



The Portage Presbyterian Church

August, 2022

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



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

"Worship @ The Fair" - Sunday, July 31

We will once again be helping to provide a "Worship Service @ The Fair" on Sunday, July 31 - beginning @ 11:00 a.m.

We will be sharing this wonderful worship experience with the pastors and members of the *Bethlehem Lutheran Church* and *Portage United Methodist Church*.

Come and worship - and be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors!

PPC @ Portage Food Pantry - Changes Coming!

We have received notice that the Portage Food Pantry will be changing the ways in which customers are provided food resources.

And, as a result, the "volunteer" work PPC does at the Food Pantry will also be changing.

Customers, beginning sometime this Fall, will be invited to come into the Pantry to "shop and choose" their own food.

As a result, volunteers, beginning in September, will no longer be "packing boxes" - instead, we will be "stocking shelves."

More "information and instruction" will be coming from the Food Pantry Board about this transition. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dave. Thanks!

Upcoming Worship Services

Remember - Summer Worship Services begin @ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday - July 31 - "Worship @ The Fair" - @ 11:00 a.m. -

in the "Entertainment Tent"

A Worship Service provided by *Bethlehem Lutheran Church,*

Portage United Methodist Church and PPC

Sunday - August 7 - "Traditional Worship" - Sanctuary Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrating PPC's 172nd Anniversary

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

The "Bread" and "Cup" will be served in the pews -

Luke 12:32-40

Sunday - August 14, 2022 - "Traditional" Worship - Sanctuary Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 21 - "Informal" Worship - "Parking Lot" Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday - August 28 - "Traditional" Worship - "Parking Lot" Worship

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday - September 4 - "Traditional Worship" - Sanctuary Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost

This will be our last "9:30 am - Summer" worship service!

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

The "Bread" and "Cup" will be served in the pews -

you may also choose to prepare your own elements.

Luke 14:25-33

2022 "Summer Worship" Schedule

things to remember about PPC's "Summer Worship"

First - During the summer months (*through Labor Day weekend - Sept 4*) our Sunday worship services begin @ 9:30 a.m.

Second - We will have some worship services in the sanctuary and some "outdoors in the parking lot"

- "1st and 2nd Sundays" we will be gathering in the sanctuary for worship.
- "3rd and 4th Sundays" we will be gathering outside in the "parking lot" (weather permitting).

If you have any questions about the Summer worship schedule, please contact the Church Office.

We Need YOUR Help - "Making A Transition"

We are "making a transition" - and **we need YOUR HELP!**

The Church Office is in the process of modifying the options by which you can receive information from PPC - whether the monthly newsletter - or items of information.

As a part of this process, we are "transitioning" from "only" paper copies of newsletters / information "mailed out" - to "either" paper copies (for those who choose to continue receiving by mail) ... OR "digital" copies (which would be emailed).

Why are we doing this?

On the one hand - **this is a "stewardship" issue** - use of paper, copies being made. Not only will this help to "save money" - it also saves other resources as well (such as paper, wear and tear on the copier, etc).

And this "transition" will also **enable us to get information to you in a much more timely fashion.**

If you have not already given your "preferred email" to the Church Office, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

All emails shared with the Church Office are "confidential" - nothing is shared without your permission.

If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!

Events Committee - Information & Updates

- The Meal at the Fair will be held on July 27th - in front of the Grandstand. The Meal will be served from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We will be serving *shredded chicken , pork and beef brisket sandwiches along with potato salad and cookies.* We will need about 15 dozen cookies and many workers. Sign up sheets will be posted on the kiosk in Parry Hall All proceeds will go to the general operating budget of our church. *Contact Nancy at 608-742-7242 with any questions or to volunteer.*
- And be sure to "mark your calendar" - for Saturday, September 3rd - this will be the Events Committee's "last brat sale" of the season - @

Festival Foods. We will be serving brats - hot dogs - hamburgers from 10:00-2:00.

PPC's "Women's Association" News

- ✓ On Wednesday, August 10th we will be serving pies at the concert at VFW Hall. We are looking for donations of pies. A sign up sheet has been posted in Parry Hall or you can let Donna know if you are willing to help by either making a pie or help serving pies. The band Big and Little will be the musical entertainment for the evening.
- ✓ The next meeting of the Women's Association will be Saturday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m.- @ a "place yet to be determined."

PPC Women's Association - Mission Update!

