

# The Martinsburg Cooperative Parish of United Methodist Churches

Otterbein  
St. Luke's  
Trinity

January  
2025

## The Bridge

One parish, three church campuses working together to be a bridge to the fullness of life in Christ. Come share, worship, connect, serve, and learn alongside us.

Greetings, Martinsburg Cooperative Parish!

As we enter 2025, we embark on a new beginning and a fresh opportunity to deepen our Christian faith. Our preaching theme for the year will focus on "Newness." God is doing transformative work within our parish, using us as a beacon of hope in our community. We are witnessing the impactful work of the Lord through initiatives such as Immanuel's House, Winchester Avenue Elementary, Things You Cannot Eat, and Inspired by the Holy Spirit. Together, we will explore how to embrace this newness.

More discipleship opportunities, such as Scripture studying and prayer groups/ meditation, will be offered. These are ways to activate our faith muscles. John Wesley referred to these as "acts of piety" that will provide spiritual nourishment for our souls. Please consider joining a Bible study, prayer group, or small group that fosters community and wholeness.

Lastly, we are committed to building a spiritual bridge between our church and the broader community. As mentioned in our last newsletter, in 2025, our Steering Committee will become the Bridge Builders. This team will focus on three key pillars: stewardship, missions, and outreach. Through these efforts, we aim to break down the barriers that separate us from one another and the communities surrounding our parish churches.

Many exciting developments are happening in our parish. Don't hesitate to contact the pastors for more information on how you can get involved in the life of Martinsburg Cooperative Parish.

In Christ,  
Pastor John Clark Mayden, Jr.  
Pastor Mary Jo Sims

For the pastor on call,  
day or night, dial  
**304-664-4141**

Christ  
*the Savior*  
is Born

"Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord."

--Luke 2:10-11 (Common English Bible)

*May all of you have a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year's!*

*Pastor John C. Mayden, Jr. and Pastor Mary Jo Sims*



# MCP Info

## January Preaching Schedule (Subject to change.)

1/5/2025	1/12/2025	1/19/2025	1/26/2025
<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>		
OUMC: Pastor Sims	OUMC: Pastor Mayden	OUMC: Pastor Sims	OUMC: Pastor Mayden
TUMC: Pastor Mayden	TUMC: Pastor Sims	TUMC: Pastor Mayden	TUMC: Pastor Sims
SLUMC: Pastor Sims	SLUMC: Pastor Mayden	SLUMC: Pastor Sims	SLUMC: Pastor Mayden

### Things You Can't Eat Free Giveaway

**Wed., January 22nd, 2024**  
**9:30 AM at Otterbein UMC**

1 bag per car. If more than 1 bag is requested, proof of address will be required to prove you are in different households.

We will be giving out items such as Laundry detergent, soap, toothpaste, and paper products.

Anyone who has a need for any of these items is welcome! Must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Please come to the back entrance of the church off Pennsylvania Avenue.

Thank you!



### 2025 Bridge Builders

#### Administrative

Pastor Mary Jo Sims  
Pastor John Mayden, Jr.  
Ashley Albright

#### OUMC

Charla Frye  
Stan Roach  
Darren Unger

#### SLUMC

Catherine Parlett  
Clifton Brooks  
Randy Mullinix

#### TUMC

Debbie Glover  
Amanda Mulledy  
John P. Collins

## Celebrating Our Members...

#### Otterbein Birthdays

Jan 1 Larry Cooper  
Rodney McDaniel, Jr.  
Jan 2 Virginia Rodgers  
Jan 5 Kelly Welch  
Jan 7 Keith Hammersla  
Jan 10 Kyle Lancaster  
Corbin McDaniel  
Jan 15 Holly Spickler  
Jan 17 Janice Dodson  
Jan 20 Joshua Brining  
Jan 24 Lora Hammersla  
John Spickler  
Jan 25 Catherine Neel  
Jan 27 Mary K. Apple  
Jan 29 Matt Roach  
Jan 31 Mark Spickler

#### Anniversaries

Jan 29 Bob & Gisela Lilienthal

#### St. Luke's Birthdays

Jan 1 Lilly VanMetre  
Jan 2 Joshua Roy  
Jan 14 Sabrina Merrill  
Jan 15 Michelle McDonald  
Jan 23 Brian Frazee  
Mary Lee Vandevander  
Jan 28 Leo Parlett  
Jan 30 Tristan Giguet

