



The Portage Presbyterian



A Newsletter for The Portage Presbyterian Family

September 2019

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

The Peacemaking theme this year is "Peace at all Times in all Ways." Be with us on October 6 as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering. On this day we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the unity that we find at the Table of the Lord. We receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering to support the efforts of our congregation, our synod and presbytery, and our denomination to spread the peace of Christ in places near and far. As we work to share Christ's peace with one another, let's share that peace with those beyond our doors, beyond our communities and beyond our borders. This offering provides the tools and resources for us as we join together as active peacemakers---at all times, in all ways.

The money collected from the special offering will be divided with 25% staying locally while 75% goes to Presbyterian Church USA.

A.C.T.S. LOOKING 2 BEGIN THIS FALL

ACTS (After Confirmation Talks and Service) is a group of young people who have completed "confirmation" or who are of the middle school-high school age group.

In the past this group has done different things and had different purposes.

This fall we are looking to "breathe new life" back into the ACTS group.

Those who are involved in the ACTS group will decide "what" they want to do, "how often" they want to meet and "where" they want to meet among other things.

If you are interested in ACTS group, contact Pastor Dave and we will plan to get together early in September.

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. By participating in Special Offerings your congregation joins other churches to change lives around the world through ministries of compassion, advocacy, development, peacemaking, Christian formation, education and witness.

On July 8, 2019 we received \$470.25 for One Great Hour of Sharing. 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
for Presbyterian Mission*

"LIVE NATIVITY" HERE IN PORTAGE?

There were a few conversations last year about the possibility of organizing a "live nativity scene" here at PPC on the same evening as the "Living Windows" downtown.

For 2019 the "Living Windows" will be on *Saturday, December 14, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.*

If you are interested in being a part of the "Live Nativity Planning Group," add your name to the sign-up list on the kiosk in Parry Hall.

Thanks!



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 1, 2019

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m. - *Traditional Worship in Sanctuary*
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Wednesday, September 4

6:05 p.m. - *"Wed Nite Worship"*
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, September 8, 2019

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. - *Traditional Worship in Sanctuary*

Wednesday, September 11

6:05 p.m. - *"Wed Nite Worship"*

Sunday, September 15, 2019

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. - *"Informal" Worship in Sanctuary*

Wednesday, September 18

6:05 p.m. - *"Wed Nite Worship"*

Sunday, September 22, 2019

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. - *Traditional Worship in Sanctuary*

Wednesday, September 25

6:05 p.m. - *"Wed Nite Worship"*

Sunday, September 29, 2019

The 165th Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. - *Traditional Worship in Sanctuary*

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LEGACY FUND MEMORIAL GIFTS

Given in Memory of *Phyllis Balliet*, from
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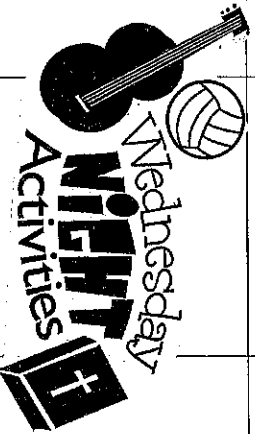
Church Office Hours
 Monday – 10:00am – 12:00pm
 Tuesday – Office Closed
 Wednesday – 8:00am – 1:00pm
 Thursday – Office Closed
 Friday – 8:00am – 1:00pm

September

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“Wednesday Nite @ PPC”
 5:00 p.m. Light Lunch
 5:30 p.m. PEACE
 6:05 p.m. Informal, Interactive Worship

