

Potwin Post

APRIL 2026

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Pastor's Post

Spring, with its colorful display of new life heralds the coming of Easter. Palm Sunday arrives with joy as we herald the Messiah, but too soon that joy changes into sorrow as we move closer to the cross.

During Lent we have let go of some things and embraced new things that draw us closer to God. Holy Week (the week before Easter) represents a time to reflect deeply and recognize that Christ's grace moves within us. Just as our baptism recalls our death and resurrection with Christ, the season of Lent/Easter reminds us that as Christians we experience many metaphorical deaths and resurrections during our lifetimes.

During Spring, we see the natural world unfolding from a deathlike appearance, budding, and moving into new growth. This Lent Christ has called each us to let go of those things that keep us from boldly loving God and neighbor, moving forward with confidence and courage.

Lent/Easter brings death, resurrection, and new life. This season also brings questions. Potwin Presbyterian Church is serving our neighbors generously through collections of food, supplies, and offerings. Could Christ be calling us deeper into relationships with people outside the church? How do we as a community of faith collaborate with what God is already doing in the world? Where do the tal-

ents and passions of this congregation and God's loving vision for the world intersect?

As Easter approaches, let's open our hearts in prayer for God's answers and our responses.

With Christ's love,
Donna



TREASURER'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

BALANCE 2/1/26	\$ 20,947.72
Feb. Receipts	\$ 8,405.94
Feb. Disbursements	\$ 17,462.93
BALANCE 2/28/26	\$ 11,890.73
RESERVE ACCOUNTS	\$ 42,407.70

For some time we have had a link on our Facebook to Subsplash for online giving. We now have a QR Code to use for this purpose. (See QR code below.)



We are aware that our current membership has been very content using checks for their regular contributions. AND we are very content with that process as well. But note: Banks are now regularly reviewing and paying the written amount in the middle of the check—so if it is different than the numerical amount, the written amount will be processed. We have had a number of issues recently where, for example, the written amount was \$150 but only One Hundred dollars was written. Please review your check before dropping it in the offering plate! Thanks!

FINANCIAL NEWS—Mid-Town Community Services received \$341.41 from our Loose Coin Offering in January.

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

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www.potwinpres.org

Rev. Donna Gilchrist, Pastor
Libby Adams, Pastoral Assistant
Gwen Jones, Music Director
Angela Juarez, Office Assistant

Session:

Rev. Donna Gilchrist, Moderator

2026

Bob Harrison
Libby Adams
Linda Tuller

2027

Gwen Jones
Jordan Nutter

2028

Cameron Charity
Caitlin Charity

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
Don Thursby
Donna Gilchrist

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24th
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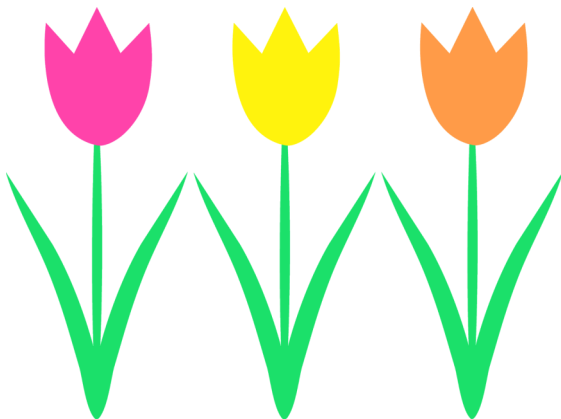
Like God the Father, we celebrate the day you were born!

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

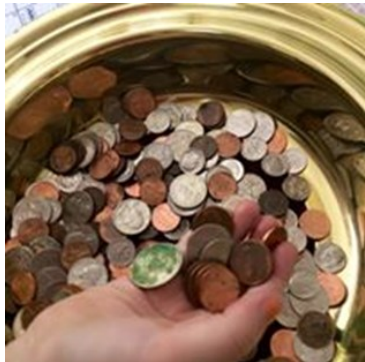


Deadline for May
Potwin Post is April 20*

*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 Angela Juarez 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.

- We lift up those names and concerns that are mentioned each Sunday during church.
- All those with health concerns, whether it be for themselves or loved ones.
- Church Elders and the Shared Ministry Task Force as they continue working together to keep the covenant between Potwin Presbyterian and Westside Christian.
- All those dealing with tragic circumstances such as fires, storms, and other natural disasters.
- 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.
- 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, Westside Christian and West Side Baptist Churches.



