



PRESBYTERIAN TIDBITS

The Newsletter of Ottawa Presbyterian Church

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Who's Looking for a Bargain?!



Clean out your closets, basements, and/or garages! The annual Rummage Sale hosted by the Presbyterian Women is Thursday, June 16 (9-5) and Friday, June 17 (9-Noon), at the church. Bring items to the church for set-up after 5 pm on Sunday, June 12. Pricing/sorting will be done on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Household items are particularly popular. Large items, such as furniture, are welcomed as well, but donors will be asked to take these items back home if they do not sell. Children's clothing in good condition sells quickly, but there is very little interest in adult clothing. All contributions are appreciated, including brown grocery bags for the \$2/bag sale on Friday.

A sign-up sheet is on the church bulletin board for volunteer opportunities, such as: put up and take down tables, mark and sort donations, cashier during sale days, help customers find what they want, and finally, transport the leftovers Friday afternoon. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!

Historic Putnam County Church Tour



The Putnam County Historical Society is planning a church tour on Sunday, June 12, from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Our church building, built in 1867 and the oldest church building still in use in Putnam County, is included in that tour, along with Leipsic United Methodist Church, the Primitive Baptist Church, Glandorf St. John's and Ottoville Immaculate Conception Church.

Here at OPC, Randy Basinger will be conducting tours of the church that afternoon each hour on the hour, and will also be available to answer questions. Putnam County Historical Society member Tammy Evans will also be here at the church. Light refreshments will be available in Fellowship Hall for those stopping in between 1:00 and 5:00 pm.

Happy Father's Day! Sunday, June 19





Applying Bible Principles

The Steinway piano has been the instrument of choice by masters of the keyboard for many years. Pianists such as Rubinstein, Cliburn, Horowitz, Rachmaninoff, and Liszt knew that a skillfully crafted instrument such as the Steinway produces a rich, wonderful sound.

Steinway pianos are built today the same way they were when Henry Steinway started the company in 1845. Two hundred craftsman and 12,000 parts are required to produce one of these instruments. Most crucial is the rim-bending process where 18 layers of maple are bent around an iron press to create the shape of a Steinway grand. Five coats of lacquer are applied and hand-rubbed to give the piano its outer glow. Each key is tested 10,000 times to ensure quality and durability.

In a similar manner, Christian followers of Jesus Christ are being “handcrafted.” We are pressed, formed and shaped to make us more and more like Him. We are polished until we “glow.” We are tested in the laboratory of human experience to ensure quality and durability.

One of the ways in which we are made in Christ’s image concerns our giving. 1 John 3:17 (why not take time to look it up in your Bible?) says that we demonstrate God’s love when we see our brother in need and give to meet that need. In fact, the Lord Jesus said that we are to love our neighbor just as we love ourselves, and the illustration He provided was that of the Good Samaritan.

Yes, we are to give to the Lord’s work here at Ottawa Presbyterian Church. Yes, we are to place a priority in our lives on supporting this ministry financially. But let’s not limit ourselves and our service for Christ to the walls of our church. Instead, let’s be alert to opportunities to demonstrate God’s love to fellow-travelers on the road of life. When we do that, we are demonstrating to ourselves and to all who observe that we have been “handcrafted” in the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS) is one of the four special denominational offerings that we have each year. Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through OGHS to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. This year the total given for OGHS by members of our church was \$299.08. We thank all who participated in this special offering.

Sunday School Offerings

The Sunday school students in our church decide together how they would like the Sunday school offering to be used. This year’s January and February offerings totaling \$107.81 were sent to Heifer International. The March, April and May offerings totaled \$102.11 and will be donated to the Teen Center in Ottawa. Our Sunday school students have provided financial assistance to many worthy causes over the years.



