

Potwin Post

Sue Ann Seel, Pastor
MAY 2024

Not of This World

As we go further into the year, the election season is going to heat up, and along with it the levels of craziness, hatred and division will go up too. It can be a very stressful time for those who care about the outcomes of the election.

Therefore I am writing this Post to put forth a mini Election Season Survival Kit of my own making. I will be employing these methods for myself—I hope you will find them helpful as well.

First, it is important to remember what world we, as followers of Christ, live in. Remember Jesus said to be in the world, but not of the world. In other words, we can't just withdraw from the world entirely. We have to keep informed, to be active, to pray and to vote our conscience. It is this way we will make a difference in this world. But we do not have to be led around by the nose in all the ways the world wants us to go. We are not led by the world, but by Christ. So how do we do this? I offer the following suggestions:

1. Disconnect from the media for some time every day. You do not have to be "in the know" 24/7. Most of the time the media, be it social or otherwise, is repeating the same things over and over, showing the same clips over and over. Worse, they are just making stuff up. You will learn that the video shown allegedly depicting one event is actually from something else entirely. Unfollow or delete accounts that promote anxiety. You are in charge of what you see on any given media.
2. Listen to media with a critical mind. Don't believe everything you see, read, or hear. Look for other trusted sources for collaboration. (Suggestion: Do not consider the social media once known as Twitter as a reliable source of anything.)
3. Find ways to connect into the good and to God. Here are some suggestions:
 - A. Listen to good music.
 - B. Rewatch some of your favorite movies or TV series, or read a good book, in whichever format

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you choose.

- C. Be around animals and/or children. They have very few political opinions.
- D. Spend time reading the Bible or other Spiritual material to help ground yourself in God.
- E. Engage in some physical activity—whatever works for you and your body. Put those emotions into motion!
- F. Do something creative—draw, garden, write, cook, sew—whatever it is that you are passionate about.
- G. Enjoy nature—watch the sunrises and sunsets, take a walk, breathe the fresh air. Remind yourself that the world still belongs to the Father and that, as the line from the old song says, "though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet." No matter what happens in November, remember this.

Also remember that Jesus says:

"I have said this to you that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!" John 16:32-33

May the peace of Christ be with us all in the coming days, Amen.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your generous contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing in the month of April.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH

BALANCE 3/1/24	\$ 6,324.89
March Receipts	\$ 13,646.07**
March Disbursements	\$ 8,008.13
BALANCE 3/31/24	\$ 11,952.83
RESERVE ACCOUNTS	\$ 20,745.86

**Includes gift from the Adams family in honor of Ken & Beverly Adams.



FINANCIAL NEWS—

Many thanks for your continued generosity towards our Mission Partners and Loose Coin Offerings. See updated giving totals below.

December—Joy Offering	\$246.51
January—Midtown Comm. Services	\$237.13
February—Doorstep	\$239.52

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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

2026

Bob Harrison
Vacant—Youth Elder (1 year term)

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



Brenden Chermok
 Dennis Strobel
 Lindsey Fincham
 John Martin
 Erica Marshall
 Janet Lafferty

1st
 3rd
 5th
 17th
 18th
 26th

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.

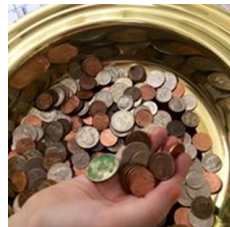


Please pray for our at home Friends
Janet Lafferty



Deadline for June
Potwin Post is May 20*
 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



MAY
Project Restore Hope

In recognition of the growing problem of human trafficking, the Topeka Rescue Mission began project Restore Hope in 2014. According to statistics given by the Kansas attorney general's office, there were 44 identified cases of human trafficking in 2012 in the state of Kansas. In 2017, five years later, there were more than 475. Since its beginning, project Restore Hope has reached out to 275 victims of human trafficking, but unfortunately this barely scratches the surface of the problem. The money collected from this Loose Coin offering will be used to reach out to even more victims. Our help is greatly needed!

