



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

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August 2023

We have lots of exciting pulpit supply coming up this fall.

On August 6th at 11:00 am we will have outdoor worship at Ottawa Memorial Park by the caboose with a potluck following. Scott Cress will be the speaker. Bring a lawn chair and table service and enjoy the worship and fellowship.

Other services in August will feature:

August 13 Happy Campers Review, August 20 Don Leckrone, August 27 Mary Herman

We have outreach opportunities available to sign up on Thursday evenings from 5:30-8pm to be a small hospitality committee opening up the restrooms for patrons who are enjoying entertainment at the Rex Center. One evening there were almost 50 people using the restrooms and there is a lot of public gratitude that we are doing this (especially from young parents). There is an awning that can be put up outside the church and signs to be taken down to the Rex Center. If you have not done it and are interested in helping-see Becky for a tutorial and assistance.

Another outreach that church has access to and can share with anyone is Right Now Media. You only need the internet and an email account. Our church has subscribed to Right Now Media for over a year-it is described that it is set up like Netflix. You can watch videos, or I mostly listen to the lessons (just turn off the video part) as I drive to work. Most individual lessons are under 10 minutes long.

The Sunday School classes have used some of the lessons. Nancy Kaufman used Laurie Short's "The Lord's Prayer" with the elementary class. The Junior High class used AJ Crocker's "What Are You Afraid Of?" among others. The Adult class used lessons from Tony Dungy and Tim Tebow and the popular "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs-that bad boys can also relate to.

There are three podcasts I would like to recommend this month. The first is 40 Verses to Ignite Your Faith: Surprising Insights from Unexpected Passages by Laurie Short. Laurie Short is a youth pastor and has 8 inspiring podcast lessons in this series-all about 10 minutes or under. It is a good one to listen to as our church is going through a transition and ponder about what Laurie has to say about God's time.

Ed's Story is one I wasn't sure I wanted to listen to because I thought it was going to be depressing, but I was intrigued and found it very powerful. Ed Dobson is a pastor who was diagnosed with ALS and has 5 sessions about how he, members of his church, family and friends struggled with his diagnosis and hope.

I am currently enjoying the Right Now Conference: Hope Has a Name (2022) key note speakers-fantastic preachers we don't have an opportunity to hear in Ottawa much. My recommendation if you only listen to one is the first speaker-Albert Tate and his message "We Need You". Alberts came from a small church in Pearl Mississippi to pastoring a large church in California now. He is a very gifted, humorous, and insightful minister. I have listened to his message twice and am still thinking about a couple of passages he brought up.

If you need help getting on Right Now Media-see Nancy Kaufman, Katrina or I.

Thanks, Becky



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 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 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).

Upcoming Happenings



1) Outdoor Worship will take place on Sunday, August 6th. Bring a dish to share and table service.

2) A Christian Education meeting will take place on Sunday, August 13th. We will be discussing if we want to do a Sunday School kick off this year.

3) Volunteers are needed for the Thursdays of August 10, 17 & 31st for opening the church for restroom use during Thursdays at the Rex. Please sign-up on sheet on bulletin board if you are able.

Rex starts at 5, but a volunteer(s) are needed from 5:30 - 8 pm.



4) Sunday School will start back up on Sunday, September 10.

Update: Cards Ministry Going Well

Our OPC Cards Ministry is going well! We are acknowledging a special milestone in the everyday lives of our members – birthdays, anniversaries, etc. And we are glad to acknowledge other special happenings as they occur – happy events such as a job promotion, birth of child or grandchild, etc., as well as the more challenging times – a hospital stay, forthcoming medical procedures, etc. To let us know of a need, send an email to gholzhausergrab@woh.rr.com or call 419-423-9635. In short, in the words of one member, “OPC is here for us even while we are in transition.” Tangentially, if you happen to receive surplus all-occasion cards through the mail that you are willing to share, please consider setting aside for our OPC cards ministry. A box will be placed in the foyer for this purpose. Thanks!



**Session will meet
Sunday, August 20 after worship**

Community Happenings

The Friends of the Putnam County District Library is sponsoring a bus trip to LaComedia Dinner Theater in Springboro, OH on Thursday, October 19, 2023. Cost is \$100, which includes a buffet luncheon and center seating to enjoy “Grumpy Old Men, The Musical.” We will leave Ottawa at 8:30 am and return by 5:00 pm. RSVP by Sept. 11, to Nancy by calling or texting at 419-231-0531.



LifeWise Academy Ottawa-Glandorf

will be entering our 2nd year of programming for the 23/24 school year. Our youth have been blessed to receive Bible education with support and prayers from each of you. LifeWise OG is excited to share that we will be offering classes to K-8 students at Ottawa Elementary, Glandorf Elementary, and to homeschooled students this coming fall. Due to our expanded growth, we are currently working on plans to construct a building in Glandorf for the Glandorf students and are working to bring in a temporary modular classroom for our Ottawa students. With these two projects, we are planning a Capital Campaign fundraiser called “Truth for Youth” on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at the Ottawa K of C Hall with a special speaker.

We are excited to announce that **Jim Tressel**, a retired college football coaching legend and university administrator of Youngstown State Penguins as well as Ohio State Buckeyes will be our special guest presenter for our “Truth for Youth” fundraising event. *We are opening this early event invitation only to our local churches before we announce and share this fundraising event to the public in the next couple weeks.*

Event details as well as ticket pricing details can be found below. If you are interested in purchasing any tickets to our “Truth for Youth” event, you will need to contact Tom Giesken(LifeWise OG board chair) at 419-233-7143. Once we share the invite with the public, please note that you will need to purchase tickets in the same procedure as the general public. There will be limited tickets to the “Truth for Youth” event.

