

Potwin Post

Sue Ann Seel, Pastor
OCTOBER 2024

PEACE

Our Loose Coin Offering for October will go to the Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering of the PCUSA. Our gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the denominational church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Once again we see that we can do more together than we can alone. 25% of what we take in for this offering stays with us to use in our local peacemaking efforts. Last week the Session authorized the creation of a new Mission Partner for the Church—The Topeka Center for Peace and Justice—and they designated this agency to be the recipient of our 25% of the offering.

“In December of 1985, The Topeka Peace Resource Center (name changed in 1992) opened its doors to carry out its mission to promote and educate the community on peace and justice issues and establish the Peace and Justice Library. It has been a place that welcomes an exchange of ideas, information, and encouragement to propel people of all faiths and walks of life down the path of peace. The center was designed to be a clearing house for peace-related activities.

The Topeka Center of Peace and Justice is currently working to bring restorative justice practices to elementary and middle schools in this area. They work directly with the district attorney’s office to offer victim/offender mediation services to juveniles, Shawnee County and Court Services. This gives the youth the opportunity to learn from mistakes and hear from those who are affected by these mistakes and provides an opportunity to move forward as part of the community rather than becoming repeat offenders. They work with the University of Kansas to offer Parent/Youth Facilitation

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in hopes of keeping families together by listening to the needs of the family and assisting them in communication.

While still being involved with organizations that can affect social policy and in justice around the world, the agency is determined to invest time and resources in our youth and community to help them build a better tomorrow.”

As you can see, this agency fits well within Potwin’s mission goals and objectives.

So, be sure to mark your calendars and attend worship on Sunday October 13, when Pastor Carl Frazier, Executive Director of the Center for Peace and Justice, will be with us in worship to tell us more about the Center and its activities in our community. I have heard Pastor Carl preach and I can tell you his presentation will not be boring!

You know, it seems that since the time Gwen decided “Let There Be Peace on Earth” was going to be our closing vow until peace came, we have become very passionate about peace. This is one way we can do more than just sing about it.

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with us. Amen.

***“Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.”***

Psalm 34:14



TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your generous contributions to Helping Hands Humane Society in the month of September.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST

BALANCE 8/1/24	\$ 5,997.57
Aug. Receipts	\$ 7,223.79
Aug. Disbursements	\$ 6,487.68
BALANCE 8/31/24	\$ 6,733.68
RESERVE ACCOUNTS	\$ 24,028.46

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Libby Adams, Pastoral Assistant
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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: Gwen Jones

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



FINANCIAL NEWS—

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

December (2023)—Joy Offering	\$246.51
January—Midtown Comm. Services	\$237.13
February—Doorstep	\$239.52
March—Heartland Camps	\$292.10
April—One Great Hour of Sharing	\$241.70



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Don Lafferty
 Ava Breitenstein
 Ashlynn Chermok
 Linda Tuller
 Steve Black
 Amy Abbey
 Pat Gideon
 Lisbeth (Ohse) White
 Pat Abbey

2nd
 3rd
 6th
 9th
 14th
 18th
 19th
 22nd
 27th

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



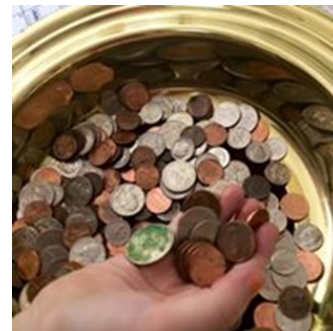
Deadline for November

Potwin Post is October 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



OCTOBER

Peace & Global Witness Offering

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A Special Thank You

Words cannot express how much you all mean to me. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful Church Family. The cards, phone calls, food, visits, help around the church prior to the service, and prayers were so, so appreciated. The past few weeks have been tough, but you have made it easier. For the past 50+ years, Potwin has been so supportive of my family many times. I love you all so much!

Pat, Charlie, and Mark Abbey





Walkers & Runners are invited to participate in our 7th Annual

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run

A Fundraiser for Doorstep, Inc.

