

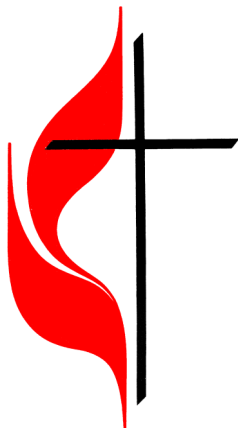
Otterbein United Methodist Church



First Building
Dedicated March 5, 1900



Current Building
Dedicated January 6, 1918



125th Anniversary Celebration
September 21-22, 2019

Welcome!

We welcome each of you to Otterbein's 125th Anniversary Celebration!

We are excited that you are present to worship, renew friendships, and reminisce with us. We have a beautiful place of worship with a rich history; however, Otterbein is more than a building. With God in our hearts, it is made all the more beautiful by the people connected: past, present, and future.

The Planning Committee has put together a memorable weekend of worship, music, displays, and food.

Thanks to Adam Blagg, Linda Conrad, Judy Falls, Carole Gaines, Vicki Gaines, John Liskey, Sr., Melissa Miller, Mary Jo Mitchell, Carla Nemoytin, Betty Redmond, Judy Richardson, Carter Ritchie, Sandy Schaefer, and Mike Snoddy. Assistants include: Jacob Blagg, Marylee Huffman, JoAnn Liskey, Art Mitchell, Wilma Mitchell, Juanita Taylor, Jay Thomas, Lydia Warren, and others.

Your time and talents have been most appreciated.

Patsy Liskey, Chair

Otterbein United Methodist Church
176 West Market Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
(540) 434-7747
Prayer Ministry: (540) 434-7745
oumcharrisonburg.org

Saturday Night Alive
5:30 pm
Sunday School
9:30 am
Sunday Worship
10:30 am

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Hors D'oeuvres, Fellowship, and Displays

5:00 - 6:15 pm

Memorial Hall

Concert

6:30 pm

Sanctuary

*featuring Anthony VanPelt on Violin, bluegrass band Blue Ridge Thunder,
& vocal selections by Otterbein's College Chorale Alumni*

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Brunch, Fellowship, and Displays

9:00 - 10:15 am

Memorial Hall

Worship

10:30 am

Sanctuary

Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Victor Gómez, Harrisonburg District Superintendent

*Music by our Sanctuary Choir, College Chorale & Alumni,
Otterbein Chancel Ringers, and JMU Graduate Brass Quintet
Commissioned Anniversary Anthem by Anthony VanPelt*

The Order of Morning Worship

We Gather to Worship the Lord

Prelude

*All Creatures of Our God and King
To God Be the Glory*
JMU Graduate Brass Quintet

arr. Tay
arr. Rumsey

Jesus Shall Reign / The Church's One Foundation
Otterbein Chancel Ringers

arr. Krug

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
JMU Graduate Brass Quintet

arr. Flauding

Choral Introit

Go Into the House of the Lord

Lloyd Larson

*Greeting (from Psalm 67)

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

P: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

L: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

P: May the peoples praise you God; may all the peoples praise you.

L: The land yields its harvest; God our God, blesses us.

P: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. Amen!

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory
(please follow the text on the powerpoint)

CWM RHONDDA
arr. John Ness Beck

Children's Message

Rev. Faith Fowler

Litany for Our 125th Anniversary

L: Gracious and Everlasting God, for the many years this congregation has stood firm on this corner of Market and High Streets and for the many saints who have gone before us holding fast to their faith and bringing Your message to the people of this community...

P: We give You thanks, O God.

L: For those who established this congregation, for their faith, inspiration and vision...

P: We give You thanks, O God.

L: For the city of Harrisonburg and all of the valley, for our country and for our world...

P: We give You thanks, O God.

L: For all who have been members of this congregation, freely giving of their time, wisdom, and gifts...

P: We give You thanks, O God.

L: For the ministries of the church past, present, and future...

P: We give You thanks, O God.
L: For all who have preached, taught, worshipped, prayed, and lifted their voice in song in the midst of this congregation...

P: We give You thanks, O God.
L: For all who left the security of these walls to proclaim your name throughout the world in both word and deed...

P: We give You thanks, O God.
L: Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding. Guide us into the future resolute and unafraid, confident in your promises as we join in singing the everlasting song, now and for all eternity.

