



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church

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Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

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A kindergarten teacher gave her class a show-and-tell assignment of bringing something to class to represent their religion.

Well, the first child got in front of the class and said, "Hello, my name is Benjamin, and I'm Jewish, and this is the Star of David."

The second child got in front of her class and she said, "My name is Mary. I am Catholic and this is the crucifix."

The third child got up in front of his class and said, "Hi, my name is Tommy. I'm a Presbyterian and this is a casserole."

Well, here at Ottawa Presbyterian, we do like to get together and share a meal or celebration together. We have lots of opportunities coming up this summer.

Summer breakfasts are back!

Simple easy breakfasts of donuts, fruit, etc are what is the goal. Breakfasts start May 25 at 9:30am. Host sign ups are in the hallway.

The Presbyterian Potty Project continues on Thursday evenings opening up the restrooms to patrons enjoying the Rex Center music from 5-8 pm. Sign up as a family or get a couple of people together and sit outside the church and listen to the music. There is a canopy that you can put up to keep the sun off. Welcome people and show them the restrooms. We get many thankful comments from people who appreciate the flush toilets and running wash to wash hands. See Becky or Mike if you have questions or want someone to sign up with.

Without Sunday School you may be looking for some daily devotional material or studies. RightNow Media is offered at no cost to anyone who is interested. There is a huge amount of materials of all types to look at. I would encourage people to take time to explore. If you don't have a link please see Nancy Kaufman or me to get connected.

Another resource I highly recommend is The Jennifer Rothchild 4:13 podcast:

<https://www.jenniferrothschild.com/413-podcast-jennifer-rothschild/>



[4:13 Podcast - Jennifer Rothschild](#)

Listen to Recent Episodes. If you are deep in the trenches of life and looking for hope-filled encouragement and practical wisdom, my 4:13 Podcast is for you. You'll find practical encouragement and biblical insight to help you live the "I Can" life of Philippians 4:13 — "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Each episode, I answer real-life 4:13 questions like ...

www.jenniferrothschild.com

I really enjoy listening to these podcasts on my way to work. There are new ones each week. At age 15 Jennifer lost her sight from a rare eye disease and is very humorous, down to earth, and has great spiritual wisdom. Check her out and skim through some of the older podcasts.

Session members will be taking turns with the "pastor update" part of the newsletter while we are in transition.

Please reach out and share ideas of what helps strengthen your spiritual journey. I for one would be interested in hearing what you find helpful and would like to share.

Thanks,
Becky

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!

The **Prayer Circle** is a group willing to **confidentially pray for your joys and concerns**.

Please contact prayercircle@ottawapresby.org or 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).

Session will meet on Wed., June 25, at 6:30pm

Upcoming Happenings

Breakfast before worship is in full swing beginning at 9:30am. A volunteer is needed for June 8 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 June breakfasts.



June is OPC month to help at Food Pantry. Dates are Mondays of June 9 & 23, to help load, unload, sort food; Tuesdays, June 10 & 24, to assist customers with selecting their items. Signup sheets are posted on bulletin board.

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 June. July still needs volunteers. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. (Attached below are the bands for the summer). The event is from 5-8:30pm.

The Friends of the Putnam District Library will be holding their Annual Used Book and Attic Treasures Sale plus DVD's, Audio Books, and Puzzles on Tuesday, June 3 and Wednesday, June 4 from 9AM to 7PM at the Ottawa Elementary Gym at 123 Putnam Parkway. All books and Attic Treasures donations may be dropped off at school Saturday, May 31 and Monday, June 2 from 9AM to 3PM.

Putnam County Shred-A-Thon: Community members are invited to join the Putnam County Elder Abuse I-Team for a "Shred-A-Thon" event in honor of Elder Abuse Awareness. This free community event will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025 from 9:00 am to Noon at the Putnam County Council on Aging, 1425 E. 4th St., Ottawa. Community members are invited to drive-thru and dispose of any paper materials that might contain personal information. All materials will be shredded by Wilton Keck Recycling. For more information on this event, please call the Council on Aging at 419-523-4121.

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.

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.



Pastor Ross Slaughter, who served our church in the 1990s, will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday, September 7 at the First Presbyterian Church of Mt Vernon, Ohio. If you would like to attend, the service is at 10am with celebrating and fellowship following.

Also, memories of Ross can be sent to:

Ellen Conrad

40th Anniversary

248 Adamson St

Mt Vernon OH 43050

For questions, contact Sheila Slaughter or Ann Baransy.

Pulpit Supply for June

June 1	Mary Herman
June 8	Rev. Keith Kivlin
June 15	Ellen Hugunin
June 22	Leslee Kirkconnell
June 29	Ellen Hugunin

A liturgist is needed for the Sundays of June 15 & 22nd. Please sign up if you can help.

