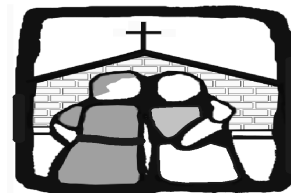


# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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# The Lord's Day

September 12, 2021

***Prelude***

***Hymn #18***

***U.B. WORLD Presentation***

***Trumpet Instrumental***

***Worship Music***

***Bible Message***

***Hymn #531***

***Benediction***

*Children's Church in the basement at 9:00 and 11:10 - ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

*TODAY - Worship = 8:30 and 10:45*

*Sunday School = 9:50*

## WEDNESDAY

6:00 - Snak Shak open

6:30 - classes for children... 2 yrs. - K, 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

COMMON GROUND youth... 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

adult group (sanctuary overflow with Pastor David)

The OUB Appointment Committee will soon begin choosing folks to fill various positions on Committees and Commissions for next year. If there is a position or area of service that YOU are interested in filling, please speak with Lori Akers or Pastor David. That would bless them right down to their socks and would certainly bless the LORD also!



*The altar flowers are in memory of  
Wayne Orr from his wife, Helen, and family.*

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<b>Last Week</b>	<b>9/5/2021</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	222
<b>General</b>	\$ 8,958.00
<b>Missions</b>	\$ 3,138.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 2,282.00
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$ 189.50

	<b><i>This Week</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week</i></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	Deb Michalsky & Amy Fleming	Tom & Lori Clopper
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	Heidi Myers Family	Cindy Rawley & Sara Witmer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Grayson Murray 1 <sup>st</sup> Shelby Rife 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caitlin Horner 1 <sup>st</sup> Saffron Lance 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Prelude</b>	Sheri Michalsky	Micah Ressler

**SEPTEMBER SERMONS**

Way back in 1800 the United Brethren church formally organized and created its own rules for members and membership, called the Discipline. During September we will touch on several sections of our own denomination’s current Discipline. These four sermons will highlight GUARDRAILS and GUIDELINES.

September 5 – *Membership and Standards*

September 12 – *Sexual/Gender Standards*

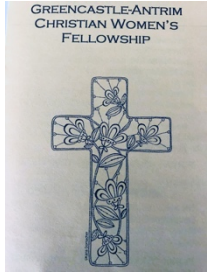
September 19 – *Marriage/Family Standards*

September 26 – *Social Standards*

CONGRATULATIONS to Scott and Diana on the arrival of Eliot James Gruver! He showed up on September 4 weighing 6.10 and stretching to 20.5. His big sister Lydia is delighted (a few other family members are delighted also)!



Sept. 14 – Seniors, a must go! Start out at the church at 9:30 am for a ride in the van. To the barn, and we'll go walking around, so wear your comfortable shoes. Explore and treat yourself to farming wisdom. Then off we go to take in sweets that the pachyderms eat. Then land for lunch with the flamingos at 12:30 sharp. Cost is \$1.00 for gas and your lunch. RSVP to the Stoners by 9/12 at (717) 597-0189



### Next Meeting

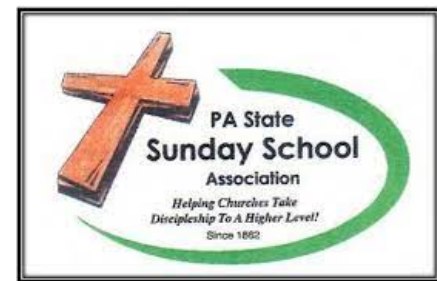
Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship is Tue., Sept. 28, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. – lunch optional  
Free Will Offering – Come for a special morning of fun, food, fellowship, music, and being together once again!!

### PA State Sunday School Convention

Saturday, October 23, 8:00 to 4:00

See website for the complete schedule

<http://www.sundayschoolhelp.org>



We have Sunday School every Sunday with a few exceptions for special services. We have

5 adult classes and each class uses a different Bible Study.

**Ambassadors** (meets in sanctuary overflow)- Right now we are studying the Characters of the Bible. I would be the contact person for this class.

**Crusaders** (meets in the room at the top of the steps) They use Union Gospel Press- Bible Expositor and Illuminator Bible Study literature. Trudy Norris would be a contact person for this class.

**Ladies Group** (meets in the library) Shirley Clark would be the contact person for this class. Seeing & understanding Christ with the eyes of your heart.

**Messengers:** (meets down stairs in the room across from the kitchen) They use David Cook NIV Bible Study Literature. Fran Stoner would be a contact person for this class.

**Young Adult Class:** (meets downstairs in the youth room) Chris Clever or Katie Myers would be the contact person for this class.

# SEXUAL/GENDER STANDARDS

Our desire/quest for intimacy is most fully expressed/satisfied in sex. Although (physically) sex provides for pleasure and procreation, its greatest provision is (emotional) partnership or bonding. The intense bond that sex creates actually reflects the bond of Three Persons in One Being [God]. In this sense, sex is sacred. Just as God is one [spirit], sexual partners become one [flesh]

(*Gen. 2:24, Mt. 19:4-6*).

Sex is our most open, unguarded, vulnerable expression of SELF, therefore it offers the strongest ties of connection and the greatest potential for relationship. Because of its psychological and spiritual component, God expects us to \_\_\_\_\_ sex \_\_\_\_\_. Scripture says it should not be awakened/aroused until the time is right because it causes partners to “belong” to each other (*S of S 8:4, 7:10*), and it should be protected by a preceding commitment [marriage] (*1 Cor. 7:9*).

## **TWO GENDERS... How and Why?**

a) One “side” of Adam was removed and given expression in a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. i.e. male and female (*Gen. 1:27, 2:21-22*)

b) God differentiated/separated his image into two aspects so that the fellowship/appreciation/wonder of his image could be experienced both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (*Gen. 2:23-25, 5:2*)

Both male and female witnesses are essential to the representation of God.

c) This pattern is repeated with God’s Son who is described as the “last Adam” (*1 Cor. 15:45*). We are “conformed into his image” (*Rom 8:29*) yet are \_\_\_\_\_ from him as his “bride” (*Jn. 3:29*). The word “church” in the New Testament is always [linguistically] feminine (*Eph. 5:25*).

**GENDER IDENTITY.** We believe God has designed/assigned sexual \_\_\_\_\_ and the sex of birth should be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Those who struggle with gender identity must recognize that suffering is common to fallen humanity and may be used by God for his glory (*11 Cor. 12:7-9*). They should also recognize that a temptation to altar their sexual identity is no different from other “temptations” common to man (*1 Cor. 10:13*).

**HOMOSEXUALITY.** Because God’s pattern and instruction and created anatomy clearly indicate only heterosexual expression, we believe that homosexuality is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Same sex attraction must be dealt with no differently than other temptations (*Rom. 1:18-32, 7:21, 8:17*).

**PORNOGRAPHY.** We believe it is sinful to remove sex from the context of marriage and make it explicit to others, using sex to create profit and arouse lust. Pornography makes nudity and fornication seem \_\_\_\_\_ (*Eph. 5:5-7*) and \_\_\_\_\_ people to sin (*Mt. 5:27-30, Lk. 17:1-3*). It must be avoided and resisted (*11 Cor. 6:13, 18-20, Gal. 5:19-21*).