



The Portage Presbyterian Church

August, 2024

"The Church is a people - and we are the Church!"



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and peace!

Summer Worship Schedule

We continue our "Summer Worship Schedule" through Sunday, Sept 1

Sunday Morning Worship is @ 9:30 a.m.

The "first and second Sundays" - we will be in the Sanctuary

The "third and fourth Sundays" - we will gather in the Parking Lot

BYOC - "bring your own chairs" (weather permitting)

A "Special" Worship Experience Coming - August 18

On Sunday, August 18 - PPC will be joining with other Presbyterian Churches in the area for a "Worship in the Park" at Tarrant Park in Cambria - beginning @ 10:00 a.m.

This "worship and fellowship" opportunity is being organized by the Rosedale Presbyterian Church.

Please bring your own lawn chair if you like - and a "dish to pass" - your own beverage and tableware.

If you are planning to attend this "worship and fellowship" time - please contact the Church Office **and let us know by August 9** - because we need to let Rosedale Church know (*in order to have enough burgers and brats for everyone!*)

For those who would be interested in "providing rides" for others -

OR for those who would like "to catch a ride" -

please contact the Church Office -

we will try to help "riders and drivers" find each other!

"Summer Book Study" Is Postponed Until "Fall"

We had talked about having a "Book Study" this summer -
but unfortunately schedules just did not work out!

So, we will be looking to share this "Book Study" in the Fall -
watch your newsletter and bulletin for further information.

"When Church Stops Working"

"A future for your church beyond more money, programs and innovation"

Confirmation This Fall?

Young people who are entering into the 7th grade or older beginning this Fall -
are invited to share in the "Confirmation Experience" here @ PPC.

We do not have a "set day" for the classes, as the Confirmation "experiences" (classes)
will meet on a day that is agreeable to everyone's schedules.

If you are interested - or would like more information, please contact Pastor Dave!

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, August 4 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. - [Sanctuary](#)

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:24-35

We will share the "Lord's Supper" during the service.

Sunday, August 11 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. - [Sanctuary](#)

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 18 - "Special" Worship Service - @ 10:00 a.m.

[In Cambria](#) - contact Office if you can provide a ride - need a ride

Sunday, August 25 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. - [Parking Lot](#)

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, Sept 1 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. - [Sanctuary](#)

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

We will share the "Lord's Supper" during the service.

IF you would like to receive the "weekly worship materials" -
the Sunday Worship Bulletin & Children's Bulletin -
by email- please contact Pastor Dave.

Sunday Morning "Video" Volunteers

If you have watched PPC's "livestream" Sunday worship videos - you have experienced the great job that Judy, Elaine, John & Sarah (*PPC's volunteer "videographers"*) have done.

And we would like to have a few more trained!!!

If you have questions about doing the video, please contact Pastor Dave or any of those who have been trained.

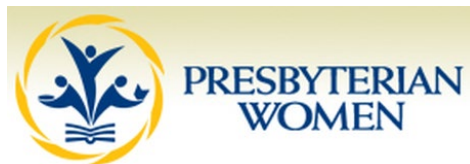
If you would like to be a part of this worship ministry, please contact Pastor Dave.

Sunday Morning "Screen" Volunteers

In addition to our "Livestream" Video opportunities on Sunday mornings, we are also seeking "volunteers" who may be interested in operating the "projection screens" we use on Sundays.

You will be "trained" to use the computer which enables the screens to be used.

If this is something in which you may be interested (or would like more information) - please contact Pastor Dave.



Just a note - The next meeting of the Women's Association will be Saturday, September 7th!

The Deacons will be hosting an "almost done with summer" fellowship after worship on Sunday, August 25. Come and enjoy a "*good old fashioned root beer float*" with them.

Just a reminder - all "**loose offerings**" (*coins and cash*) - on "Communion Sundays" - will be given to the Deacons to help support their ministries to and through this church community.



PPC has been "volunteering" to "stock the shelves" at the Food Pantry on **the 3rd Wednesday** of each month -

And now, "**BREAKING NEWS**"

PPC has also been asked to "stock shelves" on **the 4th Wednesday** of each month too!

Upcoming dates for "the food pantry" will be **Wednesday, August 21** and **Wednesday, August 28**. We usually begin @ 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to come and help this community resource provide a necessary program for those in need in our community. Please contact Pastor Dave if you are planning to come and help, in case there is a change in the schedule. *Come and help make a difference in the community!*

Just a reminder - there is a "**Little Food Pantry**" in front of Westminster Center. Anyone can place items in this box - and we receive donations from PPC folks as well as those from the community..

If you would like to make donations to the "**Little Food Pantry**" please feel free to provide dry goods and non perishables not affected by the temperature.



New Directions 4-H club is a very active group of young people from the area that meet together to share ideas, work on projects and learn great leadership skills.

The New Directions 4-H club meets @ PPC on the 3rd Sunday of each month, beginning @ 4:00 p.m.

PPC is pleased to be able to support the efforts of 4-H and the New Directions Club by offering a meeting space and support for their good work.

Jen Martens serves as the advisor for the New Directions Club.



All of PPC's Scout Units have had a busy summer!

We can't wait to hear what they have been up to!

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Be sure to keep the Scouts and their leaders in your prayers!

Important "Information and Activities" Around Portage

The Portage "Sharing Supper" is back -

Stay tuned to updates about the "next" Sharing Supper!



The Summer of 2024 marks the 11th year that nutritional Summer Lunches have been made available for area young people 18 years old and younger. Summer Lunches will be served through August 30.

Summer Lunches will be served at the following locations and times:

- Goodyear Park / Splash Pad 11:05-11:30 a.m.
- Portage Library 11:15-11:45 a.m.
- Lincoln Park 11:40-Noon
- Sanborn Park 12:15-12:35 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer, please use the following link to sign up!

<https://forms.gle/WbAudZdTNTpGSmtJ7>

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dave! Thank you!



"Kwik Trip" Car Wash Cards are still available!

For \$36.00 / card, you will receive 5 - yes, that's right - 5 "Ultimate" car washes (normally a cost of \$50.00)

If you would like to purchase a "Kwik Trip Car Wash Card" - contact Pastor Dave.

It is "easy" **to make a "financial" offering** for the work and ministry here @ Portage Presbyterian Church

You may choose to



Mail it to the Church Office

or

Drop it in the "mail slot"



or

Use the "online giving" option on "PPC's Website"



or

scan the "QR Code" which will take you to the "Online Giving" Portal



Your financial support for the work and ministry of God in and through the Portage Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated!

"Together" - we continue to share God's "Good News" in many ways and YOU are helping to make this possible!



To Contact The Portage Presbyterian Church

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PPC's Church Officers

Serving God and God's People

With "Energy, Intelligence, Imagination and Love"

Ruling Elders / Session

Moderator - Pastor Dave Hankins

Clerk of Session - Alex Harvey

Alex Harvey (2024)

Larry Day (2025)

Tara Bandekow (2026)

Rhys Brenner (2024)

Jarrett Foster (2025)

Nancy Beasley (2026)

Lee Roundy (2024)

Nancy Schaper (2025)

Kathy Raimer (2026)

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons - Peggy Alf-Sechtig

Secretary - Liz Bellmore

Treasurer - Joyce Meredith

Tammy Foster (2024)

Peggy Alf (2025)

Glenda Day (2026)

Lynne Warren (2024)

Joyce Meredith (2025)

Vickie Kastner (2026)

Liz Bellmore (2025)

Joyce Oehlhof (2026)



Take Note - "Brat - Hot Dog - Hamburger Stand"

@ Festival Foods - Saturday, Sept 7