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>12th Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:30am Traditional Worship Service, With Lord's Supper, SA	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 5:30pm ACA, WC	4 5:00pm Meal, FH 5:30pm PEACE, BTR 6:05pm Worship, SA 6:35pm Worship Jam, SA	5 6:00pm Session Meeting, WC	6 October Newsletter Articles Due in Office	7 9:00am Women's Association Meeting at Dino's
8 <i>13th Sunday After Pentecost</i> 10:05am Traditional Worship, SA Bake Sale Produce Day Neighborhood Picnic	9	10 10:00am Region 5 Prayer Group, PH 5:00pm Mission Stewardship, WC	11 5:00pm Meal, FH 5:30pm PEACE, BTR 6:05pm Worship, SA	12	20	14 9:00am Women's Association Meeting at Dino's
15 <i>14th Sunday After Pentecost</i> 10:05am Informal Worship, SA 4:00pm New Directions 4-H Meeting, FH	16 10:00am Worship Service at Tivoli 5:00pm Events Committee, WC	17 9:00am Bell Choir, PH 11:00am "Late For Breakfast" at Dino's	18 5:00pm Meal, FH 5:30pm PEACE, BTR 6:05pm Worship, SA	19	20	21 10:00am – 2:00pm Touched Twice at Fairgrounds
22 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:30am Bible Study, BTR 10:05am Traditional Worship, SA Discipleship Meeting	23	24 9:00am Bell Choir, PH	25 5:00pm Meal, FH 5:30pm PEACE, BTR 6:05pm Worship, SA	26	27 6:00pm Light Supper, FH 6:30pm Eucharist – Mission for River Haven, FH	28 8:00am – 3:00pm Fall Workshop, John Knox Presbytery Women, FH
29 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:05am Traditional Worship, SA	30 5:00-6:00pm Sharing Supper at Bartels Middle School					BTR – Bell Tower Room FH – Fellowship Hall PH – Parry Hall SA – Sanctuary WC – Westminster Center



PAINTE NITE

The Women's Association is excited to announce that we will be having our second Paint Nite at 2PM on November 16th. What does this mean? It's very simple, all you have to do is reserve your spot and come to the church that day. The company Yaymaker will be here with an instructor and all of the supplies needed to make a beautiful canvas painting called "Chubby Chilly Cardinal II" (See kiosk in Parry Hall). 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. To sign up go to <https://yaymaker.com> or contact Tara Bandekow (608-697-8402) for more information. All reservations will be made online but we will be happy to assist you in making them.

PRODUCE DAYS

There will be a Produce table every Sunday in September: 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. We have been having some beautiful produce in August. Bring your produce, flowers, jellies, etc and select the summer's bounty.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Once again this year we are doing a school supply drive. There is a container in Parry Hall for the supplies. Some of the items needed are No. 2 pencils, Children's blunt scissors, Dry Erase Markers, Spiral notebooks, Plain colored folders, loose leaf paper, Graph paper, Crayola crayons, Elmer's glue sticks, big erasers, colored markers etc. We will conclude this drive on September .

FOOD PANTRY

Remember the food pantry. The shelves get pretty empty after a busy summer. Our basket is always out in Parry Hall.

CARD PARTY

Mark your calendars for September 27 when a Euchre card party will be held in the church dining room. A free will offering of \$5.00 includes cards and a meal. A donation to the food pantry would be appreciated. The meal will be served at 6:00 PM and cards start at 6:30 PM. All proceeds from this Euchre party will be directed towards River Haven. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship

COATS OF MANY COLORS COAT DRIVE

The Salvation Army Coat Drive will take place October 1-21 with distribution October 25 & 26. Bring in your old winter coats, hats, mittens and children's boots in October.

FROM THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Our next Women's Association meeting will be held on September 14th at 9:00 a.m. at Dino's Restaurant. All women are invited and encouraged to come and be a part of this wonderful group. *And there's no membership fee!*

HARVEST DINNER NOV. 9

A Recommendation for Consideration of Nomination for "Deacon"

I am recommending _____ to be considered for the office of "Deacon."

I _____ would like to be considered for the office of "Deacon"

What is expected of one who serves as a "Deacon?"

Presbyterian Church "Book of Order"

G-2.0201 Deacons Defined

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

Here At Portage Presbyterian -

Deacons assume a caring ministry role for those who are homebound, ill, or having a difficult time. This includes "home communions" as well as maintaining contact with people through visits, cards and calls. The Deacons also are responsible for the set up for our monthly communions during Sunday morning worship service and other seasonal worship services. Flower arrangements in the chancel area and those which are to be distributed to others are also part of the ministry of the Deacons. The Board of Deacons usually have monthly meetings which are established based on the availability of members.

Why are you recommending this person for consideration? What gifts, abilities, talents do you see that would help them to serve as a Deacon?

Why are you desiring to be considered as a Deacon? What gifts, abilities, talents do you bring to serve as a Deacon?

Other things that you feel it is important to share?

Your Name:

Phone:

Email:

Please return these to the "box" in Parry Hall - or to a Nominating Committee member
or to the Church Office
by Monday, October 7

A Recommendation for Consideration of Nomination as "Ruling Elder"

I am recommending _____ to be considered for the office of "Ruling Elder."

I _____ would like to be considered for the office of "Ruling Elder"

What is expected of one who serves as a "Ruling Elder?"

