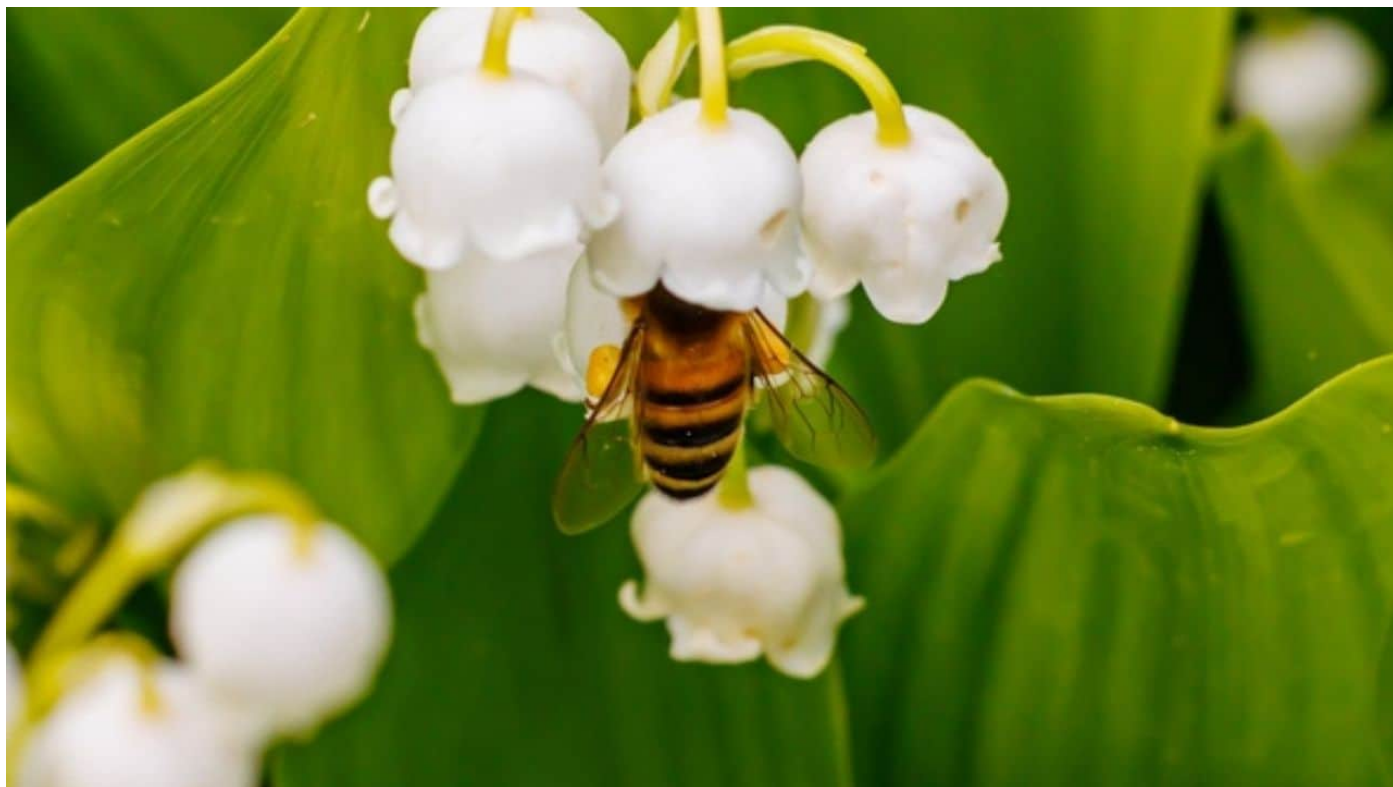


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A Church That
C.A.R.E.S.

THE LORD'S DAY

May 18, 2025

Prelude
Worship Music
Holy Communion
Blessed Assurance (345)
Kids Korner
Bible Message
I Love Thy Kingdom (280)
Benediction

Therefore...
be all the more eager
to make your
calling and election
sure. *(11 Peter 1:10)*

We sally forth on business or pleasure, flitting to an fro, connecting and transacting many things. EXCITING things! Then... we come home. Our world narrows and focuses itself on things personal and familial. IMPORTANT things! This cycle is true of our spiritual life also. Today our world narrows to remember the central, important thing. Jesus died for my sins that I may have eternal life. We're so glad that you are here!

WEDNESDAY (6:30) Groups for youth and children.. The adults will have a guest speaker from India, a couple who are involved in ministry there. They will share pictures and stories of the Christian church in India. Join us!

SATURDAY 9:00 - 1:00 Ralph's Recipe BBQ will have hot, tender, tasty chicken available at the Glenwood Foods parking lot. We appreciate any baked goods... pies, cookies, bread, etc. Thank you for supporting this outreach! Proceeds will benefit Common Ground youth group.

A month away... summer VBS. We hope your child/grandchild will be included. It's Miss Jackie from North Carolina this year! Your kids will enjoy and learn. June 22-24 (Sunday > Wednesday)

The Altar Flowers are in celebration of Kaeden's
17th Birthday, May 31st!



