# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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## The Lord's Day

November 29, 2020

Prelude "For the Beauty" (Quartet) (Verse 4 screen) Prayer "Let us Praise Him" (screen) Kids Korner "Faith is the Victory" (screen) Bible Message "God Be with You" (screen)

Have faith in God when all else fails about you Have faith in God, he provides for his own He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish He rules and reigns upon his throne
Have faith in God! He's on his throne!
Have faith in God, he watches o'er his own.
He cannot fail. He must prevail.
Have faith in God! Have faith in God!

Again, this week we are doing worship services ONLY! No Sunday School Classes today or next Sunday. However, next Sunday the children will present their annual Christmas program during the S.S. hour. The program is taking into account the Covid situation as the children prepare and present. We hope you will be able to attend and receive their gift and message (Dec. 6 at 10:00)

We are also planning and preparing four our annual Christmas Eve Service. It will be done twice, December 23 and 24 (6:00). We trust that we will be able to space and share and celebrate together.

A G-A Community Thanksgiving Service was put together by Trinity Luther Church (Saundra Wingert for coordinating the service and Brandon Sidoli who taped and edited it.). The link is on the OUB website under "Sermon" or you can access it from the Trinity Lutheran website at <u>www.tlcgreencastle.org</u> May it bless and inspire you in this Thanksgiving Season.

## Pastor:

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Last Week	11/22/2020	
Attendance	128	
General	\$	8,053.00
Missions	\$	2,420.00
Building Fund	\$	1,735.00
Sunday School	\$	399.00

	This Week	Next Week
1 <sup>st</sup> Nursery	Gary & Daphne Murray	Tim & Holly Ressler
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nursery	Ben & Cindy Widder	Cindy Rawley & Cheryl Bowen
Acolyte	EJ Fleming 1 <sup>st</sup> Loretta Wagaman2nd	Andrina Murray 1 <sup>st</sup> Ben Garrett 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Prelude	Diana Gruver	Leta Sipes

Reminder...

Administrative Board Meeting Monday, Dec. 14, at 6:30

If you are interested in signing up for Secret Sisters 2021, the signup sheets are on the table downstairs. The deadline for signups is November 29.





Cancellation – The Ladies Christmas Tea is cancelled due to the increasing number of COVID cases in the community. An announcement regarding the logistics of the Secret Sister reveal will be forthcoming. OUB 2021 calendars are available on the lower lobby desk.

One of our avenues of communication which helps keep in touch with needs is our prayer chain. Jenny Stayman (living in Florida) will put your request for prayer on the email chain to other families. Amazing! And we can all pray for and keep up with each other. If you would like to post a prayer need or get on the receiving list, contact Jenny at 717-977-7751 or <u>avstayman@comcast.net</u>. This is not done as an "activity" but as an expression of <u>faith</u> in the power of <u>prayer</u> (James 5:16).



If you don't have, but would like to have a church mailbox and/or offering envelopes, please email your request to the church office at <u>office@greencastleub.org</u>

## BY FAITH WE UNDERSTAND

#### **Popular Assumptions**

1. faith =Unprovable, therefore unreal. Myth and make believe2. faith =Has nothing to do with the normal world or common life

To assume that religion deals \_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ while practical (every day, normal] life deals \_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_ is to fall prey to a clever lie. In reality, faith and fact are so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that both are \_\_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish the simplest action. Faith is not \_\_\_\_\_\_ for it takes fact into account. Yet is pushes \_\_\_\_\_\_ known facts and inspires a commitment. By faith we DESIRE things, and by faith we DO things.

<u>INTEGRATED</u> Normal life involves and \_\_\_\_\_\_ faith. And faith \_\_\_\_\_\_ itself in the actions and decisions of daily life. So real is this connection that even an atheist or agnostic cannot live without faith. (Creed of faith is a different matter!)

<u>SEPARATED</u> Though it incorporates facts, faith steps into a level of reality beyond fact to put the \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God into play. Even when fact \_\_\_\_\_\_ God, only faith \_\_\_\_\_\_ God. Fact limits possibility to its limited understanding. Faith gives understanding which opens wide all possibility (*1 Cor. 2:14-15*)

## <u>NT words</u>

<b>soma</b> > body (world of physical components)	perception =
<b>psyche</b> > intellect (world of mind and imagination)	perception =
<b>pneuma</b> > spirit (world of God's habitation)	perception =

\*God is invisible *(Jn. 4:24)* and only by exercising this higher faculty of <u>faith</u> can we see and receive and commune with God. Apart from faith this is impossible.

FAITH taps into the invisible, yet it produces the visible. FAITH is not theoretical or ephemeral or emotional. It is positive, dynamic, active, and practical. FAITH gives courage to conviction. It lives, moves,

acts, inspires. It walks, talks, and grows. By FAITH we UNDERSTAND. And this understanding removes \_\_\_\_\_ and provides

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