OPC Choir, and Prayer Chain,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers, and for all the prayers, support, and cards at the time of my brothers passing.
Jane and Charlie Doecker



What is Per Capita?



Per Capita **PER CAPITA** is “the tie that binds” — **annual support that unites the entire church** in the ongoing and essential work of Jesus Christ throughout our denomination.

It is the fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate, and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for Maumee Valley Presbytery, as well as General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future. • **It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, teaching elders and deacons, and ministers.** • **It is how Presbyterians are helped to discern God’s call** in their lives. • **It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church** by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions, regardless of distance or financial resources. • **It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal** as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation” (Book of Order, G-4.0101) • **Per Capita paid for this communication** to be delivered to you, and underwrites most of the events you see here, including Triennium! All Presbyterians are called to take part in the ecclesiastical and administrative work shared by the whole church through per capita giving. The annual rate in Maumee Valley congregations is **\$40.29 per-member** (\$26.05 of which is used to support MVP, \$3.40 to Synod of the Covenant, and \$10.84 to General Assembly). I encourage you to talk about Per Capita in these ways with your church and celebrate all that God is up to in our midst, as we support and nourish one another in the faith.

Maumee Valley Presbytery Commissioner’s Report

Maumee Valley Presbytery met at Van Wert First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Chas Myers, Commissioner and Beth Myers, Alternate Commissioner attended. Beth attended an Open Spaces session on Youth Triennium lead by CCE Jen Juhasz. It was reported that the Blissfield and Palmyra Presbyterian Churches in Michigan are merging. It was also reported that

the sale of the closed Erie Presbyterian Church building and manse have been sold. Chip Hardwick, Executive Director of the Synod of the Covenant reported that they will be offering Lay Preaching Training soon. He also reported that Rev. Ruth-Aimee Belonni-Rosario has joined the Synod staff as the new Associate Executive for Racial Justice. The Leadership Commission (aka COM) reported the dissolve of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Amy Remaklus and the Ottawa Presbyterian Church effective May 31, 2025. They also reported the formation of an Administrative Commission based on the following request from the session of the Bluffton Presbyterian Church: The Session requests Maumee Valley Presbytery to provide an Administrative Commission to Bluffton Presbyterian Church to work alongside the Session and congregation to help resolve current conflicts. The members of the Commission to be Rev Ann Wasson, Karl Hirzel (RE Ottawa), Joe Neimeyer (RE Findlay First) and Christina Guenter (RE Bowling Green). The Leadership Commission also reported on the approved the following ruling elders to serve communion, when invited by the session of their home church: Beth Sigg (Defiance); Beth Myers (Ottawa); Jen Juhasz (Christ, Toledo); Richard McGarrity (Bluffton), Thomas Edwards (Bluffton), Marilyn Edwards (Bluffton), Philip Wisenbarger (Bluffton), Linda Nelson (Bluffton), Clair Winebar (Bluffton). On 03/24/25 these ruling elders completed their Communion Training with the Rev. Bob Butcher. The Mission Commission presented a program on the Juvenile Residential Center NW Ohio which is looking for mentor volunteers to work with young men after they have been released. If interested contact Rev. Dr. Schooley at fpchgjeff@gmail.com or 330-931-9165. The Discipleship Commission reported that Kirkmont will have a new bathhouse next year. They also shared a wish list of items Kirkmont is seeking donations which is posted on the bulletin board. They also reported that ten students from MVP will be attending Youth Triennium including two from OPC. The Commission is looking for volunteers to read ordination exams. The next MVP meeting will be on September 16 at Cadmus Presbyterian Church.

