



# Providence Post



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By Barb Hazlett

*(Note: The following highlights are taken from the minutes of the Monday, May 20, 2024, regular Session meeting.)*

**Clerk's Report:** Communion was served to 71 communicants on Sunday, May 5.

**Pastor Nominating Committee Report:** The PNC is continuing to interview candidates.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed.

**Huntingdon Presbytery Report:** The June meeting will be held at the Lewistown Presbyterian Church, but the date is not yet known. Geoff Geesey may attend this meeting as our Session representative if he is available once the date has been set.

**Nominating Committee Report:** The team has set a date for their first meeting: Sunday, June 9, at the church.

## Session Team Reports (Chair)

**Finance & Stewardship (Sue Whitsel):** The Finance & Stewardship team has submitted terms of call so that the Pastor Nominating Committee will have them available when needed. The terms were approved by Session.

Per Capita for 2024 has been established at \$39.24 per person, and based on 134 members, our per capita bill from Huntingdon Presbytery will be \$5,258.00, which we pay in four installments of \$1,314.50.

For the period ending on April 30, 2024, there was \$3,361.82 given to our per capita fund. This represents a 64 percent (64%) response, or approximately 86 of our 134 members.

The 2024 vs. 2023 Monthly Financial Summary is summarized below:

	Through 04/30/24	Through 04/30/23
Congregational Giving	\$ 61,099	\$ 62,136
Building Rental Income(*)	10,073	335
Special Offerings	4,563	4,706
Total Income	\$ 75,735	\$ 67,177
Total Expenses	\$ 69,401	\$ 79,252
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ 6,334	\$ 12,075

(\*) Reflects giving to the "Organ Fund"

As noted in last month's report, our church will be working with KIW Enterprises in Illinois, who will provide stewardship materials for the 2025 campaign. The theme of the campaign is "Moving Forward by Faith." The materials and the invoice for same will be sent to the church in late August.

**Congregational Care (Gail Irwin):** Judy Hartzell is collecting coupons which will be mailed to the Yokosuka Naval Base at the end of June.

The schedules for May and June were completed for Cards/Flowers/Transportation.

Our date to supply cakes to the Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg was changed from May to June. Charyl Gardner will organize this project with the members of our congregation who are involved.

A new schedule for home communion was devised based on guidance from Session and our moderator.

Snack boxes that were mailed/delivered in April to five college students were well received. Some of the recipients sent thank-you notes to the team.

**Congregational Fellowship (Glenn Nelson):** Here are some upcoming events:

Sunday, June 2 - Coffee Fellowship  
Sunday, June 30 - Altoona Curve Game  
Sunday, July 28 - Church Picnic

There will not be a coffee fellowship for the months of July and August.

**Mission (Judy Hartzell):** The Mission team continues to discuss the Shared Altoona Churches Meal ideas. Session approved the idea of sending letters to see if other churches would like to do something similar. Betsy Gallace and Barb Weigley brought a list of ideas, along with the history of the Hollidaysburg meals. They also shared a review of our own Soup of Saturday beginnings. Discussion revolved around a list of churches within a limited radius. The team will work together to create a letter which will explain our ideas and ask these churches if they would like to work with us and other churches to get something set up for a Saturday soup lunch on alternate Saturdays. We hope to have our letter ready by the next meeting, if not sooner.

The Pentecost offering ends on the Day of Pentecost, which is Sunday, May 19. The 40% that our church keeps will go toward Krislund tuition for neighborhood kids.

We will distribute "Free Food Pantry Lists" in June, September and December. Jane Falco reported that Pantry participation continues to grow in both donations and use.

The Worship team sent us a memo regarding our possible participation in the support of the "Inspirations" radio program. We discussed the idea and tabled further discussion until the fall.

Our team decided to allow Soup on Saturday takeouts only when requested and pre-certified. We also talked about the need to hold strictly to serving times and the offering of seconds. SOS is

planning for 50 guests on May 18, and will serve soups, hot dogs, fruit cups and donated desserts plus beverages. On June 15, SOS is planning to serve soup, sloppy joes, fruit, desserts and beverages.

The June 2024 Giving Report: Presbytery Partnership Fund - \$300; Breezewood Truck Stop - \$300; Families United for Change - \$200; Gloria Gates Foundation - \$400; Meals on Wheels - \$400.

Community Donations: For June, please donate your choice of canned fruit for the Altoona Food Bank. For the Providence Food Pantry, please donate any nonperishable food items and personal care items. No glass containers, please.

Our next meeting date will be changed from Tuesday, June 11, to Tuesday, June 4.

**Outreach (Jane Yerty):** The Yard Sale was held on Saturday, May 4. We were overwhelmed with the generous participation from our church family, both in items donated and help to prepare and work the day of the sale. We made over \$1,800 to provide scholarships for neighborhood children to attend Camp Krislund. The Outreach team is very thankful for everyone's assistance and support.

Thanks to the Yard Sale, we were able to sell the large, heavy tables that were difficult to handle and store.

Burchfield Landscaping will start work on the garden as soon as the weather permits. Plans are to kill the grass and replace it with mulch to help keep the area more maintenance free. The Outreach team would like to gratefully acknowledge the generous gift of donated labor from Jimmy Burchfield and company. The library is now open in the garden. A new bulletin board will be installed in the garden after removing the current one from the fence.

Session approved allocating monies not used from the Yard Sale and the 2024 Pentecost offering to a scholarship fund to be used next year for non-members tuition to Camp Krislund. This procedure will be reviewed every year.

**Property (Geoff Geesey):** Our fire alarm panel has been fixed. We are waiting for a start date on the stained glass repairs. A free-standing bulletin board has been installed in the garden area.