#### Anniversaries

Jan 26 Randy & Shelley Mullinix

#### Trinity Birthdays

Jan 12 Karen Trenary  
Jan 15 Anne Keller  
Jan 16 Daniel Frank Dell II  
Jan 21 Heather Diamond

#### Anniversaries

Jan 8 Steve & Judy Boykin



# MCP Prayer List

## Otterbein UMC

Marsha Spickler	Gisler Girls
Marvin Ashby	Janice Dodson
Bill Queen	Catherine Neel
Lana Tonalli	Candi Keiter-Johnson
Larry Clemons	Pat Wilson
Randy Hess	Barbara Lancaster
Nancy Kief	Jim LeMaster
Jean Fulk	Mike Wheeler
Arlene Mauck	Jeremy Duke
Mike Emery	Mike Shipe
Gary McDaniel	Carol Wilson
Carol Shimel	Brenda McDaniel
Lester Brining	Kathryn Ford
Christie Heaton	Carol & Bucky Hensler
Susan Cookus	Betty Ann Keiter Tabler
John Kesecker	Darlene Robertson

## Trinity UMC

### Those unable to attend worship:

Anne Keller (Celebration Villa), Mildred Wilson (Celebration Villa),  
Lana Tonalli (Hospice at Home).

**Those in our congregation:** Sandy Barron, Jean Eriksen,  
Geneva Hollida, Barbara Humes, Linda Humes, Sue Leatherman,  
Diana Ropelewski, & Mary Snyder, the Cooperative Parish.

**Friends & Family of our congregation:** Dr. Barry Dutton,  
Barbara Elliott, Chuck Fouke, Maggie Jackson, Ava Mae Lillard &  
family, Carole Newsome, Justin Price, David Tichnell, Pastor  
Angela Wells, Henry Wendt, Susan Wiltbank, Larry Winegarden.

## St. Luke's UMC

### Contact the Prayer Team

**By phone,** contact Bobbi Rogers (304-263-8746)

**By phone,** contact Pat Isner (304-754-9644)

**By email,** contact Nancy & Allen Barr  
([nanal69@frontier.com](mailto:nanal69@frontier.com))

*Please remember to contact the Prayer Chain with updates on your prayer requests. They love to know how they can continue to pray or celebrate a praise with you!*

*Thank you.*

**You may also leave a message** on the church phone (304-263-2788) or email ([stlukesumc700@comcast.net](mailto:stlukesumc700@comcast.net))

**Extended Prayer Concerns:** Michelle McDonald, Isabella Munoz, Cooperative Parish Teamwork, Emily Nagley, Jay Parlett, Marvin Parlett, Eddie Roy, Josh Roy, Jeanne Tederick, Joyce Triggs, Roy Tucker, Mary Ann Wright.

***Please update the church office with any changes to the extended prayer list.***

**Martinsburg Healthcare Center:** Sue Sims

**Willow Tree Healthcare Center:** Doris Dick

**Countryside Assisted Living:** Emily Nagley,  
Jeanne Tederick

**Celebration Villa:** Joyce Triggs

**Harmony at Martinsburg Assisted Living:**

Anne Lea Rannells, Jean Watson

**Williamsport Retirement:** Sonny Boyd

**Homewood:** Margaret Bane

## Healing Prayer Service

The MCP monthly prayer service for healing will be held  
**at Otterbein UMC on Wednesday, January 15th, at Noon.**

WISHING YOU A VERY  
**HAPPY**  
**NEW**  
**YEAR!**

## St. Luke's UMC January 2025

(304)263- 2788

[stlukesumc700@comcast.net](mailto:stlukesumc700@comcast.net)

Church Office Hours

M – Th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



He spreads  
*the snow*  
like wool and  
scatters  
*the frost*  
like ashes.  
*Psalm 147:16, NIV*

### Important Dates for the Church

January: Statistical Reports and Mission Shares are Due (Dates vary each year)

March: Ignite Youth Conference ( March 7-9)

May: Annual Conference (May 13-15 Hilton in Baltimore)

June 30: Fund Balance, College Student, and Discipleship Ministry Reports are Due

July: Church Conference Forms will go live

October 1 (or 10 days before your scheduled CC): Church Conferences Forms are due

December 1: Evaluation Reports are due in Arena

### Stay Informed

Like us on Facebook at St. Luke's UMC Martinsburg WV (public page) or join our private page @ Saint Lukes UMC. Private just means direct communications to members can be shared. Such as, a prayer request or other sensitive information you may not want to share publicly. Contact the church office (304)263-2788 or [stlukesumc700@comcast.net](mailto:stlukesumc700@comcast.net) or [saintlukesumc.org](http://saintlukesumc.org)

If you are not receiving e-mail communication from the church each week, you may be missing out. Call or e-mail the church to be added to the list.

