

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY

March 2, 2025

Prelude
Cherub Choir
Worship Music
HOLY COMMUNION
Kids Korner
Bible Message
Hymn #355
Benediction

TODAY

Worship and Preaching - 8:30 and 10:45
Sunday School Classes - 9:50

THIS WEEK

Wed., Thur., Fri. - (6:30) Visiting missionaries with information and motivation from their families, lives, and ministries.

* Food and Fellowship following the services (gym)

Saturday - (8:30) Join us for breakfast in the gym. Talk with Friends!
Talk with the missionaries!

Sunday - (9:30) COMBINED WORSHIP with the missionaries sharing in the service.

We will give out Faith-Promise Pledge cards for your commitment.

*SATURDAY EVENING... set your clocks FORWARD for Daylight Saving Time!



The altar flowers are Susie Angle in memory of son, Dale, brother, Jeff, and mother, Ruth.

Women's Bible Study March Schedule -Mondays at 1:00
3/3 - Psalms 3/17 - Psalms



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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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Bowman Family	Heidi Myers & Deb Michalsky
2nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley	Combined Service
Acolyte	Jaxson Keller 1st Loretta Wagaman 2nd	Corinna Ruelas & Shelby Rife
Prelude	Leta Sipes	Suzanne Hess & John Piper
Greeters	Frances Davis & Angie Peloquin	Dick & Dottie Bingaman

Last Week...	2/23/25
Attendance	248
General	\$7,007.00
Missions	\$3,013.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,589.00
Sunday School	\$223.00



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"



Senior News!

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Meet at the Parlor House at 9:30 on Tue., March 11.

RSVP to Fran Stoner at (717) 597-0189.

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)



On Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, the Common Ground Youth will be hosting a fundraising spaghetti dinner to support upcoming activities. This event will be donation only and no tickets are required with take-out available. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for an evening of delicious food and great fellowship.

No Adult Choir Practice Wed., Mar. 5, due to the Missions Conference!!

The Common Ground Youth Group is accepting donations of pies, cakes, and cookies for the upcoming spaghetti dinner fundraising event on March 22nd. Donations can be dropped off at the church kitchen on Friday, March 21st, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and on Saturday, March 22nd, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. If you have any questions, please see Becky Sipes or Ellen Fritz.



Last Chance!

The Library Committee will be removing the books and CDs from the table in upper lobby after Wednesday. Please take another look at what you may want to add to your collection of resources.

Reward

(Esther 6)

"What is it, Queen Esther?" (5:3) "Let the king come to a banquet I have prepared." (5:4)

· Why didn't Esther just tell the king her troubles instead of inviting him to supper? Why the repeat?

We do not know. However, we do know that _____ the king's discovering and honoring _____ Mordecai prior to Esther's disclosure of the plot. Before the king understood that Mordecai was the man accused of being "intolerable" (3:8), he had already formed the opinion that Mordecai was honorable. Between these banquets...

WHAT IS THE CHANCE? (6:1-9)

1. Assassins would carelessly allow a stranger to hear them plotting? (2:21-22)
2. Mordecai's heroism would have gone unrewarded (even when documented)?
3. The king would choose to fight insomnia by reading the Congressional Record?
4. That reading (out of a 12-year record) would include this one minor event?
5. The king would wonder and ask what reward had been given to this dude, Mordecai?
6. While the king was considering possibilities for a reward, his advisor would show up? What are advisors for? To be asked for ideas!
7. The advisor would assume that the king was wishing to honor him; therefore, he would pile the honors on quite thick?

In this mad scramble of twist and turns, Haman had never mentioned to the king the actual name of Mordecai nor had the king mentioned the name to Haman. Xerxes had no idea that he was planning to honor a man he had earlier given permission to kill.

*Only God could have lined up such tiny possibilities in a straight line so that a good man could be rewarded and an evil man humiliated in one ironic event!

· *My salvation and my honor depend upon God; he is my mighty rock!*" (Ps. 6:2:7)

(6:10-11) Never saw that coming!

Haman had no choice but to honor Mordecai. This (for us) is a picture of the _____ when God will say to some, "You will now be EXALTED." and to other, "You will now be HUMBLLED." Perhaps we will be shocked at some rewards because the service and commitment was _____ or even _____ in this life. But God noticed and it was written in his Annals, never to be _____ or _____! (Mt. 6:2-4, 19:30)