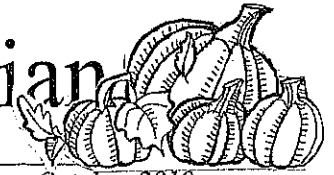


The Portage Presbyterian



Newsletter for The Portage Presbyterian Family

October 2019

"WED NITE" RE-SCHEDULE!

Our "Wed Nite" program schedule has changed a bit!

The *PEACE* class (all age education class) meets @ 5:30 p.m. for class (there is a "snack time" before this).

Then our "*Wed Nite*" *worship experience* has moved to 6:15 p.m. This is a shorter, more "interactive" type of worship service which encourages the young people to actively participate in the service and the message.

Everyone is invited to come and share in this unique worship on "Wed Nite."

And be sure to invite young people of any age to share in the PEACE experience too!

HARVEST DINNER IN NOVEMBER

Mark your calendars for the Harvest Dinner on **November 9**. There will be signup sheets on the bulletin board in Parry Hall mid October for pies and for helpers needed at a variety of workstations: kitchen for preparation and serving, kitchen and dining room clean-up help, servers in the dining room, turkey carvers and pie cutters. The names of those responsible for the various areas are on the signup sheets, so contact the person in charge if you have any questions. *The Harvest Dinner is a church event that the Event's Committee cannot do by themselves. We need all your help to make it a success.*

If you have any questions at this time or are not able to make it to church and want to sign up please call Nancy Schaper at 742-7242.

PRODUCE DAYS

Produce / Bake sale Days will continue into October as long as there is produce available. We have had great success each Sunday and look forward to the fall produce. A special thanks to all of you who have donated produce or baked goods.

WITH THANKS FOR MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of *Joan Moore*, from

- Edith McElroy
- Caroline Rittmann
- Nancy Schaper
- Nancy Gunderson
- James and Teresa Miller
- Lynn and Nancy Van Epps
- Family and Friends

"Wednesday Nite @ PPC"

5:00 p.m. Light Lunch

5:30 p.m. PEACE

6:05 p.m. Informal, Interactive Worship

"4-H SUNDAY" HERE @ PPC

Plans are still being developed - but we can announce that on *Sunday, October 13* we will be celebrating a "4-H Sunday" as a part of our 10:05 a.m. worship service.

We are working with the New Directions 4-H group (who holds their meetings here at PPC on the 3rd Sunday @ 4:00 p.m.) on the plans.

If you know of a family or young people that might like to learn more about the wonderful 4-H program here in the area, be sure to invite them for this special Sunday.

Stay tuned to the bulletins and PPC "Facebook" pages for more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

A huge thanks to all who donated items for our school supply drive. The schools were very appreciative for all the items we donated.



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 2

6:15 p.m. - "Wed Nite Worship"
An interactive worship experience

Sunday, October 6, 2019

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. - *Traditional Worship in Sanctuary*
"World Communion Sunday"
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Wednesday, October 9

6:15 p.m. - "Wed Nite Worship"
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
An interactive worship experience

Sunday, October 13, 2019

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. - *Traditional Worship in Sanctuary*

Wednesday, October 16

6:15 p.m. - "Wed Nite Worship"
An interactive worship experience

Sunday, October 20, 2019

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. - *"Informal" Worship in Sanctuary*

Wednesday, October 23

6:15 p.m. - "Wed Nite Worship"
An interactive worship experience

Sunday, October 27, 2019

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. - *Traditional Worship in Sanctuary*

Wednesday, October 30

6:15 p.m. - "Wed Nite Worship"
An interactive worship experience

Sunday, November 3, 2019

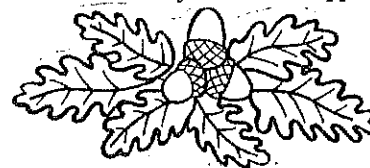
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Pastor's Page

We find ourselves in a season of "transitions."

While I enjoy all of the various seasons with which we are treated here in this part of the world, there is no doubt that the "transition" from Summer to Autumn is one of my favorites - AND one with which I struggle the most.

It is one of my "favorites" because I look forward to the beautiful colors of the hillsides, the slightly cooler temperatures and the harvests that result from the hard work of spring and summer with an anticipation of gardens and farms and orchards filled with good things.

