

Potwin Post

APRIL 2025

GRACE—Linda Tuller

GRACE: God is good to us because God loves us. In the cross, God shows us how much he loves us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The dictionary gives us many definitions of the word “Grace”. Some of them relate to personal style, elegance or demeanor. It is the word we use to pray before meals. Perhaps the best definition for us is “the freely given, unmerited favor and love of God”. In the Christian context, it refers to mercy, that willingness to overlook personal, perhaps petty, reactions and instead respond with the freely given acknowledgement that we are all God’s children.

We have come through a tough winter, challenged by the weather and the reality of not having a pastor to help us make decisions. Your Session has dealt with “do we have church this Sunday during a blizzard?” and “what do we do now that the scheduled Supply Pastor has cancelled”.

During this time, I had a conversation with Angela. She related a conversation she’d had with Sue Ann when she was struggling in an interaction with a friend. Sue Ann suggested “EXTRA GRACE REQUIRED”. What a gift! Yes, give extra grace during this Lenten season. Let it be your new habit. Maybe this should

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be our mantra as we go through this pastor-less time.

Be assured your Session members are responding to each other with Extra Grace. We are focused on the myriad of details usually handled by the pastor. We want to keep you informed and involved in the life of Potwin church and ask for your prayers. Our documents to pursue new leadership have been approved by Presbytery and we hope to soon be able to consider new candidates. Please continue to share Extra Grace with each other.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your generous contributions
to Heartland Center
in the month of March.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

BALANCE 2/1/25	\$ 9,091.79
Feb. Receipts	\$ 5,238.31
Feb. Disbursements	\$ 5,185.05
BALANCE 2/28/25	\$ 9,145.05
 RESERVE ACCOUNTS	 \$ 29,442.72

Again this year, the Session is asking members to pay their own "per capita" assessment. It is \$38.00 and is the amount churches pay to our Presbytery to fund their operations as well as those at the Synod and National offices. Thank you to those of you who have already paid.

FINANCIAL NEWS—The following amounts were received in 2024 from our Loose Coin Offerings:

Jan.—Midtown Community Services	\$187.13
Feb./Easter/July—Doorstep	\$389.93
March—Heartland Presbyterian	\$242.10
April—One Great Hour of Sharing	\$197.61
June—Pentecost	\$182.23
August—Back to School Drive	\$209.19
Sept.—Helping Hands	\$210.41
Oct.—Peace & Global Witness	\$180.77
May/Nov.—Topeka Rescue Mission	\$455.70
December—Christmas Joy	\$194.91

Many thanks for your continued generosity towards our Loose Coin Offerings each month.

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(Vacant), Pastor
Libby Adams, Pastoral Assistant
Gwen Jones, Music Director
Angela Juarez, Office Assistant

Session:

Rev. K.O. Noonoo, Moderator

2025

Cameron Charity
Linda Tuller
Joyce Black

2026

Bob Harrison
Libby Adams

2027

Gwen Jones
Jordan Nutter

Vacant—Youth Elder (1 year term)

Clerk of Session: Gwen Jones
Treasurer: Linda Tuller
Financial Secretary: Erica Marshall
Building Coordinator: Pat Abbey

Administrative Council:

Cameron Charity & Jordan Nutter

Sunday School Team—Contact Church Office
Adult Bible Study—Contact Church Office
PNK Youth Representative—Contact Church Office




Audrey Trask
Cassie Wright
Grant Nutter
Maia Strobel

2nd
4th
5th
9th

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 May
Potwin Post is April 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



APRIL—One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering of the Presbyterian Church USA that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. One Great Hour of Sharing funds make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

PRAYER CORNER

If you have any items you would like to add to the Prayer List, please contact Pat Abbey or the church office. If a name has been removed that you would like to keep on the list, please let us know. The Prayer List will now be published in the newsletter every month. The Prayer Group will continue to meet on Thursday afternoons at approximately 3:45pm. Please contact Pat Abbey if you would like to participate in the group.

