Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY December 1, 2024

PRELUDE HYMN #118 CHILDRENS CHOIRS KIDS KORNER WORSHIP MUSIC BIBLE MESSAGE HYMN #124 BENEDICTION

You know the message... the good news of PEACE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, who is Lord of all. (Acts 10:36)

Even when Christ walked on the earth, not everyone responded to him. But those who did KNEW that he was God's Savior. Our hope and goal today is that same knowledge and assurance. Christ the Savior is Christ my Savior. We WELCOME you to worship!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for all ages at 9:50. This is an opportunity to discuss, pray, and get to know others in your church family!

*NEXT SUNDAY... Children's Christmas Program during the Sunday School hour (9:50). Give them an audience! Support them!

Parents... a reminder of practice on Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY... midweek groups for children, youth, and adults (6:30)

CHRISTMAS EVE GATHERING. Please invite family and friends to join you on Dec. 22 (Sunday, 6:00) or Dec. 24 (Tuesday, 6:00) for music and drama, a thought provoking play called THE OTHER WISE MAN. Candle light closing.

December schedule. One combined WORSHIP service only (9:30) on these Sundays... Dec. 22 and Dec. 29. No Sunday School classes.



Musicians needed - If you are interested in being added to the list to play prelude, please contact Daphne Murray (717-597-8830).

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	This Week	Next Week
1 st Nursery	Karyn Murray & Holly Ressler	Deb Michalsky & Heidi Myers
2 nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley	K.D. & Stephanie Rife
Acolyte	Jaxson Keller (1st) Loretta Wagaman 2nd	Dane Ruelas 1st Shelby Rife 2nd
Prelude	Leta Sipes	Suzanne Hess & John Piper
Greeters		John Piper Family

Last Week	12/1/24
Attendance	248
General	6,873.50
Missions	2,774.50
Building Fund	1,207.50
Sunday School	193.00



Secret Sisters Reveal Party - Dec. 7th at 2:00 p.m. Carletta Moats will be hosting the party at 2919 Warm Springs Rd., Chambersburg. Light refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend or need a ride, please contact Linda Mowen at (717) 597-2785 or mowenlk@comcast.net. Don't forget to bring your Secret Sister's Christmas gift!

LADIES CHRISTMAS SOCIAL (sponsored by WMF) Sunday, Dec 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

There will be food, fun, fellowship, special music, door prizes, and a make and take nativity ornament. Ladies of all ages are invited! Come celebrate the Christmas season!





Ornaments 4 Orphans is an organization that helps alleviate the global orphan crisis through fair trade. They work directly with artisans in Kenya, Nepal, Peru, and Uganda to craft unique handmade items. A table with ornaments for purchase will be at the top of the stairs through November and December. Please contact Alison (Keely) Whitmore for more information.

"HIGH DRAMA" (Sunday Sermons)

• CORNELIUS ... "What is next?" Dec. 1

• JOHN ... "I cannot do this!" Dec. 8

• MAGI ... "We will not be distracted!" Dec. 15



Senior Activity - Breakfast together on Dec 10, 9:00@ 30 West Family Restaurant.

RSVP to Fran Stoner (717-597-0189) by Dec. 10.

Come on down to the multipurpose room and enjoy some coffee and donuts. Due to special events throughout the month of December. Today will be the last day that we will have coffee and donuts for 2024.

At this time, we are not sure if this will continue in 2025.

Women's Bible Study Mondays the 2nd and 15th at 1:00. We'll be studying Esther.



Chanel Wiest, our church member who is serving time in Muncy Prison, has sent us a Christmas card that is posted on the upper lobby bulletin board. Please keep her in your prayers.

Crusaders Christmas Luncheon is Friday, Dec. 6, at the Bonanza at 1635 Lincoln Way E, Chambersburg. Please arrive between 12:45 and 1:00. A "Buffet and Drink Special" is \$10.99 per person plus tip, which begins are 1:00 p.m. To cancel, please call Polly at (717) 732-8818 or (717) 263-3629.

God sent an angel to Cornelius. Why Cornelius? We're only told that he was a very good hearted sincere, God-fearing guy. The angel said, "You should talk to a man named Simon (Peter) who is currently in Joppa." *MEANWHILE*...

God sent a vision to Peter who was waiting for lunch to be served. He saw all sorts of creatures restricted by Jewish dietary law. A voice said, "You're hungry. Pick your lunch." Peter said, "Never!" These are unclean, prohibited to me." The voice said, "I created them. That's clean enough!" *MEANWHILE...*

Some men showed up saying, "Our commanding officer, Cornelius, sent us to bring you to his house. He wishes to talk with you." Peter went with them. (Did he ever get lunch?) *MEANWHILE...*

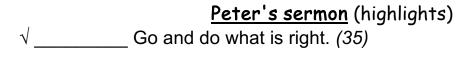
Cornelius invited family and friends. When Peter arrived, the house was packed with people. Cornelius said, "An angel appeared to me (a non-Jew) and told me to bring you here. So good of you to come! We're all here to listen to whatever God has laid on your heart to tell us!"

HIGH DRAMA: What do you want to tell us? What should we do next?

An amazing moment! These strangers believed that Peter understood some truth that they did not yet grasp. They put their future in his hands saying, "We are trusting your leadership here. What are we missing? What should we do? We will follow your advice."

The ANSWER

Peter understood exactly what this dramatic moment was pointing toward. For <u>anyone</u> unsaved, the <u>next</u> thing they should do is be saved. No matter what your ambition or tradition, your condition or position. No matter the schedule or stage or scheme of your life. No matter how pressing are your accountabilities or responsibilities. If you have not been born anew in Christ, that is the very next thing that must have your attention.



$\sqrt{}$ to this	good news peace comes through Jesus Christ. (36)
$\sqrt{}$	history what Jesus did and said is a matter or records
	and witnesses. (37-41)
Bow before the	of Christ who will judge all living and dead. (42)
and	forgiveness of sins through is name. (43)