

ABOUT OUR 2025 GRADUATES

-Linda Tuller-

Ella Breitenstein graduated from Topeka High School on May 17. She is the daughter of Mary Breitenstein and the late Brian Breitenstein. Her grandparents are Gene and Kathy Breitenstein and the late Bob and Janet Halloran. She shares her home with 3 sisters and 2 cats.

Her favorite class was choir as she enjoys all types of music. Choir teacher, Miss Chavez was her favorite due to her lively personality and her engagement with the students. In her Junior year, Ella played the role of young Elsa during one performance of the school musical, Frozen, and was in the ensemble for the other performances. She discovered she loves singing and being on stage. She received a 2 rating on her solo at State this Spring.

Ella will be attending Washburn University in the fall where she received the Blue & White Scholarship. She is undecided on her major, but because she loves animals she may pursue studies in the sciences with the eventual goal of working with small animals in some way. She is sure she will minor in music. Potwin Church will always be in her heart as she considers it a safe space. Ella is grateful for all the support the congregation has given her family.

Falan Workman also graduated from Topeka High School. She is the daughter of Angi Workman and the late Jon Workman. Not only is she an only child, but she has no cousins! She is especially close to Jon’s parents, Dan and Carolyn Workman. The winter of her Senior year was especially difficult. Her Dad passed away on January 12 after a long illness. Less than a month before, her basset hound, Fudge, died. He had been in their family since she was in kindergarten.

Falan especially enjoyed psychology classes. Her favorite teacher was Miss Sheaffer who is the gifted facilitator at Topeka High. She oversees the Equity Lab, directing students taking classes for college credit. Falan received a number of scholarships but

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decided on Washburn University where she hopes to get a degree in Psychology. Her eventual goal is to earn a Master’s and perhaps a Doctorate, to be able to provide therapy or diagnosis. Falan earned a spot on the High Honor Roll. Washburn awarded her a Promise Scholarship and she also received one from the Evening Sertoma Club.

Falan enjoys Coffee House Church and is very appreciative of all the support we have given to her and her family.

Caleb Chermok was one of 98 graduates from Holton High School this spring. He is the middle child of 5, with 2 older brothers and 2 younger sisters. His parents are Steve and Becky Chermok; John and Cheryl Martin are his grandparents.

Caleb’s family has an Australian shepherd and a blood hound, which is his favorite. They have a number of cats as well. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, video games and visits to the gym. Last year he and his mother participated in the State games, where they both set new records for their age and weight group in weight-lifting!

Caleb’s favorite class was history and Mrs O who taught “FACS”, every-day skills was his favorite teacher. He thought she was very nice and supportive. His interest in history has led him to Fort Hays State University where he plans to study secondary education to become a history teacher. Caleb received 4 scholarships from Holton High, one the J R Ireland Scholarship that required him to write an essay on patriotism.

Caleb loves Potwin, enjoying the socializing, especially the morning cookies stash. He thinks it’s a great community and is grateful for everyone’s patience as he always has trouble sitting still.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your generous contributions
to World Central Kitchen
in the month of May.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL

BALANCE 4/1/25	\$ 11,198.35
April Receipts	\$ 12,320.43
April Disbursements	\$ 6,373.77
BALANCE 4/30/25	\$ 17,145.01
RESERVE ACCOUNTS	\$ 29,774.10



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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

Vacant—Youth Elder (1 year term)

2026

Bob Harrison
Libby Adams

2027

Gwen Jones
Jordan Nutter

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

FINANCIAL NEWS—The following amounts were received in in the previous quarter from our Loose Coin Offerings:

December—Christmas Joy	\$244.91
Jan.—Midtown Community Services	\$237.65
February—Doorstep	\$361.60

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



Steven Chermok
Rachel Harvey

4th
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



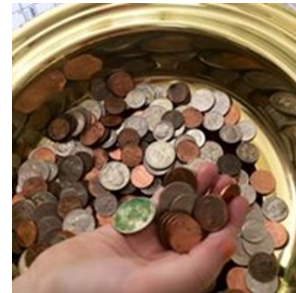
Deadline for July

Potwin Post is June 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



JUNE—PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost offering is one of the 4 offerings we do each year through the national church. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community.

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Brynn Stasiulis will graduate from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois in June. She will receive an Environmental Engineering degree, with a focus on water. Her parents are Brad and Brenda Stasiulis, Overland Park and Ed Tuller and Linda Tuller are her grandparents. Her younger sister is Britton, a sophomore at TCU in Fort Worth, Tx.

