



The Portage Presbyterian Church

November 21, 2020 - "Update"

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



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

Happy New Year!

"Harvest Dinner" Update!

Due to the Pandemic we were unable to have a "sit down" Harvest Dinner. In it's place we had a "Drive Thru" dinner that was very successful. **Thank you to all who helped in any way.** Kudos to the workers who were delivering food, selling tickets and directing traffic out in the cold and rain. We *served about 285 meals* and made a profit of \$4,186.39 that will be donated to the general operating expenses of our church. *A wonderful meal and a wonderful experience.*

"Kwik Trip" Ultimate Car Wash Cards Available!

Looking for a "stocking stuffer?" Do we have a deal for you!!! We are still selling the Kwik Trip "Ultimate" Car Wash cards - for a reduced cost of **\$36.00 / 5 washes**. Checks can be made out to "PPC Youth." Contact Pastor Dave to purchase your cards. Thanks!

"Chicken Soup Mix" - Perfect for the Holidays!

The Women's Association has "decorated" jars of the Chicken Soup mix available for \$3.25/jar. *These make a nice gift to have on hand.*

The "Soup Mix" is available for purchase at church on Sundays or in the church office during open hours. Let Glenda Day know if you need it delivered by calling her at 608-429-1313. Thank you.

The "Little Pantry" at Westminster Center

If you would like to donate non-perishable food items - and / or "personal care items" - please leave them in Westminster Center, the Church Office or in Parry Hall at the church. If you would like to have items collected, please contact the Church Office.

Readers for Worship - "LIVE" (well, sort of)

You can provide a video of you reading or we can make arrangements to "record you" by video. We will then use the video during worship - you will be "live" without being there. If you would be interested in serving as a "reader" for Advent or Christmas worship services, contact Pastor Dave and we will get the information to you.

PPC in Worship "Together"

At the present time we are offering worship in a variety of ways. You can share "*in person*" in the sanctuary. Please note: that we are following the guidelines and protocols established by the Session

We continue to "broadcast live" worship in the parking lot on your FM radio in the parking lot - we are "live" on 90.5 FM.

We also continue to offer "**live videos**" of the Sunday morning worship services on PPC's [Facebook page](#). and on PPC's "[YouTube](#)" Page.

If you would like to receive **our weekly worship bulletins** - please let us know. We can "*mail*" them or we can "*email*" them to you.

We also can make **DVD's of worship services** available for those who may be interested. If you would like a DVD and need to "borrow" a DVD player, we have them for your use. Just contact the Church Office and arrangements will be made to get them to you!

"Photos by Syd"- A Church Fund-Raiser Continues

It's not too late! You may still purchase your "**Photos By Syd**." These would make wonderful Christmas gifts and at that same time, as a "donation gift" for the church's ongoing work and ministry. Please contact the church office to make arrangements to see which photos are still available. Thank you, Syd, for your generous gifts.

"Confirmation Class" Updates!

PPC's Confirmation Class continues to meet on Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. in Parry Hall.

On the 3rd Wednesdays of each month the Confirmation Class members are participating in a mission project at the Portage Food Pantry. They will be packing boxes which will be distributed to those in need at the of the week.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their Confirmation journey: *Evie, Bennett, Garrett, Josie, Bailey, Oden and Gracie*.

And thank you to *Nicky Cross*, who has been participating as our adult mentor.

"Christmas-Joy Offering" in December

A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the **Christmas Joy Offering** is one of four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need.

The receipts from the offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pension for assistance programs and to Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women of the General Assembly Mission Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic education.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received any time during December. If you have boxed church envelopes there is a Christmas Joy envelope included. There is also an envelope attached to this letter.

"Free" Christmas Day Dinner - will be served!

This will be the 22nd year the Portage Presbyterian Church has opened its doors on Christmas day for a free mid-day dinner for people in our community. With the health and safety of our church and the community in mind we will offer our Christmas Dinner through **pick ups and delivery only**. Deliveries will be made only in the city of Portage.

We will have a meal of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberry and rolls along with bars and/or cookies for dessert.

Reservations for pick up or delivery can be made by calling the church office at 608-742-6006 or Nancy Schaper at 608-742-7242 and leave a message and we will contact you back. **Reservations must be made by December 22nd.**

We are in need of help that day so if you are available to help please call Nancy. We will also need cookies and bars so call Nancy if you can donate dessert or have any questions.

"Wish List" Updates

If you would like to make "Wish List" donations - or if you have questions, please contact the Church Office. Here are some of the items for your consideration -

- ✓ **Hand Sanitizer - Wipes - Sanitizing Spray** (use in the buildings)
- ✓ **Paper Towels** (for use in the bathroom dispensers)
- ✓ **LED Candles** - which we will use for Advent & Christmas
- ✓ **Advent Tents / Candles** - a resource for "Advent" candles @ home
- ✓ **New Highway Signs** - replacing the church's signage on the highways coming into the city of Portage

Please contact the Church Office for more information. Thank you!

"Thank You" - PPC "Bell Ringers"

Once again we answered the call to ring bells for the Salvation Army on November 21st . Thank you to *Peggy Alf Sechtig, Pastor Dave and Kathy, The Chris Rietmann Family, Larry and Glenda Day, Liz Bellmore, The Foster Family, Deb Capener, Karin Hall , Lori Rogers and Nancy Schaper* for volunteering to ring. If you were unable to ring on that day and want to donate your time, call 1-608-617-3237 to sign up.

Terri Lynn Nut and Candy Sale "Wrap Up"

Our Terri Lynn Nut and Candy Sale was once again a big success. We ordered 210 items and *made a profit of \$375.40* that will go to the general operating budget of our church. Thanks to all who purchased the nut and candy and enjoy them.



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Dial your radio to **FM Channel - 90.5**

if you are in the "Parking Lot" area near the church

you will be able to hear our worship services and other activities here at PPC!

Making a "financial" offering for the work and ministry here @ Portage Presbyterian Church is "easy!" ... You may choose to

[Mail it](#) to the Church Office

or

[Drop it in the "mail slot"](#) or [During "open hours"](#) at the Church Office

or

Use the ["online giving" option](#)

Go to your website - www.portagepresbyterian.com

On the "home page" you will find the  button.

Click on the button and follow instructions.

Online "offerings" can be recurring or one time gifts.

Thank you for your help and support of God's ministry here at and through PPC!