Location: Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024

Check-In & Late Registration: 8:30AM to 9:15AM

Time: One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 9:30AM

Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is:

Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV

Plan to join us at Lake Shawnee for fun & fellowship, raising funds for Doorstep!

Snacks & drinks will be provided at the finish of the Walk/5K Fun Run in Shelter House #1

Enjoy ~ Bagels, granola bars, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, & water

One Mile Walk/5K Fun Run Registration is Due by September 18, 2024 to Guarantee an event t-shirt!

Late & Event Day Registrations Accepted. (T-shirt not guaranteed)

Registration is \$30 for individuals or pledges (\$30 minimum).

One registered child age 10 & under may walk for FREE with a paid adult. (T-shirt extra)

T-shirt included with \$30 registration fee or on total pledges of \$100+. Registrations received after September 18th cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Go to www.DoorstepTopeka.org (under the Events Tab) to register online or for registration/sponsor forms.

Thank you to our sponsors:



NEWS FROM DOORSTEP



Our neighbors are really struggling to make ends meet this year. From 2023 to 2024 the number of food orders we have provided in 8 months has increased by 34%! Keeping food on our shelves has been a challenge again this year! Doorstep has already spent over \$43,000 on food purchases through August, and we have been buying food nearly every 2 months. The statistics below show the real need of our neighbors, and Doorstep as we try to provide a full food order each time. Our neighbors are already struggling to make ends meet, keeping their rent and utilities

paid, and dealing with the crisis that life throws at them... having money to keep food on the table and personal hygiene items continues to be a challenge. In the first eight months of 2024, we have spent over \$200k on rent, utilities, dental vouchers, prescriptions, Topeka Metro passes, gas vouchers, hygiene products, auto services, and more.

Food Assistance:
(Doorstep)

Jan – August 2024

Food Orders: 2,032
Individuals: 5,158
Pounds Given: 113,708
\$ Spent on Food: \$43,168

Jan – August 2023

Food Orders: 1,465
Individuals: 3,598
Pounds Given: 85,135
\$ Spent on Food: \$29,364

We can provide this assistance because of our donors and funders who believe in neighbors helping neighbors and give where they can. We are grateful for every donation, large or small, and we appreciate our donors sharing our mission with us! If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep. We can provide this assistance because of our donors and funders who believe in neighbors helping neighbors and give where they can. We are grateful for every donation, large or small, and we appreciate our donors sharing in our mission with us! If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.



Join us for our **7th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** set for **Saturday, October 12th, at 9:30am**, at Lake Shawnee.

Get your family and friends together for some exercise, breakfast, and fellowship at the lake while raising funds for Doorstep!

To sign up visit our website under the Events Tab: www.DoorstepTopeka.org. You can download the flyer and registration form to mail in, drop off at our office, or register online. To guarantee an event t-shirt you need to register by **September 18th**. However, we will continue to take late and event day registrations. One child age 10 & under can walk for free (t-shirt extra) with one paid adult. Registration is \$30 per person or get sponsors to cover your fee and donate to Doorstep (sponsor form is also on our website).

Our pal, **Chris Fisher** with WIBW-TV will be our Celebrity Starter again this year!

Lisa Cain, Executive Director

Doorstep Needs List

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

- Men's Underwear & Belts—All Sizes
- Men's Jeans & Shoes
- Men's Shirts Size Small—Button Up/Knit Collared
- Kids & Teens (Boys & Girls) - Jeans—All Sizes
- Girls Tops Sizes 4-12 & Jeans—All Sizes
- Bed Pillows—Clean
- Sheet Sets—Queen & King
- Blankets & Comforters—All Sizes
- Toasters, Blenders, Hand Can Openers & Silverware
- Diapers—Size 5 & 6
- Individual Packages of Baby Wipes
- Rolling Suitcases

Donations Accepted:

**Monday – Friday
9am – 2pm**

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

Food Room Needs:

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| Peanut Butter (not large jars) | Progresso & Chunky Soups | Canned Tomatoes |
| Canned Vegetables—All Types | Canned Beans | Tuna |
| Corn, Peas, Carrots,
Green Beans, Mixed, Etc. | Pinot, Black,
Chili, Etc. | |

Health Kit Items Needed for Christmas Families: (260 Kits Total)

We would like to put the kits together in November and we are starting from scratch on supplies this year! We need the following Full Size Personal Hygiene Items:

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| Shampoo + Conditioner (2 in 1) | Shampoo and Conditioner |
| Bar Soap | Body Wash |
| Toothpaste | Deodorant |
| Brushes & Combs | Toothbrushes (individual or small packs) |
| Bath Towels (New) | Hand Towels & Washcloths (New) |



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

- Canned Proteins (Tuna, Chicken, Sloppy Joe, Beans, etc.)
- Canned Fruit
- Spaghetti-O's
- Men's Underwear M, L, XL
- T-Shirts 3X-4X
- Men's Jeans Size 30-40
- Baby Diapers Size 5 & 6
- Baby Toiletries (Lotion, Shampoo, etc.)
- Men's & Women's Deodorant
- Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Cough Drops, Tums

KITCHEN NEEDS

- 3 compartment to-go containers
- Snacks for Sack Lunches
- Aluminum foil pans with lids
- Cutlery packs with napkin, salt, & pepper
- #10 cans of vegetables

MAP NEEDS—The TRM/Valeo Mobile Shower Access for the homeless provides a hot shower, clean clothes, food & beverage, mental health screening, health services for pets, city ID services, and many other services. They are deployed every Tuesday and Thursday at a scheduled location and operate from 8AM to 3PM. Current MAP needs are travel size items of the following:

Lotion, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Razor Kits, Toothpaste, & Deodorant.

Also needed are: Women's underwear size small (4-6), Men's underwear sizes 30-36, Men's jeans sizes 30-36, Sleeping bags, & Blankets.

