



# PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church

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

Rev. Amy Remaklus, *Pastor*; Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

## September 2024

Dear friends,

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it ☺ I love these welcoming words that we share every Sunday during worship, and I hope you whisper them to yourself every morning, for they are a beautiful reminder of God's love and generosity, God's goodness, and our relationship with a world that extends well beyond ourselves. Not only that, but they also remind us to be JOYFUL! We grow joy when we remember God's love and purpose in the days ahead, and we grow joy when we share ourselves with our community!

Along these lines, I want to welcome you to an important month – the month of September, when we will have many conversations about what God is doing in this community through and around us. We will do this in our Sunday school classrooms for all ages – adults, high school, elementary/middle school, and nursery/preschool. We will do this in our sermon series being created in partnership with our Stewardship team. We will do this in our congregational conversation on September 15. We will do this in our conversations surrounding mission and outreach. Friends, I am so pleased and excited that you are a member of Ottawa Presbyterian Church's community, and I look forward to this important month of joyfully noticing where God is at work through and around us.

In preparation for this important month, here are a few key details:

- **Sunday school for all ages will start at 9 a.m. on September 8.** Our teachers for this year are Stan Beckman for the adults, Jeff Remaklus for the high schoolers, Nancy Kaufman and Carrie Johnson for the elementary/middle schoolers, and Victoria Otto for the nursery/preschoolers. *Thank you, Stan, Jeff, Nancy, Carrie, and Victoria for your leadership!*
- **The sermon series will focus on stewardship:** The history of stewardship in the church, the history of stewardship in the Christian denomination, and particular history of Presbyterian stewardship. Stewardship extends well beyond financial tithing, and we look forward to discussing and learning more about what stewardship entails in Ottawa, Ohio and beyond! *Thank you, Kate Gerding, for your help in preparing this series!*
- **We will have a congregational conversation in Fellowship Hall on September 15 following worship.** Pizza will be provided for lunch! *Thank you, Fellowship Committee, for helping make this happen!* I have five questions that I hope you will consider in preparation for this meeting. The questions are attached, and I hope you will write out responses and bring them with you to the meeting on Sunday, September 15. I would like to compile them in a group conversation and keep a copy of the individual written responses. This will help me prepare Sunday worship and plan my pastoral presence at Ottawa Presbyterian Church and in Ottawa.

May you experience joy in God's good creation,

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 **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 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)).

## Music and Worship Committee Notes

The Outdoor Worship service was held on Aug. 18 in the Ottawa Memorial Park and it was a lovely service which included the ordination of Victoria Cress as a session member.

World Communion Sunday will be held on October 1.

## Upcoming Happenings

Sunday School begins on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9 am.  
Worship will start at 10 am.



Sunday, September 15, Congregational Convo. and pizza with Rev. Amy after worship. Please plan to attend to help bring your own ideas of what a worship service means to you, as well as outreach into the community. (Questions included in newsletter)

*Liturgists are needed for all the Sundays of September. Coffee after worship, needs volunteers.*



If you would like to order a T-shirt, a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



Partial paint cans (from years ago) and other various hardware, will be in the Fellowship Hall on a table for your taking if you like. Anything that isn't taken, will get tossed.

**Session will meet Sept. 25 at 8 pm**

## Community Happenings

Suicide devastates families, friends and communities. In Ohio, 5 people per day die by suicide. We need to bring awareness to mental illness, depression and anxiety. Please join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Putnam County Suicide Awareness Event on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 3 -7 pm located at the Leipsic Fogle Center. There will be a 5K run/walk, food truck, family fun events, basket raffles and a speaker to present on Suicide Awareness. Further details can be found on the Suicide Awareness Run/Walk of Putnam County Facebook page.

**At this event are some raffle baskets. Ottawa Presbyterian Church is going to put together a basket to donate to walk. We are looking for inspirational/worship self-care items/cash from anyone who would like to donate to the basket. Please get them to Victoria Otto by September 8<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to sign up to do the 3k run or mile walk please contact Victoria for more information. Or if anyone wants to stop out for the food trucks, raffle prizes, and so much more it's at the Leipsic Community Center.**

### FALL AT KIRKMONT

Alumni Camp September 6-8 \$50/person Ages 18+ Registration and Details: <a href="http://KirkmontCenter.org/summer">KirkmontCenter.org/summer</a>	Fall Family Weekend September 20-22 Friday-Sunday: \$95/person Saturday Only: \$25/person Registration and Details: <a href="http://KirkmontCenter.org/events">KirkmontCenter.org/events</a>
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## Fall Prevention Awareness Day Lunch and Learn

### Preventing Falls and Preserving Independence

**Date:** Monday, Sept 23, 2024  
**Time:** 10:30 am to 12:30 pm  
**Location:** Leipsic Community Center  
120 E. Main St., Leipsic  
**Presenters:** Andrea Sensel and Tara Griffiths  
University of Findlay  
Department of Occupational Therapy  
**RSVP by:** 9-13-24

**Fall Risk Assessments available after the presentation.**

Please call the Putnam County Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760 to register.

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*Addie Presents*

## Learn to Recognize Fake E-Mail and Text

**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 10:00 am  
**Location:** Educational Service Center - Assembly Hall  
124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa  
**Trainer:** Addie Kaple-Sguerra  
Technology Trainer Contractor with the  
Putnam County District Library

- Learn to recognize scam text messages and e-mails
- View sample messages to determine if fake or real.
  - Learn details about the email/text that indicate red flags/tipoffs of a scam.
  - Learn about general methods for determining legitimacy and maintaining security in these situations.

Please call the Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760 to RSVP no later than 9-4-24.

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## QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION

1. Which elements of Sunday worship are important to you, and why? (i.e., communion, particular songs, organ, prayer by the pastor, confessional prayer in community, etc.)
2. Are there elements of Sunday worship that are particularly helpful to you in living out your faith at home in a worshipful manner?
3. Where are you struggling in your faith right now, and how might Pastor Amy address these in Sunday worship or otherwise?
4. How are you currently involved in Ottawa Presbyterian Church life? What are your plans for future involvement in Ottawa Presbyterian Church life?
5. What is the best method of communicating with you? Please share your name and preferred method of communication.

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELDERS IN CHARGE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
September 1	Kate G.	TBD
September 8	Becky R. (Communion)	TBD
September 15	Mike K.	TBD
September 22	Victoria O.	TBD
September 29	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 – 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**