March Session Highlights

Work Group Chairs

Administrative - Jordan Nutter and Cameron Charity

Property & Grounds - Bob Harrison

Worship and Education - Gwen Jones

Fellowship - Libby Adams & Caitlin Charity

Mission and Outreach - Linda Tuller

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

- The annual statistical report was submitted to PCUSA and a copy for our records will be put into our records. The “loose coin blurbs” used in the bulletin and newsletter are being updated.
- We had a CD mature in February and one maturing in late March after it has matured, we will invest into another 14-month CD for \$10,000.
- Accessibility issues continue, we will contact the landlord about reconnecting the electricity to the lift to Fellowship Hall. Bob will check with vendors to service the current lifts. It was decided to make all bathrooms unisex, those who can't get up and down the stairs will then have one available by using the lift to the midlevel bathroom on the north side.
- The new HVAC system heating the office area and north entrance area has been completed.
- The Blessing Boxes need to get some fresh paint. We will ask our teenage youth to possibly tackle the project.
- The Agape Feast will be at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 2nd. Jordan Nutter will make the bread, and we will ask attendees to bring cheese and fruit. Westside Christian and 2nd Presbyterian will be invited. Since Libby will not be able to help this year, we will need to recruit people to help in the kitchen and help set up and clean up afterwards.
- On Palm Sunday the folks from Westside Christian Church will walk to Potwin to arrive as Potwin finishes worship, we will walk around the church with our palms and have a short service before leaving.
- A prayer walk was discussed for the Saturday before Easter.
- Easter Sunrise service will be at Ward Meade at 7:00AM. We will join Westside Christian and Westside Baptist.
- The Potwin birthday party is scheduled for May 3rd. Linda is working on trying to get the signature quilt hung by then.
- Potwin delivered 367 pounds of soup and crackers to Doorstep in February we also raised \$284.89 in the loose coin offering for Doorstep in February. Thanks to Brenda for delivering the soup and crackers.
- Donna has completed the polity class she took through the Presbytery and will soon be starting the Advanced Reformed Worship class.
- The new housekeeper is doing a good job.
- As part of our book study, we evaluated the Ash Wednesday Service.

Holy Week Activities

Lenten Activities 2026

Sunday, March 29th— Blessing of the Palms with West Side Christian. We will have our worship at 9:15 and then dismiss to join West Side to walk with our palm leaves and have a ecumenical brief worship.

Thursday, April 2nd—6:30pm Agape Feast at Potwin with West Side Christian. Also our friends at Second Presbyterian will be joining us. Please bring cheese, fruit, olives, dates, etc to share.

Saturday, April 4th—11:15am to 12:15pm Neighborhood Prayer Walk. We will gather in front of Potwin Church at 11:15 and go out in twos to walk the neighborhood in prayer. Bring a friend, pets on a leash are welcome

Sunday, April 5th—7:00am Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Ward Meade Park

Sunday, April 5th—9:15am Resurrection Worship Celebration



News from Doorstep

We have another busy month at Doorstep filled with celebrations, fundraisers, and helping our neighbors in the community!

April is Doorstep's month to receive proceeds from the sale of **Re-Imagined Jewelry sold at Café Quetzal** (2111 SW Belle). It is a great way to treat yourself or gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day, graduations, etc. and help your neighbors at the same time!

Make plans to attend Doorstep's **Appreciation Banquet and Quilt Drawing** on **Tuesday, April 21st** at 6:30pm. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be our hosts again this year, and their brass quartet will provide musical entertainment.

We are still working on the program (at this writing), dinner will be lasagna, garlic bread, salad and desserts brought by our volunteers! Each year during our Banquet we take time to acknowledge all our volunteers and honor a few with awards for Outstanding Dedication! Anyone is welcome to attend, but we do **need your RSVP by April 17th** ~ Call Doorstep @ 785-357-5341 (M-F, 8am-3pm).

In conjunction with the Banquet every year is the **Quilt Drawing!** We have four (4) full-size, themed quilts for K-State, Kansas City Royals, Washburn University & the Kansas City Chiefs. Thank you to **Brenda Strobel** for making these each year! Tickets for these quilts are \$2 and go towards a specific quilt! We also have another 15 wall hangings, throws and larger quilts you can take your chances on for \$1 a ticket. Winners will be drawn at the banquet, but **you do not have to be present to win.**

Do you enjoy **Classic Car Shows**? Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home at 10th & Lane is having one on **Saturday, April 25th** as a benefit for Doorstep. They will have live music, craft vendors, a food truck, and of course cars, trucks & motorcycles will be on display. Are you interested in participating? Contact Misty @ 785-354-8558.

The **9th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run & 60th Anniversary Celebration will be Saturday, June 6th** @ Christ the King Catholic Church. With the walk/run through the neighborhood we will have our own Car Show, Bouncy Houses, Food Trucks and more... We will also announce Doorstep's plans for the future at the event. Save the date and join us for some exercise, good fun, classic cars, and family fun!