Yet, this "transition" is *one with which I also struggle* because I "know" (from life's experience) that leaves of color give way to bare branches. Harvests of good things eventually end. And "slightly cooler" temperatures give way to _____ (well, you know).

However, I also know (again, from life's experience) the story continues to unfold again and again, just as winter will eventually give way to "spring" - the emergence of "new life" and the celebration of resurrection! Yet, getting "from here" to "there" is not always easy!

We here at PPC also find ourselves going through a number of different "transitions" as well.

You will read in the Session information (in the newsletter) of two important "staff transitions" for those who have been vital participants in God's ministry here at PPC.

Cordy Connor, our long-standing organist and choir accompanist has decided to take a "medical leave." We are grateful for Cordy's faithful sharing of her time and musical gifts and we pray that she will experience the rest, healing and peace of God in this time away and be feeling better very soon.

Kathy Mittelstaedt, our long-standing Financial Secretary, has submitted a letter of intent to "step away" from these responsibilities here at PPC. Kathy, who moved to Waunakee with her husband Jerry, is wanting to focus her time and energy with Jerry and their families who live in the area. We are very grateful to Kathy for her "ministry" here at PPC for over 28 years and will

greatly miss her compassion and care for all who came to the office.

In this *time of transition* please be sure to also keep the Personnel Committee in your prayers as they have already started their work.

And we will also be making our way through other "transitional experiences" in the coming months.

We will be sharing the third of three opportunities to consider "the work and ministry of God here at PPC" - as the "stewardship" emphasis concludes in October. We celebrate that God continues to work in and through this church community in wonderful and amazing ways. Because of your generous gifts of time and talents (remember the "Wish List") we are able to continue sharing and being God's "good news" in the community and world. Yet, as you may also be aware from reading the newsletters we have also been dealing with a challenging financial situation. The Session has been monitoring the finances as we head into the last quarter of the year. Though we have been blessed in past years with faithful and generous financial gifts, we also realize that this is something we cannot take for granted as we come to the end of this year and move into a new year. May we take the time to prayerfully and carefully consider the opportunities of sharing our variety of gifts for God's work and ministry here at and through PPC.

We will also be sharing, on the first Sunday in November, our annual "All Saints Sunday" worship service. This past year has been one of a tremendous *transition* and change for families who have recently lost their loved ones. This worship experience is an opportunity to "remember and celebrate" the lives and living of those who have made a difference in our lives, as well as reaching out to care for those who continue to grieve. Please remember in prayer all of those who make this journey through "the dark valleys."

As you can see, the "transitions" that we will experience in these coming weeks are quite diverse. Yet, the common element of *transitions* is that this change we experience is never the end of the story. It is a moving and shifting of life which has happened before and will happen again. The

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story and the journey will continue to unfold.

So, in the midst of our *transitions* may we take the time and opportunity to reach out to those around us and to express our thanks and joy of sharing life and faith with each other. It is important to appreciate and to celebrate the beauty and wonder of that which we have known and experienced.

In the midst of our *transitions* may we take the time and opportunity to pause and lift in prayer one another individually and "we" as a church community. Whatever the transition we experience, it means that something in our world or in our lives has changed. And change can impact us in different ways. It is important that we continue to be this wonderful community of "God's good news" that we have been and continue to care, support, encourage and watch out for one another in and through these times and experiences.

And in the midst of our *transitions* may we take the time and opportunity to remember and be thankful for the calming and reassuring presence of the One who is with us right there in the midst of all "*transitions*" - God!

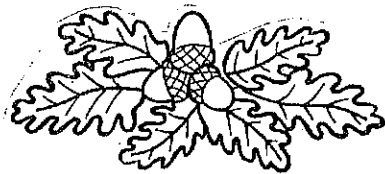
That's what we find in Psalm 46 with these words of reassurance and hope, in the midst of "*transition*" and change -

"God is our refuge and strength ... Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult ... The LORD of hosts is with us!"

Notice - the Psalm does not suggest that "change" will never happen. Only that in the midst of "change" God will always be there to lead, strengthen and love.

May God bless and keep and encourage each and every one of us as we journey into and through this "*season of transitions*."

Peace be with you!



