9	10 NA 7:00pm	11	12	13	14
15 Worship 9:00am Pastor John Mayden, Jr.	16	17 NA 7:00pm	18	19	20	21 Sister ACTS Guest Speaker: Susan Lovell
22 Worship 9:00am Pastor Mike Cantley	23	24 NA 7:00p.m.	25 Things You Can't Eat give- away 10 am - 12 pm	26	27	28 Basement in use for Baby Shower. 1pm – 6pm
29 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Combined Service 10:00a.m. at Otterbein</b>	30	31 NA 7:00pm				



## **Otterbein United Methodist Church**

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Phone: 304-263-0342

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Website: [www.otterbeinumc.net](http://www.otterbeinumc.net)

Email: [secretary@otterbeinumc.net](mailto:secretary@otterbeinumc.net)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/otterbeinumcmartinsburg](https://www.facebook.com/otterbeinumcmartinsburg)

YouTube: Otterbein UMC Martinsburg



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