Brynn was a member of Chi Omega sorority and served in a number of leadership roles. She will begin work on July 1 at HNTB, an infrastructure design firm, headquartered in Kansas City, as a Water Resources Engineer.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the graduates and their families. We wish you all the very best!



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.

- Family of Connie Brown (Bob Harrison's niece) who passed away in May
- Family of Mark Parisi (Angela Juarez's father) who passed away in late April
- JoJo Dutton (niece of Mary Breitenstein) and Becky Chermok as they each continue recovering from recent surgeries
- Dale Schuette's mother with continuing aging issues and his sister Virginia who is now proving her care
- All those with health concerns, whether it be for themselves or loved ones
- 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

***Jordan Nutter has been named the chairperson of the Pastoral Search Committee. Any questions you have should be directed to her via email or on Sundays at church.

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 the individuals listed above.

Presbytery Meeting Highlights:

- The Presbytery held its quarterly meeting on May 3rd in Minneapolis, KS; Gwen Jones attended the meeting.
- Rev. Tony Larson, co-moderator of the 226th General Assembly, provided the sermon during worship and led the program on cultivating authentic relationships with the suggestion that we need to meet people where they are. He also traveled around the Presbytery for several days meeting folks.
- The offering for this meeting was collected for The Haskell Indian Nations University Foundation: Food Security Fund and over \$1,100 was collected by days end.
- Our 136th Birthday Celebration was lifted up as a joy.
- We learned about the adult mission trip to North Carolina that the Presbytery is sponsoring. The trip still has seats available (as of 5/16/25), if interested you are encouraged to sign up, it is June 14th—21st. There are more details about the meeting on the webpage www.pnks.org if interested.

PPC Session Notes:

- A called congregational meeting was held on May 18th to elect a Nominating Committee. Angela Juarez and Caitlin Charity were elected. A member of Session will also be appointed to that Committee.
- A new copier/printer was approved for purchase for the church office.

News from Doorstep

This month is the beginning of our 59th year of neighbors helping neighbors! Thank you to everyone who bought quilt tickets and attended our Appreciation Banquet! The quilt drawing with the special theme quilts helped us make over \$2,000, this is a first, I think! Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Year Award Winners: Laura, Diana, Linda & Annie! We truly could not function without the assistance of all our volunteers!

Our **Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run is Saturday, June 7th, at 9am at Lake Shawnee**. Didn't pre-register? That's OK, come out to shelter houses 1 & 2 and sign up by 8:45am. This year's event is our "Countdown to 60" as Doorstep will celebrate 60 years of service in 2026! We have a special logo for our 60th anniversary which will be on the shirts this year.

The need for food assistance has remained level compared to this time last year. Our food expenditures in 2024 were \$84,500 just to keep food on our shelves to help feed our neighbors. In the first 4 months of 2025, we provided 52,188 pounds of food in 905 food orders feeding 2,293 individuals; and we have provided \$56,710 worth of clothing and household items thanks to our donors! Please remember Doorstep when you go to the grocery store and pick up a few items to share with us and your neighbors in need.

Lisa Cain, Executive Director



Doorstep Needs List

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

- Men's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
- Men's Shoes ~ Sizes 11 and up
- Women's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
- Boys Shorts ~ All Sizes
- Silverware
- Hand Towels & Washcloths
- Bed Sheets ~ Twin & Queen
- Comforters ~ Queen & King
- Toothpaste (Full Size)

Donations Accepted:

**Monday – Friday
9am – 2pm**

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

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### Food Room Needs:

- |                                      |                            |              |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Pancake Mix                          | Vegetable Soup             | Tuna         |
| Egg Noodles                          | Pancake Syrup              | Baked Beans  |
| Cream of Mushroom Soup               | Canned Milk                | Pork N Beans |
| Canned Beans ~ (Pinto, Black, Chili) | Canned Tomatoes            | Corn         |
| Canned Fruit ~ Variety               | Boxed Potatoes ~ Scalloped | Peas         |





## **2025 Doorstep Events & Fundraisers**

- June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
(Saturday)      **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run**  
Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2 ~ Start time 9 A.M.  
A Kick-off to our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June 2026!!  
(See next page for registration form.)
- 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 13<sup>th</sup>**      **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 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**      **Christmas Adoption Project distribution days.**  
Volunteers will be needed!





