

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY

January 26, 2025

PRELUDE
DOXOLOGY (screen)
Higher Ground (399)
PRAYER
READING (697)
WORSHIP MUSIC
BIBLE MESSAGE
I'll Tell the World (300)
BENEDICTION

Childrens Church today 9:00 and 11:10

After his suffering
Jesus showed himself
to these men and gave
many convincing proofs
that he was alive!
(Acts 1:3)

Today: Sunday School - 9:50 Worship - 8:30 and 10:45

Tuesday: Administrative Board - 6:30

Wednesday: Bible study groups for Christian growth - 6:30

(Children will be combined with Pastor David)

Adult Choir - 7:40

Thank you for your understanding of recent cancellations due to weather. If you have any questions about the possibility of future cancellations, please check your email or the website (greencastleub.org). Any cancellation will be posted there!



Hey ... after a Christmas break, the CHOIR will begin practicing again this week. You could hop right in and join them. It's fun to sing! We are blessed when we sing! (Our goal is that others will be blessed also.) Join us. 7:40 on Wednesday evenings.

You probably remember the Pacheco's, Milton and Erica, (missionaries in Thailand who we support). The country of Honduras has required them to return home as part of the process of adopting their son Lucas. They will now remain in Honduras for the foreseeable future doing seminars for U.B. Global as well as opening their home to do foster care of children. This has been a very traumatic decision for them because of their love of the people in Thailand. Our financial support for them will continue in their new role.

*** Reminder - The annual MISSIONS CONFERENCE dates will be
March 5 - 9, 2025. Put it on your calendar.



The 2025 Commissions and Committees Listing are available on the upper lobby table.

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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Fred & Sue Fredrick	Sheri Michalsky
2nd Nursery	Jamie Lytle	Cindy Rawley
Acolyte	Ben Bowman 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd	Grayson Murray 1st Loretta Wagaman 2nd
Prelude	Emma Burkett	Leta Sipes
Greeters	Curtis Unger Family	Connie Tracey Patti Valentine

Last Week...	1/19//24
Attendance	151
General	\$8,018.51
Missions	\$2,882.50
Building Fund	\$2,281.50
Sunday School	\$101.00



The altar flowers are in memory of Trudy Ensminger given by her brother and sister.



The story of Esther, from orphan to queen, has to be one of the most inspiring and amazing stories of history. It is filled with drama, pathos, ignorance, irony, and ambition.

History! Lessons to learn! The Biblical story never mentions God, but God is there... the WOW factor behind the scenes... preserving his people in a hostile place. Our upcoming Sunday sermons will unpack some important topics and great lessons from these events, lived so long ago in ancient Persia.

CONVICTION - Jan. 26

PREJUDICE - Feb. 2

COMPASSION - Feb. 9

DANGER - Feb. 16

SATISFACTION - Feb. 23

REWARD - Mar. 2

MISSIONS CONFERENCE - Mar. 9

COMPLICATIONS - Mar. 16

SELF CONTROL - Mar. 23

CELEBRATION - Mar. 30

GOODNESS - Apr. 6



Next G-A Christian Women's Fellowship Meeting
Tue., Jan. 28, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Lunch Optional
The Jan. meeting will begin with Fellowship and Refreshments.
Bring a friend!
Speaker: Sandra Wingert. Topic: "Singing Praise to our Great God"

From the Altar Guild

January sanctuary displays are a sample of one of your Church Ministries, "Peace by Piece Sewing Ministry" along with outside sewing groups "Quilts for Kids" and the "White Swan" group. The Lord has blessed this ministry! We have given items to over 25 different locations -some in other countries! We are forever grateful for your contributions and prayers. Quarterly statements are in the bulletins for you to see the volume and where these items are being distributed. If you know anyone who could use one of our items, please let us know! If anyone is interested, we are always excited to have folks join our group. If you can use scissors, you have a talent! Contact Linda Dombrowsky 717-404-1291 or Carole Stockslager 717-404-2395. Remember, Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well".

MEXICO MISSIONS TRIP

Holly Ressler is planning to return to Mexico this summer and is looking for people to join her for this mission's trip. The trip is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd week of July. This opportunity is open to people of all ages. Contact Holly at (301-842-7573) if you want to get signed up or have questions.



Laughter is good!

- Ever wonder why God gave you a little toe? It's there to make sure your heavy furniture is sitting in its proper place!
- Is there a difference between weather and climate? Sure! You cannot weather a tree, but you can climate.

Ladies, if you have a light blue coat, take a look at it and make sure that the one you have is the right one. Recently one disappeared on Sunday morning. Chances are that of a mistaken identity. If you find the missing one, please return it to the upper-level coat rack or the church office. Thank you!

Conviction

(Esther 3)

How desperately we wish that we could extend our convictions into the lives of other people so that they share the same courage and creed that we do. But WE CANNOT!

- Regarding Esther entering the "queen contest", Mordecai had no choice (2:8)
- Regarding Mordecai bowing down to Haman, Mordecai did have a choice (3:2)

Conviction

a) I _____ in ... b) I _____ up for ... c) I _____ to contradict ...

To be a person of conviction is :

- _____ I have found truth. This is right. *II Tim. 1:12*
- _____ I don't have to search, follow others, or be uncertain. *II Tim. 3:7*
- _____ I may encounter strong opposition or hostility. *II Tim. 2:8*

Mordecai had a spiritual conviction (i.e. related to God, 3:4)

a) bowing = idolatry

b) Amalekites/ Agag = enemies of the Jews (*Ex. 17, I Sam. 15*)

Therefore, Mordecai stood up for what he believed in and refused to bow down before something he did not believe in. (How wonderful! How dangerous!)

√ He cared MORE about what was _____

√ He cared LESS about _____

"I CANNOT STOP YOU, BUT I DO NOT HAVE TO JOIN YOU!"

* This power of personal choice is given by God to every person.

* It is often ignored because of a lack/absence of deep convictions.

Where Does Conviction Come From?

1. _____ in _____ of information. (*II Tim. 3:14-16*)
2. _____ of _____, logic, "common sense". (*Ps. 139:13-16*)
3. Personal _____ and _____ (*Ecc. 9:13-16*)