



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church

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9:30am Breakfast/10am Worship ♦ ottawapresby.org

Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

July 2025



Summer, especially July, means picnics, grilling, and of course, camp! Five of our youth are going to camp at the Kirkmont Center again this year, and Ashley Roberts will also be going as a counselor. Ashley has been a counselor at Kirkmont for many years, giving up a week of her vacation every year to do so. She deserves a big round of applause for spending her vacation week with a cabin full of chatty, sweaty girls! What a blessing she is to those girls!

We are also sending two of our teens to Triennium in Louisville. Thousands of high school age and adult youth workers meet in Louisville for four days of worship, recreation, Bible study, outreach, and faith formation. Triennium is an amazing experience for our youth, and we are so happy as a church to be able to send them. What a blessing this is to all who attend! All of these camps are made possible through scholarships for our youth through our Sewell Scholarship program, set up by John and Jean Sewell many years ago. Their contribution to the endowment fund was truly a blessing.

How can you become a blessing to our church? These ideas are written in an article by Kate McVeigh on the Cfaith.com website.

1. Ask not what your church can do for you but what you can do for your church. If there are things that you really like or dislike about our church, please let session know! Our congregational conversations have been great in this regard, and we will plan for another one in the fall.
2. Pray for your pastor, or in our case, our pastor supply, daily. Those serving as pastor supply sometimes travel a good distance to serve our congregation. They give us variety in preaching styles while helping us with our own Faith journeys. Make sure to thank them for their service to us during our time of transition.
3. Get involved in the ministry of helps. If you really want to be a blessing, then be available for anything that the church needs to run smoothly. It may be greeting, taking up the offering, providing breakfast in the summer, helping with the Presbyterian potty project, etc.
4. Invite people to church. You never know what a simple invitation will do to bring Christ into someone's life.

And enjoy the blessings that the summer months, such as July, give to us. I love to listen to the birds singing, being amazed at how quickly the corn grows, looking at the beautiful flowers along the roadsides, and just being outdoors. God gives us so much to be grateful for. This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Lynne Hirzel



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 the time our congregation had under the leadership of Rev. Amy. And likewise, we pray for her family in their new endeavors.

Please pray for our **Pastor Nominating Committee** as they dedicate time and prayer to the process of finding new pastoral leadership for our church.

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!

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



Breakfast before worship is in full swing beginning at 9:30am. A volunteer is needed for July 27 to supply a simple breakfast. Please sign up on the sheet on bulletin board if you can help. Thank you to those who have already committed to July breakfasts.

Community Happenings

Operation Presbyterian Potty Project (OPPP)

Thursdays at the Rex will continue this summer! OPC will continue the tradition of OPPP.

Thank you to the volunteers who signed up for the month of July. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board if anyone is interested for Aug. The event is from 5-8:30pm.

**LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCK/
& FUN
5-8:30PM
100 E MAIN ST, OTTAWA, ON**

June
 5 Two Groovy
 12 Alvey's Mixed Up Band
 19 Seventy80 Band
 26 Aaron Hertzfeld

July
 3 Ryan, Noe & Mike
 10 Electric Raindrops
 17 Wastin Neon
 24 Two Fat Dads

August
 7 Village Idiots
 14 Antique Mayhem
 21 60s Survivors Band
 28 Motel Chic

New Creation & Ottawa Trinity UMC invite you to attend VBS 2025 – True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. Join them July 14-17 at Trinity UMC. Registration is now open. See either churches Facebook for link or stop by their offices to sign up.

Service Squad
 Hosted by: Ottawa Trinity United Methodist Church & New Creation Lutheran Church

Jump into Service Squad—an action-packed mission experience for 6th–8th graders where faith comes alive through daily scripture, VBS leadership, and hands-on service projects. Scan the QR code to learn more & sign up!

**GRADES 6-8
WELCOME!**

TRUE NORTH
 Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

SAME DATE/TIME AS VBS!
 JULY 14-17
 6-8:30 PM

OTTAWA TRINITY UMC
 137 N PRATT ST, OTTAWA, ON

The Friends of the Putnam County Library are sponsoring a bus trip September 18 to La Comedia dinner theater. We will see Legally Blonde, the Musical. Cost is \$115 and includes transportation, buffet, show, and tips. For information or to sign up, call/text Nancy Ruhe at 419 231 0531.



