



Please stop by  
either entrance  
and sign the card  
for the **TLC Person  
of the Week.**



**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"!



**GREETERS:** Jonathan & Elisabeth Williams  
Mary Earman & Janet Coffman

**NURSERY:** Carla Nemoytin & Kira Blagg

**POWERPOINT:** Susan Pollard

**LAY READERS:** United Methodist Women

**Attendance on October 12/13: SNA—16 Sunday Worship—121**

*The flowers on the altar today are given by Jim and Julie Clough  
in memory of their fathers, John and Edwin, and to the glory of God.*

**Next Week's Nursery  
Volunteers**

Cathy Thomas & Darlene Cochran

**Next Week's Children's  
Message**

Rev. Jim Wingert

**Next Week's Powerpoint**

John Liskey, Jr.

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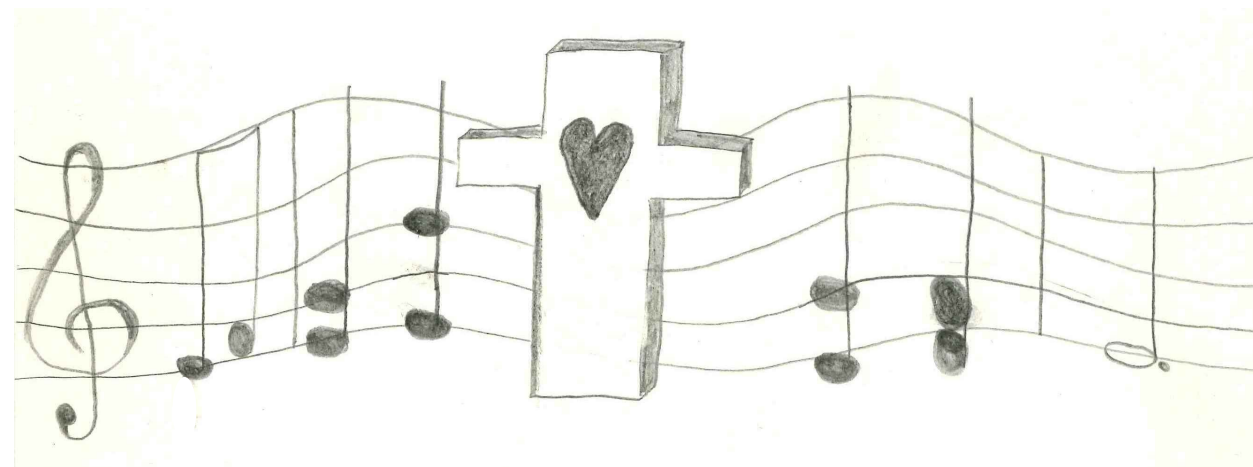
**THE MINISTRY AND STAFF**

<p><b>Rev. Sharma D. Lewis</b> <i>Resident Bishop</i></p> <p><b>Sandra E. Schaefer</b> <i>Organist / Music Director</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Samuel J. Espinoza</b> <i>Retired Clergy</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Richard Worden</b> <i>Retired Clergy</i></p>	<p><b>Rev. Dr. Victor Gómez</b> <i>District Superintendent</i></p> <p><b>Melissa Miller</b> <i>Office Manager</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Don Shull</b> <i>Retired Clergy</i></p> <p><b>Rev. James Wingert</b> <i>Retired Clergy</i></p>	<p><b>Rev. Adam Blagg</b> <i>Senior Pastor</i></p> <p><b>Judy A. Falls</b> <i>Church Custodian</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Larry Clark</b> <i>Retired Clergy</i></p>	<p><b>Rev. Faith Fowler</b> <i>Assoc. Pastor of Health &amp; Wellness</i></p> <p><b>Dawn Hunter</b> <i>Treasurer</i></p> <p><b>David McCormick</b> <i>Missionary in Mozambique</i></p>
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# Children's Sabbath Sunday

October 20, 2019

## Uniting Hearts and Voices



## To End Child Poverty

## Otterbein United Methodist Church

**Children's Sabbath**  
**"Uniting Hearts and Voices to End Child Poverty"**

**We Gather to Worship the Lord**

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Adam Blagg

Prelude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Bober  
Jonathan Williams, pianist

\*Greeting Judy Monger  
L: On this Children's Sabbath, we gather to worship Christ who entered our world as a poor baby.  
P: **We gather holding children in our hearts and praying for the ones in poverty.**  
L: We gather in the name of Christ, who as an adult welcomed and blessed the children.  
P: **We gather to lift our voices and speak out for justice for children.**  
All: **Come, let us worship Christ, whose love for all of us, young and old, will last forever.**

\*Opening Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations* No. 428, UMH

\*Prayer for the Children (in unison) Judy Richardson  
Let us pray to God, Lover of Justice and Protector of the Poor. Trusting Jesus' promise that God will grant justice, hope, and loving kindness to all children, especially those that are crying out for help. We pray that each of us and the leaders of our nation hear their cries, meet their needs, and help them to know that they are loved by God. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

\*Congregation Singing *Where Children Belong* No. 2233, TFWS  
(sung twice)

Children's Time in Worship Rev. Adam Blagg

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Renewal of Commitment (see insert) Christy Blagg

Prayer of Illumination Wilma Mitchell

Anthem *Sing Unto the Lord* Yannerella

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8 (NT, page 81)

Guest Speaker Jess Balac, The Collins Center

**We Give Our Thanks**

Giving of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Allen Pote  
Kira and Lena Blagg, duet

\*Doxology No. 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication Wilma Mitchell

Anthem *Children of God* Courtney  
College Chorale  
(please reflect on the text provided in the powerpoint)

Prayer of the People Betty Redmond  
Response: **Hear our prayer for your children.**

**We Go Forth Renewed**

\*Closing Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* No. 581, UMH

\*Benediction Wilma Mitchell  
P: **Let us go forth on this Children's Sabbath day, to work for children faithfully, labor with and for them lovingly, in steadfastness of hope in our God.**  
L: And may the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and all children, beloved by God, this day and ever more. Amen.

\*Postlude

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