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 5th grade

TODAYMONDAY 6:308:30 and 10:45 - WorshipAdministrative Board Meeting9:50 - Sunday School classes -
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 | | | | |
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| 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 |
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| rawley@centurylink.net (717) 597-3211 Youth Director: | 1 st Nursery | Deb Michalsky & Celina Stoops | Teai Mills |
| Josh Lance 597-8525 ext. 12 504-5604 (cell) joshlance85@gmail.com | 2 nd Nursery | Cindy Rawley & Mary Lou Jones | Cindy Rawley & Sylvia Clement |
| Secretary: Carol Schwalm <u>office@greencastleub.org</u> 597-8525 | Acolyte | Josh Rayarao (1 st) Keira Davis (2 nd) | Caitlin Horner (1st) Zion Lance (2 nd) |
| 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 4th 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!