BRAT AND HOT DOG SALE

Thanks to all who came and supported our brat, hamburger and hot dog stand at Festival Foods Brat Hut on August 31. It was a cloudy day but the rain held off. We sold 160 brats, 13 hamburger, 14 hot dogs and 35 bags of chips. We made \$600.16 which was donated to the general operating budget of our church. Thanks to Kevin & Allison Foster, Donna Mohr and Edith McElroy along with myself for helping with the sale.



"SHARING SUPPER" - SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

The "Sharing Supper" will be shared on Monday, September 30!!!

Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. **at the Bartels Middle School cafeteria.**

The "Sharing Supper" is served from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

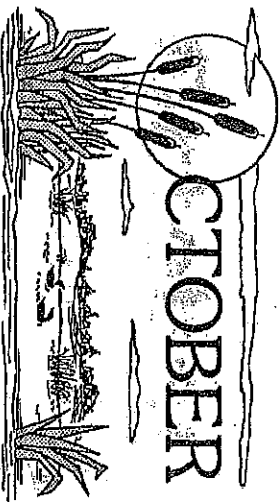
"Sharing Supper" is a meal, sponsored by community groups and organizations. It is intended to bring people in the community together, around tables, where we get to know one another and have an opportunity to learn more about what is happening in the community around us.

A unique part of this experience is the "Kid's Corner" designed especially for the younger folks. Here young people will have a chance to hear stories and do craft projects related to what is happening around us.

All are welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors.

Come and share in this unique and wonderful experience - on September 30 @ 5:00 p.m.

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

PEACEMAKING OFFERING
 Be with us on October 6 as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and receive the Peace & Global Witness (Peacemaking) Offering.

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

BTR – Bell Tower Room FH – Fellowship Hall PH – Parry Hall SA – Sanctuary WC – Westminster Center		1 9:00am Bell Choir, PH	2 5:00pm Snack, FH 5:30pm PEACE, BTR 6:15pm Worship, SA	3	4	5 9:00am Presbyterian Women Meeting at Dino's
6 17 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Choir Reh. FH 10:05am Traditional Worship, Lord's Supper, SA	7 5:30pm ACA, WC	8 9:00am Bell Choir, PH 10:00am Region 5 Prayer Group, WC 5:00pm Mission Memorial Stewardship, WC	9 5:00pm Snack, FH 5:30pm PEACE, BTR 6:15pm Worship, SA w/Lord's Supper, SA	10 6:00pm Session Meeting, WC	11 November Newsletter Articles Due in Office	12
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COATS OF MANY COLORS COAT DRIVE

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. Items may be dropped off at church or the Portage Police Dept. The drive runs from October 1 to October 20. Coats will be distributed on Friday, October 25 from 2:00-6:00 PM and Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. Distribution will be at the Portage Fairgrounds, Building #8. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Schaper at 742-7242. The coat drive is sponsored by The Salvation Army.

PAINTNITE REMINDER

The Women's Association is excited to announce that we will be having our second PaintNite at 2PM on November 16th. Remember to reserve your spot (we only have 60) and come to the church that day. To reserve your spot go to <https://yaymaker.com> or call Tara Bandekow at 608-697-8402. All reservations will be made online but we will be happy to help you. All of the supplies needed to make a beautiful canvas painting called "Chubby Chilly Cardinal" will be provided for you. Snacks will be provided by the Women's Association. The cost for 2 hours of fun, fellowship, laughter and an original canvas made by you is only \$45.00. Hope to see you there!!

"THANK YOU"

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. It is because of your support that we are able to continue our mission of helping those who need it most in our community.

It is truly appreciated!

Raquel

*Executive Director - Case Manager
River Haven Homeless Shelter*



ADULT BIBLE CLASS - IN OCTOBER

The Adult Bible Class will be meeting on October 13th at 8:45 a.m. in the Bell Tower Room to talk about how God used a prostitute to accomplish God's purposes. We will study *Joshua 2* for this class.

On October 27th, the class will meet again to study *Joshua 3:1-5:12* in which we will discover all that Joshua did as he led the people from Egypt to the Promised Land.

Come and join us in this interesting study.

The Adult Bible Study group is led by Rev. Dr. Carol Hermann.

