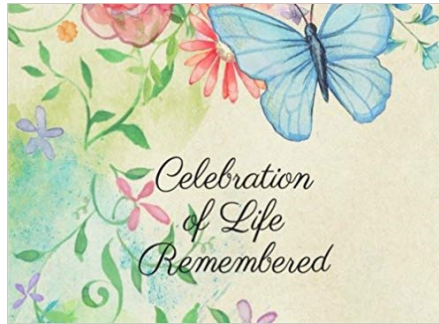


The Portage Presbyterian Church

July- August, 2021

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

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



The PPC community is invited to "celebrate" the life, ministry and faith of another of our long-time members who has recently passed away. We celebrate Betty Christianson's life, we are grateful for her work and participation in this church community for many years and we continue to remember her family and friends in our prayers.

A "Celebration of Life" for Betty Christianson,

There will be a "Celebration" of Betty's life and faith
on Saturday, July 31 - from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

at the Pflanz-Mantey-Mendrala Funeral Home in Portage

A "Service" of Remembrance and Celebration will begin at 4:00 p.m.

"Readers" for Worship?

One who serves as "a reader" will participate in Sunday worship by reading Scripture lessons and even leading the morning prayer.

All Scripture lessons and prayers would be available to you "before" Sunday morning for you to review.

Please contact Pastor Dave available Sundays or for more information.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services



Sunday - August 1 - "Traditional" Worship

Scripture - John 6:1-15

*We will share the "Lord's Supper" during the service.
Please prepare your own bread and "cup" to use - during the
worship service.*

Sunday - August 8 - "Traditional" Worship

Scripture - John 6:24-35

Sunday - August 15 - "Informal" Worship

Scripture - John 6:41-51

Sunday, August 22 - "Traditional" Worship

Scripture - John 6:59-69



PPC's "Summer Sunday Worship Services" will continue to be held @ 10:05 a.m.

Searching for new "Financial Secretary"

Ecclesiastes 3 opens with a series of verses with which we may be familiar (and which was shared by the band "The Byrds" many years ago). One of these notes - "there is a time to gain and a time to lose."

Vanessa Chapman, who has been serving as our "Financial Secretary" for the past 6 months has given her notice that she has been given an opportunity for a "full time" position with benefits. She has "*gained*" something very important for her well-being and for the well-being of her family, especially her children.

However, this is also a time of "*losing*" in which PPC once again says "good-bye and thank you" to a person who has served PPC well over these months.

For the present time **Rosemary Minnema**, our Treasurer will be temporarily taking on the responsibilities of the Financial Secretary until a new person is secured.

Rosemary will plan to be in the office on Monday mornings - *please note the change of day and time!*

Thank you to Vanessa for your faithful work here among us.

And "thank you" to Rosemary for your willingness to once again help us in this time of transition.

"Concert @ The Portage" - Pies - June 23!

On Wednesday evening, June 23rd, the Events Committee provided desert at the Concert at the Portage that was held at the VFW Hall. The group performing that evening was "Best Practice" and there was a huge crowd. It was a fun evening and everyone loved the "Presbyterian Pies".

We had 48 donated pies/cheesecake and we made a profit of \$935.00 for the general operating budget of our church. Thanks to all who donated pies and came to the concert. We have a lot of great pie bakers in our church!!

"Concert @ The Portage" - Pies - August 4!

PPC's **Women's Association** will be serving "pies" at the "Concert at the Portage" (held at the VFW Hall - behind Walgreens) on Wednesday, August 4.

If you would be interested in providing pies for this event, please contact either Donna Mohr or Nancy Schaper.

This is a fund raiser for the Women's Association as they support mission and ministries locally and beyond.

Worship @ Tivoli Resumes - August 16

Provided that all is well, beginning on Monday, August 16 @ 10:00 a.m. PPC's "worship service @ Tivoli" will resume!

Anyone coming to be a part of the worship community will be asked to "wear a mask" (*per Aspirus-Divine Savior Healthcare guidelines*) - as will the Tivoli residents

What is Per Capita?