**Spiritual Enhancement (Jeanie Mollica):** The position description for Nursery Supervisor has been created and reviewed by the Session. It was suggested that the hours be changed to “7:00 am to 12:00 pm” as discussed at our April meeting. The cleaning specifications need to be outlined.

**Worship (Rick Herbster):** Acolytes, liturgists and ushers are in place for May.

Holy Humor Sunday on May 5 went well.

We need to replace the pulpit microphone. Prices on various models have been received and are being reviewed.

We will start “Family Liturgists” in June. A sign-up calendar will be made and distributed. Liturgists will not be needed on Sunday, June 9, since that is Youth Sunday.

Our team discussed a “Readers’ Theater” program and decided to perform it with the youth.

For Mother’s Day and Father’s Day we will donate \$50 to Family Services.

Future Worship Schedule (all dates are on a Sunday unless noted otherwise):

June 2 - Ken Lynch (Communion)  
June 9 - Ken Lynch (9:30 am Summer worship hours begin; Youth Sunday; No Sunday school)  
June 16 - Carol Wyerman  
June 23 - Carol Wyerman  
June 30 - Allen Gibboney  
July 7 - Ken Lynch (Communion)  
July 14 - Ken Lynch  
July 21 - Carol Wyerman  
July 28 - Carol Wyerman (Casual dress for church; Our annual church picnic at DelGrosso’s Park)  
Monday, July 29, through Friday, August 2, Vacation Bible School (See the announcement in this newsletter)

Todd Lewis asked our committee if we would be interested in sponsoring a short inspirational service on Lightner Radio. This information will be passed on to the Mission team for consideration.

**Old Business:** Information to be included on Facebook should be submitted to Sue Whitsel.



Providence Presbyterian Church will change the time of its morning worship service to 9:30 am from **Sunday, June 9**, through **Sunday, September 1**. There will be no Sunday School or Junior Church during the summer schedule, but the Nursery will be open and staffed.

## Per Capita Amount

Just a reminder that the Per Capita amount for 2024 is \$39.24 *per member*. So far this year, our response rate has been 64%. That means that almost two-thirds of our members have responded to date. If you haven’t already done so, please try to meet your per capita obligation by using the special [blue envelope](#) in your box of offering envelopes. Thank you!

## June Donation Needs

Providence Presbyterian Church is collecting the following items for **Family Services** on the second Sunday of the month. Items should be left on the bottom shelf of the rack in the hallway by the restrooms no later than Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Thank You!

### Category: Summer Supplies

Paper plates  
Plastic cups  
Paper towels  
Plastic silverware  
Hand sanitizer  
Bubbles  
Sunscreen  
Play dough  
Water  
Individual snack bags  
Gift cards for local stores

Watch for a new donation category in the July/August newsletter!

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

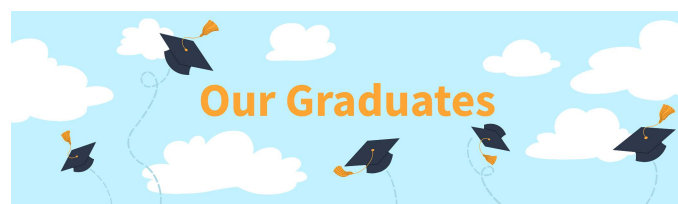
Tyler Oswalt	4
Clair Roddey	8
Martha Ramsey	10
Justin Treese	10
Ethan Donlan	13
Dwayne Yerty	14
Cheryl Dodson	18
Debbie Mallow	19
Tom McKee	22
Rita Holtzinger	29
Sue Stephens	29

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Paul & Joan Conway	1
Dave & Heather Wisor	5
John & Charyl Gardner	12
Denny & Nancy Nevling	17
Carmel & Jeanie Mollica	19
Marty & Sharon Judd	25
Mike & Jennifer Larrimore	26
Willie & Sue Stephens	29



Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School: "Scuba—Diving into Friendship with God," which will be held on Monday, July 29, through Friday, August 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at Providence Presbyterian Church. VBS is open to all kids 3 years old through sixth grade. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for what will certainly be a great time for all!



**Alyson Hollingsworth** graduated from Penn State Altoona. Alyson is our only graduate in 2024, and we congratulate her and offer our best wishes in her future endeavors!

**Please Note:** On the following page is the entry form for our 2024 *Providence Presbyterian Olympic Games*. Instructions are on the sheet—good luck to all entrants!



The Congregational Fellowship team has 30 tickets for the Altoona Curve baseball game scheduled for Thursday, July 20. Tickets are \$5. Our church's renowned men's group, the Hanging Curve, will be singing the National Anthem. A sign-up sheet will be posted in Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be available for sale after church starting on Sunday, June 9.

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# 2024 Providence Presbyterian Olympic Games

Answer the following questions and submit this form by Sunday, June 16th. Forms may be put in the basket on the heater in the back of the sanctuary or mailed to:

**BJ Crownover, 212 25th Ave., Altoona, 16601**

- Print your complete name. \_\_\_\_\_
- How many years have you been with your partner? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the age of your oldest car? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your birthdate? (month, date, year) \_\_\_\_\_
- How many cities have you lived in since you were born? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many grandchildren, including great grandchildren, do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many siblings do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
- How long have you been a member of a Presbyterian church? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many pets do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Tie-breaker: How many "Carol"s are a member of, or attend, this church? \_\_\_\_\_

*Each question will be tallied for Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Overall "medal count" winners will receive a special surprise.*

**Have fun! Results will be published in the July / August newsletter.**