P: We ask this in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Anthem	<i>Join the Everlasting Song</i> with Anthony VanPelt, violin <i>(composed for the 125th Anniversary of Otterbein UMC)</i>	Anthony VanPelt
*The Psalter	Psalm 138	No. 853, UMH
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostle’s Creed	No. 881, UMH
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		
*Gloria Patri		No. 71, UMH
Scripture	I Corinthians 15:1-11	(NT, page 176)
Sermon	“THE WORD IS CELEBRATE”	Rev. Dr. Victor Gómez
Anthem	<i>Lord of My Heart</i> College Chorale and College Chorale Alumni	John Leavitt
Offertory	<i>How Firm a Foundation/Blessed Assurance</i>	arr. Anthony VanPelt
*The Doxology		No. 95, UMH
Prayer of Dedication		
Recognitions		

Morning Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		No. 895, UMH
Anthem	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	David Schwoebel
Blessings & Charge to the Congregation		
*Hymn	<i>The Church’s One Foundation</i>	No. 545, UMH
*Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>God of Grace</i> Brass Quintet and Organ	Manz/arr. Crutchfield

Thank you to the service participants on this sacred occasion:
Rev. Dr. Victor Gómez, Harrisonburg District Superintendent
Rev. Adam Blagg, Senior Pastor
Rev. Faith Fowler, Associate Pastor of Health and Wellness
Sandra E. Schaefer, Director of Music Ministries
JMU Graduate Brass Quintet: John Nye & Shelby Carico, trumpets; Allison Lyttle, horn;
Kyle Remnant, trombone; Sean Breast, tuba; Caleb Pickering, timpani
Otterbein Chancel Ringers & Otterbein Sanctuary Choir
Otterbein College Chorale and Alumni
Anthony VanPelt, violin

ANTHONY WRIGHT VANPELT (b. 1977) was commissioned to compose “*Join the Everlasting Song*” to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Otterbein United Methodist Church and celebrate the church’s rich musical heritage and excellence throughout the years. Anthony began playing the violin at age four, at which time he played for his first worship service here at Otterbein UMC. He remembers Doris Ely as one of his Sunday School teachers, went through confirmation class at age 12, and continued with studies on the violin and music composition, all while worshipping at Otterbein with his family. He performed his undergraduate symphony concert at OUMC in 1999. He also has fond memories of Diana Lambert putting together the bus transport of Otterbein members to his Master’s Thesis Concert in 2002. Anthony has recorded two CD’s here at Otterbein because he enjoys the wonderful acoustics and natural echoing of the music in the sanctuary. Anthony received his BA in violin performance from Eastern Mennonite University and his Master’s Degree in music composition from Shenandoah Conservatory. He is an active performer of various styles of violin and fiddle, ranging from classical to bluegrass. He has performed for audiences in Tokyo, Europe, and Mexico in solo, chamber, and orchestral settings. Since 2014, Anthony has been playing fiddle for Dukes of Hazzard television star Ben “Cooter” Jones in Luray and on tour, including Nashville, TN and Bakersfield, CA in 2019. Anthony followed God’s call into the ministry beginning in 2004 and was ordained in 2010. He is senior pastor of Cross Keys Worship Center in Mt. Crawford, VA.

Highlights of Otterbein's 125 Years

1894-2019

1894

- February** The desire to establish a new church of the United Brethren in Christ to be located in Harrisonburg, VA, was brought before Annual Conference.
- March 25** The first worship service was held at the YMCA Hall on the second floor of the Avis Building on South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA.
- June 1** Rev. C.H. Crowell presided over the formal organization of the new church, paying tribute to the original "Faithful Thirteen" Charter Members: *Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Funkhouser, Mr. H.N. Whitesel, Miss Mollie Life, Miss Ada Glovier, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Whitesel, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Garber, Miss Sally Davis, and Miss Jennie Wisman.*
- July** The hall in the Logan Storeroom on Gray Street was rented as a temporary worship site.
- September** A suitable building lot on West Market Street was purchased for \$600.

1895

Construction continued on the new church building.

1896

- January** The church remained under construction, but one Sunday School room was completed and available for church use.

1897

The newly built church was completed in early 1897 at a cost of \$7,000.

1900

- March 5** Bishop J.W. Hott presided over the dedication service of the new, red brick church.

1902

- July** With plans to construct a parsonage, the Ladies Aid purchased the Henry V. Strayer lot which adjoined the church. Cost: \$700.
- October** Thuma and Dovel Company was contracted to construct the parsonage for \$2,784.

1907

The parsonage was completed on schedule in the fall of 1907.

1910

- June 5** Bishop W.M. Weekly preached the dedicatory sermon for the new parsonage.

1913

A 22-foot extension of land at the back of the existing church was purchased for \$1,000 from Mr. Albert M. Loewenbach.

