



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

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May 2023



If it's true that "April showers bring May flowers" we should have a pretty decent crop of colorful flowers this Spring! April was plenty rainy enough. Thankfully it wasn't *too* rainy and cause any substantial flooding!

May promises to be a very busy month. We begin the month (05/07) by celebrating and honoring Evan Cox as he prepares to graduate from High School later in the month. The next week (05/14) will be Communion and Mother's Day. The third week (05/21) our younger disciples will be leading worship and we will be having our final Sunday School Class. We will also have a Session Meeting afterwards that day. We will end the month (05/28) by celebrating and honoring our fallen heroes on Memorial Day. This also happens to be Pentecost Sunday this year.

In between all of this, I will be representing all of you at the May Presbytery Meeting (05/16) at FPC, Bowling Green. The last full week of the month (Monday 05/22 – Sunday 05/28) I will be out of town on vacation.



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 here. Likewise, pray for our congregation and its **PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)** as we look to our future.

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).

Upcoming Happenings

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would be willing to volunteer to help mow the church lawn for a week. If you need a tutorial on the battery-powered mower, see Becky.

Saturday, May 6, at 9 am, will be our outside church beautification day. We plan to mulch around the church. Bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows if you have them. Donuts provided! Any questions, see Becky. (Rain date will be May 20)

Know Someone Who Needs a Bit of Cheer?

OPC does wonderful outreach through the various programs we continue to support. But we also know that members and friends within our own church sometimes face difficult times and challenges.

When those times come, we want each of them to feel that same level of support and care from our OPC church family. As has been the case for many years, OPC hopes to be an instrument of God's love. It is my honor and privilege to coordinate this concerted effort at member nurture and outreach. **If you know of someone who has been ill, is facing a difficult time, or maybe just would benefit from a friendly call or card, please e-mail me**

(gholzhausergrab@woh.rr.com) or call me (419) 423-9635. I will respond as appropriate on the congregation's behalf as quickly as I can. We care **deeply** for and about one another!

That beautiful little poem says it best,

“Others, Lord, yes others;

Let this my prayer be:

Help me to care for others

That I may always care for Thee



Our Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, May 28th. Summer schedule will continue until Labor Day in September

Sunday, May 7, we will be welcoming Evan Cox and his family for a Senior Salute. Worship will be followed by a Special Coffee Time.



**Session will meet Sunday,
May 21 after worship.**



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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
May 7	Wayne B	TBD
May 14	Kate G.	TBD
May 21	Carrie J.	TBD
May 28	Becky R.	Doepker

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
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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**