Submitted
Chas Myers, OPC Commissioner

June

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

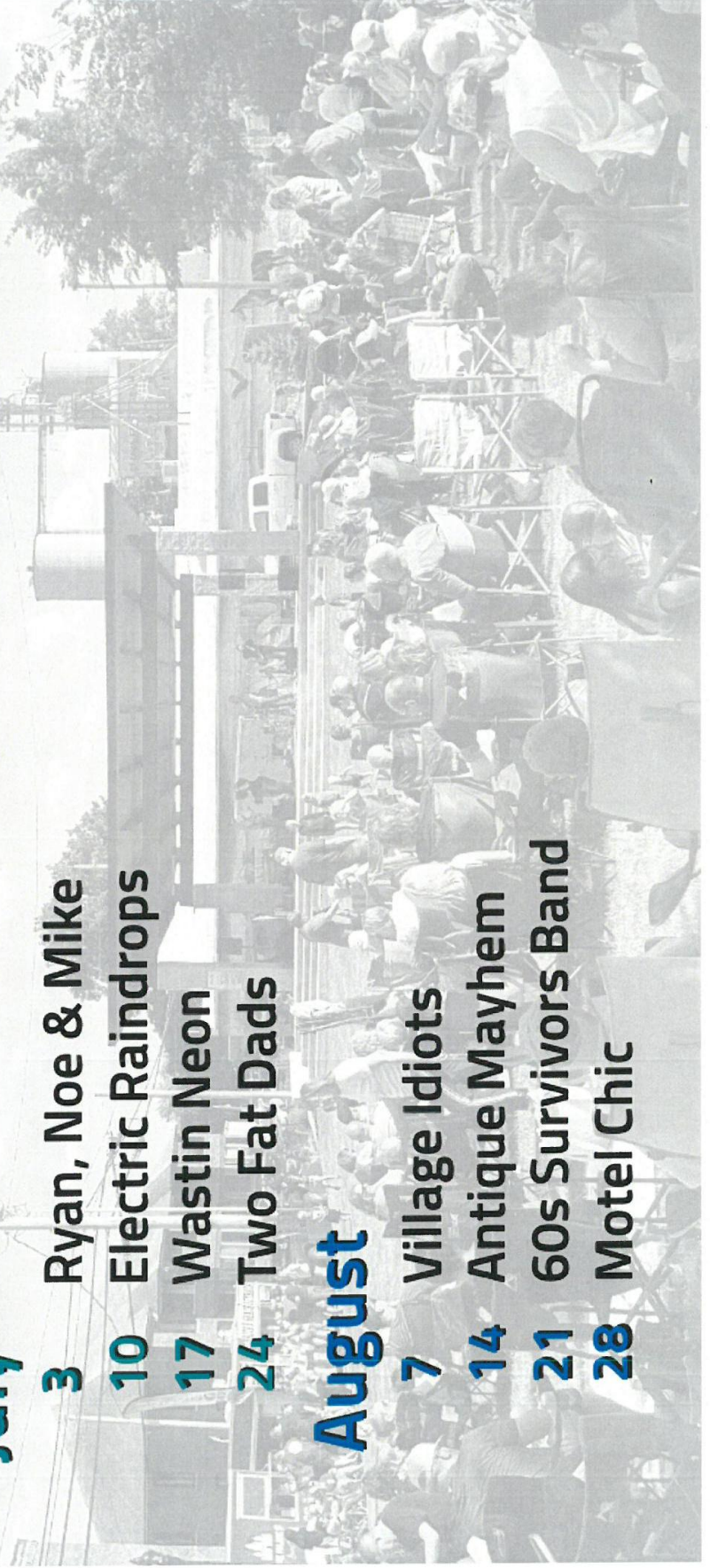
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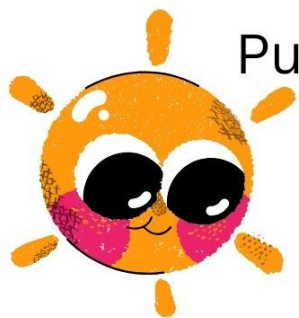
- 3 Ryan, Noe & Mike
- 10 Electric Raindrops
- 17 Wastin Neon
- 24 Two Fat Dads

August

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

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





Putnam County Council on Aging

June Activities

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



June 5th- 1:00pm Bingo with Bridge Home Health and Hospice

Fort Haven Apartments 145 Fourth Street, Fort Jennings

We are saving you a seat! Will you be the next winner? Join us for a fun lighthearted game of bingo with Chelsie from Bridge Home Health and Hospice. Please RSVP by May 29th

June 11th- 10:00am Summer Surprise

Ottawa VFW Hall 212 West Second Street, Ottawa

Something special's brewing... come find out! You won't want to miss out on laughter, fun, games, and friendship. Let's kick off summer together! Please RSVP by June 4th

June 13th - 9:00am-12:00pm Putnam County Shred- A- Thon

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

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 materials that might contain personal information.

June 16th- 1:30pm Posting Photos of Grandchildren Online

Putnam County District Library 136 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa

Learn what to know before sharing your grandkids' photos online. Come for an informative presentation by Addie Kaple- Sguerra with the Putnam County District Library.

Please RSVP by June 9th

June 18th- 10:00am Doing Diabetes Together

Continental Legion 109 S. 5th Street, Continental

Join us along with Tate Church, MD as we learn about prevention, screening, and healthy life style to better help manage diabetes. Please RSVP by June 11th

June 25th- 10:00am Singo

Ottoville Parish Center 150 Park Drive, Ottoville

Be a part of a lively and interactive game, blending music knowledge with the excitement of Bingo. Please RSVP by June 18th

June 26th- 10:00am- 1:00pm Senior Day at the Putnam County Fair

Celebrate Senior Day at the Putnam County Fair with live entertainment, local vendors, and a complimentary sack lunch.



To register please call the Council on Aging
419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760



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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
June 1	Victoria O.	TBD
June 8	Mike K. (Communion)	Beckman
June 15	Brandon F.	Myers
June 22	Becky R.	TBD
June 29	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 – 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**