- Church Elders in their search for a pastor
- Patience, togetherness, and energy moving forward as we await God's choice for us in leadership
- All those dealing with tragic circumstances such as fires, storms, earthquakes, etc.
- All those mourning the loss and absence of loved ones
- Our nation and its leaders that they will be wise and compassionate, working for the good of all. May we come together by letting go of fear, anger, divisiveness, and instead embrace Christ's ways of love. May we continue working towards eliminating all forms of oppression in our society and to speak up when we see injustices.
- All those struggling with addiction, mental illness, homelessness, victims of human trafficking, etc.
- Our nation's military, police, fire and emergency personnel here and around the world. We pray especially for Brenden Chermok as he serves our country.
- Our mission partners including: Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Doorstep, Midtown Community Services, Topeka Rescue Mission, Heartland Camps, World Central Kitchen, Helping Hands Humane Society, Topeka Center for Peace and Justice, West Side Christian and West Side Baptist Churches.



Session Highlights

The Session has completed the Ministry Discernment Profile document for our search of a new pastor. The presbytery has it now and are reviewing it. It will soon be posted.

Work Group Chairs

Administrative - Jordan Nutter and Cameron Charity

Property & Grounds - Bob Harrison

Worship and Education - Gwen Jones

Fellowship - Libby Adams

Mission and Outreach - Linda Tuller

Questions and concerns pertaining to the respective areas should be directed to these individuals.

- Session has begun to look into options for online giving providers for the church.
- Palm March on Palm Sunday April 13th—more details available later
- Agape Feast on Maundy Thursday April 17th at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Libby Adams or Linda Tuller if you would like to be a reader for this service.
- Easter Sunrise Service April 20th 7AM at Ward Meade Park with Westside Baptist and West Side Christian; Easter Service at PPC April 20th 10:00AM – Guest Pastor Rev. Teresa Ingle
- Session met with Mark Burenheide. Items discussed: HVAC system update, Lift update (working to find appropriate size lift for the space in which it will be installed, search for information with the help of Grant Nutter to get church listed on National Historic Register)



News from Doorstep

- Make plans to attend Doorstep's **Appreciation Banquet and Quilt Drawing** on **Tuesday, April 29th** at 6:30pm. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be our hosts this year, and their brass quartet will provide musical entertainment.
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace Topeka*** will share information on their program after a wonderful dinner of taco bake, chips, salad and dessert.
- We will also honor our volunteers and celebrate the work we did in 2024!
- RSVP to Doorstep @ 785-357-5341 (M-F, 8am-3pm) by April 24th.

- There are some exciting changes to our Quilt Drawing this year!
- We have queen-size, themed quilts for KU, K-State, Kansas City Royals & the Kansas City Chiefs, that were made and donated just for this event! Do you want chances for a specific quilt? You can buy tickets for one of these themed quilts for \$2 each, and your chances will only go in the collection container for that quilt. Winners will be drawn at the banquet, but you do not have to be present to win.

- We have several other amazing quilts available for \$1 chances, and we will draw those winning tickets at the banquet as well. You do not have to be present to win.

- The **8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th @ Lake Shawnee, start time is 9am! This will also be the kick-off to Doorstep's 60th Anniversary!

- Doorstep is **looking for one or a few donors** who would be willing to donate the **matching funds** for this year's **Summer Cash Bash**. Our previous anonymous donor is no longer able to provide this donation, but we know people love to give when their money can be matched to benefit Doorstep. We are seeking matching funds of \$10,000 or more... With this year being the year to our 60th, wouldn't it be great to have \$60,000 in matching funds?! If you are interested, please contact Lisa Cain, Executive Director at lisa@doorstepinc.com or 785-357-5341.

Lisa Cain, Executive Director



Doorstep Needs List

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Belts ~ All Sizes

Our volunteers are trying to catch up on sorting donations, and we will plan to change over our inventory in early April from winter items to spring/summer items.

Hygiene Kit Items:

Toothpaste ~ Full Size

Razors ~ Men and Women

Deodorant ~ Men/Women/Neutral Scents

2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner ~ Full Size

Shampoo & Conditioner ~ Separate ~ Full Size

Donations Accepted:

Monday – Friday
9am – 2pm

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

Food Room Needs:

Spaghetti Sauce

Spaghetti ~ 1 pound

Vegetable Soup

Canned Beans ~ (Pinto, Black, Chili)

Canned Fruit ~ Variety

Pancake Mix

Ramen Noodles

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Canned Tomatoes

Boxed Potatoes ~ Scalloped

Tuna

Baked Beans

Canned Milk

Pork N Beans



2025 Doorstep Events & Fundraisers

April 29th

Appreciation Banquet & Quilt Drawing ~

Hosts: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Program: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Topeka

Entertainment: St. John's Ev Lutheran Brass Quartet

Quilt Drawing ~ \$2 individual chances for theme quilts (KU, K-State, KC Chiefs, KC Royals) \$1 chances to win our other amazing quilts.