CINCO de POTWIN

Potwin will be celebrating our 135th birthday on May 5th and we thought since it is on Cinco de Mayo what better idea than to have our own Mexican themed dinner and celebration "Cinco de Potwin". You are all invited to come and bring family and friends for this covered dish dinner. We will have worship which will feature much special music from the choir, the bells, and the strings. After worship we will move downstairs for the covered dish dinner where you are invited to bring something to go with our taco bar or a yummy desert. After dinner we are planning to have telling of "dad" jokes (please bring your favorites) an unrehearsed skit, some sharing of our Potwin stories, and taking our 135th birthday photo.

Please come join in for this special occasion as we celebrate Potwin Presbyterian's 135th birthday. If there is someone in our group who takes photos, we need someone who can take some pics that day and the big 135th birthday picture on our front steps. Please call or text Libby at 785-608-0002.

Blessings to all and looking forward to seeing you there.

The Fellowship Workgroup

Potwin Presbyterian Church, 400 SW Washburn



Come help us celebrate our 135th Birthday

Sunday 5/5/24 at 11:00 AM



DOORSTEP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

PUTT OUT HUNGER

Golf Fundraiser and Food Drive



Western Hills Golf Club

4-Person Scramble

Friday, June 28th

Shotgun Start @ 10 AM

\$320/Team

Lunch at the Turn

Sponsorship Packages Available

Raffle Prizes

Teams that donate the most food get a prize!



**DONATION GOAL:
500 LBS**

**SPONSORSHIP
DEADLINE
4/30/2024**

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
6/17/2024**

**DON'T WAIT!
SCAN THE
CODE TO SIGN
UP TODAY!**

SCAN ME



bit.ly/PuttOutHunger

NEWS FROM DOORSTEP

The month of May brings many celebrations & remembrances from Mother's Day, Graduations, Memorial Day, etc. This year please consider donating to Doorstep in honor or in memory of someone special. We will send them a card letting them know about your gift, and you will help Doorstep continue to help neighbors in need through your generous donation.

The need for food assistance remains high in 2024. We have already spent half of the amount budgeted for food purchases this year. We have been seeking out additional funding for assistance for 2024 to keep food on our shelves. Our member congregations are equally important in this program's success. Please consider donating non-perishable food items to Doorstep and be a true part of "neighbors helping neighbors".

We can always use the following food items:

Can & Powdered Milk	Soups (except chix noodle)	Jelly
Pancake Mix & Syrup	Spaghetti & Sauce	Tuna
Boxed Potatoes	Canned Vegetables	Rice
Canned Fruit (variety)	Peanut Butter	Oatmeal

Bring donations to Doorstep (1119 SW 10th) Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm:

Register Now!

Don't forget to register for our Inaugural Golf Tournament ~ Putt Out Hunger Friday, June 28th, Western Hills Golf Course. To sign up, visit bit.ly/PuttOutHunger

Save the Date!

Doorstep's 7th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run

Saturday, October 12th, 9:30am at Lake Shawnee.

Makes plans now to join us! Get a group of family and friends together and help us raise funds for our neighbors in need this Doorstep this October.



Doorstep Needs List

Current Doorstep Needs ~ May 2024

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Jeans, Slacks & Underwear

Men's Shoes (All Sizes)

Boys Jeans & Pants (All Sizes)

Boys Shorts & Shirts (All Sizes)

Girls & Teens Clothing (All Sizes)

Teen Girls Tops (All Sizes)

Sheet Sets Twin, Queen & King

Comforters (All Sizes)

Small Appliances—Toasters, Coffee Pots & Blenders

Tampons & Maxi Pads (Greatly Needed)

Donations Accepted:

Monday – Friday
9am – 2pm

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

Hygiene Items: (Full Size)

Bar Soap, Combs & Toothbrushes



Food Room Needs:

The need for food assistance remains high. Doorstep provided 704 food orders in the first quarter of 2024, giving out 38,800 pounds of food. Please help us stock our pantry shelves to continue to provide for our neighbors in need.

