

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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# THE LORD'S DAY

## November 17, 2024

*PRELUDE*  
*PRAYER/RESPONSE*  
*CHOIR: Rememberance*  
*HOLY COMMUNION*  
*HYMN #258*

I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, and apart from you I have nothing good!" Psalm

*KIDS KORNER*  
*WORSHIP MUSIC*  
*BIBLE MESSAGE*  
*HYMN #607*  
*BEENDICTION*

How do I know that God loves me? How can I be absolutely certain of it? Is there an incontrovertible proof that God loves me? In addition to the statements of Scripture and the incarnation and atonement of Christ, what about this? If God did not love me, I would never have come into existence. He created me because he loved me and wished to give me the free will and opportunity to love him in return (Rom. 11:32). It's all quite amazing! What a wonderful God we worship! **WELCOME.**

### TODAY

- Worship/Preaching - 8:30 and 10:45
- Sunday School classes - 9:50
- 6:30 - HARVEST HOME/HYMN SING

\* Bring nonperishable food items for local families

\* Bring a pie... stay afterward to eat some pie and fellowship with others in your church family!

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 - Bible study groups ... children, youth, adults

7:40 - choir practice

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	<i><b>This Week</b></i>	<i><b>Next Week</b></i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	The Garling Family	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	Cindy Rawley & Kristin Marconi	Jamie Lytle
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jake Tracey 1st Grace Thompson 2nd	Ava Witmer 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd
<b>Prelude</b>	Daphne Murray	Becky Sipes
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob & Carletta Moats	Donna Shindle & Linda Mowen



The altar flowers are given by Deb Cline in memory of Phyllis Lee

<b>Last Week...</b>	11/10/24
<b>Attendance</b>	230
<b>General</b>	\$ 7,388.13
<b>Missions</b>	\$ 1,802.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 1,501.50
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$ 214.00



NEXT SUNDAY ... join with your G-A neighbors for a community THANKSGIVING service ... Trinity Lutheran church 6:00  
 \* Come early at 4:30 and practice with a community choir to sing that evening!

We WELCOME Pam Jones, George Ruelas, and Don Leininger into the OUB family of church members. May we bless them as they bless us!

WANTED: Anyone willing to sew pocket crosses for Peace by Piece. We will provide the sewing machines, training and all supplies. You would be sewing in your home. All you need to know is how to sew a straight line. Any questions call Linda Dombrowsky (717-593-9784) or Carole Stockslager (717-404-2395). We'd love to have you be part of our ministry.



Please return OCC Shoeboxes by November 20.  
Thank you for supporting this ministry.

### "HIGH DRAMA" (Sunday Sermons)

- ABSALOM ... "I want to talk!" Nov. 17
- HEZEKIAH ... "I want to live!" Nov. 24
- CORNELIUS ... "What is next?" Dec. 1
- JOHN ... "I cannot do this!" Dec. 8
- MAGI ... "We will not be distracted!" Dec. 15



Ornaments 4 Orphans is an organization that helps alleviate the global orphan crisis through fair trade. They work directly with artisans in Kenya, Nepal, Peru, and Uganda to craft unique handmade items. A table with ornaments for purchase will be at the top of the stairs through November and December. Please contact Alison Keely for more information.

A volunteer is needed to take soda cans to the recycler, Newcomers 6405 Nunnery Rd, Waynesboro, PA 17268, as needed. The money that is raised goes toward Common Ground Youth Group. We appreciate Ed Fiery for doing this service for the past few years. For questions, please contact Ed at (717)643-0880?

"Missing in action": Larry Shindle's army hat and compass. If you find them, please contact Donna at (717)261-9600 or bring them to the church office.

## "I WANT TO TALK!"

(II Samuel 13-15)

As you may guess, the children of King David's multiple wives were not always "cozy". Amnon raped his half-sister Tamar, then Absalom (her full brother) killed Amnon. Fearing his father's wrath, Absalom fled to Geshur (Syria) to maternal grandparents. He lived in exile there for 3 years (II Sam. 13).

- During this time, *"the king's heart longed for Absalom"* (14:1) but he refused to initiate any communication.
- General Joab did not like Absalom, but neither did he like his Commander-in-Chief being so distracted over a family matter. So, he devised a plan by which David exposed his own hypocrisy to himself and forced David to admit that he could do better. David said, *"Bring Absalom home!"* (14:2-21)
- Absalom returned, but David grew hard hearted and *refused to meet with his son* (14:22-23)
- This stalemate lasted 2 years. Absalom could not cope with his father's cold shoulder and dramatically demanded to talk to King David (14:25-33).

**HIGH DRAMA** ... a \_\_\_\_\_ (no mention of any conversation or resolution)

- This meeting was so unsatisfactory to Absalom that his heart turned defiantly against his father. He discreetly began to undermine the king's popularity. When he felt a coup was possible, Absalom declared himself king (15:1-12)
- Totally caught off guard, King David (and officials) fled Jerusalem and Absalom ruled for a short period. Then with his army he set out in pursuit of his father. A battle! Absalom was killed (General Joab!) and the rebellion was crushed (18:1-18).
- David grieved Absalom's death so greatly that General Joab threatened to take the army away from him if he didn't snap out of it and "get real" (19:1-8).

### **HOW SHOULD A CHRISTIAN HANDLE THESE STICKY SITUATIONS?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in every way possible by recognizing the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and talking about it openly, honestly, and courageously. Clearly \_\_\_\_\_ the possible \_\_\_\_\_ of estrangement. Affirm your love but communicate your heart (Eph 4:14-15). \*Talk now while you can. Express it!
2. \_\_\_\_\_ for conversation, seeking to resolve differences. Jesus said, "Go ... just the two of you" (Matt 5:23, 18:15-16). If results are unsatisfactory, seek to involve a third party. If such attempts fail, eventually you must \_\_\_\_\_ that a close relationship is \_\_\_\_\_ at this time and move forward with life (Matt. 18:17, I Cor. 5:9-11, Titus 3:10), realizing that God is your source of joy rather than this person.
3. Prodigal children present a difficult balance (love vs. disapproval, forgiveness vs. expectations, communication vs. withdrawal). A) Courageously \_\_\_\_\_ your own standard. B) \_\_\_\_\_ to abet or facilitate their sin. C) Willingly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when such is sincerely sought (Luke 15:11-22, I Cor. 2:5-11, Col. 3:12-14).  
POINT: When someone says, "I wish to talk", it is the Christian responsibility to give them an ear! Refusal to do so invites greater consequences (Prov. 17:19).