

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2025

PRELUDE

TRUTH... A Shelter! (353)

GRATITUDE... Bless the Lord! (40)

PRAYER... Take My Life! (379)

SCRIPTURE

WORSHIP MUSIC

BIBLE MESSAGE

RESPONSE... We Are God's People! (283)

BENEDICTION

Children's Church 9:00 and 11:10 in the basement

We welcome you to this hour of WORSHIP, God's church gathered together. Why do we make this trek each week on Sunday morning? Pretty clear from the Scriptures that God expects us to do this. To acknowledge him and keep our lives focused. And we want to! Along with the love and the learning we expect something also... that God will fill us with his presence and power as we worship. And he does!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 9:50

WORSHIP AND PREACHING - 8:30 and 10:45

* Its obviously that time of year when weather conditions may dictate cancellation of church services or activities. How can you know? We will list any cancellation on the church website www.greencastleub.org. Please use that as your source of information if possible. We will also send out an email blast. Radio announcements are not always timely or reliable. Thanks.

We are excited to have a new leader for OUB Youth Ministry. Jordan Wheeler lives in Greencastle and has recently spent five years in youth ministry at Camp Joy El. He will start his new role this week.



The Administrative Board Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports are on the upper lobby table.

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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Heidi Myers & Deb Michalsky	Ellen Fritz & Karyn Murray
2nd Nursery	Kristen Marconi	Cindy Rawley
Acolyte	Corinna Ruelas 1st Shelby Rife 2nd	Jake Tracey 1st Grace Thompson 2nd
Prelude	Suzanne Hess & John Piper	Madalyn Akers
Greeters	Ben & Celina Stoops	Jan & Georgiana Horst



Please signup for the 2025 Altar Flowers
 We will be using Living Well Florist, Greencastle. The cost is \$37.50 for two vases, and you will be billed directly. Please write legibly and include your message and who is to be billed.

Last Week...	1/5//24
Attendance	216
General	\$8,344.00
Missions	\$2,243.50
Building Fund	\$1,664.50
Sunday School	\$297.00



The story of Esther, from orphan to queen, has to be one of the most inspiring and amazing stories of history. It is filled with drama, pathos, ignorance, irony, and ambition.

History! Lessons to learn! The Biblical story never mentions God, but God is there... the WOW factor behind the scenes... preserving his people in a hostile place. Our upcoming Sunday sermons will unpack some important topics and great lessons from these events, lived so long ago in ancient Persia.

RELATIONSHIP - Jan 5
 IDENTITY - Jan. 12
 PURPOSE - Jan. 19
 CONVICTION - Jan. 26
 PREJUDICE - Feb. 2
 COMPASSION - Feb. 9
 DANGER - Feb. 16

SATISFACTION - Feb. 23
 REWARD - Mar. 2
 MISSIONS CONFERENCE - Mar. 9
 COMPLICATIONS - Mar. 16
 SELF CONTROL - Mar. 23
 CELEBRATION - Mar. 30
 GOODNESS - Apr. 6

Peace by Piece will meet Monday, January 13th at 9:30. We will be meeting in the multipurpose room. This will be a combined workshop with our ministry and the ladies outside of our church who help us sew the many items we give away. We will be cutting and tying fleece blankets. Please enter through the side doors. We would love to have you join us and be part of our ministry. If you have any questions, please call Linda Dombrowsky 717-404-1291 or Carole Stockslager 717-404-2395.





Next G-A Christian Women's Fellowship Meeting
Tue., Jan. 28, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Lunch Optional
The Jan. meeting will begin with Fellowship and Refreshments.
Bring a friend!
Speaker: Sandra Wingert.
Topic: "Singing Praise to our Great God"

From the Altar Guild

January sanctuary displays are a sample of one of your Church Ministries, "Peace by Piece Sewing Ministry" along with outside sewing groups "Quilts for Kids" and the "White Swan" group. The Lord has blessed this ministry! We have given items to over 25 different locations -some in other countries! Without your support this ministry would not be possible. We are forever grateful for your contributions and prayers. Our quarterly statements are periodically in your bulletins for you to see the volume of our handywork and where these items are being distributed. If you know anyone who could use one of our items, please let us know! If anyone is interested, we are always excited to have folks join our group. If you can use scissors, you have a talent! Contact Linda Dombrowsky 717-404-1291 or Carole Stockslager 717-404-2395.

Remember, Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well".



Adult Choir will restart beginning Wed., Jan. 22, 2025,
7:40 to 8:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study - Monday, Jan. 20, at 1:00.

If there is snow that day, the class will be cancelled.



Next Senior Outing Tues., Jan. 14, 2025
Meet at the Trojan Diner in Chambersburg for lunch at 12:30.
RSVP to Fran Stoner by 1/13/25 at (717) 597-0189.

Identity

(Esther 2)

IDENTITY is a fragile, inner understanding of _____ we are, _____ we are important, and _____ we fit. It is essential to our humanity. When it is shaken/stirred, our well-being is at stake. The more we allow our identity to be based upon familiar places/faces, the more we are vulnerable to fear, discouragement, or depression because these may be removed from us.

BC 586 - Jewish POW's taken to Babylon (Kish)

BC 480 - great grandson living in Persia (Mordecai)

- great granddaughter whose parents died (Hadassah/Esther)

* When Esther was orphaned, Mordecai raised her as his own daughter.

EXILE, WHO AM I?

Circumstances had uprooted Kish's family, thrown them into unfamiliar territories and roles. Their familiar world had been erased. How can such trauma be handled?

1. _____ the source/support of your identity is actually GOD.
(Gen. 1:27, Eph. 2:10, Gal. 3:28, Col. 3:3, 1 Cor. 12:27, Rom. 8:16)
* Folks often pursue career achievements, social status, or personal "brand" as the essence of their identity. But unseen forces may exile them from that familiar place!
2. _____ to God! You can never be exiled from God's calling/care.
(Rom. 8:38-39)
3. Figure out how to _____ where you are _____. (Jer. 29:4-7)

ADOPTION, WHO AM I?

While motives for adoption certainly vary, it is nevertheless a choice of compassion, putting the needs of a child ahead of personal ease. But more! Adoption is both a legal statement and a social announcement that all resources and responsibilities will be provided. All former claims are erased. All former barriers are dissolved. Technically, the rights of an adoptee are no different than the rights of a birth child.

This human arrangement/instrument is used by God as an exact description of his _____ and _____ in Christ. Our identity is changed. Jesus erased the dividing line that kept us at a distance from God. We are declared "family." Adopted! (Jn. 1:12, Eph. 1:5, 13-14, 2:19, 3:6, Gal. 3:29, 4:4-5, Rom, 8:15, 9:26)

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*This is so significant as to be called a _____ .
(*Jn. 3:3-6, 1 Peter 1:3*)

*This changes our _____ with God. We become _____
of his life and love. (*Rom. 8:16*)