TERRI LYNN NUT & CANDY SALE

During the month of October (1st-27th) we will again be doing a Terri Lynn Nut & Candy **pre-order** sale. You will **pre-order and pay** for what you would like. The items will then be ordered and we should have them by Thanksgiving. So carefully consider what you would like and order accordingly because we will not have any "left over's". Some of the items available will be Fancy Medium Pecan Pieces, Light Walnut Halves & Pieces, Deluxe Mixed Nuts, Giant Whole Roasted & Salted Cashews, Sweet & Salty Trail Mix, Jumbo Chocolate Raisins, Milk Chocolate Bridge Mix, Giant Chocolate Malted Milk Balls, Almond Cranberry Granola Mix, Harvest Medley Mix, Milk Chocolate Coated Peanuts, Mint Melt Aways, Dark Chocolate Sea Salt Caramels and Dark Chocolate Cranberries. These are some of the items we have picked out. You may have other items you like so like last year we will have a colored brochure available for you to go through and order what ever you desire. You will then just add the items to your order blank. Price lists and order blanks will be available at church on Sunday, September 29 or in the church office. You will notice that some prices have gone up and that is due to an increase from Terri Lynn. If you have any questions contact Nancy Schaper (608-742-7242). All profits from this nut and candy sale will go to the general operating budget of the church.

who reside at Our House in Portage

MINISTRY AND WORSHIP @ TIVOLI

PPC is blessed to provide a monthly worship service at Tivoli.

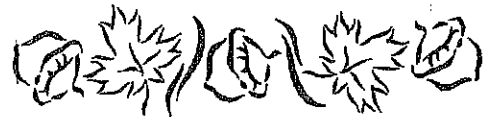
We have found that our worship service is one of the better attended worship times – and that is great news!

We are looking for additional people to come and help get people to and from the chapel.

You will have the opportunity to share in a special worship experience as well as being able to interact with some very nice people. Chaplain Monica remarks how much the residents enjoy having people come and share worship with them.

If you could help with this ministry once in a while, contact Pastor Dave.

NOTE! We share worship on the Monday October 21st ... @10:00 a.m.



Aw-fall!

Share some laughs – or groans – with these autumn-themed jokes:

- What did the tree say to autumn? "Leaf me alone!"
- What did one autumn leaf say to another? "I'm falling for you."
- How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.
- Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the fall they "let it go" and in the spring they "turn over a new leaf."
- How do leaves get from place to place? With autumn-mobiles.
- What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? Pumpkin pi.

TRY "SCRIP" - YOU'LL LOVE IT!

Scrip Fundraising is here @ PPC!

And it is EASY!!!

Scrip fundraising is a no selling program that enable members and friends of the Portage Presbyterian Church to participate in.

Scrip gift cards are the same gift cards you can purchase from the retailer. With over 300 of the Country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants and home improvement and by planning ahead on everyday purchases the Women's Association will profit!

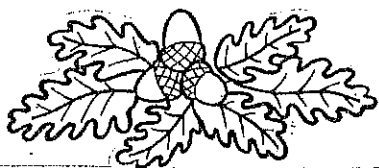
Examples of gift cards in our area are: *Festival Foods, Piggy Wiggly, Walmart, Walgreens, Subway, Cracker Barrel, BP Gas Stations, Kwik Trip, Mobil, Applebee's, Bath & Body Works, Amazon.....and so many more.*

Questions???? Contact Elaine Crammond at 742-3899 or 608 215-8899.

This is an ongoing fundraising program that will be available year round.

Consider our new approach and help us reach our mission goals!

An "order sheet" is included with the newsletter and also are available in Parry Hall!



PASTORAL CARE HOSPITAL POLICY

Divine Savior Healthcare in Portage, as a respect to patient's privacy, does not make patient information available at the front desk. However, there are two ways that pastors and churches will have information on those in the hospital:

- 1) If patients and/or families request a member of the Spiritual Care staff to contact the church office or the pastor
- 2) If the patient or family contacts the church office or pastor directly.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dave.

2019 Per Capita Information

Our 2019 "Per Capita" amount is \$32.60 for each active member.

If you have not already done so, please consider dropping off your Per Capita (*for each member*) on Sunday morning, in the mail or by stopping by the church office.

If you have a number of members in your household, you do not have to pay for everyone at one time. Pay as you can.

Also, we appreciate those who choose to make a donation on behalf of someone or as a gift to PPC which helps us cover our church's total.

"Per Capita" is the "tie that binds" - annual support that unites and supports the work and ministry of the entire Presbyterian Church (USA) - at all levels of the church - the Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly.

"Per Capita" provides the "whole church" with the means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships which help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry.

