

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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# THE LORD'S DAY

March 23, 2025

*PRELUDE*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (screen)*

*CHOIR ANTHEM*

*TESTIMONY/SONG PRAYER*

*WORSHIP MUSIC*

*BIBLE MESSAGE*

*HYMN (screen)*

*BENEDICTION*

\* Children's Church (9:00 and 11:10) - 4 yrs. to 5th grade

Welcome to Worship! We will meet in the gym for several weeks. Reinforcement work on the sanctuary ceiling is currently being done in preparation for the steeple. Feel free to park on the east or north side and use the ground level door to the gym in order to avoid steps. How great to encourage one another and meet together to worship our wonderful Creator and Savior!

Pastor David is speaking tonight at Eyler's Valley Chapel, a small mountain church near Emmittsburg, Md. (no electricity, candlelight). If interested in attending this service you are welcome to carpool or ride in the church van. We will leave the OUB parking lot at 6:00 and return by 9:00.

WEDNESDAY - We do groups for growth in Christian faith and understanding, Scripture study and prayer. Adults, children, and COMMON GROUND youth. This is part of our weekly church program, and we invite you to participate! (6:30 - 7:30)

\* Adult Choir practice will be in the Multi-Purpose room until the sanctuary is available again. Wednesdays 7:40-8:30 pm.

## EASTER

April 17 - Maundy Thursday > Communion (6:30)

April 27 - Sunrise at Tayamentasachta (6:30 a.m.)

- Combined WORSHIP only (9:30)

We are doing an evening to honor those married couples who have been blessed to have 50 years... Sunday evening, April 27. If you are such a couple, and you did NOT receive a letter concerning this, please speak with Pastor David. Thank you.



The altar flowers are in memory of  
Gene Miller from Gladys Fritz

Administrative Board minutes for the 1-28-25 meeting are  
available on the table in the upper lobby.

Seeking to incorporate more time for intentional interaction  
and fellowship, the Administrative Board has chosen to change  
the Sunday a.m. schedule a bit for Sunday, March 30. First  
worship and Sunday School will both be abbreviated 10 minutes  
each to give opportunity for this. Schedule for that morning  
will be:

Worship 1st      8:30 - 9:30  
Fellowship      9:30 - 10:00 (gym... coffee)  
Sunday School   10:00 - 10:40  
Worship 2nd     10:45 - 11:55

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	<i><b>This Week</b></i>	<i><b>Next Week</b></i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	Garling Family	Gary & Daphne Murray
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	Lytle Family	Kristin Marconi
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ben Bowman 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd	Lydia Gruver 1st Grace Myers
<b>Prelude</b>	David Rawley	Becky Sipes
<b>Greeters</b>	Dale Hostetter & Larry Wingert	Susie Angle & Lynn Wilkinson

<b>Last Week...</b>	<b>3/16/25</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	238
<b>General</b>	\$ 9,255.75
<b>Missions</b>	\$8,325.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 1,009.50
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$ 48.00

## MISSIONS REPORT

Our FAITH PROMISE total for the 2024 missions year was \$144,000 which exactly fulfilled our Faith Promise goal! We are very thankful to God and to each person who faithfully gives. Our 2025 goal is slightly higher at \$149,000. If you did not get a Pledge card, these are available on the upper lobby table.



Parents of students in grades 5th - 12th grade  
Meeting on March 25 at 6:30 in the gym.

Come out to meet our new youth pastor, Jordan Wheeler, and the youth leaders.

Get information about upcoming activities and events  
Please join us even if your child does not currently attend Common Ground  
on Wednesday nights

MEXICO TRIP - The potential dates for the trip will be sometime between **July 22-29**. (7-8 days). Please contact Holly Ressler for more info. (301-842-7573)

3/18/25 Revised OUB Commissions and Committees on the upper lobby table





# Self-Control!

(Esther 9:1-17)

Roman 7:7 - A \_\_\_\_\_ is good/helpful/important

7:8 - An \_\_\_\_\_ is good/powerful/productive

7:9 - \_\_\_\_\_ is a delusion that twists/reverses/destroys the relationship of "opportunity vs. limit." (*Sin suggests that GRAVITY can be ignored, erased!*)

7:19 - A \_\_\_\_\_ dogs my life (*good desire vs. evil action*). This is a struggle between opportunity and limit, a struggle of "control."

OPPORTUNITY = \_\_\_\_\_      LIMIT = \_\_\_\_\_      SIN = \_\_\_\_\_

## REVERSAL

• Vashti > Esther

• Haman > Mordecai

• Kill/plunder Jews (3:13) > Kill/plunder Jewish enemies (8:11)

## RESTRAINT

The Jews struck down enemies, but refused to plunder or steal. (9:5-10, 16). Across the provinces, 75,000 enemies

were taken out, but no assets were taken. (9:16) How did they know who to kill? Fighting defensively, they killed only those attacking them. And they were attacked,

per Xerxes' order "*Annihilate the Jews on 12/13.*" (3:13-14)

Throughout this horrific situation, the Jews did not seek revenge or retaliation. Legally, they were allowed to loot, but they said, "No." Though their enemies had intended to steal their property, they did not reply in kind. In this they were aware of God's \_\_\_\_\_ between (court ordered) punishment for domestic crime ("*eye for eye*"), (Ex. 21:22-25, Lev. 24:20) and conduct in war with an enemy ("*vengeance belongs to God.*" (Deut. 32:35, Rom. 12:17-21)

## THE POINT:

• Self-control, the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of actions (so that they serve long-term interests) is always \_\_\_\_\_ of handling life (*conflict, fear, appetite, ambition, etc.*) (Prov. 25:28)

• Self-control brings \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to every opportunity God places in my life, while the opposite is true for \_\_\_\_\_ living. (Titus 2:11-12, 11 Peter 1:6-9)

• Self-control is not simply a matter of will power. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Spirit living out \_\_\_\_\_ within me. (Eph. 5:18, Gal. 5:22-23)