June 7th

(Saturday)

8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run

Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2 ~ Start time 9 A.M.

A Kick-off to our 60th Anniversary in June 2026!!

July

(Tentative)

Christmas in July collection of items for adopted families.

Summer Cash Bash donations with matching funds.

Re-Imagined Jewelry purchased from Café Quetzal with the funds going to Doorstep.

Sept 13th

Sertoma Duck Race ~ Our Goal = 60 donors buying ducks!

Doorstep is a participating charity again this year to purchase from & designate your donations.

Friday Oct 3rd

2nd Annual Putt Out Hunger Golf Tournament

Tentative date until a course is reserved.

Nov & Dec

Collection of items for Christmas Adoption Project.

Doorstep adopts 260 households from the Christmas Bureau each year. We need help providing gifts, food, health kits, blankets, toys, school supplies, and gift cards for 800+ individuals. Gifts needed by Wed, December 10th

Dec 16th - 18th

Christmas Adoption Project distribution days.

Volunteers will be needed!



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

Meat—All Types (must be USDA certified) Canned Proteins (tuna, chicken, sloppy joe, beans, etc.)
Canned Fruit Spaghetti-O's Men's Underwear (M, L, XL); T-Shirts 3X-4X; Jeans 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 Cutlery packs with napkin, salt, & pepper
Snacks for Sack Lunches #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.)

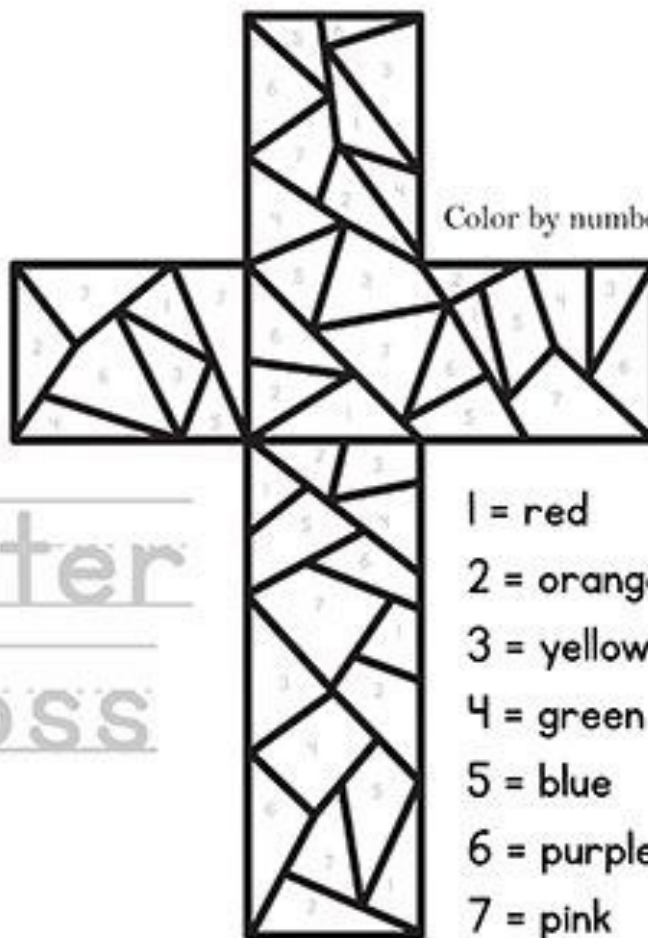
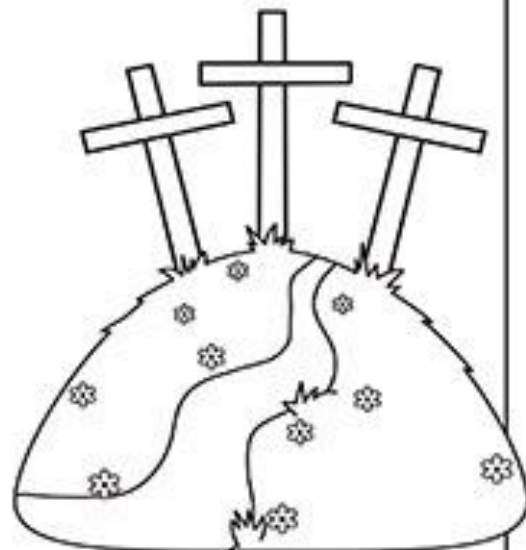
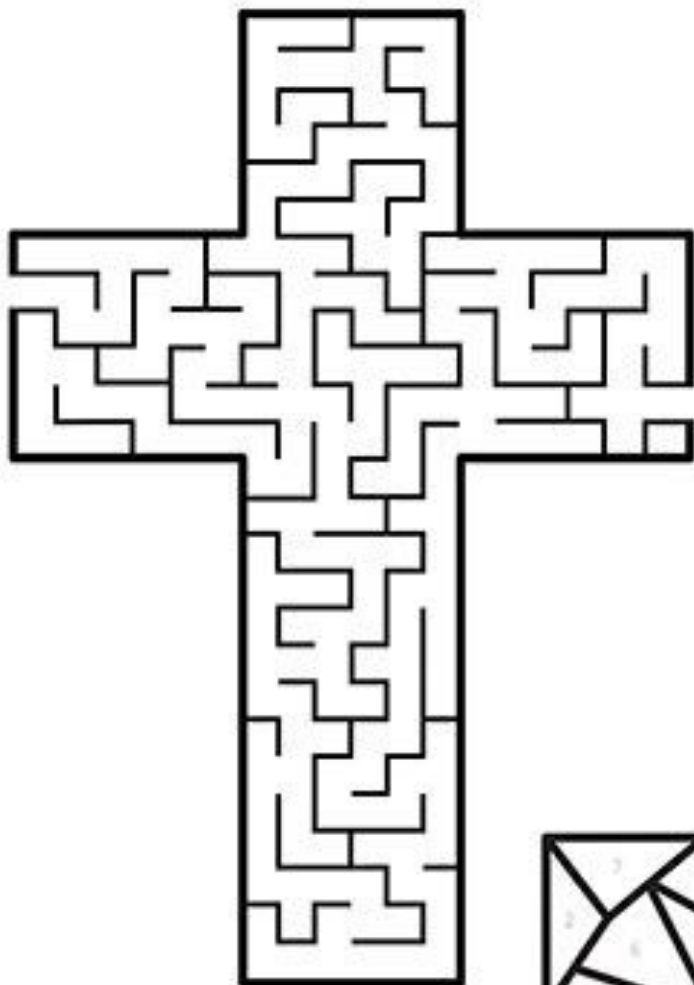
www.trmonline.org/needslist

