



# PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church

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

Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

## April 2024



Elder report from the session:

At our last congregational conversation meeting there were sheets of paper in the fellowship hall with what has been the normal flow of Ottawa Presbyterian activity outlined month by month and sheets for brainstorming new ideas. These activities are not just fellowship activities, but also mission, outreach, and stewardship to the community. Of course, nothing is set in stone, as a small church we have the flexibility to change and evolve as the need arises. As a church family, we encourage you to plug in your talents, and creativity, or share a hobby you have with others. There will be a brief fellowship meeting on Sunday, April 14 after church which we will be discussing and planning some of the upcoming activities.



**Ideas for church activities from suggestion sheets in the fellowship hall:** Axe Throwing, Rent Shannon Theater and invite other churches to join in. Toledo Zoo, Mudhens Game, YMCA Swim, BG Hockey Game, Painters Pottery Studio Findlay, Ice Skating, Roller Skating, Encore Theater Shows, Signature Design Wood Painting, Paintball, Trumpet in the Land, Zoo Lights, Haunted Cornfield, Lazer tag, Arcade, Sledding/skiing/snowboarding in Bellefontaine, Homemade card making session for card ministry, snowball fight in park.

**January :** January 21-Bowling

**February:** February 4-Pizza and Congregational conversation, February 25: Fellowship-Soup and Silliness games

**March:** March 2: Mission/outreach-Community Breakfast, March 24:

Worship/fellowship/outreach: Palm Sunday Breakfast with Easter Egg hunt after, March 24

Outreach/worship/fellowship Evening-Movie Jesus Revolution at 6:30

**April:** Building-Mulch church beautification-clean up day to be announced, April 27

Mission/outreach: Kirkmont Volunteer Day

**May:** Fellowship/worship: Confirmation Reception with a cookout May 19. Sunday morning breakfasts start.

**June:** Outreach/fellowship/worship/Christian Ed: Happy Campers-June 6, 13, 20, 27,

Outreach/fellowship/mission/building: Thursday evening Presbyterian Potty Mission with The Rex music and farmers market. Sunday morning breakfast.

**July:** Outreach/Fellowship/mission/building: Continued Thursday night Presbyterian Potty mission. Sunday morning breakfast.

**August:** Outreach/Fellowship/mission/building: Continued Potty mission on Thursday nights, Worship/fellowship-Outdoor worship and potluck. Sunday morning breakfasts.

**September:** Christian Ed: Start of Sunday School kickoff? Quarter Auction?

**October:** Hayride? College-age Halloween goodie bags.

**November:** Fellowship/stewardship: Harvest potluck conjunction Stewardship campaign end. Mission: Popcorn handout at welcome Santa Parade Sunday after Thanksgiving.

**December:** Outreach-Senior Citizen Christmas bags from names provided by Council on Aging, Poinsettias for Shut-Ins, Christmas Tree at the Library, Fellowship/worship/outreach-Christmas Caroling/Pizza party/decorating sanctuary.

- Becky

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

### Upcoming Happenings

A short fellowship meeting will be after church on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.



Bible Study:

Would you like to join in a 5 week Bible Study on the book of James called “What You Do Matters” by Margaret

Feinberg? The book is optional that can be ordered from FaithGateway.com for 15.99 (plus tax and s/h). We will meet and watch the videos together. Sign up by April 10 on the church bulletin board or contact Nancy Kaufman. The study will begin the week of April 22. Our meeting time will be determined once we see the interest. More info about the study is posted on the church bulletin board.

Kirkmont Camp Volunteer Day  
April 27

Please sign up on the sheet on bulletin board if you can help.



**Session will meet Sunday,  
April 14 or 17, after worship**

## Pulpit Supply for April

April 7	Robert Butcher
April 14	Tom Steensma
April 21	Don Leckrone
April 28	Amy Remaklus

## **SCRAP METAL DRIVE YEAR ROUND SERVICE**

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** - 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.

## **BBQ Chicken Dinner**

Benefits Boy Scout Troop 224  
Sunday, April 14, 11am – 1 pm.  
Cost: \$12 (Meal includes ½ chicken, sides, cookie)  
Carry out only, with drive thou pick up at Ottawa Boy Scout house. For tickets, ask any Ottawa Boy Scout.



## **ADVANCED HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVES AND PLANNING AHEAD**

*For Putnam County Residents age 60 years and better*

Advanced Directives ensure your wishes regarding medical treatment are carried out should you be unable to communicate them to a doctor.

### **WHEN**

April 2, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

### **PRESENTED BY:**

Herbert Wilker  
BCC MSW LSW

St. Rita's Hospice Chaplain

### **LOCATION**

A Dream Venue  
103 East Main Street  
Pandora



*Lunch is included but seating is limited!*

Call:

The Putnam County  
Council on Aging

419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760

Reserve your meal by March 22, 2024.



*You're  
Invited!*



## **Single Senior Mingle**

If you are 60 & better, are divorced or widowed, please join us for a casual gathering to meet new friends.

**Columbus Grove Community Center**

**17524 Road 8-P**

**Columbus Grove**

**April 11, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

*Light refreshments will be provided.*

RSVP's are not required, but appreciated.



For more information call:

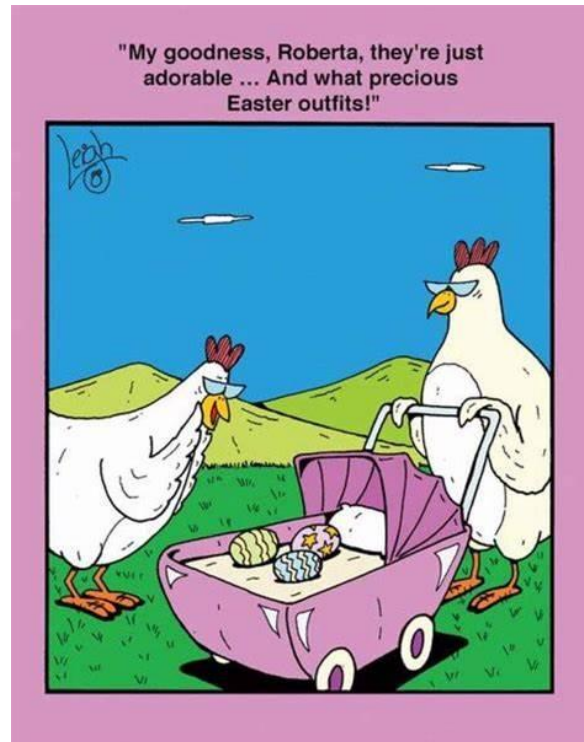
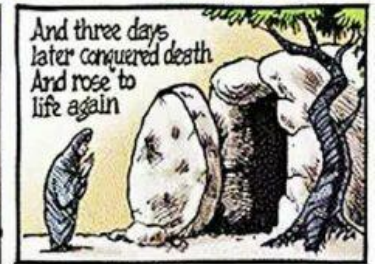
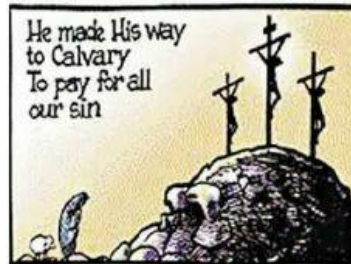
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# Just for Fun



# April 2024

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELDERS IN CHARGE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
April 7	Stan B.	Easter Memories
April 14	Kate G. (Communion)	Myers
April 21	Mike K.	Myers
April 28	Becky R.	TBD

**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 -  
Christian Education -  
Clerk of Session - Karl Hirzel  
Building/Operations – Mike Kaufman

**Session:**

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