Per capita exits as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to give meaning to the interdependent nature Presbyterian polity. It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in these things that make us Presbyterian:

- *Our Theological identity*
- *Our connectedness*
- *Our system of mid councils that allow elders and ministers together to discern the mind of Christ*
- *Our ecumenical connections that make us part of the church universal*
- *Our core structures that keep us together as a church*
- *Our call to work for full participation in decision-making*

Our church had to pay the second quarter for per capita which was **\$3504.80**. As of 07/01/2021 we only had **\$2176.10** paid year to date from the congregation. Meaning we were short \$1328.70.

Again, please call the church office if you have any changes in your family's status with the church - 608-742-6006.

Thank You For All That You Do!

Administration & Corporate Affairs Committee

"Summer Lunch Program for Kids" - 2021

We are coming to the stretch run of the "Summer Lunch Program for Kids" for 2021. And it has been a busy and good summer.

Here are the number of young people being served as of the end of June, 2021

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|---------------------|---|
| ~ Goodyear Park: | 435 |
| ~ Library: | 282 |
| ~ Lincoln Park: | 437 |
| ~ Sanborn Park: | 548 |
| ~ School Road Site: | <u>2,725</u> (this total for the site all includes the Elementary age Summer School students as well) |

TOTAL 4,427

As we move in the latter part of July and then into August, we do need volunteers who would be willing to *share about 30 minutes* for each time slot available at the "new" School Road site (the pavilion situated by the high school baseball and softball fields).

And then for the last seven days of the program (*August 23-27 and August 30-31*) we will be seeking volunteers to help with all 4 of the sites (Goodyear Park/Splash Pad - Lincoln Park - Sanborn Park - School Road).

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for whatever time you have available.

And "sign up" is easy. Go to the "UW-Extension" web page - find the "2021 Summer Lunch" tab - click on it and it will drop down to "sign up" - and then just fill in your name on any open slots you choose.

Here is the "link" to sign up - <https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/2021-summer-lunch-program/summer-lunch-program/interested-in-volunteering/>

If you have any questions or have problems signing up, please contact Pastor Dave.

"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" - just contact Pastor Dave. Thanks!

"Brat Stand" Update!

We had a great brat, hamburger and hot dog sale on Saturday, July 10th at Festival Foods Brat Hut. We sold 120 brats, 12 hamburgers and 16 hot dogs along with chips, soda and water.

We made **\$443.74** for the general operating budget of our church. Thanks to John Crammond for grilling all the brats, hamburgers and hot dogs. Thanks to *Donna Mohr, Peggy Alf Sechtig, Lori Rogers, Edith McElroy and Karin Hall* for their help. Thanks to all of you who came and supported us.



Mark your calendars for **our last brat sale of the season** on **September 4th** at Festival Foods.

"Joint Meeting" of Session and Deacons - Aug 15

The Board of Elders / Session and the Board of Deacons will be sharing their annual "Joint Meeting" on **Sunday, August 15** - following the morning worship service.

We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

These Annual Joint Meetings are an opportunity for the Session and Deacons to fellowship together, to reflect on the ministry and mission of PPC, and to share in a time of Bible study.

Following the Joint Meeting - the Session will plan to meet for a short time to attend to any matters that need consideration.



Looking Ahead ... PPC Youth

Here are some potential activities that are coming up for PPC's Middle and High Schoolers ...

If these may be of interest to you, please *contact Pastor Dave soon* (to get your name on "the LIST") or for more information! Thank you!

Confirmation Class -

Beginning this Fall -
for all young people who will be in 7th grade or older ...

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium

July 24-27, 2022 in Indianapolis, IN -
for all young people who will be entering 9th grade and who are just completing 12th grade.
This is a "national" gathering of Presbyterian young people.
PPC's own **Jarrett Foster** was a participant in the last Triennium!

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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"](#) - Select ["Portage Presbyterian Church"](#) as your preferred  
["CHARITY"](#) and PPC will receive [0.5%](#) on all of your purchases

*Your financial support for the work and ministry of God in and through the  
Portage Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated!*