



The Portage Presbyterian Church

October 2020 - "Update"

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Portage Presbyterian Church Community:

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

Here's the "Latest Update" of information to at this time!

"Harvest Dinner" Update!

Mark your calendars for November 14th, which will be our annual Harvest Dinner. Due to the Covid -19 Pandemic we are unable to provide a sit-down dinner in the church dining room. We will provide a "Drive Thru Turkey Dinner" in the back parking lot (*just like the dinner you would get inside the church*). The cost of the dinner will be **\$15.00** and pick up will **begin at 4:00PM**. We will need pumpkin and apple pies donated by the congregation. More information will be provided in our next news letter.

"Nominating Committee" Information!

The Nominating Committee continues to seek your "suggestions" or "recommendations" for those "active members" whom you would offer to serve in either of these ministries.

Members of the 2020 Nominating Committee are: **Alex Harvey** and **Larry Day** (*Elders*), **Tammy Foster** (*Deacon*) and **Glenda Day, Lee Roundy, Elaine Crammond** and **Nancy Schaper** (*from the Congregation*).

Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee with your suggestions or recommendations.

"Kwik Trip" Ultimate Car Wash Cards Available!

It is always a good time to wash your vehicle, right? We are still selling the Kwik Trip "Ultimate" Car Wash cards. Normally these cards would sell for \$50.00 / 5 washes - but we are selling them for a reduced cost of **\$36.00 / 5 washes**. Checks can be made out to "PPC Youth." If you would like to purchase an "Ultimate" Car Wash Card, contact Pastor Dave. Thanks!

"Chicken Soup Mix" Available Now!

The Women's Association continues to sell their chicken soup mix for \$3.25/jar.

This is a year-long fundraiser. It's great for a quick meal!

Let Glenda Day know if you want some or pick it up at church on Sundays or at the church office during open hours. Thank you.

Terri Lynn "Nut and Candy" Sale

We are once again doing a "Terry Lynn Nut and Candy Pre-Order Sale." A brochure of the various product options is available at the Church Office (during open office hours) ... "online" at PPC's Website and Facebook Page ... or can be sent to you via email (as a PDF file).

You are asked to "pre-order and pay" for the items that you would like. The final order for all of the items will be sent in by the end of October, with the possibility that orders will be in Portage by Thanksgiving. Unlike other years, we will not have "extras" available for purchase.

Enclosed is an "order blank" of many of the favorites. If you would like other items that are not included in the order blank, you can add them to the back of the order sheet.

Payment must accompany your order blank. Checks can be made out to PPC (with Terri Lynn on the memo blank).

You may mail your order to "Portage Presbyterian Church, 118 West Pleasant Street, Portage, WI 53901." Or you may drop it in the "mail slot" at the Church Office.

When orders arrive, you will be contacted and we will arrange pick up of your order. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy @ 608-742-7242.

"Coats of Many Colors" Community Coat Drive in October

The Salvation Army Coat Drive will take place October 1-18 with distribution October 23rd and 24th. We are collecting gently used and clean winter coats---sizes infant to adult. They must have workable snaps, zippers and buttons. We are also asking for snow boots of all sizes. We have a special need for children's items.

You may drop off your items at the Portage Police Dept., Portage Cleaners or the Portage Public Library (Main Entrance).

PPC in Worship "Together"

As we have moved into the Fall season, we will continue to offer the "outdoor service" at 10:05 a.m. (providing that we are not dealing with inclement weather). This includes the "drive in" option or the "bring your own chair" option. You can also listen to the worship service 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](#). They are also available on PPC's "[YouTube](#)" Page.

We continue to be blessed by those who make our "videos" possible - thank you to *Allison* who has been serving in this capacity. Also thank you to *Lee* who has served as our worship accompanist.

We continue to **mail our weekly worship bulletins** to those who we are aware do not have "an internet" connection. If you would like to receive these mailings, please contact the Church Office.

We also can make DVD's of worship services available for those who may be interested.

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, October 18 - "Traditional" Worship

- ✓ "Live" Video Worship Service and "Drive In" & "Bring Your Own Chair" begins at 10:05 a.m.

Sunday, October 25 - "Traditional" Worship

- ✓ "Live" Video Worship Service and "Drive In" & "Bring Your Own Chair" begins at 10:05 a.m.

