

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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A Church That  
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# THE LORD'S DAY

## Januray11, 2025

Small deeds done  
are better than  
great deeds planned.  
Peter Marshall

PRELUDE  
APOSTLES CREED (screen)  
WORSHIP MUSIC  
SCRIPTURE READING  
PRAYER  
HYMN (264)  
BIBLE MESSAGE  
HYMN (341)  
BENEDICTION

Children's Church 9:00 and 11:10 in the basement

### TODAY

Sunday School classes - 9:50      Worship and Preaching - 8:30/10:45

### MONDAY

Spiritual Care Commission - 7:00

### TUESDAY

Administrative Board meeting - 6:30

### WEDNESDAY

Prayer/Bible Study... groups for children, youth, adults (6:30)

\*Adults begin a study of the OT book called Ecclesiastes.

It is a journal of intriguing thoughts and relevant truth.

You are invited! (Overflow)

\*Adult Choir practice - 7:40

Towards the end of the Psalms is a section called "Songs of Ascent" (120 - 134). These were quoted and sung by Jewish pilgrims making their way to Jerusalem for festival or sacrifice. Almost always they were climbing (ascending) in elevation. This is a profound illustration of the heavenward journey of life! Several themes emerge from these songs, which we will explore in the Sunday morning sermons.

**CLARITY (Goal) *Knowing the place we wish to attain* (Jan 4)**  
**CLIMATE (Journey) *Setting forth with commitment* (Jan 11)**  
**CLIMB (Struggle) *Descending is easy. Ascending is work!* (Jan 18)**  
**CLIMAX (Reward) *Balancing satisfaction with longing* (Jan 25)**

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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       | Deb & Christine Repp                   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b> | Rife Family                       | Kristen Marconi & Jan Hirneisen        |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                | Corinna Ruelas 1st<br>Shelby Rife | Austin Anderson 1st<br>Gracy Myers 2nd |
| <b>Prelude</b>                | Suzanne Hess & John Piper         | Shana Wolfe                            |
| <b>Greeters</b>               | Ben & Celina Stoops               | Tom & Jamie Lytle                      |

| <b>Last Week...</b>  | 12/28/25   |
|----------------------|------------|
| <b>Attendance</b>    | 222        |
| <b>General</b>       | \$8,733.00 |
| <b>Missions</b>      | \$3,527.50 |
| <b>Building Fund</b> | \$1,772.00 |
| <b>Sunday School</b> | \$ 171.00  |



Peace by Piece Sewing Ministry will resume workshops on Monday, January 12, at 9:30 am. We will meet in the room across from the old kitchen. Anyone wanting to be a part of this ministry is welcome. You do not need to sew. Please contact Linda Dombrowsky at 717-401-1291 or Carole Stockslager at 717-404-2395 for any questions.

The 2026 Commissions and Committees listings are on the upper lobby table.



In Case of Inclement Weather,  
to learn if services are being  
canceled, please check the church website -  
[www.greencastleub.org](http://www.greencastleub.org)



The altar flowers are to celebrate  
Kevin & Lorena Davis'  
40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 18th!

Youth Group Update! Each month Jordan is putting together an interactive Bible Reading and Reflection Guide that the youth will be completing. Copies are on the upper lobby table for you to see what the youth are doing and/or feel free to take a copy!

Next Senior Outing  
Tues., Jan. 13  
Meet at 1:00 at the Capital Grill  
412 N. 2nd Str., Chambersburg, PA  
RSVP to Fran Stoner at (717) 599-0189 by Mon., Jan. 12



A **BIG** thank you to Linda Baer who chaired the library committee for 2025. She did an awesome job with her innovative ideas to clear up unused items, encourage more participation from congregation, and make filing of books simpler. Thank you to Dave, her husband, who hand crafted a cover for the cabinet that holds the visitor's welcome kits.

If you have used household batteries or ink cartridges needing recycling, there are containers on the bookshelf to the left when entering the library. I have a Rewards account with Staples and it earns monthly funds that I am using to buy needed supplies for the library. We are still accepting book donations at this time. Our shelves are almost to maximum capacity. There is a set of the New Testament Audio CD's available for check out. If anyone would like to donate a set of the Old Testament Audio CD's, that would be most welcomed. Thank you for your support!

Your 2026 Library Committee: Shawn Daley, Sandy Turman & Suzanne Hess



Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship  
Next Meeting - Tue., Jan. 27, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Topic: "New Year's Celebration!" Join us for refreshments,  
Fellowship, and an Inspiring "start of the year."

## CLIMATE (What is my commitment?)

Your current spiritual journey toward God (ascent) may be a life-long decision from which you have never wavered or a return unto God after having abandoned your initial commitment. No matter. **If your heart is set on reaching heaven, God will take you there.** (*John 6:37*)

**Sing your salvation song with \_\_\_\_\_.** (*Psalms 126:4-6*)

- deep \_\_\_\_\_ to see streams flow in the desert (Negev).
- deep \_\_\_\_\_ to see weeping (sins, mistakes) become songs of joy.
- deep \_\_\_\_\_ to sow seeds (testimony) and reap spiritual harvest.

\_\_\_\_\_ **the clamor of this world** (*Psalms 131:1-3*)

- Popularity, power, sophistication, etc. appeal only to human \_\_\_\_\_
- This journey \_\_\_\_\_ noise (of the world) for quietness (of the soul)
- Worldly pursuits are empty. Evil pursuits take folks to hell. There is no satisfaction or hope found here. The journey toward God satisfies my soul both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ travelers who are also making this ascent**

(*Psalms 133:1-3*)

- Aggravations, disappointments, and disagreements are not \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to unity.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of unity is more "precious" than other human goals.  
[different as motor oil vs. anointing oil... precious, fine, fragrant, exquisite]
- Statements of affirmation/unity \_\_\_\_\_ others, like dew \_\_\_\_\_ plants

When we set out on a hike or a trip, the seriousness of our intent is revealed by the diligence of our preparation. If we are committed to reach our destination, then we think and plan ahead. We consider the weather, terrain, directions, supplies, and obstacles so that our journey will be successful. This can be no less true of our journey toward heaven. (*Luke 9:57-62*)