Pastor Dr. Randolph R. Rock proposed that the church remodel in order to accommodate the growth in membership.

1914

The estimate for expansion improvements was at least \$35,000 and would only provide a temporary solution. The search began for an appropriate building lot.

1915

July The remainder of the Albert M. Loewenbach property was purchased for \$7,500. This lot was located between the original red brick church and High Street and would allow the new church to be built next to the existing parsonage.

1917

April The last worship service was conducted in the original red brick church. The building was then razed, and excavation began for the foundation of the new church building. During construction, worship services continued in a rented auditorium of the old Methodist Episcopal Church on West Market Street, between Court Square and Liberty Street.

August 4 Bishop William Bell presided at the “Laying of the Cornerstone” of the new church building. The cornerstone is inscribed: *UB CHURCH 1894-1917*

1918

January Construction of the new United Brethren in Christ church was completed at a cost of \$75,000.

June The new granite and limestone church building was dedicated during a week-long schedule of tours, concerts, and speeches. In one afternoon, \$47,000 was collected toward the debt.

September Harrisonburg United Brethren in Christ hosted the Virginia Annual Conference.

1927

November Tower Chimes were installed by Deagan Tower Chimes Company of Chicago, IL. The twenty tubular chimes, with a total weight of 14,000 pounds, cost \$12,000.

December The Tower Chimes were dedicated, with a message delivered by Dr. J. Balmer Showers of Dayton, OH. Each evening for a week, the organist, Miss Margaret Miller, played a program of selected numbers on the chimes.

1937

For \$225, the Unity Class constructed a double car garage on the parsonage property.

1944

November The 50th Anniversary of the founding of the church was celebrated with a commemorative service.

1946

February The Adolph Wise house and lot, located directly across from the church on West Market Street, was purchased for \$5,000.

November Nationally, the Evangelical Association Church and the United Brethren in Christ merged, forming a new denomination known as Evangelical United Brethren. The Harrisonburg church became *First Evangelical United Brethren Church*.

1951

August In an education department expansion, part of the area directly under the sanctuary was excavated. All rooms in the basement, including the kitchen, were reconfigured. The project was completed February 1, 1952 at a cost of \$19,974.

1952

March The room formerly known as the Social Hall was dedicated as *Memorial Hall* in honor of the thirteen charter members who founded the Harrisonburg United Brethren in Christ Church in 1894. It also honored the men and women of the church who served in the U.S. armed forces.

August The buildings on the former Wise property were torn down to provide additional parking spaces.

1954

June 13 Harrisonburg First Evangelical United Brethren Church celebrated the church's 60th Anniversary. Dr. James A. Swain's message was "The Heroic Past and Tomorrow." A pageant, *Through the Years*, was presented at an evening service.

September In further expansion of the education department, the remaining space under the sanctuary was excavated creating new classrooms, a Boy Scout room, and utility rooms. The project was completed September 1955 at a cost of \$29,000.

1959

September Two Dolan properties on Elizabeth Street were acquired for \$15,250.

1960

March The Board voted to change the name of the church by dropping "First" from First Evangelical United Brethren Church; thus, *Evangelical United Brethren Church*.

1963

July Renovation of the main floor education department included a new "overflow" area between the east and west vestibules. An adjoining hallway led to two restrooms, a kitchenette, three classrooms, the nursery, and the stairway.

1964

- March** The City Tire and Battery building and lot on Elizabeth Street was purchased for \$18,000. The property was adjacent to the previously purchased Dolan lots. All three properties were later converted into the city's metered parking lot.
- November** A dedication service for the completed education department renovation was held. Dr. W.A. Wilt delivered the sermon and District Superintendent, Dr. Floyd Fulk, conducted the "Act of Dedication." Total cost of the project was \$103,000.

1968

- March** With the upcoming merger of the EUB and Methodist denominations, a vote was held on names submitted by church members and classes for the renaming of the church. *Otterbein United Methodist Church* received 139 votes followed by the next most popular name, *First United Methodist Church* with 57 votes.
- April** The ceremonial merger of the denominations of Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Church into the United Methodist Church took place at the constituting General Conference held in Dallas, TX.

1970

- June** The first pictorial directory of Otterbein United Methodist Church was published.

1971

- November** The Hirsch Property at 58 High Street was purchased for \$12,500.

1972

- March** A Memorial Hall renovation that had commenced January 2, 1972 was completed.
- May 14** A dedication service for the newly renovated Memorial Hall was led by Rev. Thomas Murphy and Rev. Samuel Espinoza.
- June** All tenants of the Elizabeth Street properties had vacated their apartments and razing of the buildings was in progress.
- June** The property at 621 Elmwood Drive was purchased for \$60,000 for use as a parsonage.
- September** The first floor of the old parsonage was rented to the District Superintendent for his office for \$40.00 per month.
- November** WSWs (Women's Society of World Service) was renamed "United Methodist Women."
- December** Otterbein UMC's first Chrismon Tree was displayed.

