



The Portage Presbyterian Church

June, 2022

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



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

A Note - from the Gideons

It was a pleasure to worship with the congregation on Sunday, April 24. Rev. Dr. Carol Hermann had a very inspiring sermon and message.

Thank you again for allowing me to present a mission report on how God is working through the Gideons International. It is my prayer that many will come to faith in Jesus through the placement of His inspired Word. Thank you again for the generous offering. This offering will be used to place Bibles and New Testaments locally, as well as globally.

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless the ministry at Portage Presbyterian Church. Please know that the Gideons faithfully pray for your congregation.

Yours In Christ,
Jeff Fedorowicz

"Take Me Out To The Mallards Game" - Sunday, July 17

Plans are being made for a "PPC Group" to go to a Madison Mallards baseball game on Sunday, July 17 @ 1:05 p.m.

The tickets for the game would be \$12.00 each.

We have reserved 20 tickets for this game.

So, if you are interested - please call or email the Church Office with your name and number of tickets you would like to purchase - or indicate on the "sign up list" in Parry Hall.

2022 "Summer Worship" Schedule

Beginning on Sunday, June 5 we will "change" to our "summer schedule" for Sunday worship services.

And there are "two" things to note!

First - During the summer months (*through Labor Day weekend - Sept 4*) our Sunday worship services will begin @ 9:30 a.m.

Second - We will have some worship services in the sanctuary and some "outdoors in the parking lot"

- "1st and 2nd Sundays" we will be gathering in the sanctuary for worship.
- "3rd and 4th Sundays" we will be gathering outside in the "parking lot" (weather permitting).

If you have any questions about the Summer worship schedule, please contact the Church Office.

Deacons' Ministries @ PPC

Did you know the Deacon's fund covers the cost of communion cups and elements, and the flowers you see in the chancel each Sunday?

We also send cards and provide occasional small gifts of remembrance to the homebound.

Our funds come from your specified donations. If you use offering envelopes, you have envelopes that are labeled for the Deacon's fund. Many families don't use offering envelopes and may not be aware of this. You may place your gift in any envelope and label it "Deacon's fund ". We hope you will prayerfully consider giving to this fund.

Thank you!

"Brats, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs - Oh My!"

On May 7th the Events Committee hosted a Brat, Hamburger and Hot Dog sale at Festival Foods. It was a beautiful day.

We went through 150 brats, 28 hot dogs and 12 hamburgers along with chips, pop and water. We made a profit of **\$566.10**.

Thanks to *Peggy-Alf Sechtig, Allison Foster, Kathy Raimer, Edith McElroy and Larry Day* (grill master) for their help.

Nancy Schaper

Canal Days - Brat and Hot Dog Stand

On June 4th the Event's Committee will be hosting a brat and hot dog sale during the Canal Days parade and activities. Our stand will be in the Chamber Plaza from 11:00-2:00 (or when we run out of food). All profits will go to the church. Come and visit us!!!!

"Pies" @ The Concerts - June 15

On Wednesday evening, June 15th, the Event's Committee will be providing dessert at the concert at the Portage that is held at the VFW.

We will be serving pies during the concert. **We will need at least 35 pies.** The group playing that evening is "Derek Buckley".

There will be a "sign up" sheet on the kiosk in Parry Hall. If you don't sign up Nancy will be calling you. If you are unable to sign up please call Nancy at 608-742-7242.

If possible please use a disposable pie pan and indicate on the top what kind of pie you are donating. **The pies need to be brought to church by noon June 15th.**

It should be a fun evening so bring your chair and come join us at the park.

PPC's "Women's Association" Mission News

1. Pillow Drive

Thanks to everyone who donated pillows for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. At last count, we had 32! Many children will benefit from your kind generosity.

2. Personal care bags

We continue to distribute "personal care bags" and we currently need deodorant and combs and brushes. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Glenda Day

Women's Association - "In The Garden" - June 30

On June 30th the Women's Association will be going to The Garden of Angels. The purpose of The Garden of Angels is to spread love to people in need of love. It is a place where people find healing in the loss of a loved one. It is a place to just enjoy the beauty. **We will meet at church at 10:30 to carpool.** If you would like to meet us there at 11:00, their address is W11360 State Road 33. **We are planning to go out for lunch after and hold a short meeting.** Please come and join us on June 30th for a day of fun!

"Volunteers" For Projection Screens In Sanctuary

We are looking for "volunteers" who might be interested in helping to "prepare" and / or "project" our Sunday morning worship services on the projection screens.

Presently we are using the "PowerPoint" program for the slides.

You do not have to be "in the office" to do this - you could actually prepare the slides in the "comfort of your own home" and save them on a flash drive.

For Sunday mornings, we would need to have someone who could advance the slides using a "clicker."

If you are interested in this, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Dave. Thanks!

Donations To Ukraine Relief - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is responding to the refugee crisis happening in Ukraine. Over one million Ukrainian people have already been displaced since the invasion began. As the violence continues, the number of people becoming homeless due to fighting or fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day.

