



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

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Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

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Church family,

As we enter Fall and the leaves are beginning to change color, we should think about mission and outreach opportunities. This would be a good time to assist others with raking leaves and preparing their yards for winter or looking for volunteer projects like Habitat for Humanity. These are all opportunities for our church to give to the community. Not to mention a good opportunity to wear those new OPC shirts. If you have ideas for community outreach, please lift them up to the Mission and Outreach committee.

Brandon Font

Pulpit Supply for October

October 5	Rev. Tom Steensma
October 12	Camper-Kirkmont Sunday
October 19	Ellen Hugunin
October 26	Rev. Tom Steensma

A liturgist is needed for October 26



Prayer Concerns

Please note: Specific information about those included in our prayers is available during worship, 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@ottawapresbv.org.

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@ottawapresbv.org).

Upcoming Happenings



World Communion Sunday

This year's World Communion Sunday is this coming Sunday, October 5. As we do each year, OPC will celebrate the occasion along with countless churches around the country and around the world. This is a day where we commemorate the sacrament of Communion, as we share together in receiving the elements representing the body and blood of Jesus Christ,

giving thanks for all they represent to us! Ours is an open table, and all who claim Jesus Christ as their savior are welcome to receive Communion with us. We will also Receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering to support peacemaking and global witness ministries throughout the world.

Kirkmont Adventures

Sunday



On Sunday, October 12, our worship service will be led by the youth of our church (and Ashley!!!) who attended Kirkmont this summer. To make this service extra meaningful, they have chosen their favorite songs, scriptures, special memory making moments from camp, and other activities to share with the congregation! The service will be held in fellowship hall. Wear your favorite camp clothes, bring a camp chair, and be ready to praise God camp style!

When adventures at Kirkmont Sunday, we will also be taking up an offering specifically for the support of Kirkmont. This is a camp that generations of our youth have enjoyed and where they have grown in their faith. We would like to show our support for the staff and facilities by either monetary donations, or donations made through their Amazon Wish List. Please make any checks out to our church. If you would like to purchase an item from their Amazon Wish List to donate, you can do that separately. Please help support this wonderful facility!



We could really use some help in filling the Liturgist list!

A liturgist script is provided, (emailed in advance and a hardcopy is put on the pulpit stand) and it's only the beginning of the service. Everything is written out and labeled, and it's an easy thing to do. Any age that can read confidently can volunteer.

Session has decided to try something different for the weekly offering during worship. Instead of passing the plate as we have done forever, we are going to place the plates at the rear of the church. Members of OPC and guests can place off their offerings on the way in or out of the sanctuary. Ushers will still bring the plates forward during the doxology.

Community Activities

Beer and Hymns has started again. It will be in the same original building, new name and owner. We will be at Hannon's Block Restaurant, formerly Black Cloister, 619 Monroe St. in Toledo. It's at the corner of Erie and Monroe. Street parking on Sunday is free. Parking at KwikPark (by the Shell station) is \$2.50 and the discount code is: BLOCK. Music will be from 7-8 pm provided by the original musicians. Hannon's has a full menu available (hamburgers are really great) so if you'd like to eat also, come early and stay for the singing.

If you plan to eat at Hannon's, you can make reservations up to 6:30 pm using the Hannon's Block website.

SING LOUDLY, DRINK SLOWLY, MAKE FRIENDS




Putnam County Council on Aging October Activities

Date	Event	Time	Location
10-2-25	Bingo	1:00pm	Fort Haven Apartments, Fort Jenn
10-7-25	Medicare Bingo	10:00am	Kalida Fish and Game, Kalida
10-8-25	Diamond Art	10:00am	Putnam County Council on Aging, Ottawa
10-9-25	Apples to Apples	1:30pm	Continental United Methodist Church, Continental
10-15-25	Pelvic Floor Health	10:00am	Vaughnsville Community Center, Vaughnsville
10-17-25	Bingo	10:00am	Putnam Heritage Assisted Living, Ottawa
10-20-25	Hospice Fraud Pres.	1:30pm	Putnam County District Library, Ottawa
10-22-25	Tour of Clymer Museum	10:00am	Clymer Museum, Columbus Grove
10-28-25	Euchre Tournament	10:00am	Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbus Grove
10-29-25	Sips and Scams	9:00am	The Nook Cafe, Pandora
10-30-25	Harvest Hoedown	10:00	Fogel Center, Leipsic

Call us to learn more or to RSVP!
419-523-4121 or Toll Free 877-796-1760

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Sunday, November 16, Christmas ornament pottery class with Marcie Hirzel. Cost \$20. Time: 11:45 am after church. Soup lunch provided. Limited to first 15 people who sign up. Will last 1 1/2 -2 hours. Kids should be at least eight years old and accompanied by an adult.



Ottawa Presbyterian Church Quarter Auction Fundraiser

150 N. Oak St, Ottawa
Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 pm.
Doors open at 6:15 pm
to preview all Auction and Raffle items.
Snacks and drinks provided.

Tickets are \$15
Include: Admission, 1 Auction Paddle, 5 Raffle Tickets

Additional paddles available for \$1 each
Extra Raffle Tickets 6 for \$5

NEW This year- a 50/50 drawing!
Tickets may be purchased from:
Nancy Kaufman (419) 231-1084
Becky Riepenhoff (419) 235-7391
Don't forget to **bring your quarters** and be ready for **FUN!!!!**



Rekindle An MVP Youth Retreat

Sing for God

Come enjoy a fun, faith-filled, and inspiring weekend for all youth grades 6-12!

