



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

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

January 2024

*Happy
New Year!*





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 **servicing 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 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).



Happy New Year!
Thanks to all for my Christmas gift. It's all very much appreciated!
Andrea

Signup sheets are on the bulletin board for anyone willing to volunteer to be a liturgist, help with coffee, or provide flowers on Sundays for the 2024 year.



The church directory will be updated in the coming months. Please get any changes, (email, address, baby, phone, etc.) to the church office ASAP. Thanks!

A Request for Assistance

Though it is much more comfortable being able to help others, the time has come when I need to ask my church family for assistance. As many of you may know, being legally blind I am unable to drive. For a good number of months, now I have hired Steve Powell to be my 'Sunday driver' and he has done a great job - very safe and I've only missed a very few Sundays! However, Steve has notified me that *he will be retiring at the end of this year - i.e. as of January 1.*

Finding a Sunday driver is difficult indeed.

I have:

- * placed a Help Wanted Ad in The Courier
- * contacted the agency who employs Steve (K&P Transport via Find-A-Ride)
- * contacted both the Hancock County and Putnam County Agencies on Aging as well as some private individuals. The fact is that 'Sunday drivers' are just very scarce and hard to find! But my church and church family mean everything to me and I'm not giving up hope! If anyone has any suggestions or is willing to help, please let me know!

With hope and thanks to all,
Gillian

Each year our local congregation must pay an “apportionment” to the PCUSA. This “per capita” is an amount based on the number of active members in our congregation. For the year 2024, the per capita for each active member is \$39.10 The amount per individual doesn't seem like much, but when it's multiplied by the number of members on the church's active membership list, the number grows quickly. These amounts are used to pay the expenses of the various governing bodies of our denomination. We appreciate your help in defraying this yearly cost.

Dear Ottawa Presbyterian Women,
I received a Christmas Bag full of wonderful surprises. It was from you, through the Council on Aging.



It came as quite a surprise but a true blessing! I thank you from the bottom of my heart and wish for all of you love and comfort this Christmas season! Blessings to you all!

Kathy Brinkman

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS HOSTING A COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

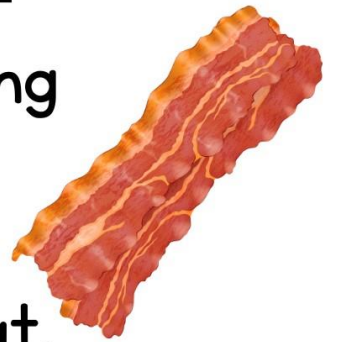
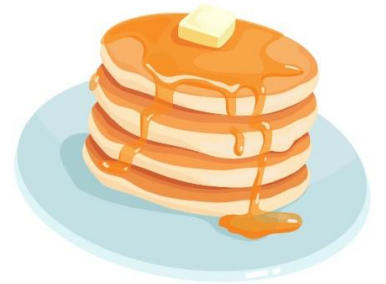
LOCATION: 150 NORTH OAK ST

DATE: SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH

TIME: 7:30AM-10AM

Breakfast by donation. Proceeds going
towards helping a local man with
medical expenses. Dine in or carry out.

Coffee is provided by Well Grounded
Cafe! All are welcome!



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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
January 7	Mike K.	TBD
January 14	Stan B. (Communion)	TBD
January 21	Kate G.	TBD
January 28	Becky R.	TBD

2024 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 2024: **Stan Beckman, Katrina Riepenhoff**
Class of 2025: **Katelyn Gerding, Becky Riepenhoff**
Class of 2026: **Mike Kaufman, Lynne Hirzel**