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



Easter Cross Maze



Easter
cross

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSLETTER FRONT PAGE ARTICLE

If you have a message or story you would like to share in place of the usual “Pastor’s Post” article, please email it to Angela Juarez at arp0371@gmail.com or the church office Attn: Angela Juarez at potwinchurch@att.net. To ensure your message makes it into the newsletter, please submit it no later than the 20th of the month. We look forward to hearing words of wisdom from many of you over the coming months!

HOLY WEEK

Sunday April 13th—Palm Sunday: Palm March with West Side Christian & Westside Baptist. Watch your email for details to come later.

Thursday April 17th—Agape Feast 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Friday April 18th—Good Friday Meander with West Side Christian. Watch your email for details to come later.

Saturday April 19th—Eccumenical Park Cleanup at Ward Meade Park with Westside Baptist, West Side Christian, and Potwin Church. Watch your email for details to come later.

Sunday April 20th—Easter Sunrise Service at Warde Meade Park 7AM; Easter Worship at PPC 10AM

PASTORAL CARE

Please reach out to the church office or directly to Linda Tuller or Libby Adams if you or your family need pastoral care. We also have Rev Carmen Raines, a Presbyterian minister who is chaplain at Stormont-Vail, Rev. Donna Gilchrist from Westside Christian Church or Rev Ivan Greuter from Westside Baptist Church available to help with this need.

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.

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.

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,” ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”



April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sun. Fellowship 9:30AM Sun. Worship 10:00AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal every Tuesday at 6:00PM	1	2 Happy Birthday Audrey Trask	3	4 Happy Birthday Cassie Wright	5 Happy Birthday Grant Nutter
6	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Maia Strobel	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday— Palm March with West Side Christian & Westside Bap- tist (details to come later)	14	15	16	17 Agape Feast in Fellowship Hall 6:30PM	18 Good Friday Meander (details to come later)	19 Eccumenical Park Clean Up (details to come later)
20 Easter Sunrise Service 7AM @ Ward Meade Park Easter Worship @ PPC 10AM	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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