## Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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## The Lord's Day

## December 10, 2017

Prelude Opening Hymn #132 Gloria in Excelsis Deo #130+131 Mission's Moment Offering Songs of Praise Bible Message Closing Song #127 Benediction

Childrens church at 9:00 and 11:10 for children ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade

TODAYMONDAY 6:308:30 and 10:45 - WorshipAdministrative Board Meeting9:50 - Sunday School classes -<br/>Children will be having their Christmas Party3:00 - practice ... Christmas drama6:30 - Home Groups

WEDNESDAY 5:30 - Snak Shak (basement)

6:30 – groups for children, youth, and adults

7:40 – Adult choir

THURSDAY – 7:00 ... Practice for Christmas drama

Last Week				
Attendance	271			
General	\$ 5,407.00			
Missions	\$ 2,029.10			
Building Fund	\$ 2,204.10			
Sunday School	\$ 215.00			

Dec. - First Service Ushers Bob Stoner - Head Usher Perry Norris Gene Weagley Ed Tracey Sean Tracey

## WELCOME TEAM

- Dec. 10 Ben Widder
- Dec. 17 Scott Garling
- Dec. 24 Gary & Grant Murray
- Dec. 31 Jim Hart
- Jan. 7 Tom & Christopher Keely



The rose on the piano represents God's love sent to us through the birth of Jesus, the "Rose of Bethlehem"

Pastor: David Rawley		This Week	NEXT WEEK
rawley@centurylink.net (717) 597-3211 Youth Director:	1 <sup>st</sup> Nursery	Deb Michalsky & Celina Stoops	Teai Mills
Josh Lance 597-8525 ext. 12 504-5604 (cell) joshlance85@gmail.com	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nursery	Cindy Rawley & Mary Lou Jones	Cindy Rawley & Sylvia Clement
Secretary: Carol Schwalm <u>office@greencastleub.org</u> 597-8525	Acolyte	Josh Rayarao (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Keira Davis (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Caitlin Horner (1st) Zion Lance (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Hours 9 to 4 Tues/Wed/Thurs. Building/Van Scheduling: Holly Ressler	Greeters	Gary, Daphne & Dara Murray	Joe & Debby Chukla
facility@greencastleub.org: 597-8525 Prayer Chain: 597-2531	Prelude	Courtney Norris	Madalyn Akers
or <u>Melarl@aol.com</u> web site: <u>www.greencas</u>	tleub.org		

If you would like to send a card to Chanel Wiest, mailing labels are available on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Both the mailing and return address MUST be done in a specific way, so this will help Chanel receive the card. There can also be NO GLITTER on the card and in a plain white envelope. Thank you!

FYI ... December 24 and 31 ... combined Worship service (9:00) and no Sunday School classes. We will not be offering a New Year's Eve celebration this year as we usually do. Also ... no Wednesday evening activities on Dec. 20 and 27



Our Christmas drama this year will be presented on Friday, Dec. 22 (7:00) and Sunday, Dec. 24 (6:00). An original drama called CANAAN'S LAND will combine story with music and history. You will enjoy it! Invite friends and family to attend with you.

A basket is available under the mailboxes to drop off your Christmas cards. Volunteers will sort the cards to put in the individual boxes for you.





Preparations are underway for 2018. If you have never used offering envelopes but would like to receive them, please contact the church office. Use of these envelopes allow us to give you a letter at the end of the year for tax purposes. We can also assign a church mailbox if you don't have yet.



NENT SUNDAY – Both Services ALL MUSIC CHRISTMAS SERVICE We would love for you to share a special song or

reading. Please contact Daphne Murray if you would

like to participate in this service. (717-597-8830) There will be no Sunday School part week. Instead, there

There will be no Sunday School next week. Instead, there will be a time of food and fellowship between services.

Ouick breads, donuts and muffins (no cookies) are needed for fellowship time between services on Dec. 17. Drop off goodies in the kitchen before the first service that day. Any questions, please contact Leta Sipes (328-3583).





Buy an ornament, bless a child.

Alison Keely is involved in a ministry that helps impoverished areas by selling handcrafted items. She has Christmas ornaments and gifts available to

purchase. There is a display of the items as well as order forms in the church library. Any questions, contact Alison @ 301-733-3139.

Jeff Bitner is collecting winter clothes/coats to help with outreach to homeless and needy. Drop them off in the basket in the lower entry way.

This Friday, Dec. 15, is the last week of the Heritage Christmas celebration in downtown Greencastle. Cookies are needed. There is a signup sheet on the table in the lower lobby. You may bring the cookies to the church Friday afternoon or bring to the square.

Questions? Contact Bob or Fran Stoner @ 717/597-0189!





Senior News! Tue., Dec. 12, meet at 11:30 at the Bonanza Steakhouse, Chambersburg, across from Lowe's. Van leaves the church at 11:00! RSVP to Fran or Bob Stoner 717/597-0189.

JOY TO THE WORLD 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Choir Concert Dec. 16 (7:00 p.m.) & Dec. 17 (4:00 p.m.) at Antrim BIC Church



anatole = dawn, sunrise, rising, east (Luke 1:78, Matthew 2:10)

Biblical prophecies and pictures of God's Messiah often use the image of a \_\_\_\_\_\_ sun or \_\_\_\_\_\_ star. It is impossible to describe and appreciate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the light which \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our world. And it is impossible to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the effect of Christ on our human condition.

Slowly but surely, a SUNRISE steals away from the tyranny and terror of the NIGHT and gives (in its place) the blessing of the DAY. So the incarnation of God was the aujet beginning of a tremendous \_\_\_\_\_

vs. 79 \*taking away from our \_\_\_\_\_and adding to our \_\_\_\_\_

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Because we know no differently, we \_\_\_\_\_\_ the sun to rise and create a new morning. Indeed, God has promised this (Gen. 8:22). Regardless, it is still an incredible \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1:78, cf. Lam. 3:22-23). As was the birth of Jesus into a dark and disoriented world!