If you have questions, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BE A GREETER?

Imagine what it might be like to be at PPC for the very first time!

That is the purpose for having "greeters" on Sunday mornings for worship.

This is an important ministry opportunity as we seek to reach out and welcome visitors into this church community.

We believe PPC is a wonderful, warm and caring community of God's people. And we want others to experience that which we have found here.

And we are seeking "volunteers" to sign-up to help collect the offering during worship.

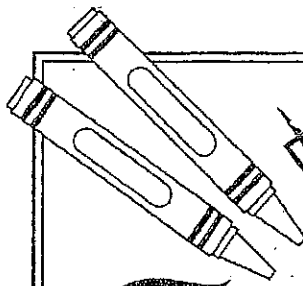
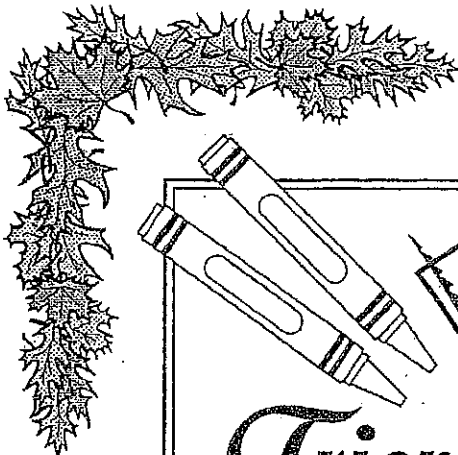
But, in order to make this work we need your help!!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in Parry Hall.

Please indicate your preference to help provide this important ministry here @ PPC.

Thank you!

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PUZZLE

Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.

What does he do for his friends?

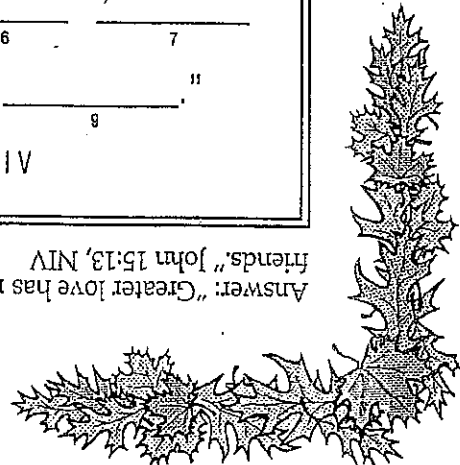
Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
2. Opposite of hate: _____
3. Opposite of yes: _____
4. Three minus two: _____
5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
7. Opposite of up: _____
8. Opposite of death: _____
9. Best buds: _____

" _____ has _____
 _____ than _____ : to _____
 one's _____ for one's _____"

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV



"THANK YOU"

Dear Partners in God's Mission

We give thanks to you for your support of Special Offerings, our collective witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

We have received \$204.79 for the Pentecost Offering. Your congregation's giving, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.

Again, thank you for giving to enable all people to know God's life-giving welcome in Jesus Christ.

With gratitude to God for our shared mission,

*Bryce Wiebe,
Director,
Special Offerings*

"GLUTEN-FREE" BREAD- COMMUNION

In an effort to make sure that all have access to the Lord's Table, the Board of Deacons decided that all of our communion breads served will be "gluten-free."

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

PPC COMMUNION SCHEDULE

You are encouraged to take time before each Communion to reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Supper for you, for PPC and for the world.

The "Directory for Worship" notes that "in preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal."

As Presbyterians, we believe that coming to the Lord's Table is not a right, but a privilege given to those who come in faith, repentance and love - the gifts of God for the people of God.

Sunday, October 6, 2019

@ 10:05 a.m.

"The 17th Sunday after Pentecost"
World Communion Sunday

Sunday, November 3, 2019

@ 10:05 a.m.

"The 21st Sunday after Pentecost"
"All Saints Sunday"

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PPC 2019 "Wish List -UPDATE"

This "*Wish List Update*" has been developed for those who have asked how they could help support the work and ministry of the PPC community

"over and above one's regular giving."

Yes - *each and every one* of these "*wish list items*," when donated, *really does make a difference!!!*

Some are "one-time" items - other items are "ongoing!"

In 2018 we were blessed with **nearly \$19,500.00** donated in **time, items** and **receipts from "special events!"**

THANK
YOU!



