



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church
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March 2023



*“All that is gold does not glitter, not all those who wander are lost;
The old that is strong does not wither, deep roots are not reached by the frost.
From the ashes a fire shall be woken, a light from the shadows shall spring;
Renewed shall be blade that was broken, the crownless again shall be king.”*

--J. R. R. Tolkien

The 2023 Lenten Season is upon us! This year, I have the unique and awesome opportunity to work with The Rev. Katie Treadway at 1st Presbyterian, Tiffin, OH on a Lenten series inspired by the above Tolkien poem. We began the series on Ash Wednesday, and will finish on Easter Sunday. Please come and join in, and see how this journey through the wilderness plays out.

An important reminder as we look at the March calendar ahead of us: ***please remember to set your clocks AHEAD 1 HOUR to Daylight Savings Time on Saturday, March 11th before you go to bed!*** If you don't, you'll be an hour ***late*** for Church on Sunday. You'll arrive in time to join us for the Special Congregational Meeting to be held immediately after worship, and the Congregational Conversation that will follow. ***There will NOT be Sunday School that Sunday!***

As we make our way through this Lenten Season, please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you on your journey.

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! The **Prayer Circle** is a group willing to confidentially pray for your joys and concerns. Please contact prayercircle@ottawapresby.org.

Financial Reports

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).



We will be having a special Congregational meeting as well as another "Congregational Conversation" on Sunday, March 12 following the 9:00 worship service. The agenda for this meeting is to vote on and commission a PNC (Pastoral Nominating committee) for the purpose of searching for a called pastor. Besides voting on the PNC, the conversation will focus on and seek to obtain input from all members of the congregation on the needs and desires of the church to help guide the direction of the PNC. We want to also obtain additional thoughts on possible sharing of pastoral care with another church vs. seeking a full time or part time pastor in the service of only our church.

Please plan on attending this important day in the life of our church. We should be done with the meeting by 11:15 am.

No Sunday School will be held this morning.

Upcoming Happenings

There will an education meeting on March 5 between church and Sunday School. No Sunday School will be held on March 12 due to the Congregational Meeting and Conversation.

OPW will meet in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 11, at 9 am. Beverages and some light refreshments will be served. Come join us for food, fellowship and planning the events sponsored by our ladies group in partnership with the Fellowship Committee of our church.

There will be an Egg Hunt after the Palm Sunday Breakfast. If you would like to donate wrapped candy that will fit in small plastic eggs, please bring that to church by Sunday, March 26th. There will be a box in the entry way for your convenience. If you would like to volunteer to help fill the eggs, or if you have any questions, please contact Andee Parker.

