

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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

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# THE LORD'S DAY

## February 9, 2025

But a Samaritan, when he came to where the man was, had compassion on him. He bandaged his wounds. He put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn...

PRELUDE  
"Jesus Calls Us" (375)  
PRAYER  
WORSHIP MUSIC  
READING (686)  
SPECIAL MUSIC  
BIBLE MESSAGE  
"Make Me a Blessing" (415)  
BENEDICTION

\* Children's Church (9:00/11:10)

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### CHURCH LIFE

Sunday > Worship (8:30/10:45)      Sunday School Classes (9:50)

Monday > United Brethren History Class (7:00)  
> Spiritual Care Commission Meeting (7:00)

Wednesday > Groups for children, youth, adults (6:30)  
> Adult Choir (7:40)

Thursday > Women's Mission Fellowship (6:30)

*A group of OUB youth and adults are doing the WINTER SLAM Retreat this weekend. Pray for them as they return today!*

You may have missed this one, but TRUMP has issued an Executive Order against donuts in church (NOT!). Starting next Sunday, Feb. 16, 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.

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	<b><i>This Week</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week</i></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	Sandy Turman & Lorena Davis	Debbie & Christine Repp
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	Rife Family	Cindy Rawley
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dane Ruelas 1st Shelby Rife 2nd	Cole Tracey 1st Isabel Thompson 2nd
<b>Prelude</b>	Suzanne Hess & John Piper	Grace Akers
<b>Greeters</b>	Ed & Tawnya Tracey	Albert & Latasha Johnson

<b>Last Week...</b>	<b>2/2/25</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	207
<b>General</b>	\$9,140.00
<b>Missions</b>	\$1,334.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 892.50
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$123.00

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



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



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

MISSIONS CONFERENCE - Mar. 9

COMPLICATIONS - Mar. 16

SELF CONTROL - Mar. 23

CELEBRATION - Mar. 30

GOODNESS - Apr. 6

REWARD - Mar. 2

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](mailto:amymgour@yahoo.com).



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.



Next Senior Outing, Tue., Feb. 11.

Meet at Lizzy's at 12:30

RSVP to Fran Stoner at (717) 597-0189 by Mon., Feb. 10



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"

# Compassion

(Esther 4)

The EDICT. Threat! Fear! Paralysis!

The Jews had no organization or resources to fight back against the edict. [death]. While Mordecai grieved, the world continued turning, life flowing past uninterrupted.

\*This is called \_\_\_\_\_ (Lam. 1:12) \*Accept it or be filled with rage/bitterness.

RESPONSE TO SUFFERING some \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
many \_\_\_\_\_ few \_\_\_\_\_

Compassion is \_\_\_\_\_ than sympathy or sadness. It \_\_\_\_\_ the strong desire to help. *James 5:11, Colossians 3:12*

**Jesus**

- Lk. 10:29-37 **C** is not \_\_\_\_\_ Willing to help \_\_\_\_\_
- Lk. 15:11-24 **C** is not \_\_\_\_\_ Willing to overlook past \_\_\_\_\_
- Mt. 18:21-35 **C** is not \_\_\_\_\_ Unwilling to facilitate \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_

Esther was distressed because of Mordecai's distress (4:4)  
Esther sent clothing... seeking a practical way to change reality (4:4)  
Esther got in his face... "I'm not leaving till you tell me how I might help!" (4:5)

<u>OUB... Purpose</u>	<b>COMPASSION</b>
Connect folks to God	_____
Affirm them in love	_____
Reach unbelievers	_____
Equip believers	_____
Send servants into the world	_____