1973

- September** Meals-on-Wheels began operating from the church's kitchen.

1974

June 1-2 Otterbein UMC's two-day, 80th Anniversary Celebration was held. Highlights included a picnic, coffee hour, and a worship service conducted by former pastors, the District Superintendent, and the Richmond-area Bishop. Visiting guests were treated to a luncheon at the Holiday Inn.

1975

January The tower chimes, which had been silent for ten years due to problems with the electronic relays, were repaired by the I.T. Verdin Co. of Cincinnati, OH.

May 11 Led by Rev. Fred B. Wyand, a tower chime re-dedication service was held.

1977

September The United Methodist Men (UMM) was officially chartered.

1979

July Installation of the air conditioning system in the sanctuary was completed.

September The stained glass windows in the West Market Street vestibule and the memorial windows in the Sanctuary were repaired and protective coverings installed.

1980

January A suite of offices for pastors and staff was created in the adjacent former parsonage. A breezeway corridor was constructed, connecting the church and the old parsonage.

June 1 A dedication service was held for the newly constructed "W. I. Good Wing." An open house showcased the Good Wing, the 621 Elmwood Drive parsonage, and the 58 North High Street parsonage.

1981

November The book, *History of Otterbein United Methodist Church 1894-1981*, by Paul G. Kline, was published.

1982

May The church participated in an open house showcasing "Stained Glass Windows in the Churches of Harrisonburg," presented by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society.

1984

April Mrs. Mary Dolan sold her 75-year-old, 30-room, 156 West Market Street mansion to the church for \$110,000.

September The Dolan house was razed to accommodate additional parking.

1986

May The debut performance and service of dedication for the Otterbein Handbells was held during morning worship on Mother's Day Sunday.

1989

- February** A fire alarm system was installed.
- October** The church's 95th Anniversary Celebration was held with Rev. Robert Bridgers, pastor from 1959-1970, speaking on "Remember Your Quarry."

1992

- February** The former Rhodes Candy Co. property (134 West Market Street) was purchased for \$118,646. The building was then demolished, and the land cleared and filled with clay and gravel.
- April** Dial-A-Prayer began, expanding the prayer ministry.
- November** The Soup Kitchen was established.

1993

- January** Divorce Recovery Workshop was introduced as a new ministry for the church, as well as an outreach to the community.
- February** A kitchen remodeling project with the installation of stainless steel sinks and countertops, pantry renovation, and construction of new cabinets was completed.

1994

- June 4-5** Otterbein UMC's Centennial year was celebrated. A sixteen-square centennial quilt was crafted by church members. Rev. Donald Fridinger's Saturday message was, "A Debt to the Past." On Sunday, Rev. Robert Bridgers returned to the pulpit to deliver his sermon, "Pride in the Past—Poised for the Future." A catered meal followed the worship service.
- June 6** A major sanctuary renovation construction project began. The sanctuary interior was redesigned and appointed with new carpet, paint, fabrics, lighting, and sound system. A new pipe organ was built and installed by the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, KS. Also, bathrooms on the main floor were renovated and an outside ramp was built onto the West Market Street side of the church for easy access. Cost: \$650,000.
- June** Throughout construction, Sunday services were moved to Memorial Hall.
- December** Remodeling was completed and services returned to the beautifully renovated sanctuary.
- December** The tower chimes rang again with the installation of a new electronic system designed by Ellsworth Neff.

1995

- March** "Saturday Night Alive!" was introduced.
- May** Applications were accepted for admission to "Otterbein After School Care, Inc." for ages K-5th grade. The day care was located at 58 High Street.
- June 4** Rev. Eugene Setchel led a "Celebration of Consecration and Dedication" for the renovated sanctuary and ramp, the centennial quilt, pew bibles, communion chalices, choir robes, and the Reuter organ.

1996

- May** A called Charge Conference was convened to approve the purchase of the Smith properties at 80 North High Street and 167 & 171 West Elizabeth Street.
- June** A dedication service was held for the tower chimes electronic controller system that had been installed in 1994.
- September** The after school program ceased operation due to limited enrollment.

1997

- October** The purchase of the Lineweaver property at 74 North High Street was completed for \$70,000. The property was readied for rental.

