

Potwin Post

Sue Ann Seel, Pastor
MARCH 2024

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Author Diana Butler Bass once read a poem by Wendell Berry entitled “Manifesto”, in which the closing line encourages readers to “Practice resurrection”. These words stopped her and she pondered them for years. She writes:

“When I first read those words, they puzzled me. What does it mean to ‘practice resurrection’? Over the years, however, the phrase remained in my mind, making far more sense to me now than it once did. It is a call to live an Easter life—to attend to birthing life from death, to pay attention to what is rising around us. Practicing resurrection is a midwifing, nurturing, healing, and boundary-breaking thing to do. If we can practice resurrection, turning that seemingly impossible Easter event into a way of life, might it be possible to practice the cross? I do wonder: what did Jesus have in mind when he directed people to ‘take up your cross and follow me?’”

What would that look like if we practiced the cross?

Practicing the cross sounds hard, and in some ways it is, but it is also joyful and the road to new life.

Join with us this Lenten season, and together we will explore what it means to be marked with the cross. It will be a journey that will take us to stand beneath the cross Jesus. Let us go to him.

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“Jesus called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, ‘If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it.’”

Mark 8:34-35



TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your generous contributions
to Doorstep
in the month of February.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY

BALANCE 1/1/24	\$ 3,309.45
Jan. Receipts	\$ 4,532.13
Jan. Disbursements	\$ 6,496.15
BALANCE 1/31/24	\$ 1,345.43
RESERVE ACCOUNTS	\$ 24,419.38



FINANCIAL NEWS— Per Capita for 2024 is \$37.00; please add this to your regular giving, if you are able and if you have not done so already. This assessment is used to fund the work of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly offices.

Many thanks for your continued generosity towards all of our Mission Partners and Loose Coin Offerings.

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Libby Adams, Pastoral Assistant
Gwen Jones, Music Director
Angela Juarez, Office Assistant

Session:

Sue Ann Seel, Moderator

2024

Gwen Jones
Libby Adams

2025

Cameron Charity
Grant Nutter
Joyce Black
Vacant—Youth Elder (1 year term)

2026

Bob Harrison

Clerk of Session: Joyce Black
Treasurer: Linda Tuller
Financial Secretary: Erica Marshall
Building Coordinator: Pat Abbey

Personnel:

Cameron Charity

Sunday School Team—Sue Ann Seel, Gwen Jones
Adult Bible Study—Sue Ann Seel
PNK Youth Representative—Gwen Jones



Gloria Phenix
 Becky Chermok
 Carolina Juarez
 Nathan Jones
 Denise Reeves
 Julie (Sewell) Clay
 Jasmyn Edmonston-Netherland
 Debby DuBois
 Denise Elser
 Cameron Charity

4th
 7th
 7th
 10th
 11th
 17th
 18th
 21st
 21st
 24th

Like God the Father, we celebrate the day you were born!

If we don't have you or one of your loved ones on our birthday list, and you would like to be included, please email Angela or the church and let us know.




Please pray for our at home Friends
Janet Lafferty



Deadline for April
Potwin Post is March 21*
 Please email your submissions to Angela Juarez
 arp0371@gmail.com or potwinchurch@att.net.
 *Any submissions received after the deadline WILL NOT be included in the next Potwin Post. No exceptions.

Loose Coin Offering



MARCH
Heartland Presbyterian Camping & Retreat Center

Founded in 1958, Heartland Presbyterian Center is a mission of the Presbyteries of Heartland and Northern Kansas, Synod of Mid-America, Presbyterian Church (USA), providing shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship for the children of God through camping and other nature based activities. The camp is located in Parkville, MO. Our donations go towards camp upkeep and to help pay staff. The camp's funding from Heartland Presbytery has been drastically reduced and any help would be greatly appreciated.

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Our 3 neighborhood churches will offer the following options for your Holy Week Observances. All are welcomed to attend anu event—it is the same Lord who is glorified!

Palm Sunday, March 24

Parade coming from each of the churches and ending at Potwin on the front steps at about 9:15 AM

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Westside Christian—Traditional communion service at 6:30 PM

West Side Baptist—Traditional communion service at 6:00 PM

Potwin—Agape Feast at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Good Friday, March 29

All three churches—Traditional service at 6:00 PM at West Side Baptist

Holy Saturday, March 30

Prayer Meander (Walk), Come and Go, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at Westside Christian (A prayer meander is similar to walking a labyrinth, but instead of a labyrinth a designated path meanders through a given space.) All are welcome to participate.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Service 7:00AM at Ward Meade Park (all 3 churches)

Easter Sunday Services—Potwin 10:00 AM

Westside Christian 10:30 AM

West Side Baptist 10:30 AM

Westside Christian Church—432 SW Lindenwood Ave

Potwin Presbyterian Church—400 SW Washburn Ave

West Side Baptist Church—1008 SW 4th St

Ward Meade Park—124 NW Filmore St



NEWS FROM DOORSTEP

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** collection! At this writing we have received 3 days of donations from the event from 16 member congregations for a total of 3,545 pounds!! We know more will be coming, but we are more than halfway to our goal for the event! And, how exciting that our local team, the Kansas City Chiefs, won back-to-back Super Bowls!! We know that a can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations helped stock our pantry, and provide meals for your neighbors in need!