We want to continue distribution of the personal care bags made possible by your donations.

We have NO combs or brushes or deodorant at this time.

Please bring your items to church any Sunday. You may drop them off during church office hours if that works better for you.

Thank you,
Glenda Day

Mark Your Calendars - Sunday, September 25!

Be sure to "mark your calendar" for Sunday, September 25!

We will be sharing in "two" special experiences!

First - Sunday morning's worship will be our time of the "Blessing of the Animals." Weather permitting, we will be **gathering in the "parking lot"** for this service.

Second - Check out the "flyer" about the "Cowabunga" Experience - held at **Collipp-Worden Park**. This is a time of food-fun-fellowship for "all of God's children!"

Come and share in these special times of gathering together as a "community." And be sure to invite your family, neighbors and friends too!

Donations To Ukraine Relief - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is responding to the refugee crisis happening in Ukraine. Over one million Ukrainian people have already been displaced since the invasion began. As the violence continues, the number of people becoming homeless due to fighting or fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day.

If you would like to make a donation to support PDA's humanitarian response, please send your donation to the John Knox Presbytery.

You can include it with any other remittances to the Presbytery on the same remittance form and the same check. Please be sure to identify the PDA project in section C – Directed Mission Support on the Presbytery Treasury Service form (attached). The project number is DR000156 (Disaster Relief-International Refugee Programs).

We will forward your donations to the PDA and your donation will also appear on your quarterly statement we send to each church. For more information on the PDA's assistance to Ukraine, please click the following link <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine//>.

"Volunteers" For Projection Screens In Sanctuary

We are still looking for "volunteers" who might be interested in helping to "prepare" and / or "project" our Sunday morning worship services on the projection screens.

Presently we are using the "PowerPoint" program for the slides.

You do not have to be "in the office" to do this - you could actually prepare the slides in the "comfort of your own home" and save them on a flash drive.

For Sunday mornings, we would need to have someone who could advance the slides using a "clicker."

If you are interested in this, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Dave. Thanks!

"Video" People for Sunday Morning Worship

One of the exciting new ministries that has developed is our "Sunday Morning Worship Video" option.

And we are continuing to look for additional "volunteers" who would be interested in being involved in this ministry.

If you have a "smart phone" - and a little time - would you consider helping out?

If you would be interested in participating in this ministry - or would like more information - contact Pastor Dave.

Next Worship @ Tivoli - August 15, 2022

Provided that all is well, we will again provide worship for the residents at Tivoli on Monday, August 15 @ 10:00 a.m.

Anyone coming to be a part of the worship community will be asked to "check in" at the entrance and to "wear a mask" during the service (*per Aspirus-Divine Savior Healthcare guidelines*) - as will the Tivoli residents

Important "Information and Activities" In Our Portage Community

"Portage Summer Lunch for Kids" - Volunteers Needed

The "Portage Summer Lunch Planning Group" is **looking for volunteers** who would like to help serve meals at the 3 different "park sites." You will have your choice of site and can volunteer as your schedule allows.

We are especially looking for "volunteers" for the **"last eight days" of the summer** - August 22-26 and August 29-31. These last "eight days" are when we assume responsibility for "packing meals" and "serving them" at the "park sites" (Splash Pad / Goodyear Park - Lincoln Park - Sanborn Park).

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Dave.

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"ADRC" Drivers and Volunteers Needed!

ADRC of Columbia County is looking **for volunteers** to deliver home meals and for "kitchen assistance." Schedules are "flexible" according to your availability - you can volunteer as much as works best for you.

ADRC of Columbia County is also looking for **"paid drivers."** This involves transporting elderly and people with disabilities to medical appointments or delivery of meals. Schedules are "flexible" according to your time availability. And you would get to drive an "ADRC Van."

If you are interested in either of these or would like more information, please call 1-888-742-9233.

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"Sharing Suppers" Information!

On Monday, August 29 - from 5:00-6:30 p.m. - Portage's "Sharing Supper" will be serving the community meal - @ Bartels Middle School.

"Sharing Supper" is organized around the idea that it is good for people to come together - in community - to "share a meal" - along with conversations. Different organizations and groups in the Portage area provide the meals each month.

The "Sharing Supper" will be served each month - on the last Monday - at the Bartels Middle School.

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**"Kwik Trip" Car Wash Cards**

"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.

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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 On "Amazon Smiles"

*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!