PPC's "Wish List - Update" 2019

Charter Internet Service
\$100.00 per month

Charter Phone Service -
2 lines - \$80.00 per month

Cost for Custodial Services
(Adam) - \$265.00 / month

Annual Post Office Box Rent
\$78.00

Annual Bulk Mailing Permit Fee
\$215.00

To Mail Monthly Newsletter
\$35.00

~~Annual Recycling Fee - \$120.00~~

~~Annual Garbage Fee - \$100.00~~

Copier Lease - \$200.00 / month

Youth Bibles - \$100.00
Graduate Bibles - \$100.00

Per Capita Apportionment-
\$32.00 / active member

Children's Bulletins - \$175.00 / year

Banners / Decorations - \$400.00

Special Cakes for baptisms,
confirmation, graduates, etc -
\$50.00 / cake

"Upper Room" Devotionals -
\$40.95 / every 2 months

Elevator Maintenance -
\$100.00 / month

Pulpit Supply - when Pastor
Dave is on vacation or study leave
- approximately \$150.00/Sunday

Devotionals for Advent and Lent

Newspaper Christmas Ad - \$95.00

Music Annual Licensing Fee -
\$200.00

~~Special Bulletin Covers - \$100.00~~
(Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve)

Hosting of Church's Website -
\$300.00

Sunday Bulletin Covers -
\$65.00 / 3 months

Chamber Membership - \$155.00

Roll of Stamps - \$50.00

Annual Piano Tuning - \$150.00

"Adopt A Pot" in prayer garden
- help provide flowers and greens

~~Toilet Paper - always needed~~

Disposable Plates -
both small and large

Replace and/or repair vacuums
\$200.00 / year

Disposable Cups -
both large and small

~~Paper Towels - for kitchens~~
(always needed)

~~Large Garbage Bags (33 gals)~~

Paper Rolls - for restrooms
(case of 12 = \$85.00)

Donations for "Neighborhood Picnic"

~~Small Garbage Bags (13 gals)~~

"Protect My Ministry" Annual Fee
(background checks) - \$149.00 / year

Office Paper -
8 ½ x 11 white copy paper (10 reams) - \$52.00
8 ½ x 14 Legal Size white paper (10 reams) - \$60.00
11 x 17 size copy paper - 1 ream - \$12.00
8 ½ x 11 color copy paper - 1 ream - \$10.00

"Where?"

- ⊗ *Beginning in 2018* we learned "What Is Happening?" at Portage Presbyterian Church - and how this building is used to make a difference in our community.
- ⊗ Then we found out "Why?" as members of the PPC community shared their "stories" of being called to this faith community.
- ⊗ We explored "How?" as we considered "how" God has blessed us with "gifts" and "how" we can share and participate in the ministry to which God calls us.
- ⊗ We followed up in 2019 by asking "Who?" are the people and groups through whom God works to provide the means and opportunities for ministry.
- ⊗ "When?" moved us to think about when we see God at work and how PPC works in partnership with others to provide important ministries of care, support and love

Over the last 2 years we found that "stewardship" could be amazing ... and fun ... and inspirational !

Now we have come to **"Where?"**

"Where" have we been?

"Where" do we go now?

"Where?" ... here's a clue ... it has to do with "you" and "us" and with "God!"

We hope that you will join us on Sunday, October 27 during the 10:05 a.m. morning worship as we explore and reflect on **"Where Do We Go From Here?"**

A "celebration breakfast" will be served in Parry Hall following our worship service. You will find enclosed your **"Where?"** card with this letter (*to be returned on October 27 during the "Celebration" time*)

Please prayerfully consider the ways in which you will share your prayers, your presence, your participation and your gifts that will enable the Portage Presbyterian Church to continue being a place, a people and a messenger of God's "Good News."

Nancy Schaper
Jamaica Loster
Marcia VanNatta
Elaine Hammond

Fred Taylor
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Allison Foster



"Looking Ahead" - In 2020 @ PPC ...



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Sharing of your talents / interests: _____

(use the back of this card to add further information)

Sharing your presence at worship and other activities _____

(use the back of this card to add further information)

Sharing your time by participating _____

(use the back of this card to add further information)

Sharing your financial gifts(amount): _____ weekly _____ monthly

Do you want offering envelopes this year? _____ yes _____ no

_____ *Your Name*