Location: Ottawa K of C Hall, 10759 Road H, Ottawa

4:00 p.m. doors open for “Sponsors” & “Champions” - Silent Auction open for “Sponsors” & “Champions”

5:00 p.m. Meet & Greet with Jim Tressel begins for “Sponsors” & “Champions”

(Location in back meeting room of the Ottawa K of C hall)

5:00 p.m. doors open for “Partners” & “Friends” - Silent Auction open for “Partners” & “Friends”

6:00 p.m. Silent Auction closes

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. catered by Bavarian Catering, Ltd.

Program: 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Ticket Categories:

Sponsors - \$5,000 per table(each table seats 8) (2 center tables)

(Includes: Meet & Greet with Jim Tressel, Meal/Table for 8 individuals, 8 Lanyards, Table Top Name/Logo, Recognition during event, Full page advertising in program, & Advertising on projector screen during program)

Sponsors - \$2,500 per table(each table seats 8)

(Includes: Meet & Greet with Jim Tressel, Meal/Table for 8 individuals, 8 Lanyards, Table Top Name/Logo, Recognition during event, Half page advertising in program, & Advertising on projector screen during program)

Champions - \$200/person or \$350/couple

(Includes: Meet & Greet with Jim Tressel, Meal, Lanyard)

Partners - \$100/person

(Includes: Meal)

Friends - \$50/person

(Includes: Meal)

We have additional event opportunities including donating items for our Silent Auction and/or advertising in our “Truth for Youth” Program; cost as follows:

- \$250 Full page
- \$100 Half page
- \$50 Qtr page or biz card
- \$100 Advertising on projector screen during program

We are looking forward to the “Truth for Youth” event and we hope that many of you will be able to join us September 21st for this capital campaign fundraiser for LifeWise Academy Ottawa-Glandorf.

Sincerely, LifeWise Academy Ottawa Glandorf Board of Directors

Scrap Metal Drive – New Location
Trinity United Methodist Church invites the Ottawa area community to participate again this year in our **Scrap Metal Drive** now until the fall. The proceeds from your contributions help to support the many services our facility provides to various community organizations. We believe recycling is good for our earth and we welcome your participation. **This year the trailer will be located behind the Putnam County Council on Aging building located at 1425 East Fourth Street in Ottawa. A tripod sign will mark the location. We respectfully request you enter cautiously as clients and employees use the entrance on the west side of the building. Please be advised the location will be monitored for security and safety.** All METAL accepted – anything and everything. **ABSOLUTELY NO TV'S, COMPUTERS OR MONITORS, MATTRESSES, PAINT CANS, TIRES or AEROSOL CANS ACCEPTED.** Call 419-523-6496 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have a passion for helping children?
 Do you want to be a part of a volunteer-based organization?

CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system. By providing trained volunteers to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates, CASA ensures that these children have a voice and someone who genuinely cares about their well-being throughout the complex and often overwhelming legal process.

Volunteer with CASA
and make a lifelong difference in a child's life!



For more information about our next Pre-Service training, contact CASA of Allen & Putnam Counties, a program of Crime Victim Services.

CASA@CrimeVictimServices.org
 567-940-2272
 crimevictimservices.org/casa



Friday, August 4th | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Ottawa Elementary | 123 Putnam Parkway | Ottawa, OH
 Free Community Event – Complimentary Lunch – Health Screenings – Door Prizes
 Shuttle Service – Many Exhibitors – Free Medication Disposal

SCHEDULE

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
 Meal Services and Medication Disposal

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 Presentation by Katy Mizeg "Teach and Let Go"

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
 Lunch & Demonstration by County's Garbman

New this year OHN Mobile Clinic!
 Assessment – BP Check – A1C
 Blood Glucose – Cholesterol – Vitamin Check
 15 min. complimentary suggested budget inquiries

GOLD SPONSORS

- United Healthcare
- Putnam County Health Services
- Putnam County Public Health
- Home Instead

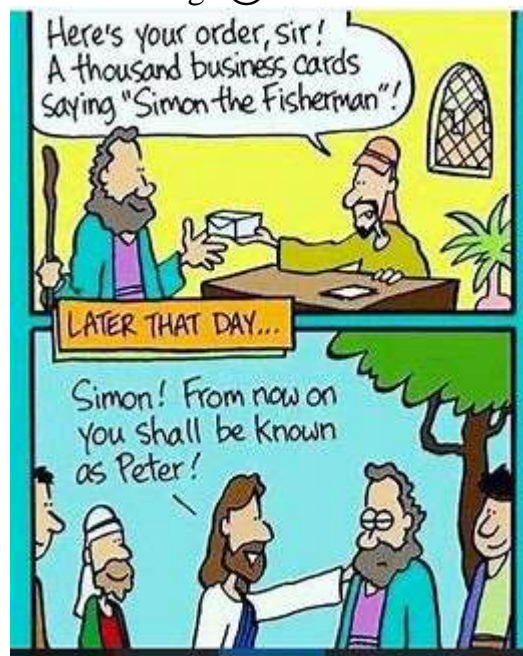
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- US Insurance & Investments
- Putnam YMCA
- Fortman Insurance
- Holly Frische Insurance Agency
- Schroeder, Blankmeyer and Clinton, LLC
- Ottawa Hearing Aid Center

HOSTED BY:

- THE HEADQUARTERS OF CLEVELAND
- THE HEADQUARTERS OF KALAMAZOO
- THE HEADQUARTERS OF DETROIT
- Putnam County
- Putnam County Health Services
- Putnam County Public Health
- Putnam County Council on Aging

Just for a laugh 😊



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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
August 6	Kate G.	Doepkers
August 13	Carrie J.	Myers
August 20	Stan B.	TBD
August 27	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**