Lisa Cain, Executive Director



Doorstep Needs List

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

- Men's Underwear ~ All Sizes
- Men's Jeans ~ Esp. Sizes 32 – 38 & 46, 48
- Men's Belts ~ All Sizes
- Men's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
- Men's Shoes
- Women's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
- Kids Clothing ~ Boys & Girls ~ Esp. Sizes 3 - 10
- Boys & Girls Jeans ~ All Sizes
- Toasters, Coffee Makers, Etc
- Pots & Pans ~ Esp. Sauce Pans more than Skillets
- Hygiene Items: Feminine Hygiene Products (Pads & Tampons)

Donations Accepted:

**Monday – Friday
9am – 2pm**

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

Food Room Needs

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|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Vegetable Soup | Pancake Syrup | Canned Fruit ~ Variety |
| Egg Noodles | Powdered Milk | Canned Milk |
| Baked or Pork & Beans | Peas | Canned Beans ~ (Pinto, Black, Chili) |
| Scalloped Potatoes ~ Box | | |



2026 Doorstep Events

Mar 15th – 21st **Starlight Online Auction for Doorstep**

This is online only through GiveButter Fundraising. There are nearly 60 baskets & auction items people can bid on to help raise funds for Doorstep! View auction items now before it goes LIVE March 15th at 10am; scan the QR code or visit: givebutter.com/starlightauction26

April 2026 **Doorstep & Re-Imagined Jewelry**

April is Doorstep's month to receive proceeds from the sale of **Re-Imagined Jewelry sold at Café Quetzal** (2111 SW Belle). Pick up some of these unique pieces! It is a great way to treat yourself or get gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day, graduations, etc. and help your neighbors at the same time!

April 21st **Appreciation Banquet**

6:30PM

A celebration of Doorstep & our volunteers at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (901 SW Fillmore). Dinner, volunteer awards, quilt drawing, short program (TBD) and St. John's EV Lutheran's Brass Quartet. This year's dinner is: Lasagna, garlic bread, salad and desserts. Anyone is welcome to attend, but we **need your RSVP by April 17th** Call Doorstep @ 785-357-5341 (M-F, 8am-3pm).

April 21st **Quilt Drawing**

\$1 & \$2 tickets for the quilt drawings will be available in April from Doorstep volunteers, online, and at the Annual Banquet. The winners will be drawn at the Banquet, and you do not have to be present to win.

April 25th **Classic Car Show at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home** (10th & Lane) on **Saturday, April 25th** is a benefit for Doorstep. They are planning live music, craft vendors, a food truck, and cars, trucks & motorcycles will be on display. Interested in participating? Contact Misty @ 785-354-8558.

June 6th **60th Anniversary Celebration + 9th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run**

Christ the King Catholic Church will host our walk/run & 60th celebration. The routes for the walk & run will be mapped out to go through the neighborhood. We are planning a Car Show, Bouncy Houses, Food Trucks and more... We will also announce Doorstep's plans for the future at the event. Save the date and join us for some exercise, good fun, classic cars, and family fun!

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.

GENERAL DISTRIBUTION CENTER NEEDS

Urgent Food Items: Loaves of Bread, Peanut Butter, Frozen Meals, Canned Soups (All Types)

Food Items Always Needed: Canned Proteins (Tuna, Chicken, Sloppy Joe, Beans, Chili, Etc.), Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Loaves of Bread, Dry Pastas (All Types), Pasta Sauce, Rice (All Types), Canned Soups (All Types), Canned Fruits/Veggies, Cereals, Oatmeal, SpaghettiOs, Frozen Meals (Pot Pies, Pizzas, Corn Dogs, Frozen Meals), Meat—All Types (Must be USDA Certified)

Clothing: Men's & Women's Underwear (NEW), Men's Jeans Size 30-40, Men's Shirts (3XL or Larger), Packages of Socks, Baby Diapers Size 4-5, Pull-Ups Size 2t/3t & 4t/5t

Toiletries: Baby Lotion, Shampoo, Etc., Full Size Conditioner, Men's & Women's Deodorant, Q-Tips, Foot Powder, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Cough Drops, Tums, Razors & Shaving Cream, Brushes/Hairbands

KITCHEN NEEDS

Variety of Meats (Beef, Sausage, Pork, Chicken), Liquid Eggs, Loaves of Bread, Hamburger/Hot Dog Buns, Lunch Meat, Canned Fruit/Vegetables (#10 type cans preferred)

MAP NEEDS

Women's underwear size small (4-6)

