

Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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THE LORD'S DAY

May 24, 2026

PRELUDE
WORSHIP MUSIC
READING (715)
HYMN (56)
PRAYER
BIBLE MESSAGE
HYMN (43)
BENEDICTION

Hear our prayer, O Lord
Hear our prayer, O Lord
Incline thy ear to us
And grant us thy peace.
Amen

* Children's Church (9:00 and 11:10)

Way back in the 12th century, workmen in Pisa, Italy built a tower. But the soil was soft and the foundation was shallow. Soon it began to lean! Through the centuries it leaned a bit more and more until... about 20 years ago when it was (at great expense!) stabilized. Who cared about an ancient tower? Everyone! It had become famous worldwide... just because it was leaning! Well, Christians are folks that lean. The burdens and troubles of life do not cause us to fall because we lean on the Lord! That may not make us famous, but it enables us to triumph over trouble. Even as we worship... we lean! WELCOME!

TODAY Sunday School classes - 9:50 (all ages)
Worship and Preaching - 8:30 and 10:45

WEDNESDAY The closing program for the children's groups will be a family movie followed by Kona Ice (6:30). This is open to any and all! REC

THURSDAY Senior Supper at Bonanza's Steakhouse and Buffet
1635 Lincoln Way E. Chambersburg, PA 17202. We will meet
at the restaurant at 5 pm and will end around 7 pm.



Beginning on June 7th and throughout the summer we will have Children's Sunday School classes combined and will be in the REC (Rawley Event Center). Our lessons will focus on The Ten Commandments.

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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Sean Tracey Family	Gary & Daphne Murray
2nd Nursery	Lori Webb	Combined Service
Acolyte	Ben Bowman 1st Carter Wagaman 2nd	Elliott Gruver & Clay Unger
Prelude	Caitlin Horner	Daphne Murray
Greeters	Leta Sipes Family	Tony Myers Family

Last Week...	5/17/26
Attendance	203
General	\$ 7,662.19
Missions	\$ 1835.50
Building Fund	\$ 1,885.50
Sunday School	\$ 187.00



2026 Spring Church Picnic

Place: King Playground, Nelson Pavilion

Date: Sat., June 6, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fried chicken will be provided. Bring a Hot & Cold Dish & your own drinks & Place settings. Bring a lawn chair! Signup sheets for Attendance are on the tables upstairs & downstairs and must be completed by May 31st.

JOSHUA BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND WED. AUGUST 26

The bus will leave the church parking lot at 7:30 AM for the 11:00 show. The price will include the bus, ticket to the show, the meal at Millers and all gratuities, for \$200.00 per person. Make checks payable to Otterbein U.B. Church and give or mail to Bob & Fran Stoner by June 30. Reservation forms are on the upper lobby table. Please reach out to Fran at 717-597-0189 for any questions,



New Summer Sermon Series *May 10 through June 21* **CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES**

Doctors keep us on track physically. *Doctrines* keep us on track spiritually. *Doctrines* are core beliefs, held and taught by any group. Christianity begins with historical events that lead to deeply held convictions, confessions, and creeds. **Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them. If you do, you will save yourself and those who hear you (I Tim 4:16).**

Join us for these Sunday sermons describing the most basic and essential **CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES**.

May 10-The **BIBLE**

May 17-The **FALL**

May 24-The **COVENANT**

May 31-The **SAVIOR**

June 7-The **CROSS**

June 14-The **CHRISTIAN**

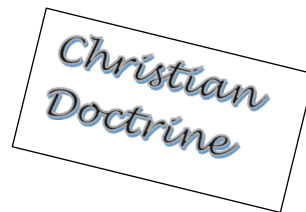
June 21-The **CHURCH**



REMINDER: Next Sunday (May 31) will be different! One combined Worship Service at 9:30 in the REC. There will be no Sunday School classes. Worship will be followed by lunch at 11:00 which is provided (see

bulletin insert). This is a great opportunity for "fellowship" i.e. learning to know others in your church family. If stairs are an issue for you, use the east entrance door from the parking lot directly into the gym.

THE COVENANT



A binding agreement or solemn pledge established by God with humanity (everyone) or an individual (someone). A solemn promise sometimes made formal through a ritual or sign (circumcision, salt, rainbow). Covenants set _____, _____, _____. They are expressed today in treaties and contracts. Two types:

1. Master > Subject - terms set exclusively by the one in power, the Overlord
2. Equal partners - terms negotiated with compromise and agreement on both sides

In the OT are listed several covenants of consequence. **Noah** [and all living creatures] (Gen. 9:8-11), **Abraham** (Gen. 12:1-3, 17:1-14), **Moses** (Ex. 19:1-6), **David** (1 Chron. 17) etc. These are not disparate policies from God. They are a common thread woven through the events of history. The needle pulling that thread is _____, God's great determination to _____ from chaos, self-destruction, and spiritual death. Behind these covenants is THE COVENANT that energizes and guides them all. The COVENANT is _____.

THIS IS AMAZING!

Liberal scholars say that ANE covenants cut into stone or stamped in clay predate Moses, therefore; the OT borrowed the covenant idea from its world and applied it to the Hebrew God. Hogwash! The very first covenant? God divided the first human into two humans and "brought" them together, saying "You will be _____ as _____ flesh". (Gen. 2:20-25). This covenant was a direct _____ and a _____ with God's own kind of existence. God is [somehow!] three persons dwelling in covenanted unity as one being. Jesus describes the Father, Son, and Spirit as having agreed upon responsibilities and cooperation while having distinctive roles and contributions (Jn. 16:5-15, Lk. 22:29). Because God _____ in covenant, God _____ in covenant!

OLD and NEW

The time period of the covenant with Israel (symbolized by sacrifice, governed by law) was limited. Prophets told of a new type of agreement on the horizon (Jer. 31). It would a) be _____, heart based (vs. 33) b) offer _____ rather than deferment (vs. 34). c) be _____ rather than national (vs. 34). It was the coming of Christ that marked the end of the old covenant [testament] and inauguration of the new. His blood created a new covenant (Lk. 22:20) and his followers became God's new Israel (Gal. 3:14, 26-29, Eph. 2:11-13, 3:5-6). In fact, Paul clarified that God's original covenant to Abraham was a PROMISE of "seed" (singular, meaning Christ) and that the covenant of law (Moses/Israel) never hindered or hijacked that covenant for a moment (Gal. 3:15-25).

THE COVENANT = CHRIST = SERIOUS!

* The Christian doctrine of COVENANT means that God's offer of salvation is not a pipe dream!