Friday Nov. 7th - Sunday Nov. 9th 2025
7:30pm Fri - 11:30am Sun @ Kirkmont Center

Cost is \$15 for Early Bird Registration by Sept. 30th
\$25 for registration on or after October 1st

Register TODAY on the MVP website: www.maumeexp.org

Registration Ends October 30th

Sponsored by the MVP Discipleship Team: e-mail Rev. David Bartley for more information dbrev1@june.com

Maumee Valley Presbytery Commissioner's Report

September 16, 2025

Maumee Valley Presbytery met at First Presbyterian Church, Cadmus, Michigan on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Chas Myers, OPC Commissioner attended.

Rev. Ruth-Aimee Belonni-Rosario, new member of the Synod staff as the new Associate Executive for Racial Justice was introduced. After explaining what her role will be at the Synod, she reported that there still Matthew 25 grants available on the Synod website. The deadline for applications is September 30.

The Central Support Committee reported that per capita for 2026 will be the same as 2025. The total per capita for 2026 is \$40.71. Presbytery \$26.05, Synod \$3.40, and GA \$11.26.

Central Support has created a new part time paid position at the Presbytery office. The Associate for Ministry Vitality's primary functions are to provide staff support to the work of the Leadership Commission and the Discipleship Commission, and to serve as a resource for congregations and pastors within the Maumee Valley Presbytery. They are accepting application through October and can be filled by a teaching or ruling elder. If anyone from OPC is interested in applying, Chas has the specific job description.

It was reported that Jason Armstrong has created a new worshipping community. "Loved First" is centered around reaching out to young adults who have aged out of the foster care program.

The Discipleship Commission reported several upcoming retreats. The fall retreat is scheduled for October 12-14 at Lial Renewal Center. Leadership will be Tom Polker. Rekindle Fall Youth Retreat, "Sing for God," for youth grades 6-12 will be November 7 through 9 at Kirkmont Center. Early Bird Registration is \$15 by September 30. After Oct. 1 it is \$25. Registration is on MVP website www.maumeevp.org. See flyer on the bulletin board for details. Camp Rejoice dates for 2026 July 5 through July 11.

Every year, David Bartley awards \$50 prizes for church participation at Kirkmont. This year Ottawa tied in three categories. Most campers at Junior Camp (grades 4 through 6), Junior High Camp (grades 7 & 8) and Camp Rejoice.

The next MVP meeting will be on November 18 at First Presbyterian Church, Perrysburg.

Submitted

Chas Myers, OPC Commissioner

Putnam Habitat accepting applications until Oct. 17 for 2025 Critical Home Repair

OTTAWA—Putnam County Habitat for Humanity (PCHFH) is now accepting applications for Critical Home Repair (CHR). Applicants must be at or below 80% of the current low income limits and repairs are limited to the home living space. No garages or outbuilding repairs will be considered.

Interested Putnam County residents must complete the Critical Home Repair application located at www.putnamohhabitat.org and submit it with the income documentation:

- Employment: two months (8 weeks) pay stubs, or if a new position, a verification of employment form from a third-party verification source or signed by the employer.
- Self-Employment: the two most recent signed federal tax returns with all schedules or the most recent signed federal tax return plus the current year's profit and loss statement signed by the income earner.
- Child support or alimony: a court order or divorce decree (dated in any year), a notarized statement from the payer to the payee, or a payment history report from a child support enforcement agency.
- Pension/retirement: two consecutive pay stubs, an award letter (dated in any year), IRS Form 1099, or the most recent two months of pension/retirement account statements.
- Social Security or disability: IRS Form 1099-SSA, an award letter, or a payment history or other print out from the Social Security Administration.
- Unemployment compensation: a government issued payment history.
- Other Government Programs: a benefit notification letter signed by the authorizing agency or a government agency payment history.
- Zero income: household members age 18 or over self-certifies to zero income using a certification form.

PCHFH also requires statements or verification letters showing:

- Cash Held in Checking Accounts (6 month average balance)--provide 6 months of checking account bank statements.
- Cash Held in Savings Accounts (2 month average balance)--provide 2 months of savings account bank statements.
- Cash Value of Revocable Trusts Available to you--Provide documentation that shows the cash value of any revocable trust provided to the family.
- Equity in Rental Property or Other Capital Investments--Provide documentation that shows the asset value, as well as any amounts owed for loans secured on the property. Assets can be valued using an auditor's valuation or appraisal.
- Cash Value of Stocks, Bonds, Treasury Bills, Certificates of Deposit, Mutual Funds and Money Market Accounts--Provide documentation showing the most recent valuation of these accounts/assets as close to the time of indicated income verification date.
- Individual Retirement, 401K and Keogh Account Available to You (even if withdrawals would result in penalty)--Provide documentation showing the value of the accounts. If the you are making occasional withdrawals from the account, provide 6 months of statements
- Retirement & Pension Funds (only funds accessible for withdrawal by employee)
- Cash Value of Whole Life & Universal Life Insurance available to you before death: Provide statement indicating value and penalty for withdrawal.
- Personal Property Held as an Investment: Include documentation justifying valuation of asset.
- Provide statements or verification letters showing Lump Sum or One-Time Receipts (not intended as periodic payments) of these assets.
- Mortgage or Deed of Trust: Provide legal documentation of agreement as well as a 6 month payment history.

Please return all documents to Putnam County Habitat for Humanity, 150 N. Oak Street, Ottawa, OH 45875. By providing this information, applicants are not only verifying their financial eligibility for the PCHFH CHR program, they are providing the documentation necessary for PCHFH to locate and secure grant funding for as much of the repair project as possible. A limited amount of grant funding is available yet for 2025. Applications for projects that are eligible for 2025 funding must be received by October 17, 2025. Call PCHFH at 419-523-9621 with questions.

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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
October 5	Becky R.	TBD
October 12	Lynne H. Communion)	TBD
October 19	Mike K.	TBD
October 26	Brandon F.	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**