

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY

January 19, 2025

Prelude
Worship Music
HOLY COMMUNION
Hymn #201
Kids Korner
Bible Message
Hymn #376
Benediction

How would we have any
sense of insignificance
unless we were created
to have significance?
- Pamela Christian

Wednesday evening... 6:30 - We have Christian growth groups for all ages... toddler, children, youth, and adults.

- * The Common Ground youth group will be led by Jordan Wheeler, our newly arrived Youth Pastor. Please welcome Jordan to the OUB family!
- * The "Adult" group is currently engaged in a verse by verse study of the New Testament letter, 11 Corinthians. Discussion format. Led by Sam Clement, David Baer, and David Rawley. Join us!

We greatly appreciate your generous giving to the Lord's Kingdom through the ministry of OUB. We finished 2024 in very good financial health. Receptacles for offerings are on the table in the upper entryway, outside the sanctuary doors. You may also give ONLINE through the church website, greencastleub.org.

*Missions Fund... used for support of missionaries... Our target for this portion of the year is \$119,000, and we are slightly behind that goal at \$116,700. We THANK YOU for your interest and your gifts to this fund!

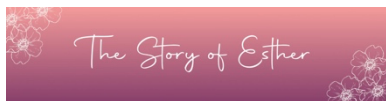
*** Reminder - The annual MISSIONS CONFERENCE dates will be March 5 - 9, 2025. Put it on your calendar.

* 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 express our sympathy and support to Lorraine Hess and her family in the loss of her husband, Dick. He was a landmark in the landscape of OUB for many years. Dick was 96 yeears old.

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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Ellen Fritz & Karyn Murray	Fred & Sue Fredrick
2nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley	Jamie Lytle
Acolyte	Jake Tracey 1st Grace Thompson 2nd	Ben Bowman 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd
Prelude	Madalyn Akers	Emma Burkett
Greeters	Jan & Georgiana Horst	Curtis Unger Family



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.

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

Last Week...	1/12//24
Attendance	228
General	\$8,608.00
Missions	\$3,609.50
Building Fund	\$4,592.50
Sunday School	\$285.00



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"

The flowers on the piano are in honor and celebration of Lydia Gruver's 6th Birthday today with love from her grandparents, Barry & Mandy Stottlemeyer.



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! We are forever grateful for your contributions and prayers. Quarterly statements are in the bulletins for you to see the volume 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.



The Altar Flowers are in memory of
Lori Akers
from her husband and daughters

The 2025 Commissions and Committees Listing
is on the upper lobby table.



If you find a light blue woman's coat, please return
it to the coat rack in the upper lobby.

Purpose

(Esther 2)

What is known about Esther prior to the beauty contest? Almost nothing.
√ Jew √ orphan √ being raised by older cousin √ physically beautiful

God's purpose for any one human life may NOT be a single _____ or _____ or _____. Yet (as we live in faith and obedience) God will work each person's unique ability or identity into his program so that _____ purpose is being achieved _____ us (*Eph. 1:11*). And, in such moments, we sometimes get an inkling, a soft sense of assurance, "THIS is the reason that God gave me life!"

2:8 - The verb "was taken" does not mean volunteerism! She did not ask or seek to go down this path. Initially, Esther was a victim of circumstance. No one could have imagined why God was allowing this circumstance! And only as God's purpose unfolded could her purpose be understood. (*4:14*). This is terribly difficult for us to comprehend. We want to know it all now!

- _____
- _____
- _____

2:11 - In one sense, God is illustrated by Mordecai. While Esther was tossed and tumbled by events in the Persian palace [not yet comprehending her part], Mordecai was on patrol [nearby] keeping track of progress, assessing information, ready to intervene if necessary!
_____, but _____. (*Job 13:27*)

2:10 - If Esther had revealed her religion at the beginning, she would not have been made queen. Mordecai's advice was God's wisdom used (later) to save all the Jews. HOWEVER, our mandate (as Christians) is the opposite. We should _____ and _____ with the outcome. AND we should pray for those people who face persecution when they make their faith known! (*Eph. 6:19-20*)