

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



Common Ground Youth Group trip to Gettysburg ending in a prayer circle  
and sharing how  
Jesus has changed their lives.

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A Church That  
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# THE LORD'S DAY

## September 7, 2025

It was by faith that  
the children of Israel  
went right through  
the Red Sea as though  
they were on dry ground!  
(Heb, 11:29)

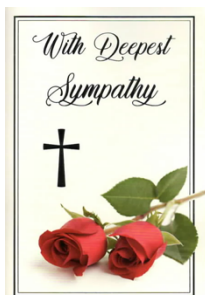
PRELUDE  
HAND BELLS  
HYMN - 486  
SCRIPTURE READING  
WORSHIP MUSIC  
KIDS KORNER  
BIBLE MESSAGE  
HYMN - 408  
BENEDICTION

WELCOME to Worship! Two Old Testament words translated as "worship" carry the idea of fear/reverence and service. The dominant word in both Old and New Testament means to bow down. It conveys humility, respect, and gratitude. Jesus said that worship is not simply posture or place, but heart. Our worship is real when it is "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). What a joy to "bow down" before God together!

TODAY - Worship > 8:30/10:45      9:50 Sunday School

MONDAY - 7:00 > Spiritual Care Commission

WEDNESDAY - 6:30 > Groups for children, youth, and adults.



*We express our heartfelt sympathy to Dwayne Mowen and the family of Linda Mowen, who was unexpectedly taken to heaven on August 28. Linda expressed her love and joy for the OUB family. A Celebration Service for Linda will be held tomorrow, Sept. 8, at 2:00 in the church sanctuary with a lunch to follow.*

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	<b><i>This Week</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week</i></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	Jim & Sarah Rosenberger	Heidi Myers & Deb Michalsky
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	Cindy Rawley	Jamie Lytle
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jaxon Keller 1st Loretta Wagaman 2nd	Corina Ruelas 1st Shelby Rife 2nd
<b>Prelude</b>	Leta Sipes	Suzanne Hess & John Piper
<b>Greeters</b>	Charles & Heather Rice	Shawn Tracey Family

<b>Last Week...</b>	<b>8/31/25</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	203
<b>General</b>	\$6,421.00
<b>Missions</b>	\$1,877.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 968.50
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$ 123.00



The last Ralph's Recipe will be Sat., Sept. 27, from 9 to noon. Baked goods are welcome! It's been a great 10 years working with everyone to raise funds for OUB



G-A Women's Fellowship - Next Meeting  
Tue., Sept. 23, 9:30 to 11:00 Lunch Optional  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Speaker: Patricia Divelbiss

Topic: "Stop, Look, and Listen to God"

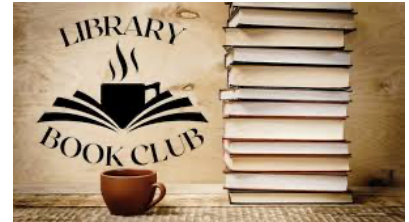
## **SAVE THE DATE**

Fall Church Picnic  
October 12

Jerome King Playground  
More info will be given later



Interested in a book club? The Library Committee needs to know! Tell Linda Baer, Sandy Turman or Shawn Daley. And let them know if you will help lead the discussion with the group. The committee will work with the leader(s) –more than one could share this role – on ALL the details and help with any “behind the scenes” work.



Summer Sermons (requested topics)

Aug. 10 - "Suffering" for Christ  
Aug. 17 - Spiritual Warfare (Mark Burkett)  
Aug. 24 - Forgiveness  
Aug. 31 - Grief  
Sept. 7 - Faith  
Sept 14 - Discernment  
Sept. 21 - The World  
Sept 28 - Life Decisions



Next Senior Outing!

Meet at Vinnie's in Marion at 11:30 on Tue., Sept. 9.

RSVP to Fran Stoner at (717) 597-0189 by Mon., Sept. 8.

The altar flowers are in memory of  
Andy & Michelle Anderson's grandparents  
Rob & Jen Robinson & Barbara Anderson



Free to a good home! If you would like a Kimbal spinet piano, please contact Linda Dombrowsky at (717) 404-1291.



# **FAITH**

Faith is the ACT OF BELIEVING

✓ normal condition \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ (*Heb. 11:6, 11 Cor. 5:7, Eph. 3:17*)

✓ necessary condition \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ (*Mt. 9:2, Mk. 5:34*)

Believing is the CERTAINTY OF CONVICTION

✓ can be \_\_\_\_\_ yet small, tentative, weak (*Mt. 8:26, 17:20, Rom. 14:1*)

✓ produces \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (*Rom. 1:5, Jm. 2:14, 17-18*)

✓ can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ trials or persecution (*Jm. 1:3, Rev. 2:130*)

TRANSFORMING TREES and MOVING MOUNTAINS (*Mt. 17:20, 21:18-22, Lk. 17:5-6*)

**"mountain"** = METAPHOR for life's challenges and \_\_\_\_\_ obstacles

• a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to victory, growth, or advancement

\* Could be a physical/material reality but would usually be emotional/relational/spiritual

## **IS THIS PROMISE A BLANK CHECK?**

NO. This is a promise to achieve \_\_\_\_\_ [obstacle dealt with]. It is not a promise to remove \_\_\_\_\_ or avoid \_\_\_\_\_ or have whatever we wish. Many Scriptures make it plain that we will face trouble and opposition (*Job 5:7, 14:1, Jn. 16:33*). Job rejected the "blank check" theory saying, "Should we accept good **from God and not trouble?**" (*2:10*)

## **WHY DO WE NOT SEE MOUNTAINS MOVED?**

Literal? This doesn't seem necessary or good. Mountains have good purposes and involve many issues. Likewise, the sea. Perhaps there are frustrated treasure hunters who wish to hurl the sea onto the mountain!

Metaphorical? We do see mountains moved, many and large! Christian folks have countless testimonies of miraculous ways that God removed barriers, met needs, and enabled them to carry out his calling/purpose successfully.

**The "moving mountains" statements of Jesus are about FAITH.**

1. Decide that your faith will be \_\_\_\_\_, even if it seems mustard seed small to you!
2. Develop your \_\_\_\_\_ with God, pursuing intimacy, worship, trust, wisdom.
3. Observe faith/results in the lives of \_\_\_\_\_ past and present.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ God to give you the "gift" of faith (*1 Cor. 12:9, Mt. 7:11, Lk. 17:5*)
5. When you present requests to God ["move this mountain"] submit your \_\_\_\_\_ to God.