Prayer Requests

For those with *health concerns*,

For the political situation *in Libya and the Middle East*,

For all affected by *natural disasters*,

For those with *employment concerns*,

For *favorable weather*,

For military personnel serving around the world,

Joy for prayers answered

Sunday Scripture Readings

June 5

Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

June 12

Luke 10:30-37

June 19

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3
Psalm 8

June 26

Romans 6:12-23
Psalm 13



Directory Changes

Warren & Pat S have new email.

Please contact the church office for the email.

Agnes R

Has moved from her apartment and has a new address and phone number. Please contact the church office for the information.

Mission & Outreach

There will be a meeting June 5th after worship. We will choose local and/or world missions that we would like to support from recent bequests.



If you can't attend this meeting, please contact Jane if you have any suggestions or questions.

Women's June Luncheon Planned



The Presbyterian Women will hold their luncheon on Saturday, June 11 at 10:30 am at Dee B.'s home. Please bring a salad or bread to share.

See sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, June 14th and Tuesday, June 28th from 9:30 am to 2 pm to assist customers with selecting their items at the Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

**Next Meeting of Session
Thursday, June 16, at 7 pm**

Session Update

The Session and interested members of the congregation met with Mike Roney, the Vice-President of the Roney Group of Raymond James & Associates, a financial services firm that also serves Maumee Valley presbytery and churches within our presbytery. After a lengthy conversation with Mike, and discussion among Session members and our financial secretary, it was decided to invest the Sewell bequest money with the Roney Group. The money will be invested conservatively for growth over the long term, but will also be fully liquid and accessible to us at any time. At the June session meeting, we will be discussing what immediate projects/expenses we might use a portion of the bequest money for. Earlier in the year the Session decided that a tithe of 10% of the bequest money would be given to local and international missions and ministries as a thanks offering for the generous blessing of this bequest money. The Mission and Outreach Committee will be meeting on June 5 to decide on recommendations for the Session as to how that "tithe" should be distributed.

In other business, Kate W. will be taking over nursery duties on Sunday mornings for the summer; the Community Band will be providing music for our Sunday worship on August 14th; and Pastor Steve is exploring the possibility of an outdoor worship service this summer, with location to be determined (if you would be interested in "hosting" our outdoor worship, please let him know!)

Bible Study



Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 pm
(Putnam Acres)

June 1: *Mark 14:1-26*

June 8: *No Bible Study*

June 15: *Mark 14:27-52*

June 22: *Mark 14:53-72*

June 29: *Mark 15:1-20*



Dear Friends,

So want to thank you for the wonderful party you had for me. What a surprise and the wonderful job the young people did.

How proud I am of all the love that is in that Church. Again, I can't express my deepest love for all of you.

In Christ,
Agnes

Dear OPW,

The Putnam Pet Pals want to thank you for the donation your organization made to the Mutt Strut. Your support makes it possible for the PPP group to foster stray, abused and homeless dogs. It also helps in locating caring homes and veterinary care for the dogs.

Again, thank you for all the support that is given so generously to aid the needy animals.

Sincerely yours,
Cherie Newman, President of Pet Pals

Presbyterian Women Synod of the Covenant 2011 Gathering

Will be held June 24-26 at First Presbyterian Church in Findlay. Keynote speaker is Chris Wolf from the Justice & Peace Committee of Churchwide PW. Deadline for early registration is May 31st (\$60). After May 31st (\$80). Final registration deadline is June 17th. Please see bulletin board for information.



“Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.”

Amendment 10-A

Friends,

Recently, when the Twin Cities Area presbytery became the 87th presbytery to vote in the affirmative for Amendment 10-A, our denomination got into the news. The headlines proclaimed that we were joining a handful of other mainstream denominations in allowing gays and lesbians to be ordained as pastors.

