

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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# THE LORD'S DAY

April 12, 2026

PRELUDE  
WORSHIP MUSIC  
DEDICATION/BAPTISM  
SPECIAL MUSIC  
HYMN (197)  
BIBLE MESSAGE  
HYMN (302)  
BENEDICTION

GO TELL IT  
on the  
mountain...  
  
over the  
hills...  
  
everywhere!

\*9:00 and 11:10 Children's Church

TODAY - Worship - 8:30/10:45

Sunday School - 9:50

EYLER'S VALLEY CHAPEL - 6:00 (leave OUB) 9:00 (return)

MONDAY - Spiritual Care Commission - 7:00

WEDNESDAY - Prayer, Bible Study groups - 6:30 Adult Choir - 7:40

April 19 - Jordan Wheeler preaching

April 26, May 3 - The Good Confession, Pastor David

Pocket Crosses are available for your personal use and to distribute to others! There is a basket outside the library doors. Zip lock bags are available for your convenience. Help yourself and share with others! - Peace by Piece Sewing Ministry.



HELP US HELP OTHERS - CRU MINISTRY - UNTO  
OUB is collecting used towels and washcloths thru June 1

(Don't worry about holes or stains, they cut around them.)

A collection box is located under the church mailboxes. Questions?

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	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b>	Heidi Myers & Deb Michalsky	Deb Repp & Christine Repp
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b>	KD Rife Family	Sylvia Clement & Char Timmons
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dane Ruelas 1st Shelby Rife 2nd	Lydia Gruver 1st Grace Myers 2nd
<b>Prelude</b>	Suzanne Hess & John Piper	Micah Ressler
<b>Greeters</b>	Bethany & Elissa Elliott	Rick & Tessy Thomas

<b>Last Week...</b>	4/5/26
<b>Attendance</b>	251
<b>General</b>	\$ 8,568.19
<b>Missions</b>	\$ 3,946.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 1,801.50
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$ 279.00



Senior News!

### Next Senior Outing

Tue., April 14, Meet at the Parlor House at 9:30 a.m.  
 RSVP to Bob or Fran Stoner by 4/13 at (717) 597-0189.

Our Otterbein Book Club meets once a month. The next group meeting is on Tue. May 26, at 2:30 p.m., and the book we will be discussing is a WW2 memoir by T. Martin Bennett about his experiences after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. We meet in the Sunday School room at the top of the stairs. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Baer, Holly Ressler or Shawn Daley.



*To Otterbein, Caroline and I (Jordan) want to say thank you for your consistent support and generosity to us through our wedding, marriage, and now baby. We have felt your love, care, and concern for us. Thank you for being our family. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for everything!*

*Jordan & Caroline Wheeler*

## UPDATE ABOUT BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND

The date has been set - Wed., Aug. 26. The bus will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. for the 11:00 a.m. show, Joshua. Tickets will be \$200 and would include the bus, ticket to the show, and a meal at either Millers or Hershey Farms. Please reach out to Fran at 717-597-0189 for further questions or to learn more about the deposit.



No one would ever have thought that a CHURCH would need to be concerned with safety or security for those who worship there. But we do need to have such concern.

This is simply the world in which we live today.

We have a team of men who volunteer to observe entrances and notice issues or help with folks who need a hand,

focusing on safety. The team has lost some helpers and needs replacements. Our goal is to cover both worship services and Sunday School. We ask each team member to serve just one Sunday a month, either 1st Service/Sunday School or 2nd Service.

You could attend one worship service and cover the other one. This is a very important aspect of our services, and we need some help! Contact Todd Horner (814) 585-1099 or [honer5275@gmail.com](mailto:honer5275@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer.

*Thank you! Pastor David*



The altar flowers are in memory of Donna Burkett  
from Mark & Tracey Burkett

Save the dates! **Rooted Together** Indoor Yard Sale June 11, 12, 13. Please do not drop off any items until the drop off dates have been confirmed and communicated!

The Administrative Board 3/10/26 Meeting Minutes are on the upper lobby table.

# GO AND TELL THIS PEOPLE

## HARD SOIL (Isaiah 1, 6)

- Israel suffers but refuses to learn any moral/spiritual lesson
- God offers forgiveness (1:18-20) but expects change (1:16-18)

Isaiah (a vision?) realizes the \_\_\_\_\_ of his own life and receives forgiveness (6:5-7)

Isaiah is moved and motivated to \_\_\_\_\_, to "go and tell this people" (6:8)

Isaiah is \_\_\_\_\_ that the soil in which he must plant seeds is very HARD soil (6:9-10)

- dull
- calloused
- ignorant.
- stubborn
- unseeing, etc.

Isaiah is told he is \_\_\_\_\_ to "keep witnessing" anyway! (6:11-13)

The wording of vs. 9-10 has been interpreted that God wishes and causes some folks to perish, not wanting them to repent and be converted. Not true! This would contradict all other Biblical revelation (and Isaiah's own calling to "preach"). This passage is quoted 4 times in the NT, pointing out a) an existing condition, not a desired condition (*descriptive vs. prescriptive*). b) result of preaching, not purpose for preaching (*effect vs. cause*).

\*The reality and intensity of spiritual conflict within people is such that the very \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel [message!] causes some to \_\_\_\_\_ their hearts (Jn. 12:44-48)

Acts 11:18 Peter believed all Gentiles to be incapable of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ "the good news of peace through Christ, who is Lord of all" (10:36) and "believing in him and receiving forgiveness of sins through his name" (10:43). God changed Peter's ignorance through a vision (10:9-22) and a conversion (10:44-48). Now he understood that "even the Gentiles" could be saved through Christ!

*\*IS SOMEONE YOU LOVE HARD SOIL? FILL IN THE BLANK. "even \_\_\_\_\_"*

## HEALTHY CROP (Acts 11)

19 - Some witnessed only to those they felt were \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to listen.

20 - Others "however" (greater burden?) planted seed in \_\_\_\_\_ soil (Greeks!)

21 - God's hand! Belief! A turning! [The seed sprouted, even in hard soil!]

22 - Evidence! Encouragement!

\*Christian witness has the two parts. 1) Sowing \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Watering \_\_\_\_\_

Today we refer to the early circle of believers as Christians. But amazingly, that name was first used (vs. 26) by the Gentile world to describe pagans, atheists, and nonspiritual people who changed their minds and manners and methods of living to follow Christ.

*\*DO NOT GIVE UP ON HARD SOIL. A SEED MAY LIE UNPRODUCTIVE FOR A LONG PERIOD. BUT WHEN CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT, IT WILL GROW. THE POWER TO SPROUT IS NOT FROM THE SOWER BUT FROM THE SEED ITSELF!*

1:16)

*(Romans*