



# PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church

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9:00am Sunday School/10am Worship ♦ ottawapresby.org

Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

## March 2024



I don't know about you, but I don't know how it got to be March already! And with March this year, comes Easter on March 31. While we will not be holding our own Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services, we do have plenty of other Lenten and Holy Week activities planned. And lots of sign up lists in the church hallway!

All through the Lenten Season, we will be collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The special offering envelopes will be in the pews every Sunday through March. From the PSUSA website: "Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance."

If you would like to know about this very special offering, please visit the website at:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/> .

On Palm Sunday, March 24 at 9:00am, there will be the annual breakfast. A sign up list is posted in the hallway bulletin board if you would like to bring a dish to share. Also on Palm Sunday, we will host the Easter Egg Hunt for the kids following the breakfast. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy for the plastic eggs, please leave them in the kitchen by March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our Good Friday Prayer Vigil will take place from 9 pm on Thursday, March 28 through noon on Friday, March 29. If you would like to sign up for a one hour time slot (or two!), the list will be posted in the church hallway. As it has been done in the last few years, you can sign up to either participate in person at the church or from your home. This is such a special reflection time for participants and helps prepare us for the miraculous resurrection of Christ on Easter after his death on Friday.

If you would like to bring Easter flowers to help decorate the church for Easter, please deliver them to the church kitchen by Saturday, March 30. A sign up list will be posted in the hallway.

The grand finale of Holy Week is, of course, the glorious celebration of Easter. Come and join the praise and worship that morning and experience the joy that salvation through our risen Lord brings!

Lynne Hirzel



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



Thank you so much for your donation to LifeWise Ottawa-Glandorf. Your generosity is helping reach students with the gospel. We are so thankful for your investment in the kingdom! LifeWise OG Board

## Upcoming Happenings

A short Christian Education meeting will take place on Sunday, March 10 after worship.

If you would like to donate small individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, please put them in the box in the kitchen by March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Palm Sunday Breakfast will be on Sunday, March 24 at 9 am. Please sign up on sheet on bulletin board if you are willing to help in any way.

Church Movie Night: Sunday, March 24 at 6:30 pm. Will be watching “Jesus Revolution”. Popcorn and soda provided. All are welcome.

No Sunday School will be held on the Sundays of March 24 & 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Pulpit Supply for March

March 3	Donald Shrider
March 10	Tom Steensma
March 17	Don Leckrone
3/24/2024 Palm Sunday	Amy Remaklus
3/31/2024 Easter	Amy Remaklus

## World Day of Prayer

Trinity United Methodist Church will be hosting this years World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The program will start at 10 with a light luncheon following. The program is based on stories of obstacles and despair as well as how the power of prayer truly transformed the lives of the women of Palestine. The theme for this year is “I Beg You..Bear With One Another in Love,” inspired by Ephesians 4:1-4.

We look forward to worshipping together. This is open to men and women. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Archer if you plan on attending at 419-302-2723 or [yadah248@hotmail.com](mailto:yadah248@hotmail.com)

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IS HOSTING A COMMUNITY  
BREAKFAST

LOCATION: 150 NORTH OAK ST  
DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 2ND  
TIME: 7:30AM-10AM

Breakfast by donation. Proceeds going  
towards helping a local family in need.  
Dine in or carry out. Coffee is  
provided by Well Grounded Cafe.  
All are welcome!



## Golden Gatherings Meet and Mingle

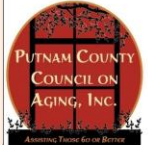


Get to know the  
Council on Aging's  
Activities  
Coordinator,  
meet new friends  
and find out what  
activities are coming  
your way!

**TAMMY  
SCHROEDER**

March 14, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Pandora Lunch Box  
200 E. Main Street  
Pandora

Breakfast will be provided but seating is limited.  
RSVP by March 1, 2024.  
Putnam County Council on Aging  
419-523-4121 or Toll Free 1-877-796-1760



### Putnam County Preparations for the Total Solar Eclipse

Speaker: Brian Hilvers, Director, Office of Public  
Safety

**March 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Leipsic Community Center**

120 East Main Street

Leipsic, Ohio

**A Grab and Go Lunch OR Stay and Eat Meals  
will be offered to participants 60 years and  
better following the presentation.**

**Seating is limited.**

**Registration Deadline:**

**Please call Putnam County Council on Aging  
to register for the presentation and lunch:**

**419-523-4121 or Toll-free 1-877-796-1760**

**Registration Deadline is February 26, 2024**

A photograph of two bowls of healthy food, one with a salad and one with a fruit and vegetable medley, set against a white background with yellow and green accents.