*Thank*  
**YOU**  
*for ALL THAT*  
**YOU do**

**Our 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar** was a huge success! Our many volunteers made this possible, and they are too many to mention. Thanks to all volunteers and, of course, our customers! Get some rest so we can do this again next year! ~Shelley Mullinix

Look for pictures in this newsletter of the event!



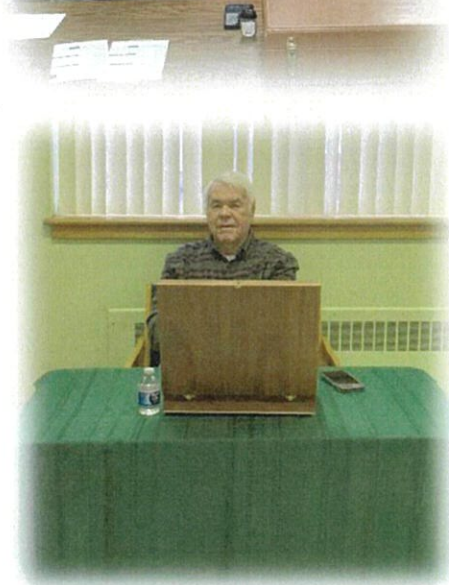


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SOUP  
SANDWICHES  
SIDES  
BEVERAGES  
DESSERT

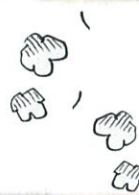
### 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar



CANDY SHOP  
1/4 L.R. \$  
1/2 L.R. \$  
1 L. \$

# Trinity UMC

MCP Children & Youth presented "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on Friday, December 13th.