Presbyterian Church "Book of Order"

G-2.0301 Ruling Elder Defined

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.

Here At Portage Presbyterian -

Ruling Elders (members of a Session) are asked to serve faithfully by participating in Session meetings, serving on at least one Session committee, helping to discern through prayer, study and conversation how and where God is leading us and lifting the Session and the congregation in prayer. Accepting ordination and / or installation as Ruling Elder means, among other things, that one is willing to commit the energy, intelligence, imagination and love to work on behalf of the Session and the Congregation.

Why are you recommending this person for consideration? What gifts, abilities, talents do you see that would help them to serve as a Ruling Elder?

Why are you desiring to be considered as a Ruling Elder? What gifts, abilities, talents do you bring to serve as a Ruling Elder?

Other things that you feel it is important to share?

Your Name:

Phone:

Email:

Please return these to the "box" in Parry Hall - or to a Nominating Committee member
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Pastor's Page

Needless to say, when I read this excerpt below from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "Life Together" I was shocked, surprised and concerned.

After all we have spent some time over the past few months considering "God's vision" for this church community. And then I read this

Beware of visions for church

God hates visionary dreaming; it makes the dreamer proud and pretentious. The man who fashions a visionary ideal of community demands that it be realized by God, by others, and by himself. He enters the community of Christians with his demands, sets up his own laws, and judges the brethren and God himself accordingly. He stands adamant, a living reproach to all others in the circle of the brethren. He acts as if he is the creator of the Christian community, as if his dream binds men together.

When things do not go his way, he calls the effort a failure. When his ideal picture is destroyed, he sees the community going to smash. So he becomes, first an accuser of his brethren, then an accuser of God, and finally the despairing accuser of himself.

Because God has already laid the only foundation of our fellowship, because God has bound us together in one body with other Christians in Jesus Christ, long before we entered into common life with them, we enter into that common life not as demanders but as thankful recipients. We thank God for giving us brethren who live by his call, by his forgiveness, and his promise. We do not complain of what God does not give us; we rather thank God for what he does give us daily.

Wow! Dietrich Bonhoeffer is a person that I admire for his theological perspectives - but even more for his willingness to "walk the talk" even when his choices were all less than desirable in the face of Nazi Germany's idolatry.

So, at first glance it appears we have been, according to Bonhoeffer, doing that which God "hates" with our discussion and consideration of "vision." And I don't know about you but the prospect of being "hated by God" is not an enviable position in which I want to find myself.

Now what?

Well, when one reads the above excerpt

carefully one discovers that what we are doing is not "hated," but in fact is exactly what God desires and challenges us (and others) to do.

Notice, that Bonhoeffer points to the "visionary dreaming ... which makes the dreamer proud and pretentious." Why? Because, as Bonhoeffer points out, the "vision" is all about what "the dreamer" wants and believes and demands.

The point I believe that Bonhoeffer makes is that it is God who is to be the source of the visioning and the dreaming rather than looking to or depending on a person or persons. When it is a "personal" vision, Bonhoeffer's description is striking - "When things do not go (one's) way, (that one) calls the effort a failure."

However, if this "visioning" is instead rooted in a listening for, a discerning of and a following of God's lead then that vision will be one of which we will not need to be afraid. In fact it will be one to be celebrated!

This, in fact, is what we have been striving to do - to listen for God's vision for PPC. So, just to be clear - we are not "hated!"

This Fall we will be inviting those who would like to participate to take the "Next Step" of learning and discerning God's vision as we will engage in times of Bible study, discussion and prayer.

If you take a look at the "board" in Parry Hall, you will find that there are a number of index cards there with a wide variety of insights, ideas and observations. It is wonderful to see God at work in and through this church community in this way. Please be sure to keep adding "cards" to the board as you contemplate "what God's vision is for PPC."

If this "Next Step" is something in which you might like to participate or feel called to share in or that about which you would like to learn more, contact Pastor Dave and get on "the list."



GOD at WORK???

WHERE!!!

Have you ever wondered "WHERE" we see God at work in our community That was a question asked to a panel of community members during a "Town Hall" type meeting held during worship on August 11th. The panel was made up of Barb & Ted Chesney from the Portage Food Pantry, Charley Mantey from Pflanz Mantey Mendrala Funeral Home, Penny Kiefer from the Summer Lunch Program and Faith Vaughn from the Pregnancy Crisis Center and was moderated by Fred Taylor..

