

The *Spirit* of Otterbein

From the Pastor's Desk

July 2020

Chaos or Control

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

In the 1960s there was a television series entitled *Get Smart*. In that series there were two forces constantly trying to outwit each other. Maxwell Smart, a highly intellectual but bumbling spy working for the CONTROL agency, battles the evil forces of rival spy agency KAOS with the help of his competent partner Agent 99. Today's news could be summed up as a battle between chaos and control.

Our world these days seems to be in constant turmoil with the forces of good and evil pitted against one another. Forces for good would return things to an orderly existence and forces for evil would perpetuate the chaos. Jesus Christ our Lord is working in the midst of the ongoing turmoil to move us toward order and is expecting us the church to do our part to bring about an end to unrest. We are called to be salt and light as a force for good and agents of justice and peace.

Do not wait to be told or asked to do something about the unrest in our world. Our baptism commissions us as "special agents" to work for the good of all and to renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin while accepting the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. You need nothing more to begin your work as a special agent or what we call a disciple!

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 Facebook@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

Past Recorded services are available on our website.

DATE	HIGHLIGHTS
July 5 11:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Kingdomtide <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scripture: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30• Sermon: <i>Rest for the Weary</i>
July 12 11:00a.m.	Sixth Sunday of Kingdomtide <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scripture: Matthew 15:1-9, 18-25• Sermon: <i>Roots for Fruits</i>
July 19 11:00 a.m.	Seventh Sunday of Kingdomtide <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43• Sermon: <i>Seeds and Weeds</i>
July 26 11:00 a.m.	Eighth Sunday of Kingdomtide <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52• Sermon: <i>Facets of a Diamond</i>

Read and Reflect Book Bunch

Our summer read is *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. You can purchase the book from any bookstore or download on your e-book device. 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 August 26th at 3:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Phone In: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 829 9265 7808 Password: 474766

Pastor's Summer Study:

United Methodist Social Principles

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 will be a six-week online study Monday's at 5:00 p.m. July 14, 21, 28 and August 11, 18, 25 (No class on August 4). 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.

Join Zoom

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Meeting ID: 884 4737 9663 Password: 648614

- 1 Bob Cutlip and Helen Moler
- 7 Stephanie McBee
- 10 Mark Palmer and Connie Simmons
- 13 Donna Hall
- 14 Ralph Brining
- 17 Mark Hammersla and Alivia Roach
- 18 Larissa Elliott and Dan Starliper
- 21 June Cutlip and Wanda McDaniel
- 22 Jack Allen, Jr. and Kay Wertz
- 24 Jeremy Duke
- 25 Eli Harless
- 27 Charlotte Lucas
- 29 Coretta Brining, Marlana Roach and Ethel Bovey
- 30 Nikki Allen
- 31 Ronnie Gisler-McBee



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.
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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.

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

UPPER ROOM DOWNLOADABLES:

During this time of anxiety and isolation The Upper Room wants to make it as easy as possible for people to find resources to support spiritual health. They are providing the May/June 2020 issue of *The Upper Room* magazine, both in English and Spanish, for download at no cost. In addition, four short prayer resources that address specific needs are also available. Just go to www.upperroom.org/news/1155 to download and share as you wish. Peace be with you.

Thank You's

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, messages, thoughts and prayers since having a stroke. We appreciate it so very much. Please keep me in your prayers as I start outpatient therapies. Hope to see you in the near future.

John (& Debbie) Kesecker

Dear Friends at Otterbein,

Your calls and cards lift my spirit during this time of social distancing. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and encouragement. Thank You!

With Love,
Emily Waters

- Thank you from CCAP for donation of 101.2 pounds of food donated in January and March.
- Thank you from Wreaths Across America for 2019 donations of \$570.00 and \$675.00.

**A Word from our Christian Education and Program Director,
Chelsea Payton**



Volunteer needed!

The American Heritage Girls Troop is in need of a volunteer to serve as troop treasurer for this coming troop year (aug 2020 - May 2021). If interested, please contact Chelsea Payton via email at ahgww0058@gmail.com!

Otterbein United Methodist Church

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John Kesecker, Sexton

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A Helping Hand

Otterbein United Methodist Church has many older members in the congregation, and it is important they heed the warnings to “shelter in place.” Older folks and those with compromised immune systems are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. If you find yourself in a situation where you are running low on food or need to pick up a prescription, and you don’t have a family member or neighbor to help, please reach out to Pastor Patricia at 443-510-3308 or Leigh Fleming at 304-676-7332. They will send one of Otterbein’s Angels to help you. We want everyone to remain strong and healthy through this crisis.

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 Assistant
Disability Long Term Family Needs Medical
Adult Facility Seniors Meals Home
Geriatric Aging Life Social Rest
Residential Community Rehab Elderly



Prayer List

JULY 2020

MOST RECENT ADDITIONS:

- Linda Brining – Recovery from a fall
- Sebring Family in the loss of Mary Sebring, Pastor Patricia's sister-in-law.
- Hallie Beveridge – Healing from broken legs
- John Kesecker – Continued healing and strength regained.

IMMEDIATE:

Richard Ahearn
Jack & Betty Allen
Mary Kay Apple
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
Jan McNulty
Joyce Oats
Captain Jack Overton
Betty Raines
Cliff Sebring
Julie Shallis
Janice Shipe
Mike Shipe
Nancy Warrenfeltz
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

SYMPATHY:

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

- Mary Sebring
- Charlotte Shade

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

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.



Read how to prepare for worship on the inside!

Opening our Sanctuary for Worship

11:00 a.m. on Sunday's

(No Sunday School)

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

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



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