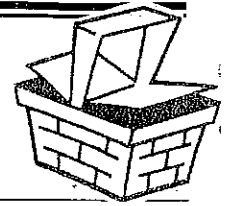


# The Portage Presbyterian



A Newsletter for The Portage Presbyterian Family

August 2017

## "NEW" CONFIRMATION CLASS IN FALL?

If you (or a friend, neighbor) are interested in being a part of the Fall 2017 Confirmation experience here @ PPC - TAKE NOTE!

We are planning to offer a "new" Confirmation Class experience this Fall - but will need to know if we have young people who are interested in participating.

Please contact the Church Office if you (or someone you know) would like to take part.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dave.



## BRAT and HOT DOG SALE

The Events Committee will be hosting a brat sale at **Festival Foods Brat Hut on September 2**. We will be ready to sell by 10:00 AM so come for lunch or a late breakfast. All profits will be donated to the general operating budget of the church.

Any questions contact Nancy Schaper.

## "SUMMER WED NITE @ PPC"

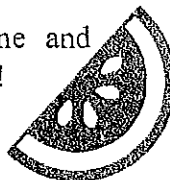
As Summer comes the "Wed Nite @ PPC" program will continue through the summer! But in a special way!

We are planning to come together once a month to share a lite meal, fellowship, projects and activities and worship.

"Summer Wed Nite" on August 23 will be an opportunity for us to learn more about the "backpack program" at the Rusch Elementary School and to see if there are ways we can help support this special program.

All ages are encouraged to come and share in this "Summer Wed Nite" experience!

There may even be a few surprises!!!



## "NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC" - AUGUST 27

On Sunday, August 27 PPC will celebrate our "3rd Annual" Neighborhood Picnic.

With all of the construction around the church, the Discipleship Committee decided to "*think outside the fence.*"

So, the "Neighborhood Picnic" will be held at Goodyear Park beginning with our worship time @ 10:05 a.m.

Goodyear Park is the park behind Rusch Elementary School and near the Splash Pad and the Skate Park.

Following the worship time, we will have grills to get the hamburgers and hot dogs ready. And the rest of the picnic will come from donations. Donation "sheets" will be out in Parry Hall.

Following the picnic we invite you to stay and play a few games, sit and visit or take the plate back for "seconds." If you have lawn games or "group games" that you would like to bring along that would be great.

Come and enjoy a great time at a fun park with some pretty cool people!

DON'T  
FIDDLE AROUND



## GUITAR LESSONS - THIS SUMMER @ PPC

On *Mondays in August* (@ 6:00 p.m.) Pastor Dave will be leading a class for "guitar lessons" for those who are interested.

We will be starting "at the beginning." So, if you have never played before, this will be the class for you.

You do not have a guitar, you say? Well, we have a couple of guitars that you could use until you decide to purchase your own.

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

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 6, 2017

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*

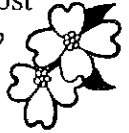


Sunday, August 13, 2017

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, August 20, 2017

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
10:05 a.m. – *"Informal" Worship*



Wednesday, August 23, 2017

*Wed Nite Worship @ 7:00 p.m.*

Sunday, August 27, 2017

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*



### JOINT MEETING" COMING IN AUGUST

On Thursday, August 31 @ 6:00 p.m.  
members of Session and the Board of Deacons  
will come together for our annual "joint meeting."

We will be meeting in the Fellowship /  
Dining Room of the church building.

If you would like, *you are encouraged to  
bring your own "brown bag lunch" for the evening.*

You will be receiving more information  
about this meeting in the next few weeks.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor  
Dave.

### PRODUCE DAYS

Our Produce/Bake Sale Days have been  
going great. Originally scheduled for the second  
Sunday of the month we welcome fresh produce on  
any Sunday.

As we know when it is ready it should be  
picked. Our next scheduled days are August 13,  
September 10 and October 8 but if you have items  
ready, be sure and bring them any Sunday. They  
will be displayed for a free will offering and the  
money received will be used for Mission  
Stewardship projects. Any questions contact Nancy  
Schaper.