Five questions were posed to the panel to find out "WHY". The questions were:

- 1.Explain to us what your organization does in the community
2. When do you see God at work.
3. What needs do you see within the community?
4. How is your group helping to address those needs?
- 5.How do you see our church addressing these needs?

We learned things we already knew, did not know and that surprised us but above all we discovered and re-discovered that PPC does have a purpose and that God is alive and well in and through our community.

So "Where"??? Think about how you would answer these questions. Let's celebrate and give thanks for the ways, the people and the ministries through which God continues to touch lives in this church, in this community and through out the world.



"HABITAT FOR HUMANITY" NEWS

"Habitat for Humanity in Columbia County" has just been approved to do "aging in place" modifications to homes.

If there is anyone who needs ramps or shower bars, anything to allow them to stay in their home, they should apply!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS BEGINS - SEPT 22

The Adult Bible Class will begin on the fourth week in September, which is September 22nd.

We meet at 8:30 am in the Bell Tower Room.

We will be *studying the Book of Joshua* which reads like an exciting novel. We will see God's power and faithfulness as we read about the crossing of the Jordan, the tumbling of the walls of Jericho, and the day that the sun stood still. God even uses a prostitute to accomplish God's purposes. Through it all, we will be given the courage to persevere in whatever we may face in life. God is always there for us. So come and join us in this exciting study. All are welcome.

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



"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.



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!

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 September 16th ... @10:00 a.m.

"CLERK'S CORNER"

On August 8 the Deacons and Elders assembled for their once-a-year meeting which is required but also very valuable. As the saying goes, "two heads are better than one." Well imagine what happens when you put a dozen heads together. Fireworks! Well maybe not quite but our combined discussion centered on several scripture verses that talked about the power of God, obedience, authority and God's assurance that "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

We're about to begin a new church year. Looking ahead we have a 170th church anniversary in 2020, election of new Elders and Deacons, a look into the awesome history of this church that goes back to Fort Winnebago, another Harvest Dinner, continuing adult and youth education and, just ahead, a neighborhood picnic on September 8 and much more. We encourage everyone to think about how they will participate - what energy, inspiration, and talents they can bring. Or maybe a loaf of banana bread or a nice big zucchini on produce days. With God's help and the vitality that our combined efforts bring, we look forward to a busy and blessed year ahead.

Kathy Raimer

HARVEST DINNER NOV. 9

KWIK TRIP "CAR WASH" CARDS -

Let your vehicle shine like the summer sun!!!

You can have a clean vehicle and help support PPC's "mission trippers" at the same time when you purchase Kwik Trip "Ultimate" Car Wash cards.

Each card has FIVE car washes on it.

If you were to purchase these at the store, they would cost \$50.00 (\$10.00/wash)

But, the Mission Trippers are selling these cards for the price of \$36.00 / card.

For each card sold the "mission trippers" earn \$16.00!

If you are interested in purchasing cards, contact the Church Office. Thanks!



"TOUCHED TWICE" VOLUNTEERS

Greetings,

Well that time of year is here "or soon will be", when all of our Churches in Columbia County come together in one way or another to serve our community through the Touched Twice clinic on September 21st.

An event of this size takes much planning and many volunteers to meet the needs of our communities. This event is much bigger than one individual or church could ever handle. We are looking to serve over 400 individuals and families with much needed medical, dental, physical, food and spiritual needs this year. With that being said, we would like for you to consider sending a group or individuals from your congregation to help volunteer in the following areas:

- Prayer
- Fundraising
- Coordinators
- Check-in
- Security
- Pastoral Care
- Parking
- Childcare
- Graphic Design
- Media
- Setup/Tear down
- Advocates
- Concessions
- Transportation

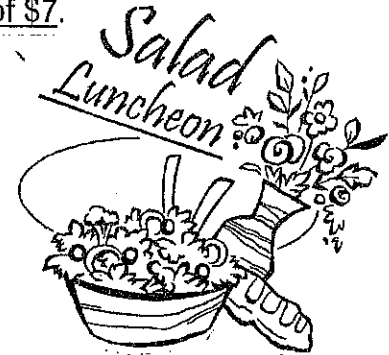
If you interested, contact Pastor Justin O'Boyle at City of Refuge Church either by phone at 742-4035 ... or by email at cityofrefugepastor@ymail.com

Thank you for your time and consideration.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN "WORKSHOP"

"What Brings You Joy?" is the theme for the John Knox Presbyterian Women Fall Workshop which will be held in our church on Saturday, September 28th starting with registration from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Coffee and coffee cakes/muffins will be provided during this time.