But notice that Amendment 10-A does NOT say anything about gays and lesbians. It also does not prohibit anyone for any reason from going through the ordination process. That is the big change. This change is not an endorsement of a lifestyle. It is rather a return to our Presbyterian roots, which leave the decision about ordination up to the governing bodies that ordain: sessions and presbyterys. Amendment 10-A simply opens the possibility of being ordained as an elder, a deacon, or a pastor to ANYONE, as long as they go through the ordination process and are prayerfully examined by the governing body which is ordaining them. The amendment offers clear standards for those examinations: they are to be guided by Scripture and our confessions, and should assess each candidate’s ability to meet the requirements of the office; their gifts; sense of call; and preparation for that office, as well as their commitment to the ministry they are being ordained to fulfill. Amendment 10-A leaves this assessment entirely up to each governing body according to those standards. There is both a clear standard and needed flexibility in this amendment – it leaves room for the Holy Spirit to move and act upon the governing body doing the examination. All of which meets both the letter and the spirit of our Presbyterian heritage.

The passage of this amendment has caused great distress and great rejoicing, and it will not likely dampen the divisions within our denomination. My hope is that the passage of this amendment might inspire us at every level of our denomination to take seriously our commitment to the ordination process, and guide us in truly understanding what it means to prepare for and act upon a sense of call to ordained office in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Peace,

Pastor Steve

This calendar is copied from our website. You can check for additional events in the future (or past) by going to "ottawapresby.org" on the internet and viewing the Calendar.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 05:45 PM Bible Study/Prayer	2 07:00 PM Putnam County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors Meeting	3 B-Jeff K.	4
5 Food Pantry Sunday 09:45 AM Summer Worship (& breakfast at 9 am)	6 A-Jim & Ellin P.	7 07:30 PM Community Band Rehearsal	8 02:00 PM OPW Bingo at Putnam Acres	9	10	11 B-LeAnn G. 10:30 AM - OPW Brunch
12 - Pentecost A-Dave & Jan C. B-Dale S. 09:45 AM Summer Worship (& breakfast at 9 am) 01:00 PM - Historical Church Tour 06:00 PM - Rummage Sale items AFTER 6 PM	13 - Rummage Sale Set-Up & Marking B-Dave C.	14 - Rummage Sale Set-Up & Marking 09:30 AM - Food Pantry 02:00 PM Worship at Putnam Acres 07:00 PM Putnam Pet Pal Meeting 07:30 PM Community Band Rehearsal	15 - Rummage Sale Set-Up & Marking 10:30 AM Worship at The Meadows of Leipsic 05:45 PM Bible Study/Prayer	16 A-Tom & Andee P. B-Diana H. 09:00 AM - Rummage Sale 07:00 PM - Session Meeting	17 09:00 AM - Rummage Sale (& Clean-up)	18
19 Communion 09:45 AM Summer Worship (& breakfast at 9 am)	20 - Father's Day	21 B-Jim D. 09:30 AM Pastors' Bible Study at Trinity 07:30 PM Community Band Rehearsal	22 05:45 PM Bible Study/Prayer	23 B-Alex H.	24 A-Rick & Vickie B.	25
26 09:45 AM Summer Worship (& breakfast at 9 am)	27 Newsletter article deadline	28 09:30 AM - Food Pantry 05:30 PM Pastor Steve at Committee on Ministry Meeting 07:30 PM Community Band Rehearsal	29 B-Chas M. 05:45 PM Bible Study/Prayer	30 B-Randy S.		

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Andrea Morman, secretary, is here Tuesdays/Thursdays, 8am-12pm.

Our website is ottawapresby.org

May 29 – Summer Schedule Begins: Breakfast at 9 am, Worship at 9:45 am

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

Please contact **Pastor Steve** (523-3694 or 523-3297).

DATE	ELDERS IN CHARGE	FLOWERS
June 5	TBD	Wisser
June 12	Susan Schroeder	Hirzel
June 19	Paul Baransy Servers: Paul Baransy, Jane Doepker, Jean Setser	Baransy
June 26	Andee Parker	Beckman

Session:

Class of 2011: **Paul Baransy, Arlene Cress, Jane Doepker**

Class of 2012: **Rick Barteck, Susan Schroeder, Jean Setser**

Class of 2013: **Dee Beckman, Andee Parker**