1998

- October** Due to increased operating and upkeep costs, the apartment complex at 167 and 171 West Elizabeth Street was razed and a non-paved, gravel parking area with curbs was prepared.

1999

- May** After several burglaries and acts of vandalism, a security alarm system was installed.

2001

- May** The Church and Society Committee sponsored the church's first-ever blood donation drive.
- November** The old church van was sold and a 1999 Ford, 14 seat van (13 passengers + driver) was purchased. The van was available to pick up worshippers who made arrangements by calling the transportation phone line.

2002

- March** As the pastor was not living in the Elmwood Drive parsonage, the home was offered as a rental property.
- June** The elevator installation was completed and paid in full. The 3-passenger lift cost \$56,800.
- July** The Hispanic Ministry started at the request of the Harrisonburg District of the UMC was supported by Otterbein UMC and other churches of the District. En Sus Manos (In His Hands), English as a Second Language (ESL), and Spanish as a Second Language (SSL) were all components of the new ministry program.

2003

- May** Due to the poor state of repair, the vacant 80 North High Street former Smith property was demolished at a cost of \$6,000.

2004

- January** The third floor renovation was completed. This included asbestos removal, Sunday School classroom renovation, painting and carpeting, floor stripping and waxing, electrical upgrades, and installation of the air conditioning system for the classrooms and Memorial Hall.

- February** Demolition began on two houses (58 and 74 North High Street) to make room for additional church parking.
- May** The nearly 66-year-old kitchen appliances had become obsolete. A new range, griddle, hot top, convection oven, and warming cabinet were installed. Later, in October 2006, the 54-year-old dishwasher was replaced, completing the appliance upgrades.

2006

- January** In an effort to revive the music ministry's college scholarship fund, an anonymous donor offered \$2,000 and challenged the congregation to come up with an additional \$4,000.

2007

- June** Otterbein UMC was awarded the *Bishop Leontine Kelly Social Justice Award* at the Virginia Annual Conference.
- October** The Clothes Closet began serving the community.
- December** Rev. Jeff Butcher was instrumental in getting the community mission, *HARTS* (Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter) started.

2008

- September** The College Music Student Scholarship Fund had collected sufficient donations to fund the fall semester scholarships for four choral students.
- September** Work was complete on the church's website. It served as an additional means of connecting with the community.

2009

- July** PowerPoint displays for hymns and announcements were used during worship for the first time.

2010

- March** A one-hour, mandatory Child Protection Policy Training was required of any volunteer working with children in any capacity.

2012

- May** Funded by memorial gifts, a framework-structure designed to display church-related banners was constructed at the corner of West Market and High Streets.

2013

- January** Sponsored by Caring Hearts and supported by groups and individual donors, an AED (automated external defibrillator) was purchased and installed in the Choir Room.
- October** *HARTS* (Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter) became known by a new name, *Open Doors*, during the fall of 2013. The headquarters for *Open Doors* occupied space in the church office building until moving to their current location in November 2017.

2014

- July** The “JOY Group” (Just Older Youth) from Asbury UMC requested use of Memorial Hall for luncheon meetings during Asbury’s renovations. In 2016, the two groups merged, forming the “Asbury-Otterbein JOY Group.”
- December** New parking lot rental contracts were negotiated with the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Judicial Offices and Rosetta Stone. Parking lot rentals have been a source of income for the church for many years, past and present.

2015

- February** The purchase of five octaves of Schulmerich handchimes for the handbell choir enhanced the music program.
- February** Otterbein UMC joined *Faith In Action*, a coalition of local faith communities who focus their efforts on social justice issues.
- June** The church joined the social media site, Facebook, enabling information about upcoming projects and events to reach a larger audience.
- July** Wi-Fi capability was added to the church sanctuary providing wireless internet connectivity.
- August** The youth groups of Otterbein UMC, Asbury UMC, and Vision of Hope UMC merged, enhancing the group as a whole while encouraging working relationships among local churches.

2017

- January** A new Administrative Council structure was developed in order to guide the vision for Otterbein UMC.
- May** Joining efforts with RISE Faith Community, three Otterbein UMC teams were formed to glean produce at the Harrisonburg Farmers Market.
- September** The Elmwood Drive property was sold.

2018

- Throughout the year, Otterbein UMC worked with the pastors and members of John Wesley UMC, Asbury UMC, Vision of Hope UMC, and RISE in order to strengthen the relationship as collaborative ministry partners.
- October** Ellsworth Neff installed a microphone in the bell chamber to amplify the chimes to the player’s headset.
- December** Improvements were made to the sanctuary sound system, which included new hearing assistance devices.
- December** An extensive stained glass and window restoration project began. The work included cleaning, painting, glass and wood repairs, and protective coverings for the windows. The job was completed by February 2019. Restoration cost: \$83,000.