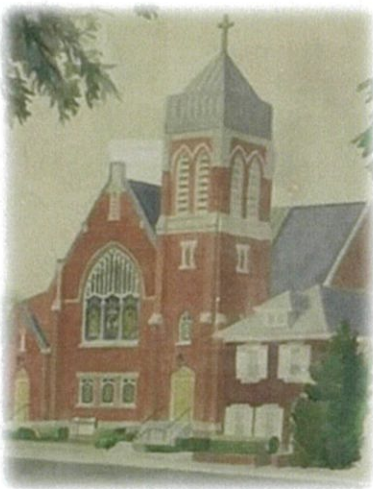
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>29</b>  <b>First Sunday after Christmas Day</b>            8:45am Sunday School @ TUMMC            10:00am MCP Combined Worship: Lessons &amp; Carols @ TUMMC            11:00am Elim Church Service in Chapel @ OUMMC            6:00pm NarAnon Meeting @ TUMMC</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>            New Year's Eve            11:00am Homeschool Co-Op @ TUMMC's Orchard House            5:30pm STEM @ SLUMMC            7:00pm Boy Scouts @ TUMMC's Orchard House            Anonymous @ OUMMC</p>	<p><b>1</b>            Happy New Year!            7:30pm Elim Church Service in Chapel @ OUMMC</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b>  <b>Epiphany Sunday</b>            8:45am Sunday School @ TUMMC            9:00am Early Morning Worship @ OUMMC            9:45am Sunday School @ SLUMMC            10:00am Mid-Morning Worship @ TUMMC            11:00am Elim Church Service in Chapel @ OUMMC            11:00am Late Morning Worship @ SLUMMC            11:15am Youth Meeting @ TUMMC            6:00pm NarAnon Meeting @ TUMMC</p>	<p><b>6</b>            4:00pm MCP Serving our Neighbors @ Immanuel's House            6:30pm District Boy Scouts @ TUMMC            7:30pm Potomac Chapter Boy Scouts @ TUMMC</p>	<p><b>7</b>            11:00am Homeschool Co-Op @ TUMMC's Orchard House            5:30pm STEM @ SLUMMC            6:30pm MCP Bridge Builders Meeting @ SLUMMC            7:00pm Boy Scouts @ TUMMC's Orchard House            Anonymous @ OUMMC</p>	<p><b>8</b>            5:30pm STEM @ SLUMMC            7:00pm BSA Order of the Arrow Meeting @ TUMMC            7:30pm Elim Church Service in Chapel @ OUMMC</p>	<p><b>9</b>            6:00pm TUMMC Chancel Choir Rehearsal            7:00pm TUMMC Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>            Shenandoah Area Council BSA Meeting @ TUMMC (Soft Reserve)</p>
<p><b>12</b>  <b>Baptism of the Lord Sunday</b>            8:45am Sunday School @ TUMMC            9:00am Early Morning Worship @ OUMMC            9:45am Sunday School @ SLUMMC            10:00am Mid-Morning Worship @ TUMMC            11:00am Elim Church Service in Chapel @ OUMMC            11:00am Late Morning Worship @ SLUMMC            11:15am Youth Meeting @ TUMMC            6:00pm NarAnon Meeting @ TUMMC</p>	<p><b>13</b>            5:30pm MCP Worship Meeting @ OUMMC            7:00pm TUMMC Ad Council!</p>	<p><b>14</b>            11:00am Homeschool Co-Op @ TUMMC's Orchard House            5:30pm STEM @ SLUMMC            6:30pm SLUMMC One Board Meeting            7:00pm Boy Scouts @ TUMMC's Orchard House            Anonymous @ OUMMC</p>	<p><b>15</b>            12:00pm MCP Monthly Prayer Service @ OUMMC            5:30pm STEM @ SLUMMC            7:00pm BSA SAC Coordinated Program Meeting @ TUMMC            7:30pm Elim Church Service in Chapel @ OUMMC</p>	<p><b>16</b>            6:00pm TUMMC Chancel Choir Rehearsal            7:00pm TUMMC Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b>  <b>8:45am Sunday School @ TUMMC</b>            9:00am Early Morning Worship @ OUMMC            9:45am Sunday School @ SLUMMC            10:00am Mid-Morning Worship @ TUMMC            11:00am Elim Church Service in Chapel @ OUMMC            11:00am Late Morning Worship @ SLUMMC            11:15am Youth Meeting @ TUMMC            12:30pm Blood Pressure Checks @ SLUMMC            6:00pm NarAnon Meeting @ TUMMC</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>            10:00am Paek for TYCE @ OUMMC            11:00am Homeschool Co-Op @ TUMMC's Orchard House            5:30pm OUMC Single Leadership Board            5:30pm STEM @ SLUMMC            7:00pm Boy Scouts @ TUMMC's Orchard House            Anonymous @ OUMMC</p>	<p><b>22</b>            9:30am MCP Things You Can't Eat Giveaway @ OUMMC            5:30pm STEM @ SLUMMC            7:30pm Elim Church Service in Chapel @ OUMMC</p>	<p><b>23</b>            6:00pm TUMMC Chancel Choir Rehearsal            7:00pm TUMMC Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b>  <b>8:45am Sunday School @ TUMMC</b>            9:00am Early Morning Worship @ OUMMC            9:45am Sunday School @ SLUMMC            10:00am Mid-Morning Worship @ TUMMC            11:00am Elim Church Service in Chapel @ OUMMC            11:00am Late Morning Worship @ SLUMMC            11:15am Youth Meeting @ TUMMC            6:00pm NarAnon Meeting @ TUMMC</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>            11:00am Homeschool Co-Op @ TUMMC's Orchard House            11:30am BWC Clergy Meeting in Fellowship Hall @ TUMMC            5:30pm STEM @ SLUMMC            7:00pm Boy Scouts @ TUMMC's Orchard House            Anonymous @ OUMMC</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>STARTS DUE</b>            5:30pm STEM @ SLUMMC            7:30pm Elim Church Service in Chapel @ OUMMC</p>	<p><b>30</b>            6:00pm TUMMC Chancel Choir Rehearsal            7:00pm TUMMC Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>

Happy  
New Year!

The Martinsburg Cooperative Parish Of United Methodist Churches

Pastor John C. Maiden, Jr.

Pastor Mary Jo Sims



**Otterbein UMC**

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304.263.0342

Sunday Worship –9 AM

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**St. Luke's UMC**

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304.263.2788

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Sunday Worship—11 AM

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Sunday School 8:45 AM

Sunday Worship—10 AM

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