Men's underwear sizes 30-36

Men's jeans sizes 30-36

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

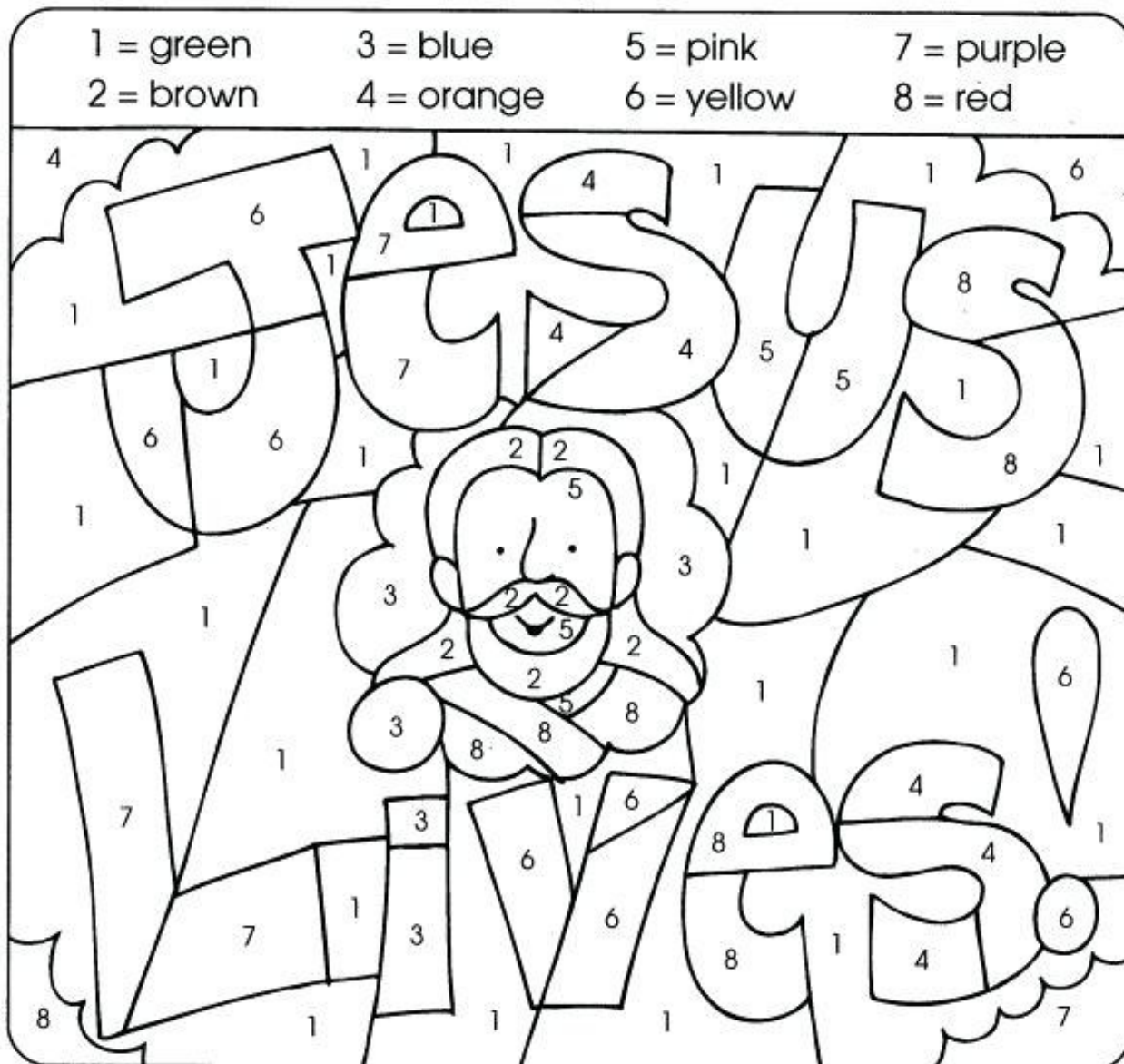


Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK (refer to page 6 of this newsletter for more details.)

Sunday March 29th—Palm Sunday: Palm March with Westside Christian at the conclusion of our 9:15AM Worship

Thursday April 2nd—Agape Feast 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Saturday April 4th—Neighborhood Prayer Walk 11:15AM-12:15PM. Meet in front of Potwin Church.

Sunday April 5th—Easter Sunrise Service at Warde Meade Park 7AM; Easter Worship at PPC 9:15AM

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?"

John 11:25-26



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sun. Worship 9:15AM		Bell Choir Rehearsal every Tuesday 6PM unless noted otherwise.	1 Passover Begins 	2 Agape Feast 6:30PM Fellowship Hall Happy Birthday Audrey Trask	3 	4 Prayer Walk 11:15AM Happy Birthday Cassie Wright
5 Easter Sunrise Service 7AM Easter Worship @ PPC 9:15AM Happy Birthday Grant Nutter	6	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Maia Strobel	10	11
12	13	14	15 	16 	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day 	23	24 Happy Birthday Don Thursby	25
26	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Donna Gilchrist	30		

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