Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY May 21, 2023

Prelude Worship Music Scripture (699) Prayer Special Music Kids Korner Hymn (258) Reading (688) Hymn (538) Benediction

TODAY 8:30 and 10:40 = Worship and Preaching 9:50 = Sunday School classes for all ages

<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 6:30 – Bible classes for children, youth, and adults * Next Wednesday (3/31)... closing children's program

THURSDAY 6:30 Spiritual Care

Closing program for GUIDING HANDS Preschool will be held this Wednesday, May 24, at 10:00 and 1:30. You are welcome to attend and catch a glimpse of their year! * The Preschool program is currently filled for the 23-24 school year. Each weekday a one minute inspirational /spiritual message is presented by OUB on the local radio station, WRGG (9:25 and 5:25). Pray that God will use these short messages to capture hearts and change lives!

P astor: David Rawley		This Week	Next Week
<u>rawley1977@gmail.com</u> (717) 597-3211	1 st Nursery		
Youth Pastor: Josh Lance	2 nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley & Sara Witmer	
(717) 597-8525 ext. 12 (717) 504-5604 (cell) joshlance85@gmail.com	Acolyte	Jake Tracey 1 st Saffron Lance 2 nd	Ava Witmer 1⁵t Sophia Harvie 2 nd
Secretary:	Prelude	Daphne Murray	Cheryl Bowen
Carol Schwalm office@greencastleub.org	Greeters	Harold & Betty South	Leta Sipes Family
(717) 597-8525		·	
Hours 9 to 4 Tues/Wed/Thurs. Building/Van Scheduling:		Last Week	5/14/23
Holly Ressler		Attendance	267
facility@greencastleub.org:		General	\$ 7,111.00
(717) 597-8525		Missions	\$ 1,502.00
(301)739-8063 (home)		Building Fund	\$ 948.00
Prayer Group: 717-977-7751		Sunday School	\$ 164.00
or avstayman@comcast.net			



ALL LADIES – Pick up a coaster from the basket in the upper lobby. From Peace by Piece

G-A Christian Women's Fellowship Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 23, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Evangelical Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 130 N. Washington St., Greencastle Speaker: Rev. Drahus Oslik Topic: "Helping Ukrainian Refugees"



Summer SUNDAY SCHOOL for children... classes will be combined... begins June 4. This first week will be outdoors/activities so have them dress accordingly.

Summer Theme: *PARABLES OF JESUS* *SNACKS MAY BE INCORPORATED. If your child has a good allergy, please contact Cindy Rawley or Brooke Eberly.



The National conference for the U.B. denomination will be held July 12–14 in Ft. Wayne, IN. WE are allowed 2 delegates to represent OUB at those meetings. The conference focuses on policy and information for our denomination. If you are interested in attending and representing OUB, please speak with Pastor David. Must be a member of OUB.



Next Senior Outing Tue., 6/13 Meet at the Trojan Diner at 1:00 p.m. RSVP by 6/12 to Fran Stoner at (717) 597–0189

Mark Your Calendar Next Ralph's Recipe BBQ Sat., May 27, 9 until sold out. Baked Goods Welcome!



Saved Through Water!

NOAH Sailor and Savior

WATER represents our created world, this natural order. It embodies the environment unto which we are naturally subjected and limited. It is our human milieu.

• original element (Gen. 1) • natural birth (Jn. 3)

BAPTISM The sign that a ______ of existence has taken place within our human

 lives is a sign that ______. Baptize means to go into/under the water.

 JOHN - ____/____ from sins... joining a new kingdom (Mt. 1:1-9)

 * Though Jesus was sinless, he embraced this symbol (identifying with all sinners)

(Mt. 3:13-17)

PAUL – Identifying and personalizing with _____ [death] and _____ [unstoppable life] of Christ (*Rom. 6:3-14*). The natural, unbelieving life is gone... drowned!

PETER – symbol of being washed/clean... (motive) and (conscience) (1 Peter 3:21)

*Peter acknowledges baptism as a symbol and also says there was (long ago) a symbol of <u>that</u> symbol... the water of Noah's flood!

* IN THE ARK, A FEW PEOPLE WERE **SAVED THROUGH WATER**, AND THIS WATER SYMBOLIZES BAPISM THAT NOW SAVES YOU... (1 Peter 3:20)

These NT passages are highlighting different aspect or perspectives about baptism. These are all valid. But this phrase presents a unique truth.

- The floodwaters were an existential threat... an absolute end of their
- The floodwaters forced a ______. "Get in the ark or die!"

* Noah's family was not saved by _____ reality or _____ they

were not threatened or ______ they would be OK. They were saved by

ADMITTING their helplessness and TRUSTING the ark to bring them <u>through</u> these waters.

** We are not saved by ______. We are saved by ______ <u>through</u> baptism.

3:19-20 A tidbit of amazing information. Between the death and resurrection of his body, Jesus went to the realm of the dead spirits (called <u>Sheol</u>-OT) and "preached' i.e. explained/declared to these souls in waiting about his sacrifice for them. These folks, long dead, were given the same invitation that we are given today! Those who received his offer, he led in triumphal procession, to <u>heaven</u> where they are now in God's presence. *(see Ephesians 4:8-10)*