

# The Portage Presbyterian Church

August - September, 2021

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

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



"Sing to the Lord a new song ..." & maybe an old favorite too!!!

On Sunday, August 29 Fred and Judy Taylor will be leading our 10:05 morning worship service - which will be a "Hymn Sing!"

*Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!*



We will be celebrating a special worship service on Sunday, September 26, where "our animals" are welcomed to receive special blessings and to have their relationships with their humans honored.

Everyone is invited to bring animals of all sizes and sorts for this service. This will be an "outdoor" worship experience - as we gather in the parking lot area by the church building. You can "drive in" for the service or "bring your own chair."

A special blessing for our furry, feathered, and scaly (and even stuffed toys) guests of honor will be shared during the service.

All "guests of honor" should be under the control of their human companion at all times - either properly leashed, haltered or in a carrier. You can also bring a picture or you can post a picture of your special animal on the Portage Presbyterian Church's Facebook Page.

We will also have a time when we remember and celebrate the lives of those special animals who may no longer be with us, but who have been important parts of our lives.

The "rain date" for this "Blessing of the Animals" worship service will be **October 3**.

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

## "Congregational Meeting" - Sept 26

On Sunday, September 26 (after the "Blessing of the Animals" Worship Service) we will be having a "congregational meeting" for the purpose of electing Ruling Elders and Deacons for new terms beginning in January of 2022.

Please note: we will need to have a minimum of 19 members in attendance in order to conduct this meeting.

"Weather Permitting" - our service will be outdoors and we will conduct our meeting outdoors as well.

Plans are being made to provide a "Zoom" option as well for those who may not be able to be at the church. That "Zoom" information will be offered when we get the program set up.

Yes, this process is happening earlier than usual. The Session established this new timeline in an effort to help provide our new Ruling Elders and Deacons an opportunity to have a time for preparation and orientation as they get ready to assume their ministries in the coming new year.

Please keep the Nominating Committee and those who may be called to serve in your prayers over these next few weeks.

## "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 29 - "Hymn Sing" Worship Service

*Fred and Judy Taylor will be leading worship this day.*

### Sunday - September 5 - "Traditional" Worship

Scripture - Mark 7:24-37

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

### Sunday - September 12 - "Traditional" Worship

Scripture - Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, September 19 - "Traditional" Worship - in "Sanctuary"

*Rev. Dr. Carol Hermann will be leading worship this Sunday*

Sunday - September 26 - "Blessing of the Animals" Worship

"Youth Delegate" for 2022 General Assembly?

Included here is a "link" for the information and application form regarding John Knox Presbytery's Youth Advisory Delegate for the 2022 General Assembly.

<https://jknox.org/wp-content/uploads/F-YAD-application.2022.pdf>

If you know of a young person age 17-24, who might be interested in this, please pass the word on "ASAP"

In order for the form to be completed and submitted, it requires a signature of the pastor ... and one from the Clerk of Session on behalf of the Session - in addition to a written recommendation from each of the parties.

This is a great opportunity to learn and experience the Presbyterian Church from a whole different perspective.

I had the opportunity to serve as a Youth Advisory Delegate when I was "just a little younger" ... and it was a life-changing experience ...

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Peace, Pastor Dave

"Thank You"

We received Thank you notes from River Haven for our donation of **\$1,356.00** from the brat and cupcake sale on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the "free will offering" in the amount of **\$177.00** received from the "Worship Service @ The Fair."

**"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 the most in our community. It is truly appreciated"**

*River Haven Homeless Shelter*

## "Meal @ The Fair" - Wrap-up

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> we again hosted a very successful "Meal at the Fair." It was a very hot and humid evening and we were lucky enough to be in a partially air conditioned building instead of in front of the grandstand.

We served pulled pork, beef and chicken sandwiches along with cold slaw, potato salad, chips, cookies and a bottle of pop.

Thanks to all of you who came and helped that day, made cookies, "bagged" cookies, prayed for our success or came and joined us for the meal. We couldn't have done this without everyone's help.

