

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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# THE LORD'S DAY

## March 30, 2025

*PRELUDE*

*WORSHIP MUSIC*

*KIDS KORNER*

*QUARTET*

*HYMN (screen)*

*BIBLE MESSAGE*

*HYMN (screen)*

*BENEDICTION*

*But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay.  
For the favor he shows  
and the joy he bestows  
are for those who will  
trust and obey.*

### TODAY

8:30/10:45 - Preaching & Worship

10:00 - Combined Adult Sunday School in Gym, children in their classes

We continually hear that OUB folks desire time to "fellowship". Today, we will intentionally reserve the time of 9:30-10:00 for simply that! Spend a few precious minutes and talk and love one another, right here in the gym. Coffee and donuts available.

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 - Children, Common Ground and Adult classes

7:40 - Adult Choir

WMF MEETING - Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 pm. All ladies are invited to attend! Questions? Contact Amy Gour (717-597-9202)



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	<b><i>This Week</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week</i></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	Gary & Daphne Murray	Sheri Michalsky
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	Kristin Marconi	Cindy Rawley
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lydia Gruver 1st Grace Myers	Mason Keller 1st Loretta Wagaman 2nd
<b>Prelude</b>	Becky Sipes	Leta Sipes
<b>Greeters</b>	Susie Angle & Lynn Wilkinson	Gary & Carole Stockslager

<b>Last Week...</b>	<b>3/23/25</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	221
<b>General</b>	\$ 6,651.63
<b>Missions</b>	\$1,466.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 1,255.50
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$ 158.00



The altar flowers are given by Deb & Dale Cline to celebrate all who make musical contributions to our church.

Ladies Bible Study - April 7 & 21 at 1pm.  
 This is open to all women that would like to attend.



Senior News - Luncheon on April 8, 12:30 pm at Stoners Restaurant in Chambersburg. Please RVSP to Fran Stoner (717-597-0189) by April 7

## EASTER SERVICES



April 13 - Community Lentin Service > 6:30 pm  
at 1st Assembly of God Church

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

April 20 - Sunrise at Tayamentasachta (6:30 a.m.)  
Combined WORSHIP only (9:30)

**MEXICO TRIP - July 22-29.** The deadline to commit to the trip is April 1. A \$200 deposit is due by that day. Please contact Holly Ressler (301-842-7573) for more info. There will be a brief meeting after Sunday School TODAY in the library to discuss fundraising.



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.

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



### 2025 Easter Plant sign up

Clip boards are on the table with bulletins

Cost is \$11.00 per plant. Please PRINT your dedication or "in memory of" on the clip board as well as who is donating. Please give payment to Linda Mowen Box F31 or Carole Stockslager Box F15. You may pick up your flower at the end of service on Easter Sunday.

# CELEBRATION!

(Esther 9)

"We need to receive a heightened awareness that life is a happy thing, a festival to be enjoyed rather than a drudgery to be endured. Life is full of perks if we train our soul to receive them!" Luci Swindoll

Often the Christian community seems to be more comfortable with lamentation than celebration. Yet the work of Jesus is called "good news" (gospel) and the New Testament letters explain victory provided over suffering, death, and hell. People, events, and past decisions tether our kite to this world. But while tethered, it flies high, hearing the song of the wind and enjoying its tug. Which do we pay attention to ... that which holds it down or that which pulls it upward?

- *People* - each time you start to think about someone who has \_\_\_\_\_ you, force yourself to STOP and think also about someone who has \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- *Events* - whenever you remember a \_\_\_\_\_ loss or \_\_\_\_\_ event, STOP and remember also a happy event or how a past threat was \_\_\_\_\_ or problem was \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Decisions* - when grief, guilt, or \_\_\_\_\_ launches an attack from the past, STOP and smile about a \_\_\_\_\_ decision you have also made that has been blessed by God.

## Psalm 42:3-6

- Tears and fears mark my daily existence
- Then I remember that I "used to" sing and celebrate
- Why should my soul be so downcast and disturbed?
- NOTE TO SELF: Hope in God and praise him for Jordan (river) and Herman (mountain)

**CELEBRATION** is simply time and effort \_\_\_\_\_ for joy, enjoyment, and happiness. God allows many good things to happen, and these should bring great pleasure and cheer! When light appears at the end of a tunnel ... just go ahead and yell! WHOOPÉE! Luke 15:8-10 ... Wonderful events cause \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_! We should get that same memo on earth!

Haman rolled a dice (pur) in hatred (3:6-7). It landed on the date 12/13. He sent out a letter encouraging and empowering slaughter and robbery. On 12/13 the Jews of Persia faced holocaust and heartache. HOWEVER, using Esther and Mordecai, God \_\_\_\_\_. Haman was executed. Those Jews were determined not to forget this miracle! They decreed to turn this day of \_\_\_\_\_ into a day of \_\_\_\_\_ (9:20-32).

\*In their case, the trigger for the dreadful memory was a day. So, they renamed and redefined that day so that it would focus on celebration.

Be excited about the wonders of life! Laugh! Reach out to someone! Worship God! Enjoy a favorite food or activity! Congratulate others who celebrate! "That everyone may eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work ... this is the gift of God!" (Ecclesiastes 3:13)