**Neighbor  
Helping  
Neighbor**

WALK/5K RUN

Walkers and runners are invited to participate in our 8th 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, June 7, 2025

**Check-In & Late Registration:** 8:00AM to 8:45AM

**Time:** One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 9:00AM



**DOORSTEP**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

### **Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is:**

**Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV**

Plan to join us at Lake Shawnee for fund & 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 and water

### **One Mile Walk/5K Fun Run Registration Form**

(Submit by 5/16/25 to guarantee a t-shirt)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Circle one:** Male Female

**T-shirt size:** Youth S, M, L \_\_\_\_\_ Adult S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X \_\_\_\_\_

The registration cost is **\$30 for individuals** or pledges (\$30 minimum). T-shirt included with \$30 registration fee or on total pledges of \$100+. Registrations received after May 16th cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt. Mail registration form and check made out to "Doorstep" to: Doorstep, Inc. 1119 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, Ks 66604, register online at [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org), or use the QR code on the event flyer.

I hereby certify the following: (1) I am physically fit and have received medical clearance to participate in the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run, (2) In consideration of my participation in the Walk/Run, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, and assigns, and my estate, hereby waive and forever discharge the sponsors, organizers, affiliates as well as their agents and employees from any and all claims that may accrue as the result of my participation, and (3) I hereby grant Doorstep, Inc. specific permission to reproduce, publish, circulate, copyright or otherwise use any and all photographs of me and/or my family taken at the Walk/Run for the use of Doorstep, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Participant Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of parent or legal guardian if under 18**

## 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 & Women's Underwear NEW; T-Shirts 3X-4X; Mens Jeans 30-40  
Baby Diapers Size 5&6; Baby Toiletries (lotion, shampoo, etc.)    Men's & Women's Deodorant  
Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Cough Drops, Tums    Q-Tips    Foot Powder

### **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**

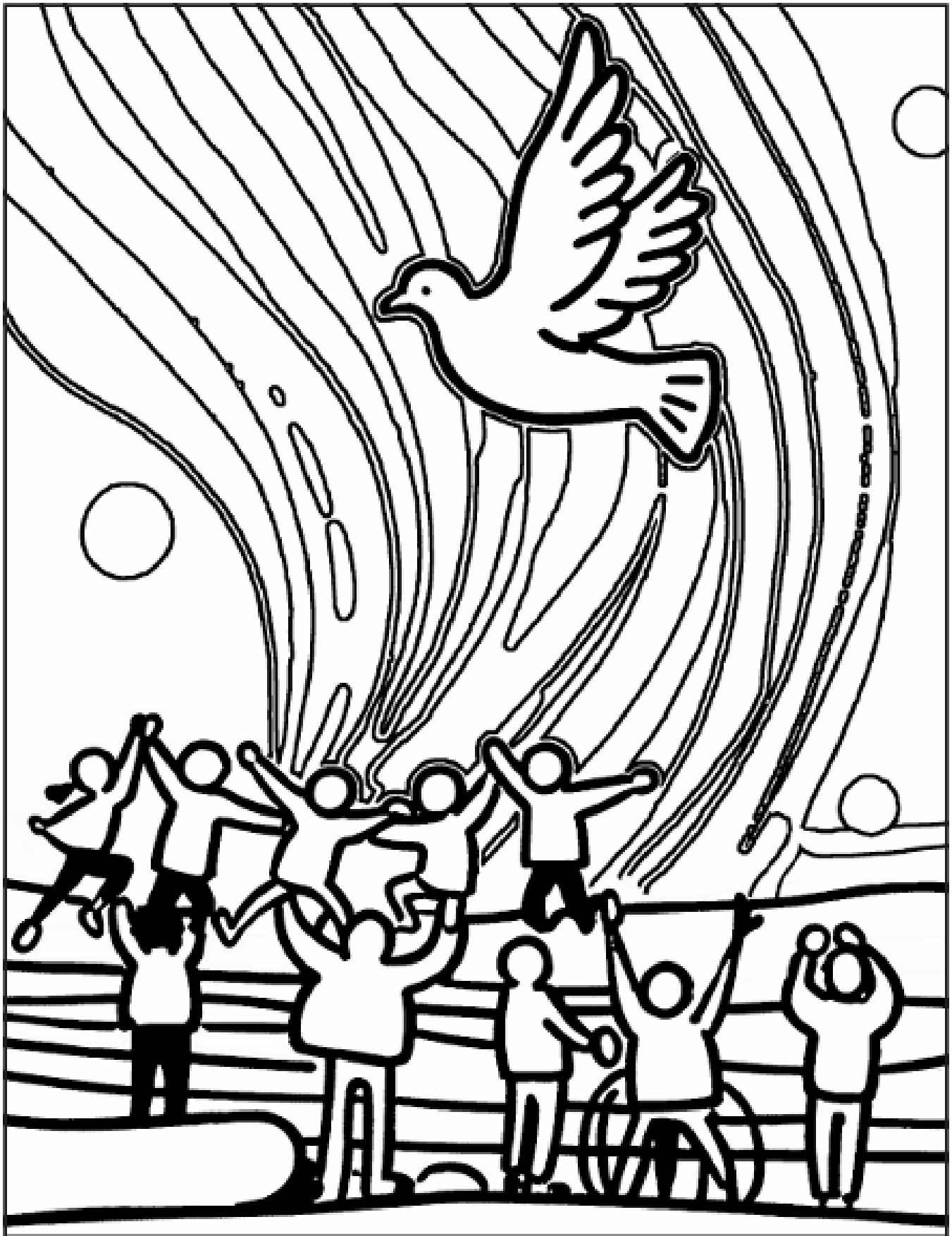
Women's underwear size small (4-6)    Men's underwear sizes 30-36  
Men's jeans sizes 30-36    Sleeping bags & blankets  
Travel size deodorant, conditioner, lotion, soap, & shampoo  
(Additional Mobile Access Partnership needs list items can be purchased on Amazon and shipped directly to TRM using the link below.)

