



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

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June 2024

As we approach the summer season many of us start to dream about what we would like to do and where we would like to go. For ten of our youth, that means camping at Kirkmont! Seven have received a camp scholarship through the Endowment Fund. Three are receiving scholarships from Presbytery. It dawned on me that many people in our church may not know how the endowment fund was created and what it is used for.



In 1998 the Endowment Fund was created with a memorial donation made to the church from John and Jean Sewell upon their deaths. John was a longtime devoted OPC member and treasurer. They knew that many youths from our church attended Kirkmont every summer, but for some it was a financial hardship. John and Jean wanted to make sure that funds were available so that any and all church youth could go to camp. Thus, the Endowment Fund was created.

Every year since, our church kids have been able to go to camp on scholarships which usually pay for the majority of the camp fees. Our church youth have also attended the Presbyterian Triennium and Montreat camps on scholarships.

In the fall, the nominating committee nominates two people from the congregation to serve on the endowment committee, as well as a representative from each session class. This group is responsible for deciding on the amount of scholarship money that is to be rewarded to each applicant. I am the recording secretary and have no voting rights. The committee usually only meets once or twice a year.



The Endowment Fund monies have been invested, since 1998, in a family of mutual funds called New Covenant Mutual Funds, which is a Presbyterian affiliated foundation.

Our church has truly been blessed with this fund, and the committee does its best to honor the wishes of the Sewells. What a wonderful gift John and Jean have given to so many youths over the past 26 years. It is truly a gift that keeps on giving!

If you have any questions about the Endowment Fund, feel free to contact me or any committee member.

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 **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 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).

Upcoming Happenings

A congregational meeting is scheduled after worship on Sunday, June 9th. The purpose is for the nominating committee to present their nominee to fill the vacancy left on session due to our loss of Katrina Riepenhoff. A vote from the congregation is needed to approve the nominee.

A card making class will be held on Monday, June 10 at OPC. You have two-time frames to choose from: 8:30am – 12pm or 6pm – 9pm.



Happy Campers fun will be on Thursdays June 6, 13, 20 and 27th at OPC from 6:30-8pm.



Baseball Anyone? If you are interested in going to a Christmas Vacation Mud Hens game (Mud Hens vs Saints) on Saturday, July 20/postgame fireworks, please signup on sheet on bulletin board. 15 people are needed to get \$14 tickets. **Must sign up by July 5th**. See the signup sheet for more details.

June is our church's month to "host" the Ottawa Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church.



Volunteers are needed for the Mondays of June 10 & June 24 at 9am to help pick up, unload and put away/sort food; Tuesdays of June 11 & June 25 from 9am – 1pm to assist customers with selecting their items. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help. Thanks!



Breakfast before worship is in full swing beginning at 9:30am. Volunteers are needed for June 16 & 23 to supply a simple breakfast. Please sign up on the sheet on bulletin board if you can help.

A liturgist is needed for the Sunday of June 23rd. Please sign up if you can help.

Pulpit Supply for June

June 2	Rev. Amy Remaklus
June 9	Rev. Amy Remaklus
June 16	Rev. Don Leckrone
June 23	Rev. Amy Remaklus
June 30	Rev. Amy Remaklus

Community Happenings

Thursdays at the Rex will continue this summer! Come to the Rex in Ottawa to listen to good music, enjoy food and company. Thursdays in June from 5pm-8:30pm.

June 6: Red Feather
June 13: Village Idiots
June 20: Mixed Up Band
June 27: Two Groovy



OPC will continue the tradition of Presby Potty Project (PPP). A volunteer(s) is needed for Thursday, June 27 to be at the church at 5 or a little after if possible.

Place stake signs in yard and sign boards can go down to the Rex center at the corner near the light where people can see.

Usually can shut down around 8-8:15pm.

Tally how many people use the restroom.

Socialize and have fun-invite people not from our church to sit with you if you want. You can hear the music. Bring a comfortable lawn chair.



Putnam Co. Library Book Sale will be held on Tuesday, June 4 and Wednesday, June 5 9am - 7pm at the Ottawa Elementary Gym. Also there will be DVD's, Audio Books, Electronics, Puzzles, Games, Attic Treasures & More. Items may be dropped off at the school Saturday, June 1 or Monday, June 3, 9am - 3pm

Putnam Habitat for Humanity to accept New Homeownership applications May 15–June 28, 2024

OTTAWA—Putnam County Habitat for Humanity (PCHFH) will begin accepting applications for the 15th partner family with the organization's New Homeownership program. The next enrollment period is May 15 to June 28, 2024, for a new home that will be built in Ottawa. The home will be completed in 2025.

To be considered as an applicant for this new home, interested individuals must complete the current New Homeownership application and return it to the PCHFH office with the following documents:

- Last two consecutive years of most recent federal tax returns files (first two pages only, signed by applicant(s))
- Eight weeks of pay stubs for each applicant
- Documentation of other household income (e.g. social security, disability, food stamps and child support)

Applications are available to download at www.putnamohhabitat.org. You may also request a printed application by calling 419-523-9621 or visiting the PCHFH office at 150 N. Oak Street, Ottawa, OH 45875 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Following an initial review, all applicants will receive a letter confirming eligibility for further consideration or a letter stating why the application is denied for this build cycle. The review process can take up to 30 days. All applicants selected to continue in the application process will be asked to complete a Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan application. Since its inception in 2009, PCHFH has built 13 new homes and rebuilt an entire house.

Homeowners purchase their homes through low- or zero-interest mortgages provided by PCHFH or through USDA direct loans. Critical home repair projects completed by Putnam County Habitat for Humanity include bathroom remodels, roof repairs and replacements, electrical repairs, window replacements, wheelchair ramp additions and replacements.