Mark Hoffman has left a few messages at the church about volunteer opportunities at Putnam Heritage. He is looking for people who would like to play games with residents on weeknights and weekends. Please see Brandon Font for contact information.

Pulpit Supply for July

July 6	Leslee Kirkconnell
July 13	Rev. Ann Wasson
July 20	Ellen Hugunin
July 27	Leslee Kirkconnell

Liturgists are needed for all July 20 & 27.



2025 PUTNAM COUNTY SENIOR EXPO

Friday, August 1st

8:30am to 11:30am

Ottawa Elementary

123 Putnam Parkway Ottawa, Ohio

Free Community Event - Door Prizes - Exhibitors

Complimentary Breakfast - Health Screenings

Shuttle Service - Free Medication Disposal

Schedule

8:30am - 11:00am - Visit Vendors and Medication Disposal

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

10:30am - 11:30am - Jason Abbott, Comedian & Magician

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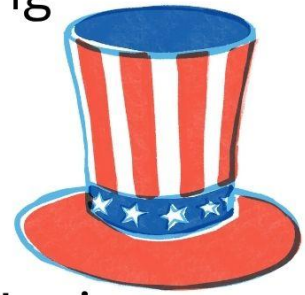
- Schroeder, Blankemeyer and Clinton, LLC
- Lima Security Inc.
- Putnam County YMCA
- UIS Insurance and Investments
- Fortman Insurance Services
- Hometown Hearing Center
- All American Homecare
- Ohio Senior Medicare Patrol
- Lima Memorial Health
- OSHIP



Putnam County Council on Aging July Activities



We invite all Putnam County Residents,
age 60, and better to join the fun!



July 3rd- 1:00pm Bingo With Bridge Home Health and Hospice

Fort Haven Apartments 145 Fourth Street, Fort Jennings

Who will be the next winner? Come along for a fun lighthearted game of bingo with Chelsie from Bridge Home Health and Hospice. Please RSVP by June 26th.

July 9th- 10:00am Left, Right, Center

Kalida Lions Den Northside Shelter House 429 Northland Drive, Kalida

Fast, Fun, and Easy Dice Game for All Ages! Come learn a new game or have fun playing a game you already know! Share smiles, laughs and friendship. Please RSVP by July 2nd.

July 22nd- 1:30pm Stroke Awareness

Leipsic Fogel Center 815 East Mathias Street, Leipsic

Join us for a powerful and informative session on stroke statistics and how to prevent a growing threat in our community. Brian Hilvers, Director Putnam County Office of Public Safety and Jody Swisher BSN, RN Stroke Coordinator at Mercy Health St.Rita's will be providing us with information. Please RSVP by July 15th.

July 29th- 10:00am Dynamic Diamond Art

Putnam County Council on Aging 1425 East Fourth Street, Ottawa

Join us for a relaxing, hands-on session and leave with something beautiful! All materials provided just bring your creativity! Please RSVP by July 22nd.

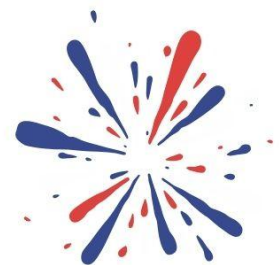
July 31- 10:00 am What Year Was it Invented?

Ottoville Parish Center 150 Park Drive, Ottoville

Come along for a fun & educational guessing game! Test your knowledge of history, inventions, and pop culture in this interactive guessing game! Please RSVP by July 24th.



To register, please call the Council on Aging
419-523-4121 or 1-877-769-1760



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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
July 6	TBD	Doecker
July 13	TBD (Communion)	TBD
July 20	TBD	TBD
July 27	TBD	TBD

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 – Brandon Font
Stewardship & Communication – Kate Gerding
Presbytery Rep - Chas Myers
Christian Education & Youth – Victoria Otto
Clerk of Session - Karl Hirzel
Church Operations/Personnel – Mike Kaufman
Nominating Committee Chair – Kate Gerding (As outgoing Elder for 2025)

Session:

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