

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY

October 19, 2025

PRELUDE

Spirit of God Descend (Choir)

PRAYER

I Look to the King (Choir)

KIDS KORNER

Youth Survey (Jordan Wheeler)

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Will Sing (Hymn #457)

BIBLE MESSAGE

Like a River (Hymn #494)

BENEDICTON

WELCOME to the Lord's house and the Lord's time. Question. Do I **receive** God's Word in the Worship service and **give** my witness to others in Sunday School OR do I **give** my praise to God in Worship service and **receive** witness from others in Sunday School? OR both? Or neither? Yes! Both experiences have their unique role, and I need both! Giving and receiving are part of both Worship and Sunday School. When I do not participate, both are missed and lost.

WORSHIP = 8:30 and 10:45

SUNDAY SCHOOL = 9:50

Congratulations to Seth Browse and Morgan Clopper who were united in marriage on October 11. May the Lord's blessings be upon their exciting future together!

TUESDAY - Administrative Board Meeting (6:30)

WEDNESDAY - (6:30) Bible classes... children, youth, & adults
(7:40) Adult choir

SATURDAY - (9:00 - 4:00) PA State Sunday School convention. Here at OUB. All sorts of seminars for Sunday School teachers... a great resource to prepare or improve your teaching! Lunch is available (\$18). If you can only do part of the day, it will be worth your time. These seminars are motivational and educational. Seminars are free for OUB. Brochures on the upper-level table have more details.

Did you know that our church has a library filled with resources to help deepen your faith or simply to relax and unwind with a good read? Nestled quietly within our building is a treasure trove of books and DVD's for the very young or very mature audience. We invite all to come! Church Library Committee.



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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	The Ruelas Family	Ellen Fritz & Karyn Murray
2nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley	Unger Family
Acolyte	Cole Tracey 1st	Ben Bowman 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd
Prelude	Becky Sipes	Micah Ressler
Greeters	John & Sis Burkett	Janet Helman

Last Week...	10/12/25
Attendance	202
General	\$12,083.00
Missions	\$2,772.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,284.50
Sunday School	\$240.00



CHANGE happens. The bases are loaded and then someone is picked off!

We are looking (again) for help running the sound desk for second worship service. This is not complicated science but does necessitate being trained. Guess what? Kevin Davis will be doing a training session this Saturday, 10/18, at 3:00 p.m. He will teach you what you need to know. One Sunday a month would be greatly appreciated. Questions? Call Kevin at (717) 375-5533.

October Sermons

5 - Feed on ME (communion)

12 - Why Are You Downcast, O My Soul? (Psalm 42)

19 - How Can We Sing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land? (Psalm 137)

26 - Can God Spread a Table in the Desert? Psalm 78

SAVE THE DATE!
Harvest Home & Hymn Sing
November 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm



Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are here!
These gift-filled boxes go to children in need around the world along with the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ! Inside each box is information on how to pack a shoebox. We will collect these gifts until the week of Nov. 17 - 21.



G-A Christian Women's Fellowship - Next Meeting
Tue., Oct. 28, 9:30 - 11:00
Speaker: Karen Harbaugh
Topic: "Come Closer"

There are a number of plastic bins on the table on the right as you enter the library. They previously held CD's but are no longer used. If you can use them, please take as many as you want. Pick-up needs to be by October 15, please.

The Altar Flowers are in
in memory of Lynn Wilkinson's father
Andrew Telmanik.



Let's take a moment to ensure that both the paper and online Church Directories are accurate! Have you moved? Gotten rid of your land line? Changed email providers? Added a family member? Are new to the church and want to be included? Don't have a church mailbox or offering envelopes but would like one? Paper Directories are beside the offering basket for your reference. Use the enclosed insert to let us know about changes and drop it into the offering basket. It's that easy!

HOW CAN WE SING THE LORD'S SONG IN A FOREIGN LAND?

(Psalm 137)

HOW DOES A DREAM DIE?

DREAM = _____, _____, _____

To be able to sit and sing by the river is a picture of the dream _____ (joy!)

But there is a PROBLEM

The river has become a river in Babylon, the picture of a dream _____ (horror!)

Now there is a CHOICE (How will I handle this great disappointment?)

√ _____ "we wept"

√ _____ "we hung our harps on the tree limbs"

√ _____ "because our captors asked us for songs" (No way!)

√ _____ "if we find new joy, we'll forget our former joy"

INSULT TO INJURY

Sometimes the pain of the crushing blow we endure is no more difficult than the fact that we must continue on in its aftermath! Responsibilities continue. Needs must be met. Obligations call. Duties demand.

This is illustrated by the cruel torture by the Babylonians who first of all _____ the Israelis (injury) then, _____ with them, demanding that they sing and dance (insult). Specifically, they mocked their faith in God, demanding that they sing "songs of Zion."

STRENGTH?

- DETERMINATION to be joyful. (*Philippians 1:17-26, 4:4-9*)
- VISION of life beyond present circumstance (*11 Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-18*)
- example of JESUS (*1 Peter 2:20-24*)

THIS QUESTION can be seen in two ways: "How can we sing..."

- the Lord's song in a FOREIGN LAND?

(Crushing circumstance! Why would I want to sing?) **NO**

- the Lord's song is GOD'S song! Doesn't matter which river I'm beside!

I want to sing it!) **YES**