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of *Jane Gilbertson*, from  
Caroline Rittmann  
Nancy Schaper  
Richard & Rosemary Minnema



### LEGACY FUND

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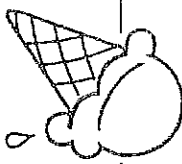






Pastor – The Rev. David J. Hankins

**Church Office Hours**  
 Monday – 10:00am – 12:00pm  
 Tuesday – Office Closed  
 Wednesday – 8:00am – 1:00pm  
 Thursday – Office Closed  
 Friday – 8:00am – 1:00pm

# August

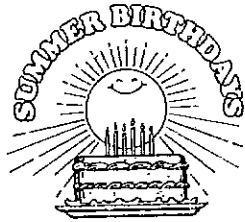
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
 NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> HARVEST DINNER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>6</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:05am Traditional Worship	<b>7</b> 6:00pm Guitar Lessons, Parry Hall	<b>8</b> 10:00am Region 5 Prayer Group, WC	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Events Committee serving pics at Concert at the Portage (VPW)	<b>10</b> 8:30-11:30am VBS at Methodist Church 1:30pm JKP Video Test	<b>11</b> 8:30-11:30am VBS at Methodist Church September Newsletter Articles Due in Office	<b>12</b>  9:30am – 3:00 p.m. Presbytery Meetings, Dining Room
<b>13</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:05am Traditional Worship Produce/Bake Sale Day	<b>14</b> 6:00pm Guitar Lessons, Parry Hall	<b>15</b> 11:00am "Late For Breakfast" at Dino's	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. Worship "Jam" Sanctuary	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:05am Informal Worship Fellowship/Happy Hour 4:00pm 4-H, Dining Room	<b>21</b> 10:00am Worship Service at Tivoli 6:00pm Guitar Lessons, Parry Hall	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:00-7:30pm Summer Wednesday Night 6:00pm Women's Association serving pics at Concert at the Portage (VPW)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:05am Traditional Worship 11:05am Neighborhood Picnic	<b>28</b>  5:00-6:30pm Sharing Supper at Bartels Middle School Meals On Wheels	<b>29</b>  Meals On Wheels	<b>30</b>  Meals On Wheels	<b>31</b>  6:00pm Joint Session and Deacons Meeting, Dining Room Meals On Wheels	<b>September 1</b>  Meals On Wheels	<b>September 2</b> 10:00am - 2:00 pm Brat Stand at Festival Foods Events Committee

**PENTECOST OFFERING**

The Pentecost offering was collected on June 4, which was Pentecost Sunday. We collected a total of \$186.00 of which 40% (\$75.00) stays with our congregation to be used on children's programs. Thank you for your support



August Birthdays

Beth O'Connor	1
Kimberly Messer	2
John Polnow	2
Jill Porzel	2
Kayla Ballard	2
James Cadigan	4
Evelyn Brown	6
Pam Crossley	7
Donna Mohr	8
Sherry Bornick	9
Erin Rohrbeck	9
Vivian Mohr	9
Patti Byran	10
R. Michael Bennett	12
Mary Roundy	13
Rex Oehlhof	14
Cashton Gavinski	14
Elaine Crammond	18
Sarah Doering	18
Jonathan Schneiter	19
Brenda Owen	19
Amy Gavinski	21
Alicia Mohr	22
Kathy Doering	23
Maycee Gavinski	24
Edna Jones	25
Michael N. Koehler	25
Karen Reinold	25
Janet Hollander	26
Noah Jahn	26
Amelia O'Rourke	27
Thomas Heinze	29
Mark Bennett	30
Keith Owen	31
Ethelyn Blood	31
Timothy Hoversten	31

**PIES @ "CONCERT AT THE PORTAGE"**

On Wednesday evening, August 23 the Presbyterian Women will be providing dessert at the Concert at the Portage. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. and the performer is *Bahama Bob*.

This is a fund raiser for the women to raise financial resources for their missions that they support throughout the year.

*We are seeking donations of pies to be sold at the concert.*

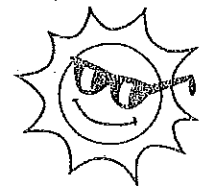
Sign-up sheets will be located on the kiosk in Parry Hall. If you have questions please contact *Donna Mohr (742-3728) Elaine Crammond (742-3899) or Kathy Hankins (742-2752).*

**PIERCE'S MARKETS /CHARITY REWARDS**

"Valued Pierce's Customer,

As you may have already heard, after 93 years and four generations of ownership, Pierce's Markets has announced its pending sale of all three of our locations. We wish to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for allowing us to be part of your communities and organizations these last nine plus decades. For any questions please feel free to reach out to us via the contact information below.

Sincerely,  
 Angie Pierce, Owner  
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**SUMMER "WORSHIP JAM"**

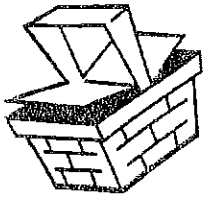
Those who may be interested in sharing in the "Worship Jam" during the Summer,

We will be meeting on Wednesday, August 16 @ 7:00 p.m. (for approximately 45 minutes or so) you are invited to come and "jam" together as we share worship music together. We will gather in the Sanctuary.