Sunday - November 1 - "Traditional" Worship - *Lord's Supper*

- "Live" Video Worship Service and "Drive In" & "Bring Your Own Chair" begins at 10:05 a.m. -
- We will celebrate the Lord's Supper - *please provide your own elements of "bread" and "cup" for this worship time*
- This will be our "**All Saints Sunday**" as we "celebrate and honor" those who have gone before us to God's Eternal Kingdom

Sunday, November 8 - "Informal" Worship

- ✓ "Live" Video Worship Service and "Drive In" & "Bring Your Own Chair" begins at 10:05 a.m.

"Photos by Syd"- A Church Fund-Raiser

Syd Jones' photos are featured on the church's "Facebook Page" so you can choose your favorite and purchase it - or we can make a PDF file available for you.

You may purchase your "Photos By Syd" as a "donation gift" for the church's ongoing work and ministry. If you would like to see these photos "live," please contact the church office to make arrangements. Thank you, Syd, for your generous gifts.

Thank You - for your ongoing participation and support!

Your prayers, your care for one another and your neighbors, your presence from a distance continue to testify to the faith and courage and ministry to which God has called and to which God continues to send us. God continues to lead us, inspire us and provide for us as we seek to follow God's lead.

Even with all of the uncertainties that this pandemic has brought into all of our lives and into the community, YOU continue to find ways and opportunities to share and participate in God's work and ministry in and through PPC.

The Session is grateful for YOUR faithfulness and generosity in continuing to financially support the church's ministries to the best of one's abilities. Thank You!

"Confirmation Class" Information

PPC's Confirmation Class has started their classes this Fall. We presently have "seven" young adults who are participating in the class: *Evie, Bennett, Garrett, Josie, Bailey, Oden and Gracie*. We will be sharing in study and in mission projects as we go through this year. At the present time we are meeting on Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. in Parry Hall. Please be sure to keep them in your prayers as they go through this time of learning and exploring.

"Online VIDEO Bible Stories"

Check out PPC's Facebook Page for the "Online Bible Stories."

Each week we will be sharing a "video" with young people (*and God's children of all ages*)

Who knows? We might do a little singing too!

If you might be interested in "reading" one of the stories, contact Pastor Dave

Church Office Is Open - with "changes"!

The office staff is open for our "normal" office hours - but with these "guidelines"

- ✓ that there only be one person in office at a time
- ✓ that we should use first door only
- ✓ and that masks should be worn when you are indoors

Kathy (Secretary) is in the office on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00-1:00 pm

Tammy Kohnke, our Financial Secretary, has submitted her letter of resignation to the Personnel Committee and Session. She has secured full-time employment in Montello with the school district. We are grateful for Tammy's presence with us and for her work and ministry with us. Keep Tammy and Scott in your prayers as she begins this new opportunity.

The Personnel Committee has already started working to fill the position
For the present time, PPC's Treasurer, Rosemary Minnema, is covering the position on a
"temporary basis." Thanks, Rosemary for your help in this time of transition!

Sharing "Joys" and "Concerns" for Worship

If you have "joys" and/or "concerns" that you would like to share for our Sunday worship
experience, please contact Pastor Dave no later than Saturday afternoon.

You may email or you may leave message at the church office.
We will not use "last names" when we share these during worship!

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dave

"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 we will be needing soon.

- ✓ Hand Sanitizer - Wipes - Sanitizing Spray (use in the buildings)
- ✓ Paper Towels (for use in the bathroom dispensers)

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

Ministry Opportunities in the Church

If anyone is interested in evaluating, researching and offering suggestions about "live video"
opportunities (worship and other ideas), and perhaps help to further develop PPC's "video
ministry" *please contact the Church Office.*

A Few Final Thoughts ... *from Pastor Dave*

We are heading into what would "normally" be a busy time of the year - *All Saints'
Sunday, the Harvest Dinner, Advent and Christmas.*

But, as we are aware - 2020 has been anything but "normal!"

Yet, as we have done for all of these months since March, we here at PPC continue to
find ways to "do church" - to worship "together" - to do God's ministry - to be in fellowship -
to reach out to the community and world around us.

I read something recently which helped me to keep perspective - *that nothing that has
happened or will happen will change the fact that Jesus has been born!* In other words, even
though there is so much that seems outside of our control, there is nothing that is outside of
"God's control." Christmas is still coming!

So, in some respects, this "time of the year" may in reality be "busier" than normal because nothing is "normal." We will continue, as we have, to discover, learn, listen and follow God's lead through this busy time of the year.

YES - we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday, we will be having the Harvest Dinner and we will be sharing in Advent and Christmas experiences. Stay tuned for details and information.

And YES, we will continue to move ahead, trust God and serving with "energy, intelligence, imagination and love" in many different ways and places and seasons of the year.

Peace Be With You!



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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" at the Church Office

or

Drop it off 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!