

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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A Church That
C.A.R.E.S.

146 Leitersburg Street, Greencastle, PA 17225

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The Lord's Day

February 25, 2024

Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn (92)
Prayer Time

*Rise up, O church of God
Have done with lesser things!*

Worship Music
Bible Message
Hymn (334)
Benediction

*Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings!*

Children's Church (9:00 and 11:10) > basement

TODAY -

8:30/10:45 - Preaching and Worship

9:50 - Sunday School classes for discussion/prayer

WEDNESDAY

6:30 - Lessons and activities for *spiritual growth for all ages

Children combined with Pastor David

* Parents, schools and athletic programs and community organizations and computer programs stretch your child's horizons in many ways. Where are they being taught the Scriptures or how to have a relationship with God? This is the purpose of our Wednesday evening groups! Bring them in 6:30 - 7:30. We are not replacing you, we are helping you.

7:40 - Choir practice

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)

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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Leta Sipes	Kristin Marconi
2nd Nursery		Cindy Rawley & Sheri Michalsky
Acolyte	Callie Witmer 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd	Shelby Rife 1st Loretta Wagaman 2nd
Prelude	Rachael Thompson	Leta Sipes
Greeters	Bill & Laurie Stoler	Frances Davis & Angie Peloquin

Last Week...	2/18/24
Attendance	212
General	\$ 8,094.50
Missions	\$ 1,580.50
Building Fund	\$ 1,299.50
Sunday School	\$ 305.00

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



The altar flowers are in memory of Denny Timmons from his wife, Char.

March 31 - EASTER ... Sunrise service (6:30 a.m.)
Worship Service 9:30 (one combined service)



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.

Forgiveness is:

- ✓ *Looking forward and giving up on the notion that the past could have been different.*
- ✓ *The fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.*

OCEAN of EMOTION

THE HEART vs. THE DEED

The Fun House with the fat mirror, skinny mirror, and blob mirror. Hilarious! But not real. It looks real because: • the mirror _____ • I see what the mirror _____. Words and deeds reveal a person's heart. Or do they? Not always! Affected by "weaknesses" (*Rom. 8:26 Heb. 4:15*), words/deeds may not reflect the true identity or intention of the heart. Therefore, they are not always a reliable indicator and must be responded to carefully. Forgiveness can be _____ in the _____ it will cut through the "distortion" and reach the heart. • Believer (*1 Jn. 3:1-2, 20*) • Non-believer (*Lk. 23:34*)

* Get below the smoke (emotions) and blow on the embers (heart) in order to reignite the flame (relationship).

- a) Forgiveness is the choice to set aside negative _____.
- b) I do this by setting aside the _____ (into God's care and judgment)
- c) I am then open to the possibility of a restored _____.

John 20:23

This verse is usually understood as permission to recognize or announce (with authority!) that sins are forgiven (or not!) based upon the attitude of the "sinner." Repentant? YES. Not repentant? NO. It conveys permission to be God's spokesman. However, its simple language conveys something different.

It describes the power of your choice to hold on or let go of "sins." No input from the sinner is mentioned. Their request cannot make you forgive and their silence cannot keep you from forgiving.

- The future effect _____ you of past sins _____ you is a matter _____ you!

THEOLOGY

1. Man's sin > God's anger > Christ's death > God's forgiveness = _____.
(*Heb. 9:22, 10-18*)
2. Both remedy (sacrifice) and offer (forgiveness) = God's _____.
(*Rom. 5:6-8*)
3. This _____ places upon every Christian believer the _____ of seeking advocating and pursuing forgiveness (reconciliation) in all ways possible, whether they are victim or mediator (*Mt. 5:38-48, 18:35, 11 Cor. 5:18-20*). God is in the FORGIVENESS business. Which makes it our business also! (*Act 2:38, 10:43, 13:38, Eph. 4:3*)