

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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A Church That  
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# THE LORD'S DAY

## December 14, 2025

Arise! Shine!  
For your light has come!  
The glory of the Lord  
rises upon you.  
Darkness covers the earth.  
Thick darkness is over  
the people.  
But the Lord's glory  
appears over you!  
(Isaiah 60: 1-2)

PRELUDE  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
PRAYER  
Christmas Hymn (choir)  
Gesù Bambino (choir)  
HYMN (162)  
SCRIPTURE READING  
WORSHIP MUSIC  
BIBLE MESSAGE  
HYMN (124)  
BENEDICTION

Children's Church 9:00 / 11:10

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more?" (Dr. Suess How the Grinch Stole Christmas). We rejoice and worship today because we have read the book, and we realize that Christmas means a whole lot more! Welcome!

Today - Children's Christmas Party during Sunday School

There are no services scheduled for this Wednesday (12/17).

Rehearsal for BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD - 6:30 to 8:30

Christmas Eve Drama Rehearsal Reminders:

- Sunday, 12/14 at 2pm
- Wednesday, 12/17 at 6:30pm
- Saturday, 12/20 at 9:30am

Remember... the next two Sundays (Dec. 21 and Dec. 28) will be combined worship services at 9:30 and no S.S. classes. Next week is music of Christmas. IF you haven't contacted Becky Sipes yet, please do it soon! (717) 375-8099)

We rejoice with those who (last Sunday) acknowledged their relationship with Christ through Christian baptism! Kevin Davis, Lorena Davis, EJ Fleming, Aubrey Fleming, Faith Gunnoe, Zach Gunnoe, Neil Rayarao, Josh Rayarao, Dane Ruelas, Canaan Gour, and Micah Ressler.

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	<b><i>This Week</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week</i></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	Heidi Myers & Deb Michalsky	Sandy Turman
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	Rife Family	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dane Ruelas 1st Shelby Rife 2nd	Cole Tracey
<b>Prelude</b>	Suzanne Hess & John Piper	Barry Stottlemeyer
<b>Greeters</b>	Grant Murray Family	Andy Anderson Family

<b>Last Week...</b>	<b>12/7/25</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	263
<b>General</b>	\$ 12,169.00
<b>Missions</b>	\$3,899.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 10,314..50
<b>Sunday School</b>	473.00

For your calendar:

- Christmas Eve service - Dec. 21 and 24 (6:00 p.m.)
- New Year's Eve celebration - Dec. 31 (6:00 p.m.)

Antrim BIC Church - 100+ Member Community Choir & Orchestra  
Dec., 12 at 7:00 p.m., Dec. 13 & 14 at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free,  
and you do not need a ticket. Offering will be taken.

**Coming Soon!!!** The Library Committee will be adding puzzles to our library shelves in January. Choose from a variety of piece counts, scenes and age group difficulty.



The Altar Flowers are in celebration of  
Tom & Cindi Keely's Anniversary!

Messenger's Class Christmas  
Thur., Dec. 18th, at 5:00  
at The Grill at Mennohaven  
RSVP to Fran Stoner at (717) 597-0189



Dinner

### CHRISTMAS CARDS for our MISSIONARIES!



Check out the mission's board in the upper entryway. You will find addressed, stamped cards. Take one, write a short note of encouragement and then drop in the mail. It's that simple. We want them to receive a card with a personal touch from a church that CARES!

*The 2026 Upper Lobby Greeter Schedule is in the bulletin. Friendly faces and handshakes do make a positive impression! If you are not on the schedule, but would like to be, contact Carol in the church office at [office@greencastleub.org](mailto:office@greencastleub.org) We thank everyone for your willingness to do this!*  
*Pastor David*





# THE JOURNEY OF JESUS

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but Bethlehem was just one temporary stop on his earthly journey. There were others. Each had its unique statement and message.

## Nazareth > Bethlehem... DAVID

- A perceptible and permanent link, Jesus was carried by inexorable circumstances to be born where David had been born.
- David \_\_\_\_\_ all Israel (*11 Sam. 2:4, 5:1-5*) and \_\_\_\_\_ over them as their greatest King (protector, commander, visionary) (*11 Sam. 7:16*)
- \* Not only had the prophets predicted the Bethlehem/BIRTH of a ruler who was both "future" and "ancient" (*Micah 5:2*) but also the Nazareth/BRANCH (**nzr**) which would shoot from the tree of Jesse (*Is. 11:1-6, Mt. 2:23*)
- IMPACT: My need to let Jesus rule over the affairs of \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledging that he will ultimately rule as King of \_\_\_\_\_ (*Jn. 18:37, Phil. 2:9-11, Rev. 17:14*)

## Bethlehem > Egypt... HEROD

- A link with every person who is hated/persecuted because of faith in God. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ was protected to accomplish his purpose (*Mt. 2:19-20, Acts 2:22*).
- The fantasy has always been afoot that force and fear can \_\_\_\_\_ belief or \_\_\_\_\_ hearts. This "attack" tactic is Satanic in origin and purpose. God countered with flight instead of fight to highlight truth over politics, \_\_\_\_\_ (*Jn. 18:36*).
- IMPACT: My need to trust and follow the one who understands all hostility, betrayal, and mistreatment. He will \_\_\_\_\_ us (*Jn. 16:33, Heb. 10:32-39*)

## Egypt > Nazareth... the common, vulnerable, "unknown" person

- A ministry of teaching/healing/miracles was started and sustained in his home area, the very place where there was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a (*Mt. 2:15*).
- When rejected because of familiarity (*Jn. 6:42*), Jesus sought to reverse their understanding and ignorance into \_\_\_\_\_ (*Jn. 6:43-59*)
- IMPACT: My need for salvation and strength is met by a Savior who did more than make headlines with a favorite king or feared politician. He loved, helped, and challenged \_\_\_\_\_ who came to him.

## Nazareth > Jerusalem... PILATE/CAESAR

- The final stage of his earthly journey took him to the only place possible... the temple... to give himself as a the final, greatest, all sufficient sacrifice. This part of his journey was not \_\_\_\_\_ coming unto \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ coming unto \_\_\_\_\_.