Upcoming Events in 2024 for Doorstep include:

The **Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing** to be held in April, where we have dinner, honor our volunteers, and celebrate Doorstep! We already have some nice quilts collected so far! Date and location are TBD.

Friday, June 28th is the date set for our inaugural **Golf Tournament for Doorstep!** Materials will be made available soon, but all our golfers get it on your calendars!

Doorstep's annual **Christmas in July** to get a jumpstart on collecting some of items needed for adopted families in December, and running concurrently we will have **Summer Cash Bash** with at least \$10,000 matching funds available.

Our **7th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** is moving back to a Saturday morning in the hopes of growing the event more... Mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, October 12th for this year's event!

Each member congregation should have volunteers from their congregation serving as their Doorstep board member, and coordinator. Some of our congregations have openings in those positions right now, and our Congregation & Volunteer Development Committee has started making contact with those members. If you are interested in filling one of these positions for your congregation, contact Doorstep (785-357-5341), and ask for Jim or Lisa.

Lisa Cain, Executive Director



Doorstep Needs List

Current Doorstep Needs ~ February 2024

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

- **Men's Jeans & Slacks** (All Sizes, especially 28-40)
- **Men's Shoes, Pajamas & Underwear**
- **Men's Sweatpants, Sweatshirts & Hoodies**
- **Kids Winter Clothing** (All Sizes)
- **Women's Sweatpants** (All Sizes)
- **Boys Jeans & Slacks** (All Sizes)
- **Boys Sweatpants (All) & Shirts** (Sizes 5-18)
- **Girls & Teens Jeans** (All Sizes)
- **Girls Clothing** (Sizes 3-14)
- **Bedding:** Blankets, Comforters/Quilts (All Sizes)
Twin & Queen Sheet Sets
- **Small Appliances, Pots & Pans**

Donations Accepted:

**Monday – Friday
9am – 2pm**

1119 SW 10th Ave
(10th & Buchanan)
Use the South Door

Hygiene Items: (Full Size)

Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, and 2-n-1 Shampoo + Conditioner

Food Room Needs:

The need for food assistance in our community continues to be at an increased level than in the past several years. Please help us stock our pantry shelves to continue to provide for our neighbors in need.

We need the following food items:

All Soup – Large Cans

Canned Tomatoes

All Canned Beans

All Soup – Regular Cans

Corn

Canned Milk

All Crackers

Peas

Green Beans

Please Note:

Check our website for Winter Weather Closing Policy Information

www.doorsteptopeka.org/

TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION NEEDS LIST

Donations can be brought to the Distribution Center at 401 NW Norris, Monday—Friday 8:00AM to 3:45PM. To speak with our Distribution Center, please call (785)357-4285.

DISTRIBUTION CENTER NEEDS

Peanut Butter	Jelly	Canned Proteins (Tuna, Chicken, Sloppy Joe, Beans, Etc.)
Canned Soups/Stews	Pasta Sauce	Tomato Paste/Sauce
Men's/Women's Underwear	M, L, XL	Men's Jeans Used or New Sizes 30-34
Silverware	Cough Drops	Shampoo/Conditioner
Razors Men & Women	Shave Cream Men & Women	Size 7 Diapers
Foot Powder	Hair Brushes	Travel Size Toothpaste
Travel Size Shampoo	Travel Size Conditioner	Travel Size Lotion
Pots and Pans	Toilet Paper	Plastic Grocery Bags

KITCHEN NEEDS

3 compartment to-go containers	Cutlery packs with napkin, salt, & pepper
Bottled beverages (water/soda)	#10 cans of vegetables
Aluminum foil pans with lids	

MAP NEEDS

Women's underwear size small (4-6)	Men's underwear sizes 30-36
Men's jeans sizes 30-36	Sleeping bags & blankets
Travel size deodorant, conditioner, lotion, soap, & shampoo	

(Additional Mobile Access Partnership needs list items can be purchased on Amazon and shipped directly to TRM using the link below.)

www.trmonline.org/needslist

Visit the link below to purchase items from the TRM Amazon Wish List.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O6BQ8QXTPLGA/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex







*(Tentative schedule for the **Winter/Spring 2024**. Watch your emails, our Facebook page, website, and newsletter for more details to be released as we get closer to these dates.)*

March—Loose Coin: Heartland Camps

Wednesday Mar. 13th—Session Meeting

Sunday Mar. 24th—Palm Sunday (no Coffee House Church this month)

Thursday Mar. 28th—Maundy Thursday Agape Feast (at Potwin Church)

Friday Mar. 29th—Good Friday Service (at West Side Baptist)

Saturday Mar. 30th—Holy Saturday Prayer Meander (at Westside Christian)

Sunday Mar. 31st—Easter Sunday

***Please refer to page 4 of this newsletter for complete Holy Week activity Details.**

(No Neighborhood Nights this month due to Easter.)

