



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

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Ah, February!

The secular calendar is all geared up for “the month of football and love!” Most Pastors I know are looking toward the *end* of the month this year and the beginning of the Season of Lent which is the 40-days where we wander “in the wilderness” and end up in Jerusalem at the foot of the cross... and then the empty tomb! Personally, I feel that February is the *l-o-n-g-e-s-t* month of the year. I’m completely aware that it has the fewest days, but it seems to drag on forever.

As I sit here (in the last couple days of January) looking at my mostly empty February calendar, I realize that it won’t look like that at the end of the month! There WILL be things that come up. We will hopefully be beginning Confirmation Classes for four of our younger disciples sometime soon. Calendars and time commitments are being discussed. Scheduling in the 21st Century is never easy – especially when we’re trying to coordinate four teens! It’s something akin to trying to herd cats!



The February meeting of Maumee Valley Presbytery is coming up on Tuesday, February 21st and will be held on Zoom. If you would like to attend, and see how Presbytery works, this would be a GREAT time to give it a try, because you don’t have to leave your house (as long as you have internet and a zoom account)!

As a reminder, I am in the Office (or in the Ottawa Community) on Thursday mornings and afternoons. I am also available for an hour (or 2) after Sunday Worship each week, if you want/need to talk or visit. Remember, if you need to contact me for any reason, my email address is: wiesmannlance@gmail.com or Pastor@ottawapresby.org. My mobile phone number is: 517-270-4837 and (if I don’t answer) you can either text or leave a message. I will return the message/call as quickly as I can.

Peace,
Pastor Lance



Prayer Concerns

Please note: Specific information about those included in our prayers is available during worship, from Pastor Lance, in our office, or from our Session members. However, specific names will not be posted on this web version of the newsletter.

Please pray for those with **health concerns** no matter what their stage of life.

Please pray for those **serving in the military**, both at home and overseas, as well as the families who watch and wait for them.

Please pray for those who are either waiting for or who have received **organ transplants** and the families who face difficult decisions.

Please pray for **those facing decisions** in their personal lives, their professional lives, their family lives, or their spiritual lives.

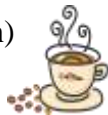
Please pray for **Pastor Lance** and his ministry with our congregation. And finally, please say a prayer of thanksgiving for the **blessings of this congregation**—especially as we celebrate over 175 years of congregational life here in Ottawa!

Please contact prayercircle@ottawapresby.org.

Financial Report

Financial reports for the church are available in the hard copy version of this newsletter. If you would like more information, you may also contact our treasurer (treasurer@ottawapresby.org).

The OPW (Ottawa Presbyterian Women) will meet on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 9:30 a.m. at church. Coffee and coffee cake will be provided. Come and help us plan for the year ahead!



The Christmas tree in fellowship hall had 60 items (hats, gloves, socks, etc) which were donated to the thrift store in Ottawa! Thank you all for your generosity!



Dear Ladies of the Women's Group, The Staff of the Putnam County Council on Aging would like to thank each of you for your lovely donation of household items, personal care items, food, and clothing, that was shared with senior citizens who are served by the Putnam County Council on Aging. Through your kindness, our drivers were able to deliver these items to several clients, who may not otherwise have received any gifts this holiday season.

We thank you for helping make the Christmas season a bit brighter. Sincerely, Pam Jones, Outreach Specialist, PC Council on Aging.

The Education committee will be meeting on February 12th during the time between church and Sunday school. The primary discussion will be about a Vacation Bible School this summer and everyone is welcome to attend!

NOTES FROM SESSION

Session approved the Mission study written by several members of our congregation at the meeting on Sunday, Jan 15th. From this action, Session then instructed the Nominating Committee to assemble a slate of 5 candidates to be presented to the congregation for election as our PNC. Due to current budgetary constraints, this PNC will start with a search for an appropriate part-time candidate, with recognition that we may be forced to consider a full-time leadership role to find a viable candidate and utilize some of our reserves to do so. This search is to begin immediately upon the election of the PNC.

Session will be looking for input at an upcoming "Conversations" session when the PNC is in place. Stay Tuned!

**Session will meet Sunday, Feb. 19
after worship.**

Dear Friends,

Putnam County Hospice has resumed the Journeys Support Group beginning on Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting at our office located at **575 OG Rd, Suite 3, Ottawa, OH 45875**. We are located at the back of the building. You will be able to park in the back lot.

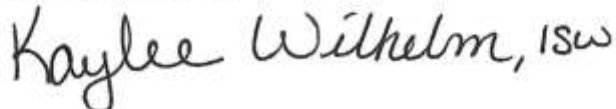
This group is not for just family members of Hospice patients who have died; it is for anyone in our community who has experienced a loss through death. You are not required to attend all groups. You can attend as you would need. The idea is that when you think you may not need the group...someone in the group may need you.

We will hold the group on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Following are dates that we will be holding group for the remainder of 2023.

Tuesday	February 21	6:30
Tuesday	March 21	6:30
Tuesday	April 18	6:30
Tuesday	May 16	6:30
Tuesday	June 20	6:30
Tuesday	July 17	6:30
Tuesday	August 15	6:30
Tuesday	September 19	6:30
Tuesday	October 17	6:30
Tuesday	November 21	6:30
Tuesday	December 19	6:30

If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please feel free to contact Kaylee Wilhelm at 419-523-4449. If this group is not for you or you know of someone who would benefit from the group, please pass this information on to that person who may be in need, but is afraid to ask. Your help could allow someone else to begin the process of healing.

Warmest Regards,



Kaylee Wilhelm, LSW
Medical Social Services Coordinator
Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice

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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
February 5	Becky R.	Carrie
February 12	Stan B .	TBD
February 19	Carrie J.	Kaufman
February 26	Katrina R.	TBD

2023 Committees Chairs and officers:

- Treasurer - Beth Myers
- Financial Secretary - Lynne Hirzel
- Worship and Music – Kate Gerding
- Fellowship - Carrie Johnson
- Mission and Evangelism - Stan Beckman
- Stewardship - Wayne Badder
- Presbytery Rep - Beth Myers
- Young People Group - Katrina Riepenhoff
- Christian Education - Katrina Riepenhoff
- Clerk of Session - Karl Hirzel
- Building/Operations – Becky Riepenhoff
- OPW - Nancy Kaufman

Session:

- Class of 2023: **Wayne Badder, Carrie Johnson**
- Class of 2024: **Stan Beckman, Katrina Riepenhoff**
- Class of 2025: **Katelyn Gerding, Becky Riepenhoff**