2019

- May** *Just Love Initiative, LLC.* was formed as a collaborative effort of Otterbein, RISE, and Vision of Hope UMCs. The objective of Phase 1 was the planned late-summer opening of *Just Love Coffee & Tea*

at the Court Square Coffee location. Still under development, the focus of Phase 2 will be the restorative justice aspect of the endeavor.

September 21 & 22 It has been a year-long remembrance, but this weekend we are officially celebrating Otterbein United Methodist Church's 125th Anniversary! Displays of historical items, delicious food, a Saturday concert featuring Anthony VanPelt and Blue Ridge Thunder, Sunday worship with guest speaker, Harrisonburg District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Victor Gómez, special choral and instrumental music, and the debut of a commissioned anthem composed by Anthony VanPelt exclusively for the occasion are all part of the weekend's events.

Thank you for sharing in the celebration of this milestone anniversary!



YMCA Hall

Location of the first worship service held on March 25, 1894



Logan Storeroom

Rented as a temporary worship site beginning in July 1894



Sanctuary of the original red brick church building



Sanctuary, Young People's Choir
December 1931

Happy 125th Birthday, Otterbein United Methodist Church

The founders, Philip Otterbein, a Brethren and
John Wesley, with reforms along the way,
Helped to make Otterbein United Methodist Church
The church it is today.

In 1894, one-hundred, twenty-five years ago,
Rev. Crowell, a Brethren, organized a small
Harrisonburg Charge and inspired it steadily to grow.

On March 25, 1894, in the Avis Building
Located on South Main Street,
Rev. Crowell rented the YMCA Hall
For his first congregation to meet.

In July the worshipers moved to the
Logan Storeroom for a place to congregate
Until land could be found to build
A church in which to operate.

In the second quarter, 1894, for \$600 the Board
Purchased a West Market Street lot.
In 1897, for \$7,000, a brick church was built
And dedicated by Bishop Hott.

In July 1902, the Ladies Aid bought, for \$700,
The adjacent Strayer parcel of land
Upon which, in 1907, a parsonage was built
And where the present church offices now stand.

In April 1917, the last service was held in the
Old brick church and it was removed and taken away.
Excavation began immediately on the new,
Larger church, that we worship in today.

In January, 1918, for \$75,000, the new church
Was completed and in June, dedication was held.
Over the years land was purchased for parking,
While the church improvements excelled.

In 1966, both the Brethrens and Methodists debated
The pros and cons of the merge in sight
And in April, 1968, the two denominations
Took the necessary steps to unite.

On March 3, 1968, with 139 votes,
Otterbein United Methodist became the name of the church here
And history has determined why we are celebrating
The one-hundred, twenty-fifth birthday this year.

Wilma H. Mitchell
June 21, 2019

Pastors and Associate Pastors Serving Otterbein UMC

Senior Pastors

1894—1895	Rev. Charles H. Crowell	1940—1949	Rev. Dr. E. E. Miller
1895—1896	Rev. S. R. Ludwig	1949—1959	Rev. Dr. James A. Swain
1896—1902	Rev. Abraham S. Hammack	1959—1970	Rev. Robert L. Bridgers
1902—1903	Rev. S. K. Wine	1970—1974	Rev. Dr. E. Thomas Murphy, Jr.
1903—1905	Rev. William B. Keeley	1974—1978	Rev. Frederick B. Wyand, Jr.
1905—1906	Rev. C. W. Hutzler	1978—1987	Rev. Louis E. Carson
1906—1909	Rev. Abraham S. Hammack	1987—1991	Rev. Raymond H. Edmonds, Jr.
1909—1912	Rev. R. G. Hammond	1991—1993	Rev. Wilhelm Siegfried “Zig” Volskis
1912—1913	Rev. John H. Brunk	1993—1995	Rev. Eugene O. Setchel
1913—1915	Rev. Dr. Randolph R. Rock	1995—1999	Rev. Emmit William Eccard, Jr.
1915—1916	Rev. William A. Wilt	1999—2004	Rev. D. Glen Langston
1916—1917	Rev. G. B. Fadeley	2004—2008	Rev. Dr. J. Jeffrey Butcher
1917—1919	Rev. M. L. Weekley	2008—2012	Rev. L. James Grogan, Jr.
1919—1921	Rev. William D. Mitchell	2012—2014	Rev. C. Edward Pruitt
1921—1926	Rev. Dr. William F. Gruver	2014—present	Rev. Adam L. Blagg
1926—1940	Rev. Dr. James W. Wright		