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!

18 - The Church is Irrelevant!

25 - The Church is Arrogant!

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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Bowman Family	Bryce & Dara Michalsky
2nd Nursery	Kristin Marconi	Rife Family
Acolyte	Jake Tracey 1st	Ben Bowman 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd
Prelude	Daphne Murray	CD
Greeters	Tom Slye Family	Leta Sipes Family

Last Week...	5/11/25
Attendance	241
General	\$6,052.00
Missions	\$2,030.50
Building Fund	\$ 1,284.50
Sunday School	\$ 369.00

Every church has some form of "organization". OUB is organized like this:

- 1. Committees ... to perform a particular task (picnics, VBS, etc.)***
- 2. Commission ... to oversee or accomplish a particular area of ongoing ministry (Missions, children, etc.)***
- 3. Administrative Board ... to establish policies, procedures, and give vision. The Board consists of Commission chairmen (9) and elected members (4) who are called Congregational Representatives. If you have a concern or idea which you would like to be brought to the attention of our Administrative Board, you are welcome to speak with a Congregational Rep. Currently those representatives are Carole Stockslager, Dale Hostetter, Lori Clopper, and Tawnya Tracey.***

COMMON GROUND YARD SALE - June 13 & 14. Items can be dropped off starting May 30. Specific dates will be announced next week. No clothes or electronics.

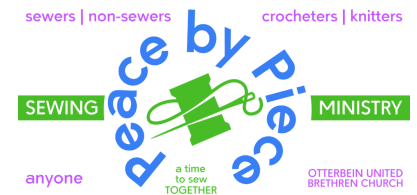


Linda Dombrowsky needs a ride to the Charlottesville, Virginia airport June 12. She has to leave Greencastle about 1am on the 12th to arrive in Charlottesville by 4:30 am and is glad to pay for your time and gas. Please call Linda at (717) 597-9784 if you can help.

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30

A combined evening in the gym for adults and children to celebrate the Special Blessings and children's program. A 30-minute children's movie and the Kona Ice truck for everyone. This is for everyone who would like to attend. We are asking parents of "Miss Brooke's" class to attend with their children. Thank YOU!

Peace by Piece needs some bubble wrap and large pieces of foam. Please see Linda Dombrowsky for any questions or to donate.



Sewers needed: Peace by Piece needs more sewers. If you haven't sewn in a long time or if you don't know how to sew and would like to learn basic sewing, let us know. We have machines you can use, and we will teach you basic sewing skills. See Linda Dombrowsky or Carole Stockslager.



Beginning June 1st through August 31st Children's Sunday School will be combined in the gym each week. Lessons will be focused on The Lord's Prayer.



June 14, 2025, 4-8 pm
Rhodes Grove Pavilion

Sign-up sheets are available in upstairs lobby and lower lobby. Fried chicken will be provided. Bring a dish or two to share and your own place settings and drink. Lots of fun and fellowship for all ages.

For the 2025 summer, Otterbein will help with 50% of the cost of Christian summer camp for your child. (one camp per child). When you register, just inform the camp that Greencastle Otterbein will pay the other half. If your child is interested in Good News Camp, the cost of that will be covered 100%. Contact Cindy Rawley for the Good News Club.

The Church is Irrelevant!

HOW ODD OF GOD TO EXPECT SOME RESPECT!

To be relevant is to be needed, respected, feared, consulted, and have influence. Millions of humans are unconnected and uncaring toward the message or meaning of the Christian church. They have no fear of God or feeling of need. If every church building disappeared, they would not be troubled or (perhaps) even notice. Some of these folks participated in church in the past, but the "worries and deceitfulness of life" (Mt. 13:22) have choked off that connection.

ACTUAL STATMENTS from church research (Lifeway, Barna)

1. *Everything is based on _____ and _____... over-protective!*
 - a) Not true
 - b) The message is from God not from the church
 - c) Prohibitions save lives and prevent disasters!
2. *Church is unrelated to my _____ or _____... unneeded!*
 - a) Career vs. Eternity
 - b) Goals vs. God
 - c) No connection because no attempt to connect them, to believe, or learn.
3. *I'm _____ . Church people are _____... hypocrites!*
 - a) Yes. So are coworkers, family, friends, athletes, and movie stars. Are they ignored?
 - b) Distortion of reality i.e. rejecting a doctor because patients who seek him are sick.
4. *I believe in God and the Bible, but do not care for _____... religion!*
 - a) God > children, Christ > bride
 - b) "Church" is the expression and presence of Christ (his body in the world)

11 Peter 1:5-11

- Knowledge of God cannot be static or irrelevant. It produces fruit in our life...
_____ and _____ (vs. 8)
* As I cannot _____ God in isolation, so I cannot _____ God in isolation.
- Failure to pursue growth [ignoring church] _____ into blindness and feebleness (vs.9)
- Pessimism and denial of the relevance of the Christian church to your life is exactly the opposite of _____ and _____ toward growth.
(vs. 10)
- God's eternal Kingdom is your calling. It cannot possibly be irrelevant. It is your _____ and your _____. Or not. (vs. 11)