If you would like to make a donation to support PDA's humanitarian response, please send your donation to the John Knox Presbytery.

You can include it with any other remittances to the Presbytery on the same remittance form and the same check. Please be sure to identify the PDA project in section C – Directed Mission Support on the Presbytery Treasury Service form (attached). The project number is DR000156 (Disaster Relief-International Refugee Programs).

We will forward your donations to the PDA and your donation will also appear on your quarterly statement we send to each church. For more information on the PDA's assistance to Ukraine, please click the following link <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine//>.

Upcoming Worship Services

Remember - Summer Worship Services begin @ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday - June 5, 2022 - "Traditional" Worship - Sanctuary Worship

Pentecost Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

Acts 2:1-12

"We will share the "Lord's Supper" during the service.

*The "Bread" and "Cup" will be served in the pews -
you may also choose to prepare your own elements.*

Sunday - June 12 - "Traditional" Worship - Sanctuary Worship

Trinity Sunday & "Commencement Sunday"

Isaiah 43:1-2. 16-21

Sunday, June 19 - "Informal" Worship - Second Sunday after Pentecost

"Parking Lot" Worship

Luke 8:26-39

Sunday - June 26 - "Traditional" Worship - Third Sunday after Pentecost

"Parking Lot" Worship

Luke 9:51-62

Sunday - July 3 - "Traditional" Worship - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sanctuary Worship

"We will share the "Lord's Supper" during the service.

*The "Bread" and "Cup" will be served in the pews -
you may also choose to prepare your own elements.*

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sharing Your "Gifts - Abilities - Talents - Hobbies"

The "EdMin Work Group" is working on some exciting ideas for revitalizing PPC's Education Ministry.

And we need your help!

We are looking for members of the PPC community who would be willing to share their "gifts - abilities - talents - hobbies" with young people (and even adults).

For example, Pastor Dave plays guitar and would be willing to lead music and teach guitar.

There will be "sign-up sheets" out in Parry Hall. Or you may contact any member of the "EdMin Work Group" (Peggy Alf-Sechtig, Liz Bellmore, Nancy Schaper, Lee Roundy, Pastor Dave) to share information. Or you may contact the Church Office.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact any member of the "EdMin Work Group." Thanks!

"Video" People for Sunday Morning Worship

One of the exciting new ministries we have developed is our "Sunday Morning Worship Video" option.

And we are looking for additional "volunteers" who would be interested in being involved in this ministry.

If you have a "smart phone" - and a little time - would you consider helping out?

If you would be interested in participating in this ministry - or would like more information - contact Pastor Dave.

Next Worship @ Tivoli - June 20, 2022

Provided that all is well, we will again provide worship for the residents at Tivoli on Monday, June 20 @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Important "Information and Activities" In Our Portage Community

"Portage Summer Lunch for Kids" - Volunteers Needed

Beginning on Monday, June 13 the "Portage Summer Lunch Program for Kids" will begin its 9th summer. Last summer the program served over "10,000 meals" to young people in the Portage area.

We are **looking for volunteers** who would like to work with the Dells Food Service staff to serve meals at the different sites. You will have your choice of site and can volunteer as your schedule allows.

In order to continue this important program, we will need volunteers!

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

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"ADRC" Drivers and Volunteers Needed!

ADRC of Columbia County is looking for **volunteers** to deliver home meals and for "kitchen assistance." Schedules are "flexible" according to your availability - you can volunteer as much as works best for you.

ADRC of Columbia County is also looking for **"paid drivers."** This involves transporting elderly and people with disabilities to medical appointments or delivery of meals. Schedules are "flexible" according to your time availability. And you would get to drive an "ADRC Van."

If you are interested in either of these or would like more information, please call 1-888-742-9233.

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"Sharing Suppers" Are On The Menu Again

Beginning on **Monday, June 27** - from **5:00-6:30 p.m.** - Portage's "Sharing Supper" will again be serving the community meal - **@ Bartels Middle School.**

"Sharing Supper" is organized around the idea that it is good for people to come together - in community - to "share a meal" - along with conversations. Different organizations and groups in the Portage area provide the meals each month.

The "Sharing Supper" will be served each month - on the last Monday - at the Bartels Middle School.

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**"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"** - contact Pastor Dave.

**Guidelines for Worship**

The Session has established the following guidelines for worship and gatherings

- Hymnals and Bibles have been returned to the pews to be used.
- The wearing of masks in worship or at other times of meetings or gatherings- *will be left to each person's individual preference and comfort level*
- The wearing of masks during singing will be *left to each person's individual's preference and comfort level*
- Seating in the sanctuary will not be "marked off" - one's seating preference and distancing will be left for each one to determine - according to their own comfort level.
- The Celebration of the Lord's Supper - Communion will be served by the Elders - there will be no "passing of the elements" however - the Elders will serve both the "bread" and the "cup" from trays - if you are more comfortable providing your own elements, you may continue to do this

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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 "PPC" as your preferred "CHARITY"

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

"Together" - we continue to share God's "Good News" in so many ways!