We need the following food items:

Spaghetti O's & Ravioli

Oatmeal (packets & canisters)

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Boxed Potatoes

Spaghetti Sauce

Jelly (any flavor)

Powdered Milk

Vegetable Soup

Pancake Mix & Syrup

Baked Beans

Tuna

Canned Milk

Rice

Peas

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

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

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

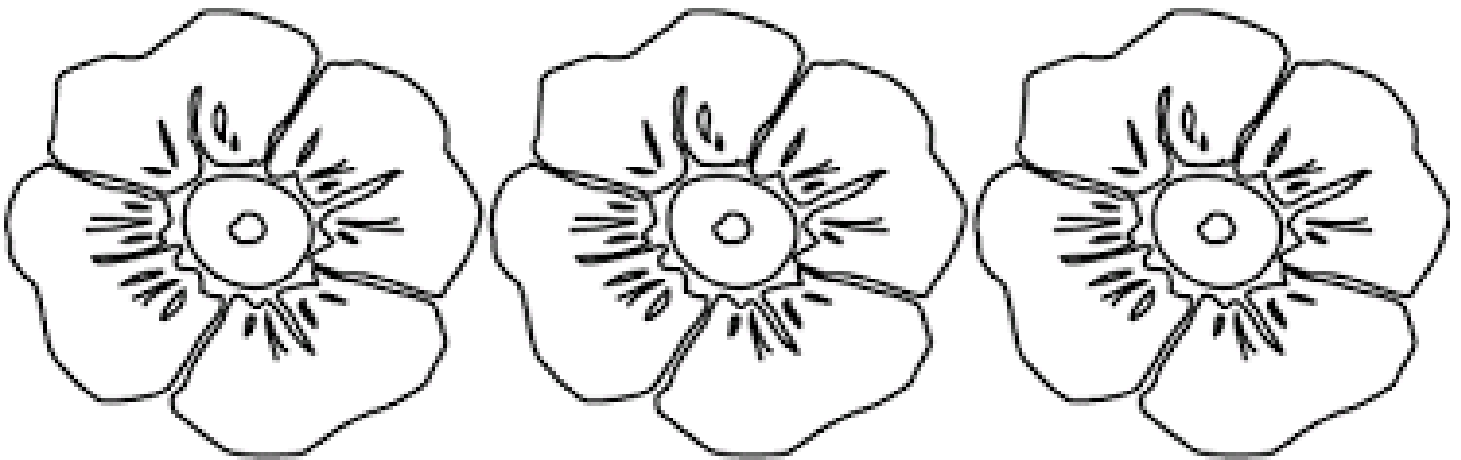
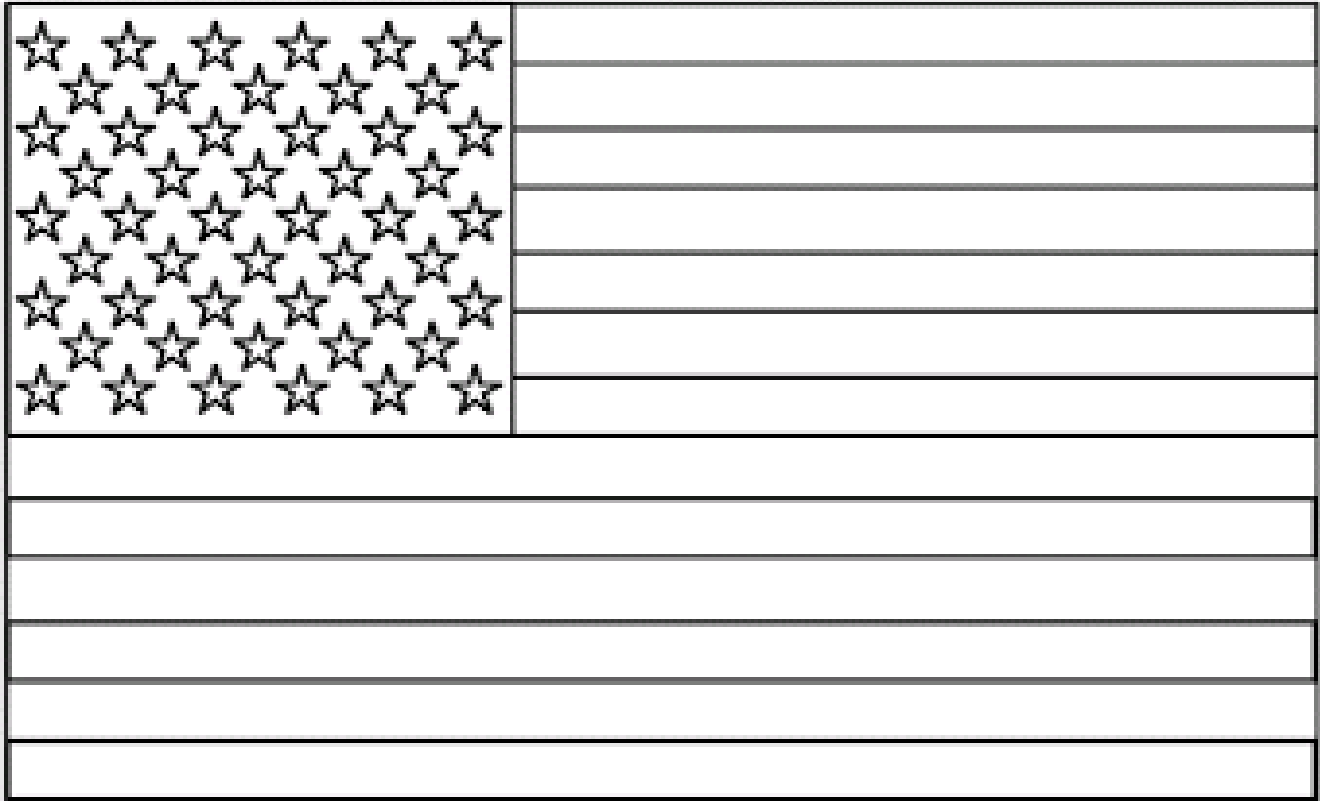
www.trmonline.org/needslist