Community Events



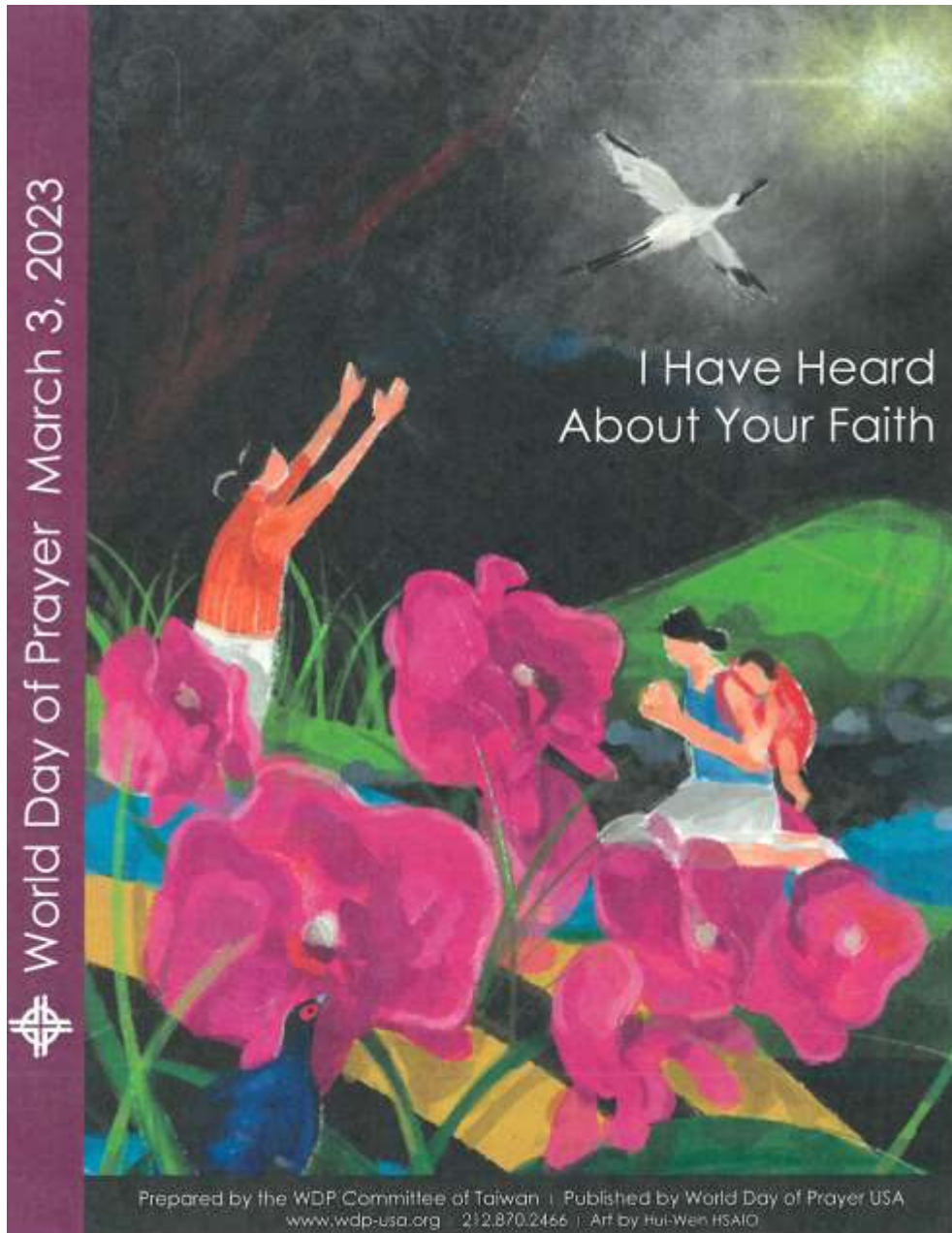
As our LifeWise Ottawa-Glandorf program enrollment continues to grow, so will our staff of teachers, substitute teachers, bus drivers, and volunteers. Come explore the Bible with our Ottawa-Glandorf students and be a part of this life changing impact in our students' lives. Contact our program director Dwight Schroeder at dwightschroeder@lifewiseacademy.org to discuss more details about being involved with our program or visit our website [Join LifeWise Academy Today](http://JoinLifeWiseAcademyToday.com).

The Annual Putnam Pet Pals Quarter Auction will be at the Ottawa VFW Post 9142 on Friday, March 31 at 7 pm. We will also have the Red Hot Purse Raffle and a raffle for a patio table and chairs! For more information visit the Putnam Pet Pal Facebook page or contact Lynne Hirzel.



**Session will meet Sunday,
March 12 after worship.**

World Day of Prayer will be held Friday, March 3, here at OPC at 10:30 am. All men and women are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. The Christian Women United invites all to participate and learn about this year's country, Taiwan, by hearing Scripture readings, stories and songs that are part of their theme from Taiwan. An offering will be taken to support mission and service opportunities around the world through the international organization.



Upcoming April Dates to remember:

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday Breakfast, followed by Easter Egg Hunt; Worship at 10 am. No Sunday School.

Maundy Thursday, April 6: Simple meal at 6 pm, Worship service at 7pm, Prayer Vigil starts at 9 pm.

Good Friday, April 7: Worship Service at 7 pm.

Easter Sunday, April 9: Worship Service at 9 am. No Sunday School.



Habitat for Humanity® Tool & Purse



**Friday, March 10 at VFW Post 9142
212 W. 2nd Street, Ottawa**

- **Doors open at 5 PM**
- **Games begin at 6 PM**

Food, including sandwiches, sides and desserts, will be available to purchase. Ticketholders may also purchase chances to win locally-sourced baskets and other prizes.

- **Tickets are \$35 each***
- **Tables for 8 may be reserved in advance for \$280.** Table-holders may decorate their table for *a chance to win a prize*

Tickets are on sale online at putnamohhabitat.org or by mailing a check with number of tickets needed to: Putnam County Habitat for Humanity, 150 N. Oak Street, Ottawa 45875. Tickets may also be purchased at the office Monday-Thursday, 9 AM to 1 PM (please call 419-523-9621 in advance.) All proceeds from the evening will support PCHF's new home and critical home repair programs.

**Attendees must be 18 years of age or older.*

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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
March 5	Stan B.	TBD
March 12	Kate G.	TBD
March 19	Carrie J.	TBD
March 26	Wayne B.	Myers

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
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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**