

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY

Januray18, 2025

PRELUDE HANDBELL CHOIR CALL TO WORSHIP

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, correcting, rebuking, and training in righteousness

WORSHIP MUSIC PRAYER TIME KIDS KORNER HYMN #409

so that the child of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (11 Timothy 3:16)

BIBLE MESSAGE HYMN #399 BENEDICTION

In this antagonistic and hostile world, we are still called to portray Christ to our neighbors, whether those **neighbors** are local or **global**. This will be the focus of our MISSIONS CONFERENCE coming up March 4-8. We urge you to put these dates on the family calendar!

* OUB giving toward missionary support is currently exceeding our goal by \$3,000+. Thank you for your commitment and generosity!

Several OUB ladies (Sara Rosenberger, Linda Dombrowsky, and Dot Robinson) are currently in Honduras participating in a Christian Medical Ministry and will return on Saturday, January 24. Please pray for them!

Adult Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:40 pm.

TODAY

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

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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Revised 2026 Commission & Committees Listing
on upper lobby table. Added Chairman & Vice
Chairman to the listing!

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Deb & Christine Repp	Ellen Fritz & Holly Ressler
2nd Nursery	Kristen Marconi & Jan Hirneisen	Sheri & Rachel Michalsky
Acolyte	Austin Anderson 1st Gracy Myers 2nd	Ben Bowman 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd
Prelude	Shana Wolfe	David Rawley
Greeters	Tom & Jamie Lytle	Curtis Unger Family

Last Week...	
Attendance	1/11/26
General	233
Missions	\$6,378.00
Building Fund	\$2,620.50
Sunday School	\$1,563.50
	\$ 284.00



In Case of Inclement Weather, to learn if services are being canceled, please check the church website - www.greencastleub.org



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

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."

The Church library now has puzzles that you can check out. The cards are attached to the bottom of the puzzle box, and the boxes are located on the bookshelf to the left of the library entrance.

We are looking for donations of 500-to-1000-piece puzzles. We have shelf space for 40 more. There is a blue tote on the bottom shelf of bookcase to left of library entrance to put them in, or you can put them in a bag under library desk. Please, come and check out our supply. Working on puzzles can encourage one's patience, faith and relaxation.

If anyone has a small table to donate that is about 36 inches tall and not too heavy, we could certainly use it for the library. Thank you so much!

Otterbein Library Committee: Shawn Daley, Sandy Turman & Suzanne Hess

CLIMB (Will I ever reach the top?)

In the Old Testament we encounter the name GOD MOST HIGH (*El Elyon, Gen. 14:14-18*)

Men sought to worship God on "high places" (*1 Sam. 9:18-19*). The Jewish temple was on Mount Zion, these "songs of ascent" as the travelers climbed.

The Christian life is not simply doctrinal beliefs. It is a relationship with God (made possible by Christ). But more! It is an upward journey and its goal is heaven, the reward of being with God in his dwelling place. "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward (upward) in Christ Jesus." (*Phil. 3:14*)

WHEN YOU CLIMB:

- _____ pulls you down
- carrying _____ is more difficult
- walking _____ may be necessary
- _____ increases with _____

SPIRITUALLY

- Fight the devil (*Eph. 6:10-12*)
- Simplify (*Mt. 6:24, Eph. 4:20-24*)
- Body of Christ (*Heb. 6:10-12*)
- Humility (*1 Cor. 10:12*)

Walking is simple. Walking UP a hill or climbing an elevation involves struggle. Numerous complications set in, requiring both DETERMINATION (goal) and DISCIPLINE (gumption). Our attitude must be as strong as those ancient people determined to worship God in the Temple, "We have set our hearts on pilgrimage!" (*Psalm 84:5*)