Associate Pastors

1958—1959	Rev. Wilton B. Thomas
1971—1972	Rev. Samuel Espinoza
1972—1974	Rev. Creed S. “Bud” Davis, Jr.
1975—1977	Rev. John P. Dyksen
1977—1979	Rev. David R. Burrough
1979—1982	Rev. Joseph Jared “Jerry” Smith
1982—1984	Rev. R. Levi “Lee” Stroud, Jr.
1984—1987	Rev. Timothy E. Teates
1987—1989	Rev. Robert William Gochenour
1989—1990	Rev. Raymond Rowley (Minister of Visitation)
1991—2001	Rev. Donald N. Fridinger (Minister of Visitation)
2002—2004	Rev. Grace Caldera Martin (Associate Pastor of Hispanic Ministry)
2005—2010	Rev. Donald L. Shull (Minister of Visitation)
2007—2008	Rev. Michael Andrew Dettmer
2018—present	Rev. Faith Fowler (Associate Pastor of Health and Wellness)

A Brief History of the Music Ministry of Otterbein

As we reflect on Otterbein's 125th Anniversary, we are grateful for Otterbein's rich legacy of excellence in music. Glorifying God through worship has always been important in the life of the congregation. The vision and sacrifice of early members and leadership to secure fine instruments, set high musical standards, and engage the gifts and talents of the congregation is a treasured heritage.

The first pipe organ of the church was built in 1918 at a cost of \$4,500 and contained 1,336 pipes. As noted in the timeline history, tower chimes for the church were ordered from the legendary J.C. Deagan Tower Company in Chicago and installed in 1927. This installation included 20 tuned mammoth tubular bells, with a total weight of 14,000 pounds and a cost of \$12,000. Thanks to relay repairs in 1975 by the Verdin Company of Ohio and design of an electronic controller system by Elsworth Neff in 1994, we still enjoy the aesthetic beauty and strength of the tower chimes today as they are heard and recognized in our community. In 1962, the organ was in need of repair and through renovations graduated to 1,563 pipes. In 1986, the glorious sound of bell music entered our sanctuary with investment in a four octave set of Shulmerich handbells. In later years this set was periodically added to and the church now has a five-octave set of handbells and handchimes which are rung by our Otterbein Chancel Ringers and Jubilate Bells (youth). Maintenance was done from memorial funds in honor of Virginia Long in 2010 and a complete refurbishment of the bells was completed in 2019. In 1990, the beautiful Kawai grand piano in the sanctuary was presented to the church by Anne and Bill Vance in memory of Anne's mother and Bill's grandmother, Mrs. Parker Horn. During the major sanctuary renovation of 1994, a new pipe organ was designed, built, and installed by the Reuter Pipe Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas, at a cost of \$267,800. This magnificent 3-manual instrument (Opus #2173) has 37 ranks containing 2,301 pipes and leads the congregation in singing the essential truths of our faith each week. A complete re-voicing and maintenance of the organ was completed in 2019 to maintain the integrity and investment of the instrument.

Countless members have been a part of Otterbein's Music Ministry over the years through our children's, youth, adult, and handbell choirs. Otterbein rejoices in the rich talents of our congregation and is filled with gratitude for those who have given of their time and musical gifts to glorify God. We are also grateful to donors who began and revived Otterbein's College Chorale Scholarship program. A vital part of our church's music ministry, Otterbein is proud to invest financially in college students attending local universities. In turn, we have been blessed and invigorated by their talents and participation in our choirs and worship. College Chorale Alumni hold a special place in the hearts of our church family and upon leaving Otterbein have continued using their talents in many ways, including teaching music in schools and colleges, singing in opera companies, performing in Broadway shows, producing music, and conducting church choirs. If you would like to help in continuing the tradition of Otterbein's College Chorale program while investing in the spiritual and musical lives of students, please consider giving to the College Chorale Endowed Scholarship. This endowment, when fully funded, can begin to provide investment ensuring commitment to musical excellence and college-age ministry for future years in the life of our church.

As we celebrate our past, rejoice in the present and look forward to the future, Otterbein's Music Ministry will continue to answer God's call to make a joyful noise and come before His presence with singing - *Soli Deo Gloria* - for the glory of God alone.