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



REMEMBER



“GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.”

JOHN 15:13 KJV

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

This year, Ava Breitenstein will be graduating from Topeka High School on Saturday May 18th. She has also been taking college classes through an online program with Topeka High and has earned one year's worth of college credits! She received recognition for this tremendous achievement with a surprise visit from Superintendent Dr. Tiffany Anderson and a CBS News film crew! Her graduation announcement is also posted on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary if you would like to see it. Congratulations, Ava!

Congratulations to all of the other students that are transitioning from Preschool to Kindergarten, Elementary to Middle School, and Middle School to High School. Blessings to all of you as you begin the next part of your education journey!

2023 DOORSTEP VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

As many of you know, Brenda Strobel volunteers countless hours all year long, to include donating quilts she has made for their annual quilt raffle, with Doorstep. She was recognized as one of their "Volunteers of the Year" for 2023 at their Annual Banquet held in April. A copy of the piece they wrote about her is available for you to read in the 2023 Doorstep Progress Report and is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the church office and in the Sanctuary. Congratulations, Brenda, and many thanks to you for all of your hard work in support of our Mission Partner.

SAVE THE DATES

May—Loose Coin Partner: Project Restore Hope

Sunday May 5th: Communion Server—Beth Shaw; Cinco de Potwin—Potwin Church's 135th Birthday Celebration (see page 4 of this newsletter for full details)

Wednesday May 8th: Session Meeting 6:30PM

Sunday May 19th: Pentecost Sunday

Sunday May 26th: Coffee House Church—Volunteer is still needed.

Monday May 27th: Memorial Day—Take a moment to honor those men and women who have lost their lives while serving our country in the US Military.

COMMUNION SERVER & COFFEE HOUSE CHURCH VOLUNTEER

Sign up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. Communion Server for **Sunday May 5th is Beth Shaw**. 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. The Coffee House Church volunteer for **Sunday May 26th is still needed**. 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.

May 2024

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Fellowship 9:30AM Sunday Worship 10:00AM	Bell Choir 6PM & Occasional Choir 7PM Rehearsals are every Tuesday unless otherwise noted.		1 Happy Birthday Brenden Chermok	2	3 Happy Birthday Dennis Strobel	4
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