



The Portage Presbyterian Church

July, 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*.

Also - if anyone would be interested in "being in a 'Worship Jam' type of group" for this service, please contact Pastor Dave ASAP - so we can get the music to you.

Upcoming Worship Services

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

Sunday - July 3, 2022 - "Traditional" Worship - Sanctuary Worship

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

"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.

Sunday - July 10 - "Traditional" Worship - Sanctuary Worship

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 17 - "Informal" Worship - "Parking Lot" Worship

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 10:38-44

Sunday - July 24 - "Traditional" Worship - "Parking Lot" Worship

7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

you may also choose to prepare your own elements.

Luke 12:32-40

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 will 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.

Events Committee - Information & Updates

The Events Committee hosted a **brat sale** during the Canal Days activities at the Chamber of Commerce Plaza on **June 4, 2022**. It was a cool rainy day. We sold 150 brats, 84 hot dogs, 54 bags of chips, 60+ cans of pop and 35 bottles of water. *Rhys Brenner* was our “Grill Master” and began grilling by 10:00AM. *Nancy Meekma, Karin Hall, Larry Day plus Nancy Schaper* were the workers. Thanks so much to all of them and for those of you who came and supported us. It was a fun day (we always have a good time) and **we made \$680.50** for our church.

On **June 15th** the Events Committee **hosted the Concert at the Portage** with delicious pies donated by our members. It was an interesting time as it was very windy and the tornado sirens were going off. We were inside the VFW Hall waiting for the weather to break. The people that were there were very generous and purchased all the pie they could eat. *Lori Rogers, Donna Mohr and Nancy Schaper* cut and served the pies. Thanks to all of you who donated and purchased the pies. The **profit of \$210.00** will be donated to the general operating budget of the church.

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.*

PPC's "Women's Association" News

- ✓ Thanks to all who supported our **cookie sale in May**. We made **\$302** towards our missions.
- ✓ **On June 30th** we will be **visiting the Garden of Angels**. We will meet at church at 10:30 a.m. to carpool there. We will then go out to lunch and hold a short meeting.
- ✓ We will be putting in a **Scrip order soon**. Please have your order to Elaine or Donna by **Friday, July 8th**. Order forms are on the table in Parry Hall.
- ✓ **On August 10th** we will be serving pies at the concert at VFW Hall. We will be looking for donations of pies. A sign up sheet will be posted in Parry Hall to sign up 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 playing.

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 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 looking 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 - July 18, 2022

Provided that all is well, we will again provide worship for the residents at Tivoli on Monday, July 18 @ 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

Beginning on Monday, June 13 the "Portage Summer Lunch Program for Kids" will begin its 9th summer. Last summer the program served over "10,000 meals" to young people in the Portage area.

We are **looking for volunteers** who would like to work with the Dells Food Service staff to serve meals at the different sites. You will have your choice of site and can volunteer as your schedule allows.

In order to continue this important program, we will need volunteers!

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



"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" Are On!

On **Monday, July 25** - 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!