Update from May Presbytery Meeting

PCUSA has undergone a thorough review of its pension system recently. To many of us who are on pensions, that statement would make us worry that the pension system lacks financial stability. That is certainly not the case with the Board of Pensions system (BOP) for the Presbyterian Church. It has been well-managed and is financially sound.

In other areas, however, the BOP leadership realized that some underlying assumptions about what churches should offer to ministers in terms of medical insurance and related coverages should be revisited to bring the coverages more in line with those of the average person in the pew. Other BOP changes are making part-time and shared or split ministries much more workable as well. For small churches like ours, these changes may be very helpful.

These changes are all “hot off the press” and our presbytery was one of the first to hear about new programs from our synod representative Luke Choi at the May 21 meeting.

Whenever there is major change, even when it is helpful, we all need patience as the details are worked out. Because we have an active PNC seeking pastoral leadership for our congregation during these big changes, we need to be twice as appreciative of the work our PNC is doing.

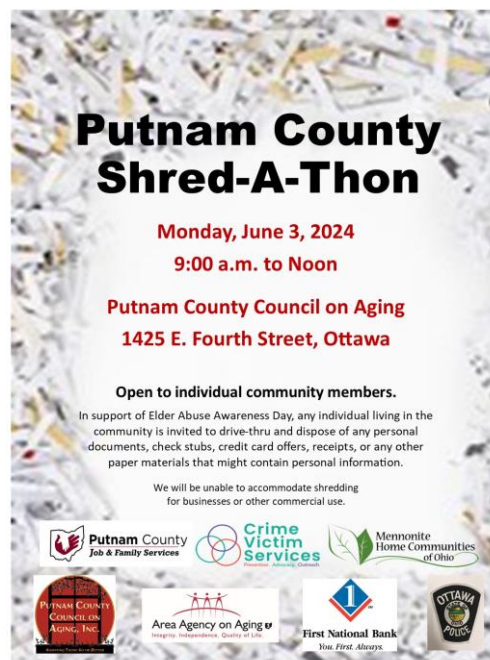
Churches who are seeking leaders at this moment will be the first to figure out the advantages (and disadvantages) of this new system. Many thanks to all who are blazing new trails here.

The next Presbytery meeting is in September in Toledo.

Four for Four Churches

At its May 21 meeting, Maumee Valley Presbytery welcomed Lauren Rogers from our church’s National Office in Louisville. In addition to providing the sermon during the worship service, Lauren had a special presentation for “**Four for Four**” churches. These are churches that participate in all four special offerings for PCUSA during each calendar year. OPC was the second of thirty churches from our presbytery to be recognized.

The four offerings are One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peacemaking, and Christmas Joy. Only a third of the churches in this Presbytery were recognized. To this congregation, there has never been any doubt about the importance of these offerings. **Way to go, OPC!**



Putnam County Shred-A-Thon

Monday, June 3, 2024
9:00 a.m. to Noon

Putnam County Council on Aging
1425 E. Fourth Street, Ottawa

Open to individual community members.
In support of Elder Abuse Awareness Day, any individual living in the community is invited to drive-thru and dispose of any personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts, or any other paper materials that might contain personal information.

We will be unable to accommodate shredding for businesses or other commercial use.

Partners: Putnam County Job & Family Services, Crime Victim Services, Menomonee Home Communities of Ohio, Putnam County Council on Aging, Inc., Area Agency on Aging, First National Bank, Ottawa Police.



Grab and Go Meal
for Putnam County Residents age 60 years and better, from the Ottawa- Glandorf areas.

June 11, 2024
Drive through pick up of meals between 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
No charge, but donations accepted

Pick Up Meals at:
Putnam County Council on Aging
1425 East Fourth Street
Ottawa

Call:
The Putnam County Council on Aging
419-523-4121 OR 1-877-796-1760
Reserve Your Meal by May 28, 2024



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Because of your generosity,
Ottawa Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, OH
is a Four for Four congregation,
participating in all four annual Special Offerings,
joining Presbyterians around the corner and around the world
in mission, sharing God’s grace and endless love.

THANK YOU for your commitment!

May 1, 2024

Rev. Wilson Kennedy
Associate Director for Special Offerings and Appeals
Ministry Engagement and Support

Lauren Rogers
Ministry Engagement Advisor



Card Bingo

You're Invited!

June 20, 2024
10:00 A.M.
Columbus Grove Senior Center
17524 Road 8-P (next to the swimming pool)
Columbus Grove

Light refreshments will be provided.

Sponsored by:
The Putnam County Council on Aging
419-523-4121 or Toll Free 1-877-796-1760
Registration Deadline is June 3, 2024.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

HAPPY CAMPERS VBS

WHAT?

Happy Campers is a small group gathering on Thursday evenings to share Bible stories, games, songs, and snacks!

WHO?

Kids ages 3 (potty trained) - 6th grade.

WHEN?

June: 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

6:30-8:00pm



WHERE?

Ottawa Presbyterian Church
150 N. Oak St.
Ottawa, Oh 45875

Spots are limited
so sign up today!!!

Parents enjoy
some time,
KID FREE!!!!

- Dinner out?
- Browsing jewelry
at Beckman's?
- Listening to live
music at the Rex?
- Read a book?
- Take some
time for you!!!

Registration



Call or Text Vickie Barteck
419/890-6752
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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
June 2	Mike K.	Hirzel
June 9	Becky R. (Communion)	TBD
June 16	Lynne H.	TBD
June 23	Kate G.	TBD
June 30	Stan B.	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**