

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



Connecting  
Affirming  
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Sending



A Church That  
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# THE LORD'S DAY

## February 16, 2025

*Prelude*  
*Worship Music*  
*Prayer*  
*Mission Moment*  
*Kids Korner*  
*Hymn (409)*  
*Bible Message*  
*Hymn (81)*  
*Benediction*

When I am afraid,  
I will trust in God.  
(Psalm 56:3)

We do not offer secrecy or torture for meeting together with Christians as (tragically) is offered in some parts of the world. We do not offer fame or fortune as a prize for church attendance, We do not even offer a Monday cruise or Thursday morning bowling. But we DO offer to connect folks with God and to teach them God's Word and to surround them with the faith and love of sincere and joyful people. So invite an unchurched friend who needs something quite different than bowling.

Our weekly schedule: Sunday morning > Worship - 8:30/10:45  
Sunday School classes - 9:50  
Wednesday evening > classes - 6:30  
Choir - 7:40

You may have missed this one, but TRUMP has issued an Executive Order against donuts in church (NOT!). Starting today, coffee (no donuts) will be available again in the old kitchen area for the transition time between 1st Worship and Sunday School. Thank you, Jordan Wheeler for volunteering to make the coffee.



*The altar flowers are given by Shirley Shatzer Family  
in memory of Jason Green and Maurice Lowans*

Peace by Peace is collecting t shirts to use to make jump ropes. There is a basket between the downstairs doors. The shirts can be stained and faded but we ask that they be clean and washed. We will be collecting until March 16.



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	<b><i>This Week</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week</i></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	Debbie & Christine Repp	Rayarao Family
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	Cindy Rawley	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Cole Tracey 1st Isabel Thompson 2nd	Ben Bowman 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd
<b>Prelude</b>	Grace Akers	Ryan Eberly
<b>Greeters</b>	Ed & Tawnya Tracey	Bill & Laurie Stoler

<b>Last Week...</b>	<b>2/9/25</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	172
<b>General</b>	\$8,473.50
<b>Missions</b>	\$1,735.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 1,702.50
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$264.00



Women's Bible Study Feb. & March Schedule -  
 Mondays at 1:00  
 2/17 - Book of Ruth  
 3/3 - Psalms  
 3/17 - Psalms

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. 17 - Mar. 31. Seven sessions. An introductory zoom was held last Monday, but the history part actually begins tomorrow, led 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. Wish to participate in Monday evening sessions? Just come to the room at the top of the stairs (Room 100).





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"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2025 Missions Conference "So Send I You"

March 5-9

Lodging and meals are needed for our missionaries that will be visiting. These folks are so grateful for our hospitality. The meals do not need to be fancy. You will be blessed! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the upper lobby. We also need food donations for fellowship time following each service. Any questions, please contact Heidi Myers (717-321-6073) or Holly Ressler (301-842-7573)



### MEXICO MISSIONS TRIP

We are again having a trip to Mexico this summer. It is open to people of all ages and will not solely be a youth trip (but they can participate). The trip will occur sometime in July and tentative cost will be \$2000. The deadline to sign up is March 9 but the quicker we have a team, the quicker we can do some fundraising. Please contact Holly Ressler (301-842-7573) ASAP if you are interested in going.

Mistaken Identity! We sometimes get mail for the **Audubon** Society (bird watching people) and are sometimes called the **autobahn** (that's a road!). But our church is actually named after P.W. **Otterbein**, a German Immigrant in the 18th century who had a profound personal encounter with God. He came over to be a pastor, but in that moment realized that he had tradition, education, and belief ... but had no relationship with God. He had no experience of surrendering his heart to God. He had no daily awareness of God's presence. From this moment of crisis his life changed, and he loved God and loved people. Subsequently, his life impacted thousands of people ... even ours today. Not simply because his name identifies our church but because we seek the same thing that he sought after, a personal awareness of God. An inner love that overflows.

# DANGER

(Esther 4)

Esther did not \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ this position. Now she was put in the very awkward position of defending those whose execution had been ordered by her husband.

Reminder ... Xerxes's previous wife (Vashti) had challenged the king's order which was exactly why she was his previous wife! There was danger here!

M: REQUEST (8) Talk to the King. Plead for your people!

E: RELUCTANCE (11) It's not that simple. They have a law. Uninvited visitors die!

M: REPROOF (13-14) It is that simple! If you do not step up, you (being a Jew) will die anyway! \_\_\_\_\_ is your \_\_\_\_\_. It is bigger than you, me, or Xerxes. Why do you suppose you are in your position? This is not about \_\_\_\_\_ my side or the King's side. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_? If you refuse, God will use someone else who will not melt before the danger. We are God's people and God will deliver us!

E: RESOLVE (15-16) You fast/pray. I will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and go to the king, even if I die because of it.

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Many activities have inherent physical danger ... driving, surgery, chain saw. For these we seek safe strategies, use caution, and trust God (Phil 4:13. II Tim. 1:7). Esther and her people faced physical danger, but its source was not an activity or machine. Their danger arose from EVIL, the force which rebels \_\_\_\_\_ by destroying \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:10). If you are a Christian, Satan opposes you, a perpetual danger. He will accuse, intimidate, tempt, terrorize, or kill you if possible ... to destroy your witness for God on the earth (I Peter 5:8, Rev. 12:10, 20:3).

**Realization:** This is not \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ but rather \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_

**Determination:** I will not shut up or shut down my witness because of danger \_\_\_\_\_ or damage it may bring. Why not? Because the issue is not which \_\_\_\_\_ but which \_\_\_\_\_!

Today, millions of Christians live in dangerous places where prison or death waits for any open acknowledgement of God or even possession of a Bible. This is not danger which derives from foolishness but danger which derives from righteousness. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:19-21). We must always PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED (Eph. 6:19-20, II Thess. 3:2).