(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



TRM
MINISTRIES



The Pumpkin Prayer

Lord, open my mind and fill me with Your wisdom

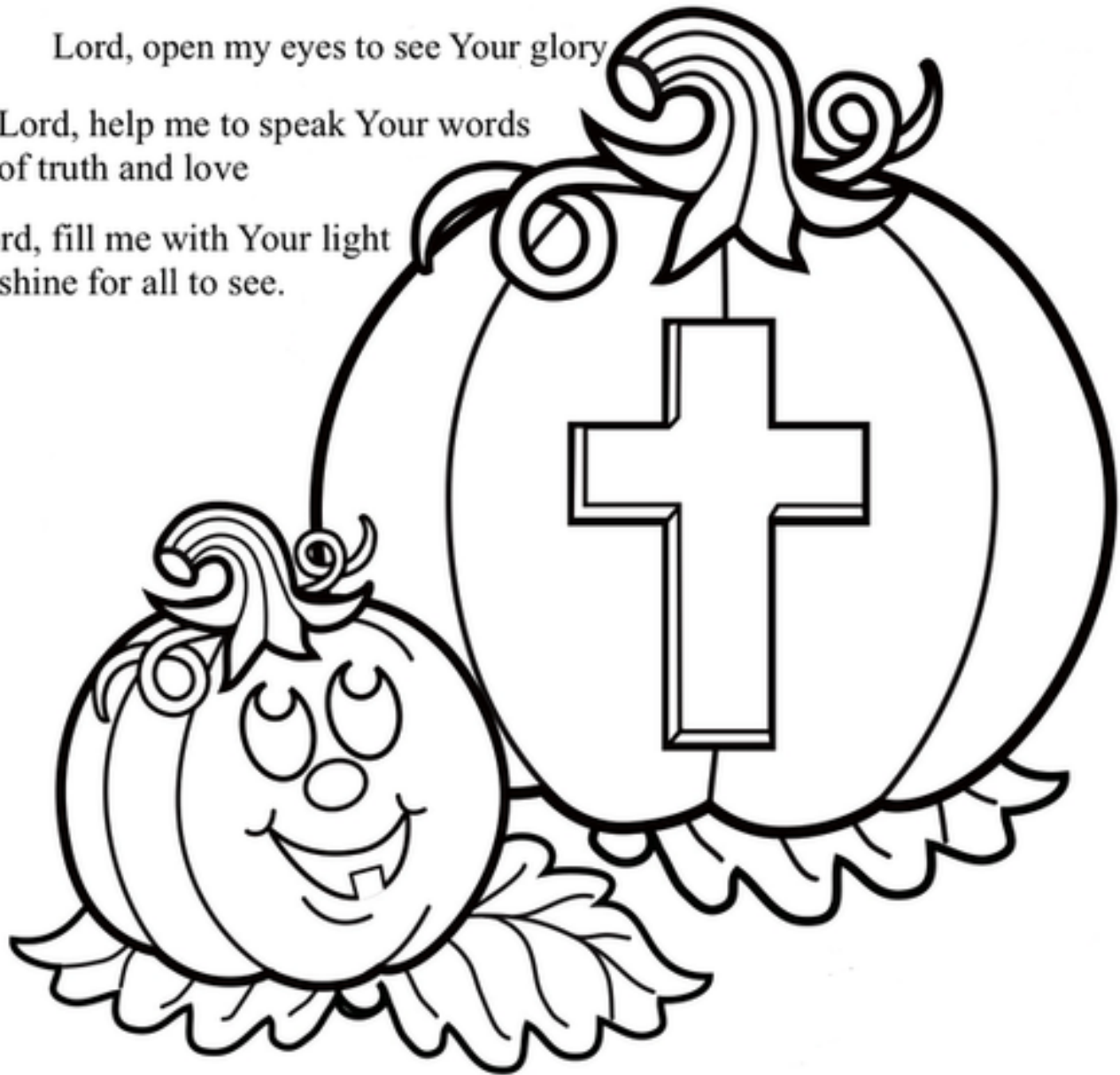
Lord, take out all my sin and fill me with Your love

Lord, let my life be a sweet aroma to you

Lord, open my eyes to see Your glory

Lord, help me to speak Your words
of truth and love

Lord, fill me with Your light
to shine for all to see.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Gary Baker has a new great-grandson! Jace Wesley Baker was born on September 3rd. His parents are Jared and Sarah Baker who live in Castle Rock, Colorado. Jace has a 2 year old sister Shiloh. Congratulations, Gary!

DATES TO REMEMBER & LOOSE COIN INFO

October—Loose Coin Partner: Peace & Global Witness Offering

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Sunday October 6th: World Communion Sunday—**Communion Server Needed**

Every Tuesday in October: Bell Choir rehearsal at 6:00PM. See Gwen Jones for more info if you are interested in participating.

Sunday October 27th: Coffee House Church—**Potluck Style**

COMMUNION SERVER & COFFEE HOUSE CHURCH

We are in need of a Communion Server for **Sunday October 6th** which is World Communion Sunday. Please use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary or contact the church office so we can put your name on the list. Thank you! Coffee House Church will be potluck style for **Sunday October 27th**. Bring your favorite morning treats to share! All are welcomed!

BLESSING BOX & LITTLE LIBRARY

Please help us continue helping our neighbors in need. 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.



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:00 AM Bell Choir rehearsal 6:00 PM every Tuesday unless otherwise noted.		1	2	3	4	5
6 World Communion Sunday Server: <u>Insert Name</u> Happy Birthday Ashlynn Chermok	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Don Lafferty	10 Happy Birthday Ava Breitenstein	11	12
13	14 Indigenous People's Day Happy Birthday Steve Black	15	16	17	18 Happy Birthday Amy Abbey	19 Happy Birthday Pat Gideon
20	21	22 Happy Birthday Lisbeth (Ohse) White	23	24	25	26
27 Coffee House Church  Happy Birthday Pat Abbey	28	29	30	31 		

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

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