

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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A Church That
C.A.R.E.S.

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THE LORD'S DAY

January 5, 2025

PRELUDE
"SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT" (252)
PRAYER
APOSTLE'S CREED
KIDS KORNER
WORSHIP MUSIC
BIBLE MESSAGE
"AMAZING GRACE" (202)
BENEDICTION

We mark our earthly journey by "years. But a successful life is not determined by how many years. Relationships of love... influence of testimony... deeds of service... destination of heaven... these are the realities that God sees as success. May these things fill your life during 2025! WELCOME!

TODAY

- WORSHIP and PREACHING - 8:30 and 10:45
- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 9:50

WEDNESDAY

- GROUPS for children, youth, and adults - 6:30
- CHOIR rehearsal - 7:40

We are thankful that the Lord has provided a new YOUTH DIRECTOR for us. Beginning next week, Jordan Wheeler will assume that role. Jordan actually lives in Greencastle and has served in ministry at Joy El for the past several years. If you have access to a teenager, encourage them to come and meet Jordan and be part of the COMMON GROUND youth group!

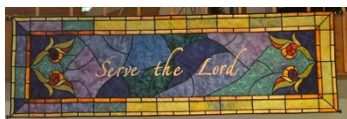
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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Lori Clopper Family	Heidi Myers & Deb Michalsky
2nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley	Kristen Marconi
Acolyte	Mason Keller 1st Loretta Wagaman 2nd	Corinna Ruelas 1st Shelby Rife 2nd
Prelude	Leta Sipes	Suzanne Hess & John Piper
Greeters	Ed Witmer Family	Ben & Celina Stoops



Please signup for the 2025 Altar Flowers. We have very few entries. 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...	12/29/24
Attendance	193
General	\$9,073.40
Missions	\$2,887.50
Building Fund	\$1,162.50
Sunday School	\$109.00



Did you notice the beautiful stained-glass sign hanging in the vestibule? This was taken from the original Otterbein church building (Washington St) and has finally found a suitable place here on Leitersburg St. Many thanks to Geremie Akers and Ben Stoops for mounting it?

Otterbein Handbell choir is interested in expanding. We invite those of you who can read simple music notation and rhythms to join us. If you have an interest and or have questions, please talk to any one of the current handbells members. You can also send an email to John Piper of your interest in the handbell choir . jrppsuo bx@gmail.com.





The Story of Esther

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"

Relationship

(Esther 1)

In the 5th century BC, the lands claimed by Persia were vast and varied. India to Africa! Sitting on top of that realm was a king named Xerxes. At his side was his wife named Vashti. Then one day... Xerxes showed his ignorance, and Vashti showed her pride. Their RELATIONSHIP never recovered.

R101 (vss. 10-12)

A person is not a _____ (trophy), and _____ (of clothing), or an _____ of _____ (machine). Each person's worth is _____ in heaven and cannot be _____ or determined on earth.

- God does not give life to groups or social subsets, but assigns life to an _____

Any meaningful cooperation or relationship must be earned, individual to individual.

_____ < _____ < _____

Jesus refused to wait even 24 hours to heal a "daughter of Abraham" though it offended folks who felt it should wait until after Sabbath was done (Luke 13:10-16).

R201 (vs. 18)

_____ is a necessary ingredient for any relationship, indeed for all areas of life. If you can find nothing else to respect, the inherent image of God demands respect (Gen. 9:10, Jm. 3:9-10). Respect is not equivalent to approval. You may disapprove of a _____ or _____ while continuing to respect a _____ (Gal. 2:11 cf. 1 Peter 3:15).

- * This was a male dominated society. The Bible does not teach male domination, but it does teach male headship, which has to do with leadership/responsibility/accountability of men. (Eph. 5:22-24, 1 Cor. 11:13, 1 Tim. 2:11-15)

Memucan! Ever heard of this dude? Probably not. His claim to fame is one small, paranoid comment to the King. But that one statement changed history. Today, Jews around the world celebrate the Feast of Purim just because Memucan opened his mouth! * You may feel as obscure or unknown as this man. No matter! Voice your opinion: God may _____ it _____ beyond your wildest dreams.