



# PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church

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Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

## May 2024

Wow! Time flies by! It seems like we just moved beyond Christmas and New Year's and now we are on the doorstep of summer. May will be a busy month as we will celebrate our Confirmation Class of Faith, Zane and Calvin on May 19 with a cookout following the church service. This will also be the last day of Sunday School until fall.

Our summer schedule will begin on May 26. Worship will remain at 10:00 a.m. with a simple breakfast being served beforehand at 9:30 a.m. A sign-up list will be posted for those willing to provide a breakfast.

It was so hard to say goodbye to our dear Katrina this spring, as she had such love for life and the work of Christ in this church. We will remember her spirit as we volunteer in our activities at Ottawa Presbyterian Church and through our outreach, too. Opportunities for the summer include volunteering at Kirkmont, helping with Summer Bible School, or with the Outreach Restroom Duty on Thursday/Rex nights.

The PNC continues to search for a new pastor. Please keep them in your prayers.

As far as our building and maintenance, an outlet was added to the outdoor closet for charging the mower battery. Restroom exhaust fans were repaired. A new ping pong table was added to Fellowship Hall and is being enjoyed before and after church by everyone!

Please contact any Session member with any questions or ideas you may have concerning our church.

Peace to all,  
Mike Kaufman



## Prayer Concerns

Please note: Specific information about those included in our prayers is available during worship, 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 undergoing **Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Rehab Therapy.**

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 receiving hospice care** as well as for their families and their caregivers.

Please pray for residents of **nursing homes** and **children's hospitals** and also **those who are returning to their homes** after hospital or nursing home stays.

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 for all those touched by the **COVID** pandemic—whether through personal illness or loss or through hardships caused by the disease.

Please pray for our congregation and its **PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)** as we look to future for this congregation.

And finally, please say a prayer of thanksgiving for the **blessings of this congregation!**

*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)).

Liturgists are needed for the Sundays of May 5, 19 & 26<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up if you are able to help.

There is a form on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall to vote on a tee-shirt logo. Put a tally by the logo you vote for. Sign-up will remain up for a couple of weeks.



## Pulpit Supply for May

May 5	Robert Butcher
May 12	David Bartley
May 19	Don Leckrone
May 26	Amy Remaklus

## Upcoming Happenings

A Confirmation celebration with a cookout will be held on Sunday, May 19, following church. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board with items that are needed. Please sign up if you're willing to help. Thanks!



Our Summer schedule kicks off on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. A simple breakfast will begin at 9:30 am and worship will follow at 10 am. A signup sheet is posted on

the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help take a Sunday breakfast.

No Sunday School is held in the summer.

Summer schedule will continue until Labor Day in September.

Dear church family,

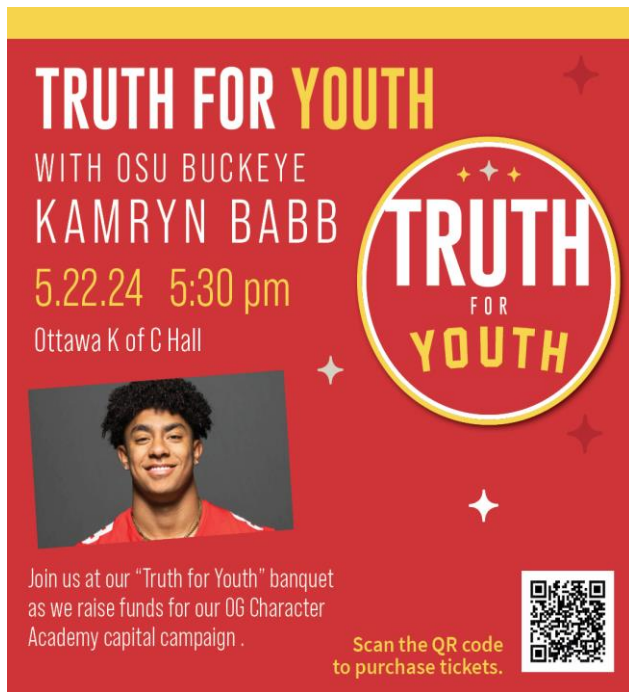
The PNC completed our new MDP for the part-time minister. This was approved by CLC and uploaded into the system. We also worked on creating a contract with session as far as what expectations, benefits, and salary to offer any candidates. In the last week, we talked with Pension about changes that will happen in 2025 that will affect any candidates we talk to about either a contract or installed position. We will present this information to session this week and discuss options for our church. Though I know we are all excited and ready to get a new minister, we are thankful for this time to learn from Presbytery, and gather information to make informed decisions. If you have any questions, feel free to ask any of the PNC members.

May God Bless you,

Kate Gerding



Thank you for the nice breakfast and wonderful gift.  
Love, Ken Justus



**TRUTH FOR YOUTH**  
WITH OSU BUCKEYE  
**KAMRYN BABB**  
5.22.24 5:30 pm  
Ottawa K of C Hall

Join us at our "Truth for Youth" banquet as we raise funds for our OG Character Academy capital campaign.

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.

We are excited to share that ticket sales are now open for our OG Character Academy Truth for Youth Capital Campaign Fundraiser happening May 22, 2024 at the Ottawa K of C. We will be having former Ohio State football player Kamryn Babb as our keynote speaker. Kamryn's faith message will focus on *Resiliency and Trusting in God*.

**Ways to support OG Character Academy Truth for Youth 2024:**

- Prayers for the students, teachers, volunteers, board of directors and future growth for LifeWise Academy OG
- Sharing program information with community members
- Purchase tickets to event by scanning QR code on flyer/poster or visiting [www.ticketstripe.com/ogcharacteracademy](http://www.ticketstripe.com/ogcharacteracademy)
- Make a monetary donation of your choice by scanning QR code on flyer/poster or mailing donation to OG Character Academy, 154 Church St., Ottawa OH 45875
- Donate an item to our event's Silent Auction

LifeWise Academy OG Board of Directors is currently organizing a fundraising committee and we are looking for individuals to help strategize, plan, & execute our fundraising initiatives for LifeWise Academy OG as we are a privately funded program. We would appreciate any recommendations you may have for an individual(s) that you believe can commit their time, skills, and service to this fundraising committee; please give me a call at 419-615-8436 with your referral.

We thank each of you for the support your church has so graciously given to LifeWise Academy OG. Our unity in Christ will continue to strengthen our community, build us up in hope, encouragement, and love as we bring God's Holy Word into the lives of the youth in our community.

Sincerely,

Dwight Schroeder  
Director LifeWise Academy OG



**GARDENING IN THE GOLDEN YEARS**

SPEAKER: Beth Scheckelhoff , OSU Extension Office

Leipsic Community Center  
120 East Main Street  
Leipsic

May 14, 2024  
10:00 AM

LUNCH IS INCLUDED AND RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.



RSVP by May 3, 2024  
Putnam County Council on Aging  
419-523-4121 or Toll Free 1-877-796-1760

THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD  
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31



[WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG](http://WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG)

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**  
**Putnam County Courthouse**  
**12:00 PM**

**OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**150 N. OAK ST.**  
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<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELDERS IN CHARGE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
May 5	Kate G.	TBD
May 12	Lynne H. (Communion)	TBD
May 19	Mike K.	TBD
May 26	Becky R.	Doepker

**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**