

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 2025

PRELUDE
PRAYER TIME
WORSHIP MUSIC

Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

KIDS KORNER
HYMN (354)
BIBLE MESSAGE

And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and calls his neighbors and says, "Rejoice with me! I have found my lost sheep!" And there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner... *(Luke 15)*

CLOSING CHORUS (474)
BENEDICTION

This week:

- * Worship *8:30/10:45 * Sunday School classes (9:50) > TODAY
- * Music and Worship Commission (7:00) > Monday
- * Bible study classes for children, youth, adults (6:30) > Wednesday
- * Adult choir practice (7:40) > Wednesday

Thank you for your understanding of recent cancellations due to weather. If you have any questions about the possibility of future cancellations, please check your email or the website (greencastleub.org). Any cancellation will be posted there!



You probably remember the Pacheco's, Milton and Erica, (missionaries in Thailand who we support). The country of Honduras has required them to return home as part of the process of adopting their son Lucas. They will now remain in Honduras for the foreseeable future doing seminars for U.B. Global as well as opening their home to do foster care of children. This has been a very traumatic decision for them because of their love of the people in Thailand. Our financial support for them will continue in their new role.

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



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

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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Lori Clopper	Sandy Turman & Lorena Davis
2nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley	Rife Family
Acolyte	Grayson Murray 1st Loretta Wagaman 2nd	Dane Ruelas 1st Shelby Rife 2nd
Prelude	Leta Sipes	Suzanne Hess & John Piper
Greeters	Connie Tracey Patti Valentine	Ed & Tawnya Tracey

Last Week...	1/26/24
Attendance	220
General	\$5,213.00
Missions	\$1,532.50
Building Fund	\$ 892.50
Sunday School	\$141.00



The altar flowers are in memory of Fred Jones, loving husband.



Next G-A Christian Women's Fellowship Meeting
 Tue., Feb. 25, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Lunch Optional
 Bring a friend!

Speaker: Jenn Robertson Topic: "Only by the Grace of God"



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.

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

WMF MEETING—Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 pm. All ladies are welcome to attend! Questions? Contact Amy Gour (717)-597-9202 or amymgour@yahoo.com.



MEXICO MISSIONS TRIP

Holly Ressler is planning to return to Mexico this summer and is looking for people to join her for this mission's trip. The trip is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd week of July. This opportunity is open to people of all ages. Contact Holly at (301-842-7573) if you want to get signed up or have questions.



Left from the Christmas Play.
Men's size 44 Camel Sandal.
See Pastor David to retrieve them!

You may know that the UNITED BRETHREN church was born in a barn. But what also might you know about our history and heritage? Well, hey! A UB History class is coming to OUB via online magic. Monday evenings (7:00), Feb. 10 - Mar. 31. Eight sessions, taught by Dr. Anthony Blair, a son of Greencastle. Registration fee is covered. Books are available (\$40 plus shipping) and you may engage with the instructor through email. OR you may simply join the lecture on Monday evenings here at OUB and learn about our past trials and triumphs as a denomination. Questions? Wish to participate in Monday evening sessions? Speak with Pastor David.

Prejudice

(Esther 3:5-15)

TATTLE TALE A plot... to kill the King. Mordecai overheard. Mordecai told. He simply passed on what he knew. Apart from its later significance in the story, Mordecai's choice to "tell someone" raises a question. When is it right to get involved and when is it best to keep our mouth shut?

- Does this affect an innocent person's _____? (*Prov. 14:25*)
- Does this pass the _____ test? (*Prov. 16:28, 17:19*)
- Is my "telling" motivated by _____ and _____ or gossip? (*Prov. 16:23, 18:8*)
- Would my "telling" actually _____ someone or _____ anything or simply cause heartache for someone who can do nothing about it? (*Prov. 17:9, 18:21, 19:11*)

One of the most obvious symptoms of depravity (*Rom. 5:12-14*) is PREJUDICE. We do not need to be taught suspicion, discrimination, or hatred. These come to us naturally. "Can't we all get along?" (*Rodney King, 1992*). Apparently not!

Haman vs. Mordecai

- enraged (3:5)
- customs are different (3:8)
- destroy them (3:9)

Effortlessly and easily, we view "difference" as "threat."

Q: Is this a threat in _____ or by projection of my _____?

Q: What _____ of threat is implied? Physical? Cultural? World view? Etc.

A: Some [actual] _____ can only be _____ by force. Many _____ can be _____ by love, prayer, confidence, conversation, persuasion, teaching, and kindness. (*Rom. 12:20-21*)

* By God's grace, "customs are different" can become an acceptable, nonthreatening state of affairs. By God's grace, "customs are the same" can be a cause of rejoicing/celebration without degenerating into favoritism. (*Prov. 18:5*)

BOTTOM LINE. The Bible teaches us that all humans are created in God's image (*Jm. 3:9*); therefore, any action that _____ or _____ is an _____ to God. (*Prov. 14:31, 19:17, Jm. 2:1-4*)