



# PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church  
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9:30am Breakfast/10am Worship ♦ ottawapresby.org  
Rev. Amy Remaklus, *Pastor*, Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

## August 2024

Dear friends,

Wow! I feel that words are not enough to express my excitement, gratitude, and pure joy that God has called me to serve back in my home church! Thank you so much for the support and encouragement in the past many years for me and my family. I am looking forward to seeing how God works through our time together!

Since this is my first newsletter article, I wanted to address a few logistical items with you as we get started in this official capacity:

- First and foremost, “part-time.” Yes, I’m taking this position as a part-time pastor, meaning I have agreed to approximately 20 hours a week in service to this beloved community! I expect to spend those 20 hours mostly preparing for worship and planning various aspects of ministry with the committees and leaders in the Ottawa congregation. **Let us be clear about our expectations from the start – If there is something you need from me, tell me.** This can be a quick pull-aside after worship, a telephone call, an email, or a text. I desire open conversations about anything that is important to our relationship and the ministry of this congregation!
- Another part of this “part-time” conversation is “office hours”. I will be living in Toledo and will continue to work at Toledo Campus Ministry part-time. This means that **I will drive to Ottawa on Sundays and other scheduled times.** I will not have “set” office hours, but **I will be available by phone and email every week.** If you can text, send me a text first. If you call and I do not answer, please just leave me a voice mail so I can return your call as soon as possible. I do not return calls if there is no voice mail. I will not randomly drop in for a visit at your home, but I would love to visit with you at your home or at church! If you would like a visit, please contact me (phone or email is fine), and we can schedule that visit when convenient! I am very good at following through on scheduled appointments.
- Next, I wanted to mention that there will be busy seasons in each of my part-time roles. This month, for example, I will be extremely busy with TCM as we prepare the property for the new school year and perform outreach activities with new students. However, come Advent, I’ll be spending a lot more time preparing for ministry here in Ottawa. My two jobs have very different needs, to be certain; so please work with me! Again, let us communicate if something comes up during these busy seasons.
- A final topic, of great importance – **I pray for the continued good work of this congregation!** Over the past several years, you all have shown immense strength, endurance, and passion in the name of our loving Savior. I thank you and admire you for that. I pray that we will be a great team – a hopeful representation of the body of Christ – where every person not only recognizes their gifts and significance to this community but also truly utilizes those gifts and skills to care for one another, pray for each other, visit those in need, and model God’s love to the world. More will follow in this conversation, as we as a congregation will need to plan for emergencies, regular check-ins with homebound members, and other pastoral needs.

With much joyful anticipation of all that lies ahead,

Pastor Amy

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## **Prayer Concerns**

Please note: Specific information about those included in our prayers is available during worship, from Pastor Amy, 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 include a prayer of thanks for our congregation and its **PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)** and the work they have done to bring Rev. Amy Remaklus to serve our congregation on a part-time basis.

And finally, please say a prayer of thanksgiving for the **blessings of this congregation**—as we continue to celebrate and enjoy more than 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) or [amyremaklus@yahoo.com](mailto:amyremaklus@yahoo.com).

## **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)).



## **Upcoming Happenings**

A joint fellowship/music and worship committee meeting to discuss upcoming fall activities will take place Sunday, August 4, following worship.

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK**-August 18 at 10 am. After the service we will enjoy a potluck meal. Bring a comfy outdoor chair, sunglasses (because the sun will be shining beautifully!), a potluck dish to share, and table service for you and your family.

Drinks will be provided. Please come and join us at the shelter house nearest the caboose for this fun event!

Breakfast before worship is in its final month. Volunteers are needed for August 11 and September 1 (last breakfast) to supply a simple breakfast. Please sign up on the sheet on bulletin board if you can help.



***Liturgists are needed for the Sundays of August 11, 18 & 25<sup>th</sup>.***

**THANK YOU**  
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Your donations have made a significant impact & we are so thankful for your generosity.  
Love, Kirkmont Center

## **Community Happenings**

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

August 8: Antique Mayhem

August 15: 60s Survivors Band

August 22: Make-Believe Spurs

August 29: Aaron Hertzfeld

OPC will continue the tradition of Presby Potty Project (PPP). **Volunteers are needed for Thursdays, August 15, 22, & 29 to be at the church at 4:45pm.**

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 8pm.

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.



## 2024 PUTNAM COUNTY SENIOR EXPO

Friday, August 2nd

8:30am to 12:00pm

Ottawa Elementary

123 Putnam Parkway Ottawa, Ohio

Free Community Event - Door Prizes - Exhibitors

Complimentary Breakfast - Health Screenings

Shuttle Service - Free Medication Disposal

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- Toledo Clinic Facial Plastics & Dermatology
- Hometown Hearing Center

### Schedule

8:30am - 12:00pm - Visit Vendors and Medication Disposal

8:30am - 10:00am - Breakfast served in the cafeteria

10:30am - 11:30am - Rusty Ammerman, comedian and magician



Sunday School starts September 8<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School will begin at 9 am with worship at 10 am.

A congregational conversation meeting with Rev. Amy on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, after church. Pizza provided. Please try to come for good conversation, as we will continue to discuss the future plans for our church.

**Just for fun..**



## The Story of Jesus in Music

JAN BISHOP  
HARP

DAWN BISHOP  
HARP

MIKAELA UMBS  
HARP, VIOLA

ELLIE BISHOP  
GUITAR

SHEILA UMBS  
VIOLIN

KATHY NEWELL  
CHOIR DIRECTOR

JEANIE WALLAND  
NARRATOR

**Bluffton Presbyterian Church celebrates 175 Years**  
with this special performance  
**August 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, 112 N. Main St. Bluffton**  
Reception following





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<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELDERS IN CHARGE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
August 4	Lynne H.	Doepker
August 11	Mike K. (Communion)	Hirzel
August 18	Becky R.	Kaufman
August 25	Stan B.	Myers

**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 – Victoria Otto  
Clerk of Session - Karl Hirzel  
Building/Operations – Mike Kaufman

**Session:**

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