

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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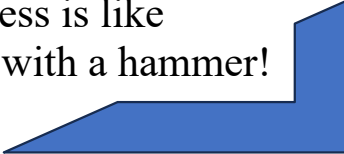
The Lord's Day

February 18, 2024

Prelude
Worship Music
Kids Korner
Handbell Choir
Prayer
Bible Message
Hymn Sing
Benediction



FORGIVENESS is complicated.
And emotional. And exciting.
To offer forgiveness is like
beating my pride with a hammer!



We mark our time by years and months, days, and minutes. God does not share this trait because it all belongs to him. But we offer this hour to God as a portion of our life made more precious by our awareness of his presence and our worship of his majesty.

TODAY -

Sunday School > 9:50

Worship > 8:30 and 10:45

WEDNESDAY

6:30 - Bible study/Christian community

Groups for children, youth, and adults. You are invited!

7:40 - Adult Choir

Very soon... our 47th annual MISSIONS CONFERENCE

- March 6 - 10
- Saturday breakfast (8:30)
- Evening service/activities on W, Th, & F
- Combined worship (9:30, March 10)
- Sunday evening meal - Time TBD

Opportunities to host a missionary for a meal. Contact Heidi Myers to volunteer. (717-321-6073)



Next G-A Christian Women's Fellowship Meeting



Feb. 27, Tues., 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

130 N. Washington St., Greencastle, PA

Speaker: Pastor Mike Sanders, Open Door Church

Topic: "Our Attitude Towards Ministry"

Lunch: Optional (Free will offering)

March 31 - EASTER ... Sunrise service (6:30 a.m.)

Worship Service 9:30 (one combined service)



The 1/23/24 Board Meeting Minutes & Treasure's Reports are on the upper lobby desk.

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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery		
2nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley	
Acolyte	Cole Tracey 1st Isabel Thompson 2nd	Callie Witmer 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd
Prelude	Ellen Fritz	Rachael Thompson
Greeters	Albert & Latasha Johnson	Bill & Laurie Stoler

Last Week...	2/11/24
Attendance	257
General	\$ 8,331.50
Missions	\$ 2,496.50
Building Fund	\$ 1,389.50
Sunday School	\$ 305.00



The altar flowers are in memory of
Barbara Anderson & Harold Stumbaugh
from Frances Davis.

What is the most difficult thing you ever had to do? While you're thinking, try this one ... "FORGIVE someone who did me wrong." And think of this! Forgiveness is so basic that it is our only hope for heaven! Several sermons that could rearrange your attitudes and relationships!

The Work of Forgiveness	Feb 11
I Don't Like It, But I Will Work with It.	Feb 18
Ocean of Emotion	Feb 25



Volunteers are needed to serve in the nursery during both worship services. It is a very easy way to help. Sign-up sheet is on the lower lobby table. Consider signing up once or twice during the year.



Guiding Hands Preschool
6th Annual Trike A Thon to Benefit
St. Jude Children's Research
Hospital.



When: Thursday, February 22 @ 11:15 and 2:45. Where: Otterbein Gym

How can you help? We are collecting donations – checks, cash (in our deposit box outside the lower lobby doors) and on-line giving is available.

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=5544791&fr_id=155038&pg=personal

I DON'T LIKE IT. BUT I WILL WORK WITH IT!

BACKGROUND (1 Samuel 8)

1. Prophets > Judges (combining spiritual, military, and administrative leadership)
2. Samuel's sons (Joel/Abijah) were corrupt in morals and administration. CRISIS!
3. People: "Let's split this up." a) spiritual = prophet b) military/administrative = King
4. God: "You are rejecting ME (spiritual) because a proud king will not heed a prophet."
"My plan for Israel = speak directly to one leader who discerns my will for all areas."
"Disaster will come from this choice. Nevertheless, give them what they want... a king."

SAUL (1 Samuel 9-10)

- A king is chosen by God
- This king is anointed/inaugurated by Samuel

THE SPEECH (1 Samuel 12)

- a) The Lord your God was, is, and should always be considered as your King!
- b) You demand something different, a human king (to be like other nations!)
- c) This demand is evil in God's eyes [rainstorm phenomenon... a verifying sign]
- d) YET, God has granted your wish and provided you with a King!
- e) If you and your king will live carefully and prayerfully... good!
- f) If you abuse my "grace," there will be harsh consequences!
- g) Your desire for a king is evil, and God is not happy about your choice.
However, [though you have chosen less than God's perfect will] do not be afraid and do not turn away from the Lord!

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

- The ability to live with _____ in the most _____ way possible.
 - to continue _____ with someone even when you have been _____.
 - to hope (pray!) for someone's _____ even when their method is _____!
 - to love the _____ and rise above their _____ even while hating their _____, maintaining your own _____, and praying for their _____.

Forgiveness is complicated. But it is also exciting!
God is not intimidated by our flawed history or

seething emotions. He will work with any person
or situation where he is given serious opportunity!
(See *Mt. 18:18, Jn. 20:23*)