Speaker/writer/teacher *Stephenie Hovland* will be the speaker. A salad luncheon will be served at a cost of \$7.



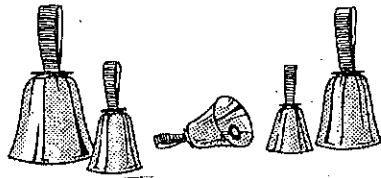
For the mission project we will be assembling fabric kits. Each kit will include 2 spools of neutral colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each and 2 pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric. Each piece should match one of these sizes: 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric, 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or 4 yards of 36" wide fabric. Please give new items only. Also fabric cannot have any religious symbols, U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

If you would like to donate any of these items, you can bring them to church anytime before September 28th. A box will be in Parry Hall to put your items in.

All women are encourage to come and enjoy a fun day filled with fellowship from other Presbyterian women.

If you would like to supply a salad for the luncheon or help in any other way, please contact Donna Mohr or sign up on the bulletin board in Parry Hall.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Rosemary Minnema at 742-5812.



HANDBELL CHOIR "BEGINS AGAIN"

PPC's Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 17 @ 9:00 a.m. in Parry Hall!

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the "bells" or who would like to be a part of this wonderful group is invited to just show up or contact Kathy Hankins @742-2752.

No experience is necessary! Just a love of music and a desire to have fun!

WORSHIP "JAM" @ PPC

Worship "Jam" is just what it means - different instruments (all are welcome) and any singers who want to come together for an hour and "jam" with worship music.

All instrumentalists (of any kind) and all who like to sing are welcome and encouraged to come and "Jam."

Our first "Jam Session" for the Fall will be on Wednesday, September 4th @ 6:35 p.m. in the sanctuary.

We work on a variety of traditional and contemporary music which we enjoy and which, for those who are interested, we usually share during our "Informal" worship services on the 3rd Sunday of each month.



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.

PPC "NOMINATING COMMITTEE" BEGINS

The "election process" is already underway!

No, we are not talking about "the political election process."

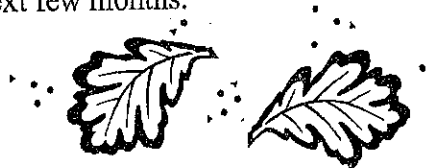
Rather, we point to the "election of our Ruling Elders and Deacons."

Here's a synopsis of the process adopted by the Session at its recent meeting:

- In September - "recommendation / nomination forms" will go out in the newsletter and will also be available at the church. Everyone is encouraged to "suggest" active members who they believe would be good servants as either Ruling Elders or Deacons. There will be a "drop box" at the church for these forms. Or you may give them to any member of the Nominating Committee or you may drop an email to the church office.
- In October - the Nominating Committee will be meeting to formulate a list of those to be presented to the congregation. There will be a "congregational meeting" scheduled in October to present the slate of officers.
- In November - the newly-elected officers will have a class of "preparation and orientation" to familiarize them with the particular ministry in which they will be serving.
- In December - the newly-elected officers will be invited to attend a meeting of their respective Board.
- In January - the newly-elected officers will assume their place on their respective Board.

Here are the members of PPC's Nominating Committee for 2019: Kathy Raimer and Alex Harvey (*Elders*); Lynne Warren (*Deacon*); Marcia Van Natta, Pam Crossley, Chris Crossley and Lee Roundy (*Congregation*).

Please keep the Nominating Committee and those whom God is calling to serve in your prayers over these next few months.



"RIVER HAVEN" - VOLUNTEERS?

One of the things that River Haven Shelter is doing is reconnecting with the community in order to recruit volunteers to help in the work and ministry of the shelter.

Being available 24/7 for those in need necessitates a significant number of people to be a part of the work of the shelter.

This is a perfect opportunity for those who seek to help make a difference in the community by offering your time and presence as a shelter volunteer.

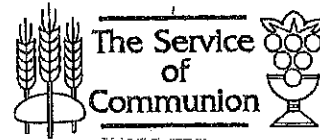
To find out what volunteer opportunities are available or for more information, contact the River Haven Shelter @ 742-7687.

Thank you!



"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."



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, September 1, 2019

@ 9:30 a.m.

"The 12th Sunday after Pentecost"

Sunday, October 6, 2019

@ 10:05 a.m.

"The 17th Sunday after Pentecost"

World Communion Sunday

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