

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD’S DAY

December 10, 2016

- PRELUDE*
- OPENING SONG #136*
- CHRISTMAS READING #142*
- SONGS OF PRAISE #143*
- OFFERING*
- BIBLE MESSAGE*
- CLOSING SONG #166*
- BENEDICTION*

Children’s Church today at 9:00 and 11:10 in the basement for ages 4 thru 5th grade.

- TODAY

8:30 and 10:40 - Worship/Preaching

9:50 - Sunday School classes - Children’s Christmas party during Sunday School

6:30 – Small groups
- WEDNESDAY

5:30 - Snak Shak open ... food available (basement)

6:00 - Hosanna Choir

6:30 - Groups for adults/youth/children

7:40 - Adult choir practice (sanctuary)

Last Week...	
Attendance	263
General	\$ 6,439.00
Missions	\$ 3,532.50
Building Fund	\$ 1,049.00
Sunday School	\$ 230.00

WELCOME TEAM

Dec. 11 – The Widder Family

Dec. 18 – Scott Garling

Dec. 25 – Gary & Grant Murray

Jan. 1 – Tom & Christopher Keely

Jan. 8 - The Widder Family

- Dec. - First Service Ushers

Bob Stoner - Head Usher

Perry Norris

Gene Weagley

Ed Tracey

Sean Tracey



A basket is available under the mailboxes to drop off your Christmas cards. Youth group members will sort the cards to put in the individual boxes.

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	<i>THIS WEEK</i>	<i>NEXT WEEK</i>
1st Nursery	Tim & Holly Ressler	Connie Tracey
2nd Nursery	TBD	Cindy Rawley & Sylvia Clement
Acolyte	Josh Rayarao (1 st) Karleigh Bubeck (2 nd)	Caitlyn Horner (1 st) Grace Akers (2 nd)
Greeters	Andy Webb Family	John & Bea Hoffman
Prelude	Becky Sipes	Daphne Murray



Dec. 13 - Join us for breakfast at Perkins in Chambersburg. The vans will leave the church at 8:30 or meet at the restaurant at 9:00 am.
Jan 10 - Bowling and lunch. Details coming soon!
Questions? Contact Bob & Fran Stoner (597-0189)

Heritage Christmas Dec. 16th
Signup Sheet to donate cookies is on the Lower Lobby Desk.
We are also looking for volunteers to work the table on Dec. 16.



Crusaders Class Christmas banquet
Thursday, Dec 15th, 5:00 pm at Hoss’s Restaurant, Chambersburg.
Please let Janice Bartles, Lorraine Hess or Jeannie Johnston know if you plan to attend.

Music planning for 2017 is underway. If you would like to volunteer to play prelude during Sunday morning worship, contact Daphne Murray (597-8830).

REMINDER...

NEXT SUNDAY is our ALL MUSIC service for the Christmas season. We would love to have you participate... vocal or instrumental. Contact Daphne Murray to get on the schedule. Invite an unchurched friend on that day. Everyone loves Christmas music!



- December 18 at 6:00 p.m. We're going Christmas caroling to some local homes. Join us! If you have a person you would like to have visited, please speak with Pastor Rawley.

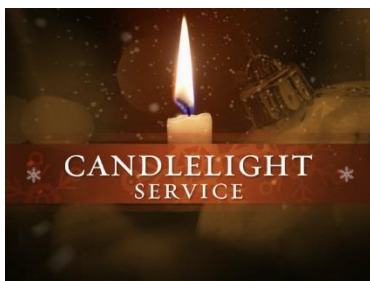


Both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sunday this year. On both of these Sundays our schedule at OUB will be the same... One combined WORSHIP service at 9:00 with no Sunday School classes. You will enjoy and be inspired! We will NOT be doing our traditional New Year's Eve celebration this year.



On the narthex mission's board are Christmas cards and envelopes for our missionaries already addressed. Please take one and send some Christmas cheer to one of the missionaries supported by O.U.B. Thanks!

Quick breads, donuts and muffins (no cookies) are needed for fellowship time between services on Dec. 18. Drop off goodies in the kitchen before the first service that day. Any questions, please contact Leta Sipes (328-3583).



Come enjoy an evening of "Candlelight and Carols" on Wed, Dec. 21 or Sat., Dec 24 at 6:00 pm. This service will include lots of carols, scripture readings and special music. It will offer a wonderful opportunity to worship and quietly reflect on the events surrounding our Savior's birth.

Sign up sheet for nursery volunteers for Jan, Feb, & March is on the lower lobby desk. Please consider helping with this ministry.



FOLLOW THE STAR

(Matthew 2:1-12)

Why did God choose a star to guide the men from the Far East to Bethlehem? Why not a cloud (Israelites), an angel (shepherds), or dream (Joseph)? Perhaps he simply chose something these men were familiar with or perhaps he wanted the symbolism to speak for the reality. The wise men followed the star until they found THE STAR!

STAR 1. A self-luminous, gaseous body of great mass, visible in the night sky
2. An outstanding talented or highly publicized performer who stands out among fellow performers

GIFT of the STARS = _____ In the overwhelming blackness, loneliness, and void of outer space is a luminous diamond ... bright and beautiful ... a star.

*Into the crushing darkness of _____ and _____ shines the _____ and _____ of Christ, unafraid of evil ... pure and powerful ... God's STAR. (Heb. 1:3, John 1:6-9, 12:44-46)

CERTAINTY of the STARS = _____ Across history and civilizations, the fixed positions of stars have been depended upon for navigation and negotiation.

*Among the shifting and shadowy realms of human ideas, cultures, leaders and values shines the _____ and _____ of Christ ... God's STAR to _____ us safely through the minefields. (Heb. 1:4, 3:5-6, 13:8)

MAGNITISM of the STARS = _____ Across the emptiness of space, stars are gravitationally bound together and form giant clusters rotating around a center of mass. Galaxies!

*Within God's astounding universe are elements both visible and invisible (to humans). Each part and the whole are held in _____, in _____, in _____ by Christ ... God's STAR who (like gravity) _____ all things functionally _____. (Col. 1:15-19)

PROCESS of a STAR = _____ At the core of every star is nuclear fusion. Raw. Brutal. Powerful. Every hydrogen atom crushed by undeniable, inescapable pressure until it morphs into helium ... the most basic and simple form possible. Pressure > Fusion > Heat > Light. Overwhelming process. No resistance possible.

*One day every person from every age and place, every being with intelligence and identity will be reduced to their _____ before the _____ and _____ of Christ ... God's STAR. Every skepticism smashed. Every excuse pulverized. Every resistance crushed. (Phil. 2:9-11, Rev. 19:11-16, 20:13. John 3:18, 5:22-17, Psalm 2:1-12, 110:1-2)