Sandra E. Schaefer, Director of Music Ministries

Serving in the Music Ministry of Otterbein

Choir Directors/Directors of Music Ministries

1907—1918	Professor J. H. Ruebush	1953—2002	Nancy Hackman (Children's Choir 1953-67; Chancel Choir, Director of Music 1967-2002)
1918—1923	Mr. C.C. Herring		
1923—1925	Professor J.M. Good		
1926—1917	Miss Long	1955—1961	Julia Nell Grandle (Youth Choir)
1927—1936	Mrs. J.W. Wright	1955—1961	Mable Shomo (Youth Choir Assistant)
1936—1937	Fey Rogers		
1937—1942	Paul W. Shifflett (Acapella, Senior, and Youth Choirs)	2002—2004	Dr. Stephen Sachs (Director of Music Ministries)
1937	Lillian Miller (Intermediate Choir)	2004—2005	Dr. Betty Karol Wilson (Director of Music Ministries)
1937	Catherine Shank (Children's Choir)		
1942—1947	Charles Bazzle	2006—2010	David A. Williams (Director of Music Ministries)
1947	Mary Wine Zigler		
1947—1948	Dr. Glen Gildersleeve	2010—present	Sandra Schaefer (Director of Music Ministries)
1948—1952	Martha Williams		
1952—1967	Joe Wine (Chancel Choir)		

Organists

1900—1912	Mrs. A. P. Funkhouser (morning service)	1973—1998	David Breneman (11 am service)
		1998—1999	Carolyn Wallace
1912—1913	Mrs. J.N. Beery, Jr. (morning service)	1999—2004	Dr. Stephen Sachs (Organist, Director of Music Ministries)
1900—1912	Mollie Whitesel (evening service)	2004—2005	Dr. Betty Karol Wilson (Organist, Director of Music Ministries)
1912—1913	Louise Billhimer (evening service)		
1913—1922	Louise (Billhimer) Miller	2005—2010	Sandra Williams (Organist)
1923—1924	Virginia Kershner	2010—present	Sandra Schaefer (Organist, Director of Music Ministries)
1925—1928	Margaret Miller		
1928—1929	Lois Breeden		
1929—1930	Elizabeth Rudacille		
1930—1935	Garold White		
1935—1967	Mary Wine Zigler		
1965—2010	Priscilla Whitmore (8:45 am service, plus assistant)		
1967—1972	Helen Terrell (11 am service)		

Organ Specification Chart

Great

8' Principal
8' Bourdon
4' Octave
4; Bourdon
2' Flachflöte
IV Mixture
8' Trompette (SW)
Chimes

Choir

8' Gedeckt
8' Gemshorn
8' Gemshorn Celeste
4' Spitz Principal
2' Principal
1 1/3 Larigot
Cymbale III
8' Clarinet
Tremolo

Swell

16' Rohrflöte (TC)
8' Geigen Principal
8' Rohrflöte
8' Viola
8' Viola Celeste
4' Geigen Principal
4' Hohlflöte
2 2/3 Nazard
2' Blockflöte
1 3/5 Tierce
IV Plein Jeu
16' Oboe
8' Trompette
8' Oboe
8' Vox Humana
4' Trompette
Tremolo

Pedal

32' Resultant
16' Principal
16' Subbas
8' Principal
8' Subbass
4' Choral Bass
4' Subbass
16' Oboe (SW)
8' Trompette (SW)
8' Oboe (SW)
4' Trompette

All normal couplers 16', 8', & 4'
Nave Shades closed for SW & CH Divisions
Cymbalsterne

Reuter Organ Company, Opus #2173

Otterbein College Chorale Alumni

*Appreciation is expressed to our congregation for keeping this vital program of
Otterbein's Music Ministry financially and prayerfully supported for over twelve years!*

Josh Baumgardner
Joshua Brown
Thomas Florio
Erin Crowley
Sarah (Davis) Issa El-Khoury
Jim Smith – (In Memorium)
Frank Mavilia
John Holman
Jessica Horch
Shannon Kingett
Mattia D'Affuso
David Mann

Rexford (R.J.) Tester
Joel Wood
Austin Colby
Martha (Layman) McKechnie
Addison (Balser) Walton
DJ Godinez
Daniel Warren
Leslie Zapiain
Josh Woods
Mark Thress
Joey Mazzara
Carol Anne (Drescher) Thomas

Sean Hopkins
Gigi (Galiffa) Alborno
Leigh (Rohrbach) Shotwell
Nelia Maurizi
Annemarie Cartwright
Ben Swanson
Henry Hubbard
Erik Grendahl
Abby Stanley
Annalise Sears
James Allen
Cecelia McKinley

Sanctuary Painted Glass Windows



Annunciation to the Shepherds
C. Day Rudy Company, Harrisburg, PA
1918



Easter Scene
C. Day Rudy Company, Harrisburg, PA
1918