



# PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church  
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9:00am Sunday School/10am Worship ♦ ottawapresby.org  
Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

## September 2023



Sunday school is starting this fall on September 10th at 9 a.m! Church will follow at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary upstairs.

This year Victoria Otto will be teaching the preschool aged class in the nursery. This is her first year teaching Sunday school! She currently teaches preschool during the week so these little munchkins will be nothing new to her. They will be using a combination of self-created material, Right Now Media and Godly Play.

The primary class or elementary class will be taught by Nancy Kaufman. Nancy has a lot of experience teaching both in the classroom and Sunday school. Nancy always has so many creative ideas so keep an eye out to see how the kids may contribute this year!

The junior high confirmation class is going to be taught by Andee Parker. Andee will be using a 13 week curriculum written by Will Willimon. Currently we have four teens who will be participating in this course. Their confirmation class will be beginning on September 10th with the teens being confirmed during the beginning of the 2024 calendar year. Our four attendees will be reaching out to someone of faith and asking them to become their mentor during this process. If asked, please take time and reflect if you feel called to be a mentor helping spiritually guide our teens during this time.

Stan Beckman will once again be teaching the adult Sunday school class downstairs. The adult class will be using Right Now Media as a primary resource. If you find a program on RightNow Media you enjoy please share it! Sharing is caring! We care about our church members that is why everyone has access to a RightNow Media account. If for some reason you cannot log on please contact Katrina Riepenhoff or Nancy Kaufman both of which can help. We also care about others so please share the link if there are other people you think would enjoy using the program!

Keep coming to church at 9 a.m. for Sunday School and stay for worship at 10 a.m!

-Katrina Riepenhoff



## 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!

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## 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](mailto:treasurer@ottawapresby.org)).

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## Upcoming Happenings

We will have an OPW meeting after church on September 3. The September 9 meeting has been cancelled. Planning the Quarter Auction and other fall activities will be on the agenda.

There will be a fellowship opportunity on September 9th to make a homemade glass project! The projects range from \$20 - \$200 some examples include: a set of 2 magnets, a clock, a candle holder and a surprise seasonal project. We will meet at church at 8:45 a.m. Check out the website to learn more [coppermstudios.com](http://coppermstudios.com)  
\*Ages 4 and up, bring friends! Please sign-up by Sept. 3 on sign-up sheet on bulletin board if you are interested in going. Sunday School will start



back up on Sunday, September 10 at 9 am. Worship will follow at 10 am.

Coffee time starts back up on Sunday, September 10, if you are willing to help with coffee, please sign-up on sheet on bulletin.

Liturgists are needed for September 10 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up if able to help. Rest of the year needs volunteers also ☺

New Date: OPW will be holding our Quarter Auction on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.. The date has been changed to allow time to better prepare! Tickets will be \$15, with opportunities to purchase extra paddles, raffle tickets, etc. Tell you friends to save the date. Tickets will be available to sell soon!

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## Community Happenings

Chicken BBQ Dinner to benefit all 8 locations of the Putnam County Libraries, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24 from 11am-1pm, at Putnam County District Library (Ottawa). (Drive thru only). Tickets are \$11. ½ Chicken, 2 sides and a roll. Presale tickets can be purchased at the Ottawa library on Sept. 5, 11 & 18 from 10am – 7 pm, or contact Karen at 419-230-0459 or Beth Myers to buy some.

Putnam Pet Pals will be holding a Chicken Barbecue fundraiser on Sunday, October 8, from 11 AM till 1 PM. The barbecue will be held in front of the Scoop on Main in Glandorf. Tickets are \$12 each and include the chance to win a gift certificate of \$20 for the Scoop on Main! You can contact Lynne Hirzel or Deborah Cotton about purchasing tickets.

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 \$100.00 which includes a buffet luncheon and center seating to enjoy “Grumpy Old Men, The Musical”. We will leave Ottawa at 8:30AM and return by 5:00PM. RSVP by September 11, 2023 to Nancy by calling or texting at 419 231 0531.

# TRUTH FOR YOUTH ✨

WITH JIM TRESSEL

9.21.23 5:30 pm

Ottawa K of C Hall  
10760 Rd. H, Ottawa ✨



Join us at our first annual "Truth for Youth" banquet as we raise funds for our OG Character Academy capital campaign to be used towards future building structures for LifeWise classrooms. ✨

Doors open:

**General Admission: 4:30 pm** ✨

**Student Admission: 6:45 pm**

Adult Tickets:

**Champions:** \$200/person or \$350/couple ✨

**Partners:** \$100/person

**Friends:** \$50/person

Tickets are available Aug. 14-18 and 21-25 at the Putnam County YMCA from 10-2 and 7-9; Fridays from 10-2 only. ✨

Table sponsors, event advertising, & program advertising are available. Call Tom Giesken at 419-233-7143. ✨

Follow our Facebook page for additional sales days as needed: LifeWise Academy Ottawa-Glandorf ✨



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<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELDERS IN CHARGE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
September 3	Kate G.	TBD
September 10	Becky R. (Communion)	TBD
September 17	Katrina R.	Myers
September 24	Carrie J.	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**