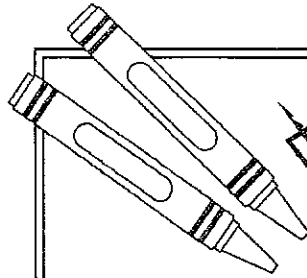
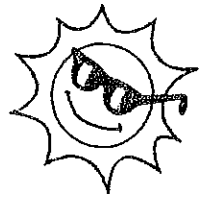
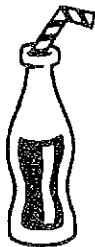
Any and all instruments (and singers) are welcome!

As this is a "jam session," we will share worship songs along with the exchange of ideas, approaches, etc. Questions? Contact Pastor Dave.

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**"NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC" - AUGUST 27**  
 PPC will once again be hosting our annual  
 "neighborhood picnic."  
 Donation sheets will be out in Party Hall  
 for food items needed.  
 Stay tuned to the Sunday bulletins and the  
 PPC "Facebook page" for any updates or more  
 information!



# PUZZLE

## BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the  
 Old Testament book of Psalms.

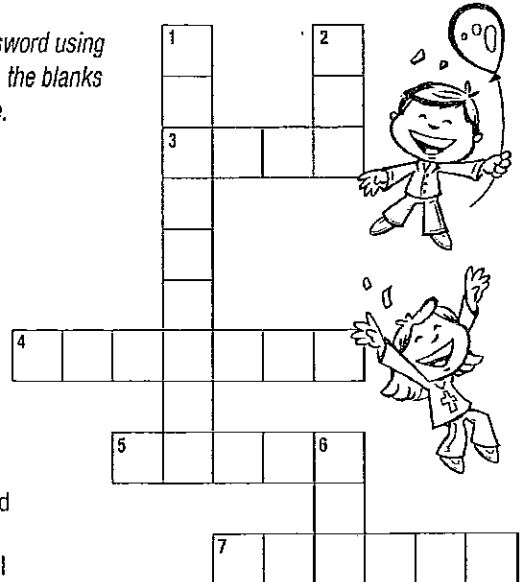
*Directions: Solve the crossword using  
 the clues below. Then fill in the blanks  
 to complete the Bible verse.*

### ACROSS

3. A word for happy  
 (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when  
 you're very happy
5. A song written by  
 David
7. Full of joy

### DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. \_\_\_\_\_ be 3. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_ before 2. \_\_\_\_\_; 6. \_\_\_\_\_ they  
 be happy and 7. \_\_\_\_\_." 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous,  
 2. God, 6. may  
 "But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy  
 and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV

### CARD PARTY

On June 2 we hosted a card party to benefit our Yakutat mission. We had 32 people playing cards and served bar-be-que and creamed chicken along with chips, bars and drinks. Thanks to the members of the Events Committee and Kathryn Curtis for providing the food and drinks. We also collected 24 # of food for the food pantry. We raised \$147.00 towards our pledge of \$1,000.00. If you have never attended one of our card parties, come and join us and see what they are talking about it. It is a lot of fun! Our next card party will be in September.

**THANKS!**

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Once again this year we are doing a school supply drive. There is a container in Parry Hall for the supplies. Some of the items needed are **No. 2 pencils, Children's blunt scissors, Dry Erase Markers, spiral notebooks, plain colored folders, loose leaf paper, index cards, colored markers and Crayola crayons.** We will conclude the drive on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### CONCERT AT THE PORTAGE

On Wednesday evening, **August 9**, the Event's Committee will be providing dessert at the Concert at the Portage that is being held at the VFW. The group performing that evening is Universal Sounds. It's always a fun evening so come join us at the park. There is a concert each Wednesday evening during the summer. This will be a fundraiser for the church and we are asking for donations of home-made pie. This group should have a large attendance when it plays so we will need lots of pies. There is a sign-up sheet in Parry Hall or you can contact Nancy Schaper (742-7242) to get your name on the list. If possible please use a disposable pie pan. The pies need to be brought to the church by noon on August 9. Any questions contact Nancy Schaper.

### POUNDS FOR THE PANTRY

During the month of May our Pounds for the Pantry drive collected 682 ½ pounds of food for the Portage Food Pantry. Once again we surpassed our goal of 500 pounds. Continue to remember the food pantry in your prayers and remember our basket is always out for donations.

*Sunday Worship Service  
10:05 a.m. Traditional Worship  
Third Sunday of Each Month is Informal Service  
Child Care Available  
Church is Handicapped Accessible  
Everyone Invited!*

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