



# 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*

## February 2025

Dear friends,

**Let me start with a huge thank you!** Thank you for your kindness around the holidays; thank you for the large monetary gift that helped my family prepare for a weekend away. We have not yet set definitive plans, but the money will certainly be put to good use. Also, thank you for the cookies, various snack items, cards, and a magnet that reads, “A woman’s place is in the pulpit.”

Second, let me **thank you** for your condolences, grace, and kindnesses upon the passing of my mother. I will be honest in saying that alcohol had taken my mother many years ago, and her sudden death was certainly the culmination of many years of pain. I rejoice in the assurance that my mom is at peace now and is dancing with God. I pray that she looks down on all of us with joy and contentment, that which had been missing in her life for many years. Thank you for your presence as well as your permission to grieve and provide care for my father and my immediate and extended family during this time. I look forward to being back with you mid-February.

Finally, I will be out of commission for two weeks at the start of February. Rest assured that you will be well taken care of. Worship on February 2 is in the hands of Beth Myers, Karl and Lynne Hirzel, and Nancy Kaufman. Worship on February 9 will be a communion service under the leadership of Rev. Bob Butcher. In terms of pastoral care, your on-call team includes Beth Myers, Stan Beckman, Mike Kaufman, and Lynne Hirzel; of course, the Prayer Circle remains in full service as well.

I look forward to returning to you in mid-February, where we will embrace each other with joy, fellowship, and dreams for the future.

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Some notes from January and moving forward into February:

- **Our congregational meeting and conversation were very helpful in our planning purposes for 2025.** Be on the lookout for a full year’s schedule in the upcoming weeks.
- **Pause, Meditation, & Prayer RESUMES February 17:** The sanctuary will be open to the public on Mondays from 4-7 p.m. I will be in the office as well, and I look forward to connecting with you in whatever way makes sense.
- **Bible Study RESUMES February 17 6:30 p.m.:** Our focus will be on the Apostles’ Creed. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.
- **Beach Party** We will meet in Fellowship Hall for a fun time with palm fronds, coconuts, and many beach games. When? **February 22, 6-8 p.m.**

With peace,

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).

Session will meet on Wednesday,  
February 19, at 6:30 pm.

COME DITCH THE WINTER BLUES....

# O.P.C. Beach Party

FEB 22  
SATURDAY  
6-8PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

- COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVORITE BEACH/HAWAIIAN ATTIRE!
- GAMES
- FOOD
- FUN
- BRING YOUR BEACH TOWEL!
- SNACK SIGN UP WILL BE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

QUESTIONS? CONTACT BECKY!

## 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)).

## **Volunteers!**



Signup sheets are on the bulletin board for anyone willing to volunteer to be a liturgist or provide flowers on Sundays for the 2025 year.

## Soup, Sandwiches & A Story

with **Pete the Cat**

Wednesday, February 5th  
4:30 - 6:30  
**FREE - Feed the Family**  
\*Donations Welcome

Join us for a groovy night of food and fun!

Come to Trinity and share a meal of soup and sandwiches, walk through Pete the Cat's BIG Lunch story, and explore a sensory adventure.

Trinity Preschool


28TH ANNUAL  
PUTNAM COUNTY HOSPICE BENEFIT

# Run for the Roses



**FEBRUARY 15, 2025**  
OTTAWA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM  
DINNER SERVED AT 6 PM  
TICKETS: \$50 PER PERSON  
PLEASE CALL 419-523-4449 WITH QUESTIONS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS

**PUTNAM COUNTY**  
HOMECARE & HOSPICE



## DECLUTTERING WITH DEB: HOW TO GET STARTED

**FEBRUARY 18, 2025**  
**10:00 - 11:30**

Meadows of Leipsic Lilac House  
901 East Main  
Leipsic

Registration is required and seating is limited!  
Registration Deadline is February 10, 2025



Putnam County Council on Aging  
419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760  
Serving Seniors age 60 or better

**JOIN US!**

## CARD CHASE GAME



**FEBRUARY 27, 2025**  
**10:00-11:30 A.M.**

**A DREAM VENUE**  
**103 EAST MAIN**  
**PANDORA**  
(Across from the First National Bank)

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

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## GAME ON - LET'S PLAY EUCHRE



February 25, 2025  
10:00 - 11:40 a.m.

Fort Haven  
145 West Fourth Street  
Ft. Jennings

Reservations are required by February 14, 2025

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELDERS IN CHARGE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
February 2	Brandon F.	TBD
February 9	Becky R. (Communion)	Beckman
February 16	Mike K.	TBD
February 23	Lynne H.	Hirzel

**2025 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 2025: **Katelyn Gerding, Becky Riepenhoff**  
Class of 2026: **Lynne Hirzel, Mike Kaufman**  
Class of 2027: **Brandon Font, Victoria Otto**