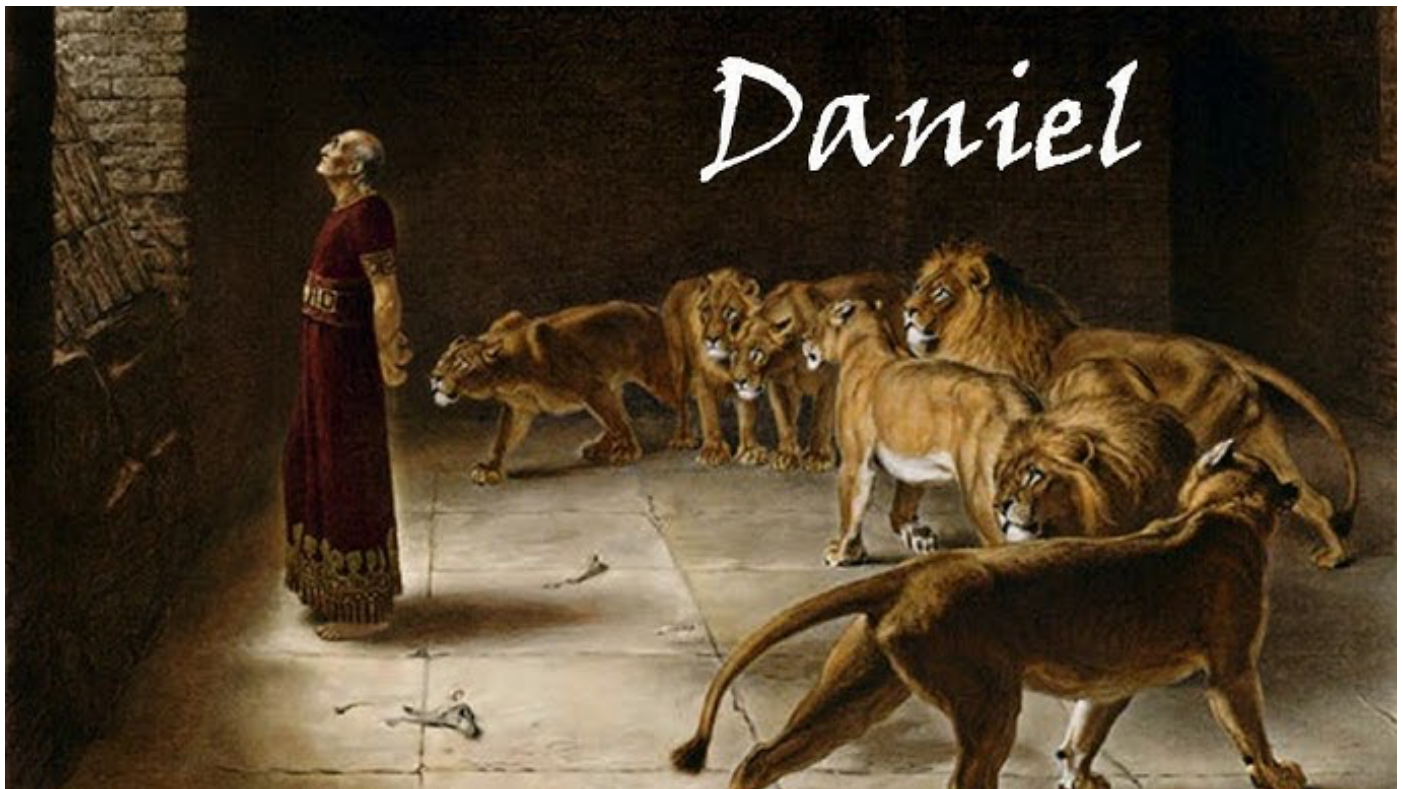


Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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A Church That
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The Lord's Day

January 21, 2024

PRELUDE
"GLORIOUS!" (454)
PRAYER
SPECIAL MUSIC
KIDS KORNER
WORSHIP MUSIC
BIBLE MESSAGE
"ANYWHERE!" (screen)
BENEDICTION

But even if
he does not
[rescue us],
O King,
we will not
serve your gods
or worship
the image!
(Daniel 3:18)

Sometimes life seems exciting, filled with anticipation! Sometimes life seems dull, filled with labor and effort. But either way, it is life. What a GIFT... to be aware, alert, and alive! Why do we honor, acknowledge, and worship God? Because he has given this gift of life to us. And not only here and now but always and forever. Astounding!