[www.trmonline.org/needslist](http://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](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O6BQ8QXTPLGA/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)





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# **EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GRADUATES RECEPTION**

A reception will be held in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday June 8th in recognition of our 2025 graduates: Brynn Stasiulis—college (Granddaughter of Linda Tuller); Caleb Chermok—High School, Ashlynn Chermok—MS to HS, Elizabeth Chermok—Elementary to MS (children of Steve and Becky Chermok); Jeremiah Clay—MS to HS, Pria—Elementary to MS (children of Justin and Julie Clay); Ella Breitenstein—High School, Emma Breitenstein—MS to HS (daughters of Mary and the late Brian Breitenstein); Carolina Juarez—MS to HS (daughter of Angela and Isaac Juarez); Falan Workman—High School (daughter of Angi Heller Workman and the late Jon Workman). Please contact Brenda Strobel or Pat Abbey if you have any questions. All are welcome! Come help us celebrate the graduates as they embark on the next part of their life's journey!

## **BELL CHOIR & MUSIC NEWS**

The Bell Choir will resume rehearsals in the fall. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Gwen Jones.

We are also looking for those of you who have musical or vocal talents to share over the summer. If you would be interested in sharing those talents with us during worship this summer, please contact Gwen Jones to make arrangements.

## **NEWSLETTER FRONT PAGE ARTICLE**

If you have a message or story you would like to share in in the next newsletter, please email it to Angela Juarez at arp0371@gmail.com or the church office Attn: Angela Juarez at potwin-church@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! Many thanks to those of you that have previously contributed to this endeavor.

## **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 Stor-  
mont-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.



# June 2025

| Sun                                                                                       | Mon | Tue | Wed                                       | Thu                                                                                                                                             | Fri | Sat                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1<br><b>Communion Sunday</b>                                                              | 2   | 3   | 4<br><br>Happy Birthday<br>Steven Chermok | 5                                                                                                                                               | 6   | 7                                                            |
| 8<br><b>Pentecost Sunday</b><br><br>Graduates' Reception after worship in Fellowship Hall | 9   | 10  | 11                                        | 12                                                                                                                                              | 13  | 14                                                           |
| 15<br><br>happy<br><b>FATHER'S</b><br>day                                                 | 16  | 17  | 18                                        | 19<br><br><b>JUNETEENTH</b><br>FREEDOM DAY<br>JUNE 19TH<br> | 20  | 21                                                           |
| 22<br><b>Coffee House Church</b>                                                          | 23  | 24  | 25                                        | 26<br><br>Happy Birthday<br>Rachel Harvey                                                                                                       | 27  | 28                                                           |
| 29                                                                                        | 30  |     |                                           |                                                                                                                                                 |     | <b>Sun. Fellowship 9:30AM</b><br><b>Sun. Worship 10:00AM</b> |

## **JUNE 2025 POTWIN POST**

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