



# PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church  
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Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

## October 2023

# Happy Fall!!!

Greetings,

For the month of October we will have the following pulpit supply. We are very grateful for all of those who are assisting us while we are in this time of transition.

**Oct. 1 - Reverend Amy Remaklus & communion**

**Oct. 8 - Pastor Tom Steensma**

**Oct. 15 - Pastor Don Leckrone**

**Oct. 22 - Reverend Amy Remaklus**

**Oct. 29 - Reverend Amy Remaklus**

During the month of October pledge cards will start to go out for the 2024 year. Accompanying the pledge cards will be a letter from the stewardship committee. The stewardship committee wanted to thank everyone for helping collect the 2023 pledge cards. It greatly helped the committee when it came to looking at reviewing our resources to create the yearly budget.

As the PNC is hard at work looking for a full time pastor, we will need the most updated information possible to provide them with an accurate budget.

Thanks,  
Wayne Badder



## 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!

confidentially pray for your joys and concerns.

Please contact [prayercircle@ottawapresby.org](mailto:prayercircle@ottawapresby.org).

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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)).



Liturgists are needed for all of October. Please sign up if able to help. Rest of the year needs volunteers also 😊

Babies/Toddler/Preschoolers are in need of Nursery volunteers. Please sign up on flyer on bulletin board.

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There is now a doorbell by the elevator for anyone needing elevator assistance. Please press the door bell which will ring in the kitchen and the elder in charge (or designee) will be at the elevator shortly for assistance.

## Upcoming Happenings

# Potluck Event

Come together with your church family after worship for some fellowship! Please bring a dish to share and enjoy some mouthwatering food!



**November 19, 2023**

**following worship in  
fellowship hall**

## *Ottawa Presbyterian Church* **QUARTER AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

**THURS. OCT. 5 6:30**

150 N. Oak St., Ottawa

**TICKETS ---\$15.00**

Includes admission, 1 Auction Paddle, 5 Raffle Tickets  
Additional Paddles available --- \$1  
Extra Raffle Tickets ---10 for \$5

*Featuring Signature Homestyles, Home Decor,  
Fall & Christmas and Many more great gift items!*

*Doors open at 6:00 to grab a seat & preview  
all Auction & Raffle items.  
Snacks & Drinks provided*

Tickets may be purchased from:  
Nancy Kaufman 419/231-1084  
Jane Doepker 419/523-6439  
Jeannie Verhoff 419/236-0996

*Bring your Quarters, We'll have so much FUN!*

## Community Happenings



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.

Boy Scout Troop 224 will be holding a Pancake and Sausage Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 4:30-7 pm at Ottawa VFW. Adults are \$9, Children are \$5. Proceeds will support the boy scout troop.

### **SCRAP METAL DRIVE**

Do you have an antenna down from a storm? Got sheet metal, or a chain-link fence you've wanted to take down? Here's your chance to do good while cleaning up from a storm or cleaning out the garage, attic, basement, shed, backyard, etc.

**Trinity United Methodist Church's Scrap Metal Drive ends October 31, 2023** - All **METAL** accepted. A dumpster is located in the parking lot at **Putnam County Council on Aging, 1425 E. Fourth Street Ottawa**, waiting for your cast-offs. **ABSOLUTELY NO TV'S, COMPUTER MONITORS, PAINT, TIRES, MATTRESSES/BOX SPRINGS or AEROSOL CANS ACCEPTED.** All proceeds will go to Trustee projects at Trinity United Methodist Church. Call 419-523-6496 for more information.



**Ecumenical Christmas School** will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church from December 4 - December 8, from 9-11 am or 12:30-2:30 pm for preschool children. (At least age 3 and potty trained). Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. \$10 registration fee to cover supplies.

## **Compassion Care: What You Need to Know About Palliative & Hospice Care and The Grief Recovery Method**

Date: October 26, 2023

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Location: Leipsic Community Center  
120 E. Main Street, Leipsic

### **Presenters:**

Dana Schnipke  
Kaylee Wilhelm, LSW  
Sherri Recker RN, MSN

RSVP's are not required, but appreciated  
by calling 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760

*Light refreshments will be provided.*



Partners in God's Ministry, On October 1<sup>st</sup>, many of our congregations will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Whether we are worshipping together at church or digitally at home, this is a time for us to reflect upon and celebrate our oneness in Christ – "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all" (Ephesians 4:5-6). On World Communion Sunday, many of our congregations will receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering. A participating congregation retains 25% of this offering to use for a witness of Christ's peace. The Presbytery retains an additional 25% for their ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and global witness in cultures of violence, including our own, through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the reconciliation work of Presbyterian World Mission. On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please convey our appreciation to your mission committee and members. Thank you once again for your support, dedication, and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner in mission. Yours in Christ, Lauren Rogers, Ministry Engagement Advisor (PCUSA)

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELDERS IN CHARGE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
October 1	Katrina R. (Communion)	Beckman
October 8	Stan B .	TBD
October 15	Carrie J.	TBD
October 22	Wayne B.	Hirzel
October 29	Kate G.	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
- 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**