

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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# THE LORD'S DAY

## March 16, 2025

*PRELUDE*  
*READING (715)*  
*PRAYER*  
*HAND BELL CHOIR*  
*WORSHIP MUSIC*  
*KIDS KORNER*  
*HYMN (440)*  
*BIBLE MESSAGE*  
*HYMN (404)*  
*BENEDICTION*

Look to me  
and be saved,  
you people  
from all corners  
of the earth.  
For I am God,  
there is no other!  
(Isaiah 45:22)

TODAY 8:30/10:45 (Worship) 9:50 Sunday School classes  
MONDAY 7:00 U.B. History, Room 100  
TUESDAY 6:30 Administrative Board  
WEDNESDAY 6:30 Groups for children, youth, adults  
7:40 Adult Choir

The altar flowers are in memory of  
Kathy Johnson's father, Paul Q. Forney

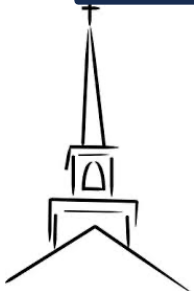


Administrative Board minutes for the 1-28-25 meeting are available on the table  
in the upper lobby.

Seeking to incorporate more time for intentional interaction and fellowship, the Administrative Board has chosen to change the Sunday a.m. schedule a bit for Sunday, March 30. First worship and Sunday School will both be abbreviated 10 minutes each to give opportunity for this. Schedule for that morning will be:

|               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Worship 1st   | 8:30 - 9:30                 |
| Fellowship    | 9:30 - 10:00 (gym... coffee |
| Sunday School | 10:00 - 10:40               |
| Worship 2nd   | 10:45 - 11:55               |

\* Next Sunday (3/23)... all worship services will be held in the gym for several weeks as work begins on the sanctuary roof structure to prepare for the new steeple installation. If you wish to avoid stairs, park on the east side of the building and use the gym entrance door on that side.



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|                               | <b><i>This Week</i></b>               | <b><i>Next Week</i></b>              |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b> | Ruelas Family                         | Garling Family                       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b> | Keisha Unger                          | Lytle Family                         |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                | Jake Tracey 1st<br>Grace Thompson 2nd | Ben Bowman 1st<br>Carter Wagaman 2nd |
| <b>Prelude</b>                | Ellen Fritz                           | David Rawley                         |
| <b>Greeters</b>               | Andy & Lori Webb                      | Dale Hostetter &<br>Larry Wingert    |

| <b>Last Week...</b>  | <b>3/9/25</b> |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Attendance</b>    | 190           |
| <b>General</b>       | \$10,198.00   |
| <b>Missions</b>      | \$3,941.50    |
| <b>Building Fund</b> | \$ 1,901.50   |
| <b>Sunday School</b> | \$368.00      |



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

Hey, check out the new (3D) Missionary MAP in the upper entryway! MANY THANKS to Andy and Lori Webb for purchasing the map, Geremie Akers for making the frame, and Tony and Heidi Myers for donating the monitor for pictures. Jordan Wheeler was consulted regarding the precise placement of Antarctica and Donald Trump regarding Greenland!

### MISSIONS REPORT

*Our FAITH PROMISE total for the 2024 missions year was \$144,000 that exactly fulfilled our goal! We are very thankful to God and to each person who faithfully gives. Our 2025 goal is slightly higher at \$149,000.*

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 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. If you have any questions, please see Becky Sipes or Ellen Fritz.



Parents of students in grades 5th - 12th grade  
Meeting on March 25 at 6:30 in the gym.

Come out to meet our new youth pastor, Jordan Wheeler, and the youth leaders.

Get information about upcoming activities and events

Please join us even if your child does not currently attend Common Ground on Wednesday nights

MEXICO TRIP - The potential dates for the trip will be sometime between July 1-11. (7-8 days). Please contact Holly Ressler for more info. (301-842-7573)

## Complications!

(Esther 7-8)

Haman is hanged (7:10). But his royal order to kill all Jews (3:13) was still out there!

- Esther... "Write an order to overrule [rescind, repeal, recall] it!"
- Xerxes... "I cannot. Our laws cannot be revoked. It's complicated!"

**SOLUTION:** "I'll send out a new edict allowing the Jews to defend themselves."



**WHY IS LIFE SO COMPLICATED?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Little children grow up and a tight knit bond loosens or disintegrates.

\_\_\_\_\_ The children who grow up have children of their own, new priorities.

\_\_\_\_\_ The little children are siblings, yet they see the world so differently! Diverse temperaments, experiences, and beliefs spawn controversies.

\_\_\_\_\_ The boy calls his sister "stupid," then says, "I'm sorry. I take it back!" However, the circumstance of reality does not allow it to be taken back. No one can "unsay" it. She can forgive him. Or not.

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| (Ecc. 11:1-6) | Life is complex, confusing, and uncertain. THEREFORE,           |
| · _____       | investments (1-2)   |
| · _____       | what you cannot change (3)                                      |
| · _____       | to live in fear (4)   |
| · _____       | God (you will never understand his "workings") (5)              |
| · Do _____    | you can _____ you can. Future possibilities are unknowable. (6) |

**DILEMMA**

The constitution of the U. S. may be amended... by addition or subtraction! Not so with ancient Persian law. The only option was to adopt a new law that somehow sought to negate the effect of the old law.

\* This was also God's conundrum with humanity. God \_\_\_\_\_ Adam that sin would rip the unity and trigger the death penalty. Adam \_\_\_\_\_.

\* God's \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Ill retract my threat." God's \_\_\_\_\_ said,

"You cannot."

**SOLUTION:** Stand by the old law, but pass a new law giving an optional method

of escape. A \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_!

\* The genius of Christ was God's ability to honor the old law (death) while providing an end run which nullified that penalty (resurrection).

And, \_\_\_\_\_ I AM INCLUDED with Christ in BOTH this \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 6:3-11)