

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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A Church That  
C.A.R.E.S.

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# THE LORD'S DAY

May 4, 2025

Honey from the comb  
is sweet to your taste.  
Likewise, wisdom is  
sweet to your soul.  
If you find it, there  
is hope for your future.  
(Proverbs 24:14)



PRELUDE  
CHERUB CHOIR  
HAND BELLS  
WORSHIP MUSIC  
KIDS KORNER  
HYMN (295)  
BIBLE MESSAGE  
HYMN (371)  
BENEDICTION

*We invite you to participate in Sunday School today... 9:50. You may have graduated from school many years ago, but the need to "go to school" on the Bible is life long! Classes are available for adults, children, and youth. Nursery is staffed.*

TONIGHT... 6:30 - Worship music here at OUB, our SPRING SING

MONDAY (7:30) Spiritual Care Commission

TUESDAY (6:30) Administrative Board

WEDNESDAY (6:30) Prayer time/Bible study... groups for all ages.

Thank you for your support purchasing chicken and bringing baked goods on a very uncooperative day weather wise (April 26)! Proceeds amounted to \$1,451 for the WMF. Next BBQ will be May 24. A sign-up sheet for other BBQs is on the upper entrance table.



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	<b><i>This Week</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week</i></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	Clopper Family	Gruver Family
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	Cindy Rawley	Jamie Lytle
<b>Acolyte</b>	Grayson Murray 1st Loretta Wagaman 2nd	Corinna Ruelas 1st Shelby Rife 2nd
<b>Prelude</b>	Leta Sipes	Suzanne Hess & John Piper
<b>Greeters</b>	Dakota & Hannah Merritts	Harold & Betty South

<b>Last Week... 4/27/25</b>	
<b>Attendance</b>	248
<b>General</b>	\$6,183.00
<b>Missions</b>	\$2724.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 1,113.50
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$ 111.00

We thank the LORD who "supplies seed to the sower" and bread to the eater "for his financial provision for OUB church. Our budget is met, our debts are paid, our commitment to missionaries is kept. We THANK YOU for your generous giving that impacts far beyond this church family. If you are unfamiliar with our system, there is a receptacle on the upper-level table near the restrooms. You may also give online at [greencastleub.org](http://greencastleub.org).

May... 4 Sundays... sermon focus will be reasons that folks do not attend or participate in church and encouragement to reverse that pattern. Make an effort to bring or persuade an unchurched friend to attend. They will be loved ... and made to think.

**HOW ODD OF GOD TO EXPECT SOME RESPECT!**

4 - **I'm Busy!**            11 - The Church is Unreasonable!  
18 - The Church is Arrogant!            25 - The Church is Irrelevant!

Community Worship service on Sunday, August 3. You are invited to sing in the large choir for that service. Great music and fun! Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings through June and July. Poster with information on the lower-level bulletin board, just outside of gym entrance.



Next Senior Outing is Tue., May 13  
Meet at the Chambersburg Cracker Barrel at 9:00  
RSVP to Fran Stoner by May 12, at (717) 597-0189

Women's Monday, 1:00 a.m. Bible Study is  
suspended until September.



"Peace by Piece has placed baskets of bags of pocket crosses for you to take and give to anyone whom you feel would appreciate one. They are in packages of 10 and 12. You are welcome to take as many as you wish.



Our United Brethren National Conference occurs every two years, and this year's meetings are in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, July 16-18. Our church may be represented there by two delegates. OUB will cover travel/lodging. Interested in volunteering or learning more? See Pastor David. You must be a member of OUB.



## I'm busy!

HOW ODD OF GOD TO EXPECT SOME RESPECT!

**This magnificent life!** Within our mind and heart lie great dreams and desires to embrace, encounter, and possess all types of achievements, and experiences. **Endless desires!**

**This magnificent world!** The country, culture, and century in which we live is absolutely filled with opportunities. Transportation, communication, money, support, etc. **Endless possibilities!**

Many folks say:

A. I will embrace a "Do It All" lifestyle. (no time)

B. Church is simply one option among many (no priority)

### How does God respond to this attitude? (11 Peter 1:1-2)

1. **"received"** I have given you something.
2. **"faith"** This not only includes an end-product [forgiveness/eternal life] but it is the ability to believe that this gift is given to me and meant for me.
3. **"righteousness of Christ"** This is a different nature than you were born with.
4. **"Jesus Christ, God and Savior"** The one who did it was also the one who decided it.
5. **"precious"** This gift [to have faith and receive the reward of having faith] is not something to be rejected, mocked, ignored or crowded out of your life!
6. **"knowledge of God"** Two symbiotic components... intellectual and relational.

### HOW ODD OF GOD TO GIVE US OPTIONS!

God created your life. God gives health to your body and knowledge to humanity which in turn gives you endless options for your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. His Word repeatedly tells us that our "freedom" is not free of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. God expects to have first priority among all our options (*Mt. 6:33, 10:37-39, Lk 14:33, Phil. 3:7-11, Col. 3:1-4*). AND he expects that to be evidenced in our habitual gathering with believers for worship i.e. "church." (*Heb. 10:24-25, 1 Cor. 14:26*).

Many folks say, "I believe, but I do not need church." This sad statement conveys both ignorance and arrogance. No one's life is simply \_\_\_\_\_ or what they "need or want" (*Rom. 14:7-8, 1 Cor. 12:14-20*). How about others who need you... your presence, influence, testimony, advice, prayers, or love? Those who feel they do not need what the \_\_\_\_\_ ignore the reality that the church needs what \_\_\_\_\_. The church, after all, is people. And God has very serious reservations about our "private faith" that takes no time for others (*Lk. 10:30-37*)