*Quick and Nutritious*  
**Healthy Food for One or Two**

Presenter: Mona Lisa Hoffman, OSU Extension Office

**OHIO  
SNAP-ED**  
Better food choices for healthier Buckeyes

**March 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Educational Service Center**  
**Classroom 2**  
**124 Putnam Parkway**  
**Ottawa**

**Seating is limited!**

Call the Putnam County Council on Aging  
at 419-523-4121 to register by March 20, 2024

A circular logo for Putnam County Council on Aging, Inc. with the text 'Putnam County Council on Aging, Inc.' and 'Assisting Those in Need' around the perimeter.

Sponsored By: OGHS Junior Optimist Club

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

# EASTER EGG HUNT

at the Glandorf Park  
Begins at 12:30PM

*Pictures*

with the Easter Bunny!

**Three Age Groups:**  
3 and under, 4-6, 7-10



**Expressions of Faith  
In Music and Art  
Wednesdays 6 -8 pm**

**First Lutheran Church  
7 West Main Street  
Leipsic, OH**

February 28: Featured Musician - Paul and Joy Gruetter, Featured Artist – Cheryl Hagemeyer

March 6: Featured Musician – Pastor Julie Parsell, Featured Artist – Andrew Paavola/Gabrielle Woolley

March 13: Featured Musician – Jack Myers, Featured Artist – Anita Bidlack Rieman

March 20: Featured Musician – The Rainbow Dulcimers, Featured Artist – “The Bubbly Arts Club”

Bruce Stowe, Mike Sarka, Gary Krouse, Heather Vennekotter, along with other artists displaying their art each week.

**Session will meet Sunday,  
March 10 at 12 pm.**

**Total ECLIPSE**

KIRKMONT CENTER

**APRIL 7-8, 2024**

**SUN. APRIL 7**  
Events by the University of Virginia Astronomy Club

- Educational Fun for the Whole Family!
- Astronomy Presentations
- Arts and Crafts
- Solar Telescope Demonstration
- Guided Nature Hikes
- Campfires, Family Games and MORE!

**MON. APRIL 8 ECLIPSE DAY**  
Enjoy This Once in a Lifetime Event at Kirkmont Center!

- Food Trucks
- Eclipse Arts and Crafts
- UVA Astronomy Club Experts
- Model Rocket Demonstration
- **TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE!**

**Space is limited!  
More Info @**

**WWW.KIRKMONTCENTER.ORG**

**FAMILY CABENTS AND PRIMITIVE CAMPSITES AVAILABLE!**

\*All Events Weather-Dependent and Subject to Change



**Sunday, March 10  
Set your clocks  
ahead 1 hr.**

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELDERS IN CHARGE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
March 3	Stan B.	Kaufman
March 10	Mike K. (Communion)	TBD
March 17	Kate G.	TBD
March 24	Katrina R. (Palm Sunday)	Palms
March 31	Becky R. (Easter Sunday)	Easter

**2024 Committees Chairs and officers:**

Treasurer - Beth Myers  
Financial Secretary - Lynne Hirzel  
Worship and Music – Lynne Hirzel  
Fellowship/OPW Rep. – Becky Riepenhoff  
Mission and Outreach - Stan Beckman  
Stewardship & Communication – Kate Gerding  
Presbytery Rep - Beth Myers  
Young People Group - Katrina Riepenhoff  
Christian Education - Katrina Riepenhoff  
Clerk of Session - Karl Hirzel  
Building/Operations – Mike Kaufman

**Session:**

Class of 2024: **Stan Beckman, Katrina Riepenhoff**

Class of 2025: **Katelyn Gerding, Becky Riepenhoff**

Class of 2026: **Lynne Hirzel, Mike Kaufman**