



## The Portage Presbyterian Church

December 15, 2020 - "Update"

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



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

### "Help Wanted!"

I bet you have seen this sign in many businesses around town. Well Portage Presbyterian Church also has the "Help Wanted" sign up. In the case of Portage Presbyterian, it means we need you to volunteer because God's work is never done without people giving their time, talents and money.

We need you to volunteer to work for nothing but the knowledge you are helping your Church and your fellow man. Consider *Matthew Chap. 25, verses 31-40*.

Portage Presbyterian is fortunate to have several people who happily give their time, energy and, yes, even their money to make this a giving, living Church.

However, we still have some critical positions to fill, namely three members (Elders) of the Session.

**There are few qualifiers.** If you are an active member of Portage Presbyterian Church and feel a calling to help guide the Church for the next three years, you are qualified. We have one meeting a month to discuss needs of the congregation. The Elders help steer committees on finance, special events, member outreach, fellowship, personnel and memorials.

In summary, it is not difficult but, it is important work and you can be part of reason Portage Presbyterian succeeds. If you want to be part of something important and the Holy Spirit is tapping you on the shoulder to serve and give, contact Pastor Dave, Alex Harvey or myself.

*Respectfully in Christ,  
Larry Day  
Elder*

## A "Per Capita" Reminder ...

As we come to the end of the year we offer a "reminder" about Per Capita - this is an amount that each "active member" is assessed to help support the "larger church" of which we are a part. Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly use the "Per Capita" to help cover costs for their support and ministries to us and for us.

The amount for 2020 is \$33.70 per active member.

If you have paid your "Per Capita" - thank you!

If you have not paid "Per Captia" - it is not too late! You can still turn in "Per Capita" payments until the end of the year.

If you have questions, please contact the Church Office or Pastor Dave

## "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.*

Let Glenda Day know if you need it delivered by calling her at 608-429-1313.

## The "Little Pantry" at Westminster Center

We have found that PPC's "Little Pantry" is a busy place indeed - food items are arriving and leaving quickly.

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.

## "Kwik Trip" Ultimate Car Wash Cards

Time to get the "crud" off your vehicle? 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

## 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!

## Christmas Eve Worship Services

**5:30 p.m.** - "Drive In Candlelight" Service in Parking Lot  
Tune to "90.5 FM" on your radio - tune in PPC's "Facebook Page" for the Live video

**6:30 p.m.** - "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service" -  
on PPC's "Facebook Page"

**7:00 p.m.** - "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service" (*in the sanctuary*)  
(*We will follow the "Guidelines" established by the Session for "in sanctuary" worship services*)

Please make "reservations" with the Church Office by Wednesday, December 23  
*So we can sure we have "adequate space" for everyone to worship in a safe manner.*  
*Thank you!*

## "Confirmation Class" Updates!

PPC's Confirmation Class is taking a break!

We have had a busy schedule recently as we have "volunteered" to ring bells for the Salvation Army at WalMart and have "volunteered" to pack food boxes once again during our monthly service to the Portage Food Pantry..

We will not be meeting until "next year" - in January - on Wednesday, January 6.

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

The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be continue to be received any time during December. Please check PPC's "Facebook Page" for videos about the blessings that this special offering brings into the lives of students, retired pastors and others in need.

## "Free" Christmas Day Dinner - get your "reservations" in!

Reservations for carry out 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## "Cookies - Cookies - Cookies"

For all who have offered to donate cookies/bars for the Free Christmas Dinner - please have them at church no later than noon on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kathy is in the office at 8:00AM. And, just in case you have any broken cookies, Pastor Dave is also in the office.

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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!

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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](http://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.

or

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