We made a **profit of \$612.12** that will be donated to the general operating budget of our church.

## Worship @ Tivoli Resumes??? - September

Provided that all is well, beginning on Monday, September 20 @ 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



Per capita exists 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:

If you have any questions about the Per Capita or wonder if you have made your contribution, please contact the Church Office.

Thank You For All That You Do!

Administration & Corporate Affairs Committee



The Peacemaking theme this year is **“PEACE AT ALL TIMES, IN ALL WAYS”**. The offering helps people process violence and crisis-related trauma through creative expression in places like Lebanon, Southwestern Asia and North Africa. It also offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

This offering provides the tools and resources for us as we join together as active peacemakers---at all times, in all ways. *25% of this offering* stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. *25% of this offering* will go to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region. *50% of this offering* supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Please give generously.

**If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.**

The offering will be collected **until October 5<sup>th</sup>**. You may put it in the mail, drop box or office at church or give it to Nancy Schaper at the “Drive in Service”. Thank you for your participation in the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

### "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"

The Event's Committee will be hosting a brat sale at **Festival Foods Brat Hut on September 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will be ready to sell by 10:00 AM. The first Badger Football game begins at 11:00AM so come and get your brats etc. to eat during the game!!!

All profits will be donated to the general operating budget of the church.

This will be our **last** brat sale of the year.

Any questions please contact Nancy Schaper



## 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!

### General Assembly "Youth Advisory Delegate"

*\*\* see information included in this newsletter \*\**

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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!*

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*P.S. ...*

*PPC "in action" - serving pies!*

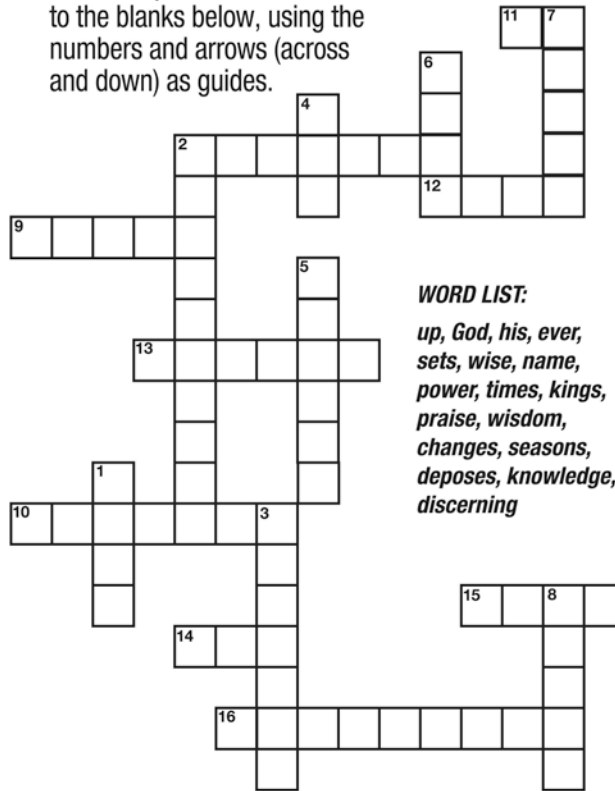
*Events Committee  
June, 2021*



*Women's Association  
August, 2021*

# Puzzle!

Fit these words from the book of Daniel into the squares. Then transfer them to the blanks below, using the numbers and arrows (across and down) as guides.



**WORD LIST:**  
*up, God, his, ever, sets, wise, name, power, times, kings, praise, wisdom, changes, seasons, deposes, knowledge, discerning*

“ \_\_\_\_\_ be to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
13→                      1↓                      4↓                      12→                      12→  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_  
5↓                      7↓                      14→                      10→                      8↓  
 and \_\_\_\_\_ ; he \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
3↓                      15→                      11→                      9→                      2→  
 them. He gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to  
5↓                      6↓                      16→  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ .” DANIEL 2:20-21  
2↓

Answer: “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever, wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.” Daniel 2:20-21