TODAY: 8:30/10:45 - WORSHIP

9:50 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 Groups for children, youth, adults

7:40 - Choir Practice



WMF MEETING—Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 pm. Sandy Turman will be presenting Annie's Story... the story of her great grandmother, who was a missionary with China Inland Mission. You will not want to miss this! All ladies are welcome to attend! Questions? Contact Amy Gour (717-597-9202). Also, Reminder... remember your visitor bag items.

* VBS Committee > Tuesday (6:00)



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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Leta Sipes & Sue Frederick	
2nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley & Kristin Marconi	
Acolyte	Jake Tracey 1st Grace Thompson 2nd	Ava Witmer 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd
Prelude	Grace Akers	Ryan Eberly
Greeters	Steve & Connie Wilson	Curtis Unger Family

Last Week...	1/14/24
Attendance	247
General	\$ 12,495.75
Missions	\$ 2,386.50
Building Fund	\$ 1,760.50
Sunday School	\$ 287.00

Two months... it will be time to greet some missionaries whom we support and catch an update from their lives. March 6 - 10. THANK YOU for your ongoing financial support of these special people living in far off places.

*AND we greatly appreciate the money given to the ministry of OUB.

We do not take an offering during the service, but cannisters are located on the upper entryway table. You may also use online giving available through the church website, www.greencastleub.org



1 Liter, 2 Liter, Gatorade and more
Common Ground wants the bottle caps
from Soda and Water Galore!

We are on a mission to help out our brother
and sister churches in Mexico by collecting

plastic bottle caps and shipping them down.

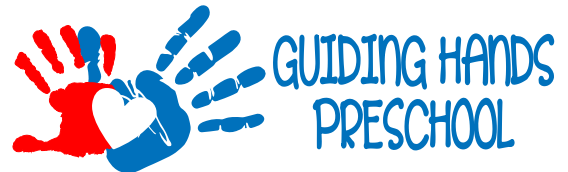
1k plastic bottle caps = 1 chemo treatment for a cancer

patient. **There is a box at the top of the stairs to collect caps.**



The altar flowers are in memory of wife & mother, Lori Akers, from Geremie, Maddie, & Grace.

Preschool Registration for the 2024 Fall and 2025 Spring classes is now open. Brochures and registration forms are on the lower lobby table.



Music and Worship Commission Meeting is Monday, January 22 at 7pm

Women's Bible Study resumes Monday, Jan. 15, at 1:00
Revelation? Who were the two witnesses?

Jesus said, "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never be thirsty again. It will become a spring of water within them, giving them eternal life" (*John 4:14*). Otterbein is simply the name of our organization. What we are is a church family, a community of believers. We are thirsty people who drink this living water. We have discovered God's forgiveness for past sins, his power for present day opportunities and his promises for future challenges. Our goal is to teach (the Bible) to worship, to pray, and the encourage. We want to share this water... with each other (when we're scattered)! We want to laugh, love, and learn together.

COURAGE!

When Conviction Clashes with Expectation

Every realm or role we enter into comes with attached expectations. We do not need to ask for them, agree with them, or appreciate them. They are there! As employer or employee. As child or sibling or parent. As citizen or customer or investor. As a Christian, I often disagree with the words or message I am expected to embrace. Pressure to conform is intense and fearful! Is COURAGE available for a soldier in the culture war?

WIGGLE ROOM

Daniel 1

Issue Food forbidden by God [not a matter of custom or culture]

Strategy _____ [denied] (8-10) _____ request (11)

Courage _____ of a test. Absolute _____ in God (12-13)

Success Commitment to God and service to King remained _____ (14-20)

*Daniel understood that some issues are simply culture (new names) but some are actually spiritual. In these cases politically right is often spiritually wrong. God BLESSED his courage to sacrifice _____ rather than surrender _____!

NO WIGGLE ROOM

Daniel 3

Issue Worship of an image (clear expectation, no redefinition possible (4-6)

Strategy _____ the expectation and see what happens! (8:12)

Courage Willingness to _____. Absolute _____ in God. (16-23)

Success Miraculous preservation of _____ and increase of _____ (24-30)

* This courage was not heroism, for no one cared if they died (which they expected to do). It was simply a performance of the spiritual _____! They refused to compromise and held onto their convictions even as they sailed through the furnace door! Their courage did not fail because it was based on everything they _____ and _____!

Courage is not simply ANOTHER VIRTUE but is the expression of any virtue when it reach