

The Portage Presbyterian Church

October, 2021

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

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



On Sunday, September 26, we welcomed "animal companions" as we gave thanks to God for them to receive special blessings and to have their relationships with their humans honored.

What a special and unique worship experience we shared together - complete with quacks and meows and barks and inquisitive looks.

We certainly enjoyed celebrating God's creation and giving thanks for those special animals with whom we share our life's journey.



PPC's "Women's Association" Meeting -
and YOU are invited - October 2nd!

The Women's Association will be meeting at Dino's Restaurant on October 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Come and share in a good time of fellowship and planning with some hard-working and very enjoyable people.

Hope you can join us.

"Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons"

At our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 26, the following people were "elected" to serve in the following particular offices of ministry. Thank you to those who are willing to serve in these ways.

We also continue to seek an "active member" who would be willing to complete a "two year term" as a Ruling Elder. If you are interested, please contact Alex Harvey or the church office for more information.

Ruling Elders

Alex Harvey	<i>2nd three year term</i>
Rhys Brenner	<i>1st three year term</i>
Lee Roundy	<i>1st three year term</i>
Nancy Schaper	<i>Completing a "one year term"</i>
John Crammond	<i>Completing a "two year term"</i>
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Deacons

Tammy Foster	<i>2nd three year term</i>
Elaine Crammond	<i>1st three year term</i>
Lynne Warren	<i>1st three year term</i>

"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 - October 3 - "Traditional" Worship

Scripture - Mark 10:2-16

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

Sunday - October 10 - "Traditional" Worship

Scripture - Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 17 - "Informal" Worship

Scripture - Mark 10:35-45

Sunday - October 24 - "Traditional" Worship

Scripture - Mark 10:46-52

Sunday - October 31 - "Traditional" Worship

Scripture - Mark 12:28-34

"Coats of Many Colors" Coat Drive

17th Coats of Many Colors

COAT DRIVE

COLLECTING COATS
DROP OFF October 1-17

Portage Public Library (Main Entrance & Children's Dept.)
Portage Churches, or Portage Police Dept.

Accepting gently used & clean winter coats, infant to adult.
We also accept snow boots of all sizes.

Special Needs For Kids Sizes
(workable buttons, zippers and snaps please)

All Items **MUST BE Clean!**



Please bring your children with to try on coats.

DISTRIBUTING COATS
Friday, October 22 ~ 2pm to 6pm
Saturday, October 23 ~ 9am to 1pm

Portage Fairgrounds Building #8 (Superior Street Entrance)
Social Distancing and Masks Required

Contact Nancy Schaper
at 742-7242 for
more information



The Salvation Army Coat Drive will take be accepting donations from October 1-17 - with distribution scheduled for October 22nd and 23rd .

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. We have a special need for children's items.

You may *drop off your items* at PPC, Portage Police Dept., or the Portage Public Library (Main & Children Entrance).

"Harvest Dinner" Information

Mark your calendars for November 13th, which will be our annual Harvest Dinner.

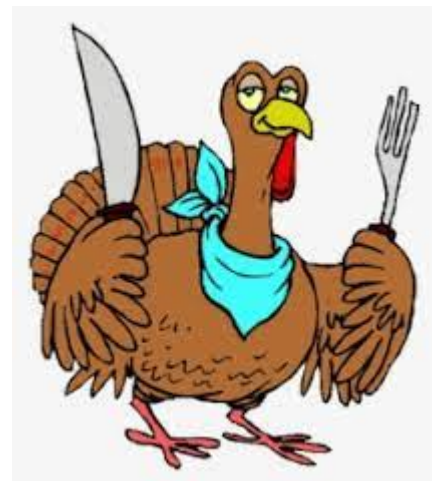
Due to the Covid -19 Pandemic we are still unable to provide a sit-down dinner in the church dining room.

However - as we did last year, we will provide a **Drive Thru Turkey Dinner** in the back parking lot (just like the dinner you would get inside the church).

The cost of the dinner will be \$15.00 and pick up will begin at 4:00PM.

We will need pumpkin and apple pies donated by the congregation.

More information will be provided in our next news letter.



Worship @ Tivoli - October

Provided that all is well, we will again provide worship for the residents at Tivoli on Monday, October 18 @ 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

"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" Updates

We had our final brat, hamburger and hot dog sale on **September 4th** at Festival Foods". It was our 3rd sale of the summer.

Thank you to *John Crammond* for being our "Grill Master" and to *Donna Mohr, Edith McElroy, Nancy Meekma and Karin Hall* for helping in the stand.

Totally this year we **made a profit of \$1,312.36** for the church!!! Thanks to all who supported the brat sale throughout the summer.



... from the Portage Lions Club

The Portage Lions Club is instituting a new "Wellness/Safety Check" telephone program called "No One Alone."

This program is open to anyone needing to be checked on, on a regular basis for their well-being and safety.

If you know of someone for whom this program may be beneficial, *please contact Emil @ 608-742-3388*. Emil will then be in contact and get more information or share more information about the program.

"All Saints Sunday" - November 7

On **Sunday, November 7th**, the PPC community will gather to "remember" and to "celebrate" the lives of those with whom we have journeyed - who have passed away over the past year - and to give thanks to God for their lives and living.

Be On The Lookout!!!

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!

*Information about the Triennium will be made available as
soon as possible!*

Contact Pastor Dave with questions or for further
information!



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It is "easy" to make a "financial" offering for the work and ministry  
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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!*

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



# Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.



Peacemakers who sow in \_\_\_\_\_ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become \_\_\_\_\_ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the \_\_\_\_\_!  
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields

