



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church

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Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

November 2023

We are Ready

Hello all,

Fall, what a great time of the year! Farmers are harvesting. Trees show vivid colors. There are cool evenings to enjoy sports or band shows under the lights. People gather to roast hotdogs and marshmallows over open fires. Others take hikes or throw footballs in their backyards.

Yes, there are things to enjoy about Fall. But there are also preparations for the next season to come, Winter. Leaves are raked. Final outdoor home maintenance projects are completed. Patio furniture is stored away. Gardens are cleared. Houses and vehicles are winterized. It is also time to begin planning for the upcoming holidays.

Your church, Ottawa Presbyterian, also is in a “*getting ready time*” mode. A broken storm window has been repaired, **ready** for the wet and cold. The church is now **ready** to collect pledges toward the growth of this Christian community. Receiving pledges makes it easier for your church to **ready** itself for next year and the future. The pledges will also assist the Pastor Nominating Committee in the search for our future pastor. Currently, three of our youth are meeting weekly for confirmation classes. They are studying and **readying** themselves to make an important commitment to Jesus Christ. Church members currently are getting a potluck dinner and a congregational meeting **ready** for November 19th. Everyone’s participation is important. Please get **ready** and mark this on your calendars and plan to attend. And **ready** yourselves to come and worship on Sundays. Here we learn to live in the way of Christ, **readying** ourselves for our next life with God in heaven.

God Bless,
Stan Beckman



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).



Liturgists are needed for all of November. Please sign up if able to help.

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

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

The OPW meeting will be on Sunday, November 5, after church. We will talk about

- the potluck on Nov.19
- the Christmas names for Council on Aging
- Poinsettias for shut-ins
- The library Christmas tree and tree in fellowship hall
- Possible children's skit during church during Advent/ treats after.



Please bring Food Pantry items in for the month of November to decorate the pulpit with. By the end of the month, it will all be donated to the Food Pantry. There is a basket or wagon to put these items in upstairs.

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19 after worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers. A potluck will follow. Please sign up on the sheet on bulletin board for what you can help with. Thanks!

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

Community Happenings

MINI HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

November 2, 2023, 9:00 am to 2 pm at

Ottawa Senior Citizen's Center

1035 E. Third Street

Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Lunch served from 11:00 until 1:00

Menu includes:



Home Made Potato Soup
Home Made Egg Salad Platter
Brats Platter
Hot Dog Platter (regular or southern-style)

Assorted Desserts & Drink

Eat in or call for a carryout at 419-523-5593

We will offer homemade cakes, pies, cookies, bread, candy and snacks.

Come see our selection of holiday crafts and greeting cards.

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.



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

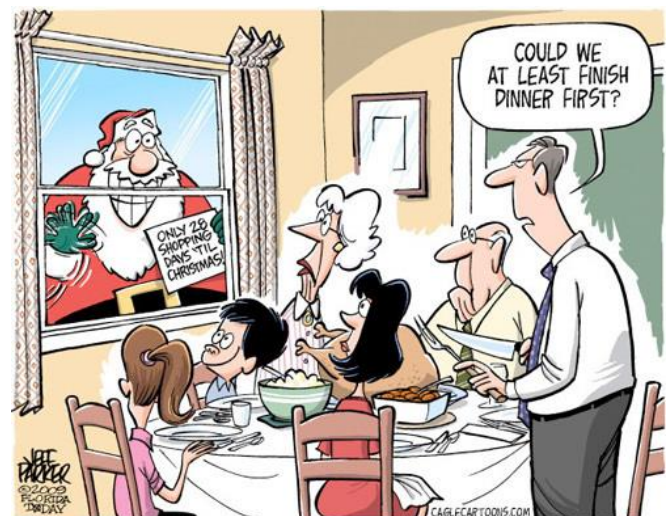
found on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 8th. \$10 registration fee to cover supplies.

Just for Laughs

The Parrot

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary. Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior." John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask what the turkey did?"





Kirkmont Center
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Zanesfield, OH 43360
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Let's Keep the Magic of Kirkmont Alive!

Greetings from Kirkmont!

We've had an amazing summer season at Kirkmont, filled with memorable camp experiences, off-season rentals and exciting collaborative programs. A big shout out to our dedicated staff, volunteers, supporters and friends who made all this possible. We are truly grateful!

However, **we find ourselves in a financial crisis due** to the ongoing emergency repairs to our facilities and grounds. We've managed to keep the lights on, safeguard our campers and staff, and operate our facilities, but now we need your help to **bounce back** and **continue growing**.

Here's where you come in:

For the past six decades, **Kirkmont has relied on the generosity of supporters like you** to cover operating costs and program development. We need to increase our donations by **\$8,000 per month** to continue our mission. We're rolling out a new fundraising plan soon, but in the meantime, **we urge you to write a check or go to the following link to find other ways to give.**

<https://www.kirkmontcenter.org/donate/>

Your contribution will not only help us recover but also invest in the future of Kirkmont. **We believe everyone deserves to experience the magic of our camp, and with your support, we can continue to inspire through art, nature, science, community and faith.**

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to reach out to us at kirkmontfundraising@gmail.com. Members of Kirkmont's Board of Directors and I would be happy to speak with you.

Thank you for believing in our mission and being a part of the Kirkmont family.

Be of good courage and know that you are loved,

Sara Metzler

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Executive Director

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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
November 5	Becky R.	TBD
November 12	Wayne B.	Hirzel
November 19	Carrie J.	Kaufman
November 26	Katrina R. (Communion)	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
- 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**