April—Loose Coin: One Great Hour of Sharing

Wednesday Apr. 10th—Session Meeting

Saturday Apr. 13th or 20th (TBD)—Neighborhood Nights Movie

Sunday Apr. 28th—Coffee House Church

May—Loose Coin: Project Restore Hope

Sunday May 5th—Potwin's 135th Birthday

Wednesday May 8th—Session Meeting

Sunday—Coffee House Church

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

Daylight Savings begins Sunday March 10, 2024 at 2AM. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night! We wouldn't want you to miss worship on Sunday morning, now would we?

SAVE THE DATES—Please refer to previous page for complete listing of the tentative Winter/Spring 2024 Schedule and page 4 of this newsletter for complete Holy Week activity Details

March—Loose Coin: Heartland Presbyterian Camping & Retreat Center

Wednesday March 13th—Session Meeting

Sunday March 24th—Palm Sunday (no Coffee House Church) Palm Parade with West Side Baptist and Westside Christian (Neighborhood churches to arrive at Potwin front steps at about 9:15AM)

Thursday March 28th—Agape Feast at Potwin Church 6:30PM

Friday March 29th—Good Friday Service (all 3 neighborhood churches) at Westside Baptist 6PM

Saturday March 30th—Holy Saturday, Prayer Meander at Westside Christian, Come & Go 10AM-2PM

Sunday March 31st—Easter Sunday: Easter Sunrise Service (all 3 churches) at Ward Meade Park 7AM; Potwin Easter Service 10AM; Westside Christian and West Side Baptist Easter Services 10:30AM

*No Neighborhood Nights this month due to Easter.

COMMUNION SERVER & COFFEE HOUSE CHURCH VOLUNTEER

Sign up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. Communion Server for Sunday March 3rd is Joyce Black. Please contact Pastor Sue Ann or Debi Harvey (Communion Steward) if you are interested in future dates. You may also contact the church office so we can put your name on the sign up sheet. There is no Coffee House Church this month as the 4th Sunday is also Palm Sunday. Please use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary or contact Libby Adams (Fellowship & Nurture Chairperson) or the church office so we can put your name on the sign up sheet for future dates. Thank you!

BLESSING BOX & LITTLE LIBRARY

Our Blessing Box and Little Library are being constantly refilled to meet needs in our neighborhood. Many in our neighborhood have been assisting us in this effort. Thanks to all who contribute to these local missions. Remember our blessing box when you shop as it is always in need of items. You may bring the items into the church or place them in the box itself.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If weather conditions warrant the cancellation of worship services, you will be notified via email, Facebook, and on the TV stations hopefully by 10PM Saturday evening. If weather happens overnight, it will be posted to these outlets by 7AM Sunday morning. On days that USD 501 closes school, please consider the church office to be closed as well. In those instances, if you have a need that requires immediate attention, please contact the person you need to speak with directly. Church email will still be checked regularly and phone messages will not be checked until someone returns to the office.

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You can also find us on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@potwinpresbyterianchurchto7915>.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sun. Fellowship 9:30 AM Sun. Worship 10:00 AM		Rehearsals every Tuesday unless otherwise noted. Bells—6:00 PM Choir—7:00 PM			1	2
3 Communion Server Joyce Black	4 Happy Birthday Gloria Phenix	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Becky Chermok Carolina Juarez	8	9
10  Happy Birthday Nathan Jones	11 Happy Birthday Denise Reeves	12	13 Session Meeting	14	15	16
17 Saint Patrick's Day  Happy Birthday Julie (Sewell) Clay	18 Happy Birthday Jasmyn Edmon- ston-Netherland	19	20	21 Happy Birthday Debby DuBois Denise Elser	22	23
24 Palm Sunday (Churches arrive 9:15AM) Happy Birthday Cameron Charity	25	26	27	28 Agape Feast in Fellowship Hall @ 6:30PM	29 Good Friday Ser- vice at West Side Baptist 6PM	30 Holy Saturday Prayer Meander, Come & Go, at Westside Chris- tian 10AM-2PM
31 HAPPY EASTER Easter Sunrise Service at Ward Meade Park 7AM						

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You can reach us by email at potwinchurch@att.net

