



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church

150 N. Oak St., Ottawa, OH 45875-1810 ♦ (419) 523-3694

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

Andrea Morman, *Secretary*

November 2025

Church family,

My duties as a session member are to oversee the church building upkeep and its use.

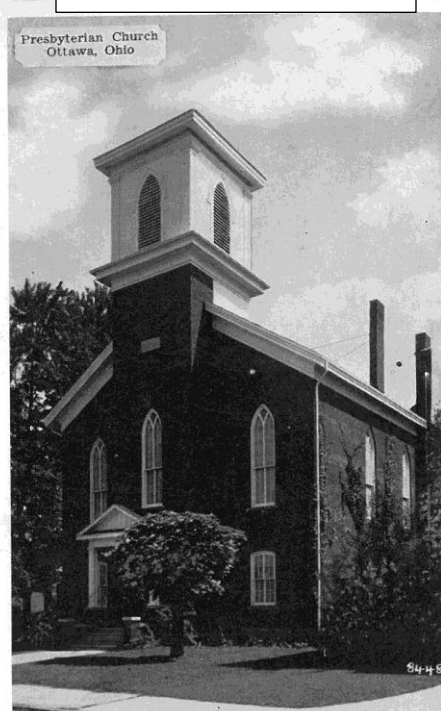
This church was built in 1867, 2 years after the Civil War ended. Hopefully, some of our youth will be present in 2067 for the 200th anniversary of this building.

We currently provide office space for Habitat for Humanity as one of our mission endeavors. Did you know that back in 1980s and 90s we had Head Start classes housed in our church? Before we built the classroom addition in 1988, we had to hold all Sunday School classes in fellowship hall, using dividers on caster wheels to separate the classes. Back in the 1800s, our fellowship hall was referred as the “Sabbath School Room.” The steeple was added to the church in 1967, after a severe storm in the spring damaged the original bell tower. Because of your dedication to this building and God’s work on the corner of 3rd and Oak Street, it is one of the oldest churches in NW Ohio and has served many souls through the decades.

May God continue to bless our building and its people for many more decades!

Mike Kaufman

Bell tower before steeple



1988 Classroom addition





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 facing decisions** in their personal lives, their professional lives, their family lives, or their spiritual lives.

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.

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



Fellowship meeting
Monday, November 3,
6:30pm, at church to
set up for Quarter Auction. All are welcome to help!

Quarter auction will be Thursday November 6, at 7pm. Doors open at 6:15pm. See me or Nancy Kaufman for tickets. Tickets \$15 a piece includes one paddle and raffle tickets. Lots of nice items!



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.

Sanctuary decorating for Advent/Christmas will be on November 30, at 5:30pm. Pizza provided.



Dee Beckman has names for Christmas senior citizens gift bags. She has 25 senior names who would benefit from a bag—either low income or no family. She has a list of helpful items to put in the gift bags. Gift bags are due back on Sunday, December 14th. Please see Dee to help with this project. Gift bags to fill are provided in fellowship hall.

November Pulpit Supply

November 2	Leslee Kirkconnell
November 9	Rev. Ann Wasson
November 16	Ellen Hugunin
November 23	Leslee Kirkconnell
November 30	Leslee Kirkconnell



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.

Directory Update:

Nancy Haughn has a new email address nancyhaughn@gmail.com



**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!!!!**




Mini Holiday Bazaar
Bake Sale & Lunch
 The Ottawa
 Senior Citizens Center
 1035 East Third St. • Ottawa, OH 45875

Thursday, Nov. 13th
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For sale, we will offer homemade cakes, pies, cookies, candy,
 and snacks. Also, check out our new gift shop items, made with love
 by the hands of our talented volunteers.

We will offer lunch from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Call ahead to place take-out orders: 419-523-5593.

Dine-In or Carry-out available.

Sponsored by Putnam Heritage
 1380 North Locust St
 Ottawa, OH
 419-523-5152

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It's
***Ecumenical Christmas
School***
 sign up time!!

All preschool children (at least age three and toilet-trained) of the Ottawa-Glandorf area are invited to attend Ecumenical Christmas School December 1 through December 5, 2025. Youngsters of all faiths will meet at Ottawa Trinity United Methodist Church, 137 North Pratt Street, for one week, either from 9:00 – 11:00 am or 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Registration forms are available at several area churches and at Trinity's church office, and are due no later than **Wednesday, November 12**. There is a \$10.00 registration fee for each child to cover supplies and incidentals.

While at Christmas School, the children learn about Baby Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas through songs, stories, crafts, and games. On Friday, the children present a Christmas program for parents, family, and friends.

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DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
November 2	Kate G.	Myers
November 9	Mike K. Communion)	TBD
November 16	Lynne H.	TBD
November 23	Brandon F.	Doepker
November 30	Becky R.	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**