

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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A Church That  
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# THE LORD'S DAY

## February 23, 2025

*PRELUDE*  
*HYMN 228*  
*READING (screen)*  
*CHOIR ANTHEM*  
*PRAYER*  
*WORSHIP MUSIC*  
*BIBLE MESSAGE*  
*HYMN 437*  
*BENEDICTION*

Though you were once despised  
and hated... I will make you  
beautiful forever, a joy to  
all generations. *(Isaiah 60:15)*

Children's Church 9:00 and 11:10

We have an OUB Church Directory app for your phone or computer. This is quite helpful for finding addresses, emails, and pictures of other OUB folks.

1. Things change and information needs to be updated. If you have changed an item in your profile, please update the church office! office@greencastleub.org or (717) 597-8525.
2. The electronic version (containing pictures) is available in the APP STORE. This is free. And only those who have the OUB app have access. This is not available to the internet. Questions? Call Holly or Carol.
3. Some folks do not have pictures, which defeats the purpose of identifying other OUB folks. A simple selfie can be emailed to the church office, or Pastor David will be happy to snap a shot today. We want your picture to be there!



Brrrr... it's cold out there! What could be better than a hot cup of coffee (no donuts)! It will be available in the old kitchen area for the transition time between 1st Worship and Sunday School. Thank you, Jordan Wheeler for volunteering to make the coffee.

*The altar flowers are given by Fred and Sue Frederick in gratitude for the Peace by Piece Ministry.*



Peace by Piece is collecting t-shirts to use to make jump ropes. There is a basket between the downstairs doors. The shirts can be stained and faded but we ask that they be clean and washed. We will be collecting until March 16.

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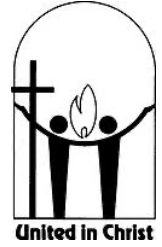
	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	Rayarao Family	Bowman Family
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	Sylvia Clement	Cindy Rawley
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ben Bowman 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd	Jaxson Keller 1st Loretta Wagaman 2nd
<b>Prelude</b>	Ryan Eberly	Leta Sipes
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill & Laurie Stoler	Frances Davis & Angie Peloquin

<b>Last Week...</b>	<b>2/16/25</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	193
<b>General</b>	\$7,516.50
<b>Missions</b>	\$2,184.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 1,040.00
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$178.00



Women's Bible Study Feb. & March Schedule -Mondays at 1:00  
 3/3 - Psalms                                  3/17 - Psalms

You may know that the UNITED BRETHREN church was born in a barn. But what also might you know about our history and heritage? Well, hey! A UB History class is coming to OUB via online magic. Monday evenings (7:00), Feb. 17 - Mar. 31. Seven sessions. An introductory zoom was held last Monday, but the history part actually begins tomorrow, led by Dr. Anthony Blair, a son of Greencastle. Registration fee is covered. Books are available (\$40 plus shipping), and you may engage with the instructor through email. OR you may simply join the lecture on Monday evenings here at OUB and learn about our past trials and triumphs as a denomination. Wish to participate in Monday evening sessions? Just come to the room at the top of the stairs (Room 100).



*Free to a Good Home!*

*Please help yourself to the materials on the table underneath the upper coat racks. There are books and lots, and lots of CDs.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
2025 Missions Conference "So Send I You"  
March 5-9

Lodging and meals are needed for our missionaries that will be visiting. These folks are so grateful for our hospitality. The meals do not need to be fancy. You will be blessed! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the upper lobby. We also need food donations for fellowship time following each service. Any questions, please contact Heidi Myers (717-321-6073) or Holly Ressler (301-842-7573)

Mistaken Identity! We sometimes get mail for the **Audubon** Society (bird watching people) and are sometimes called the **autobahn** (that's a road!). But our church is actually named after P.W. **Otterbein**, a German Immigrant in the 18th century who had a profound personal encounter with God. He had no relationship with God. He had no experience of surrendering his heart to God. He had no daily awareness of God's presence. From this moment of crisis his life changed, and he loved God and loved people. Subsequently, his life impacted thousands of people ... even ours today.

# Satisfaction

(Esther 5)

Haman allowed \_\_\_\_\_ negative to steal the joy away from \_\_\_\_\_ positives. This is the pathetic reaction of many folks. We \_\_\_\_\_ our blessings, but we \_\_\_\_\_ on our aggravations. **There is a better way to live!**

There is always a FLY IN THE OINTMENT! (*Ecc. 10:1, Prov. 14:10*). However, it is both CRAZY and TRAGIC to allow a bitterness or disappointment to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the sweetness and satisfaction of life.

## 1. **Move Your Hand!** (*See the Big Picture*)

Force yourself to count, notice, itemize, and appreciate the

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of BLESSINGS versus that of IRRITATIONS. This will \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. (*Lk. 15:28-31, Jn. 16:33*)

## 2. **Mow Your Yard!** (*Chop the Top*)

Bitterness, like a weed, has a root [cause]. If you cannot remove the root, purposefully cut off the stalk \_\_\_\_\_ it seeks to emerge, confining that root to a very small area. Deprive it of sunlight so that photosynthesis cannot happen and it cannot \_\_\_\_\_! This effort must be continuous and relentless (*Heb. 12:14-15*). This will NOT ALLOW the [bitter] person/incident/experience to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ with life.

## 3. **Relocate the Garbage!** (*Send it to the landfill*)

When you take garbage to the curb, you do not (personally) need to oversee its

transfer into broken down components of soil, methane, etc. You allow someone

with far greater resources and knowledge to deal with it and remove it from existence. The significant thing for you is that it is gone from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. In Bible terms, this action of transfer is called \_\_\_\_\_

(Eph. 4:31-32). And the motive is not simply to remove the stink from my house,  
but also to obey God by \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ what he has \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 3:13).