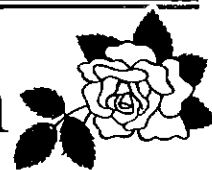


The Portage Presbyterian



A Newsletter for The Portage Presbyterian Family

June / July 2017

THANKS TO OUR "PPC YOUTH"

PPC's young people on Wednesday night have been busy - busy - busy!

As a part of their "civic" experience they have cleaned up the flower garden beside Westminster Center.

And they also participated in the Discipleship Committee's "new member gifts" by preparing and signing a "welcome card" to the new members who were received on Easter Sunday.

Our "Wed Nite" young people include: Bailey, Braden, Bennett, Evie, Ben and Quinn (and Amelia as well).

Thank you all for sharing in the work and ministry of God here @ PPC.

You are helping to make a difference!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thanks so much to all of you that participated in our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We collected \$285.00. Our congregation responded very generously. Our gifts will go to help support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Presbyterian Self Development of People.



"HAPPY ANNIVERSARY" - PPC

On Sunday, July 30 at 10:05 a.m. we will be celebrating the 167th anniversary of the chartering of the "First Presbyterian Church of the Town of Fort Winnebago" - or PPC as we are known today!

Our Sunday morning worship experience will celebrate that ways and people through whom God has worked over the generations as well as celebrating the ways and people through whom God "continues" to work!

Following worship we will share together with an "anniversary cake" and ice cream fellowship!

"CONGRATULATIONS" PPC GRADUATES

We offer our congratulations and prayers to PPC's 2017 high school graduates: *Olivia Jahn, Jessica Givens, Eric Floyd and Chad Minnema, Jr.*

Please continue to lift these young people in your prayers and as they embark on the next chapter in their lives and faith.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - JUNE 4

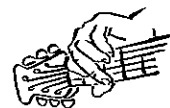
On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, PPC will celebrate the confirmation of 5 young people who will have completed their time of study and reflection.

Maddie O'Rourke, Jack Roundy, Jarrett Foster, Noah Jahn and Hunter Ballard have worked hard over these past months to prepare for this special day.

On this Sunday they will present their statement of faith and will stand before their church family to "confirm" those statements of faith offered on their behalf at the time of their baptisms.

Come and welcome these newest members of the PPC community.

Be sure to keep them in your prayers as they move toward this special day.



SUMMER "WORSHIP JAM"

Those who may be interested in sharing in the "Worship Jam" during the Summer,

We will be meeting on **Wednesdays (June 7 and July 12) @ 7:00 p.m.** (for approximately 45 minutes or so) you are invited to come and "jam" together as we share worship music together. We will gather in the Sanctuary.

Any and all instruments (and singers) are welcome!

As this is a "jam session," we will share worship songs along with the exchange of ideas, approaches, etc. Questions? Contact Pastor Dave.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*
Confirmation Sunday
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Trinity Sunday
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*

Wednesday, June 14

Wed Nite Worship @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 18, 2017

The Second Sunday of Pentecost
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, June 25, 2017

The Third Sunday of Pentecost
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, July 2, 2017

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, July 9, 2017

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, July 16, 2017

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. – *"Informal" Worship*

Sunday, July 23, 2017

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, July 30, 2017

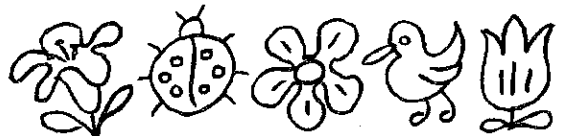
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
10:05 a.m. – *Traditional Worship*
Celebrating PPC's Anniversary!
Fellowship Time following!

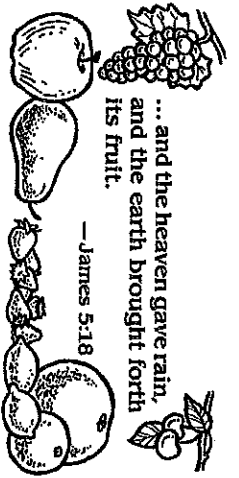


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... and the heaven gave rain,
and the earth brought forth
its fruit.

—James 5:18

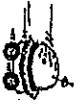
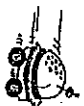

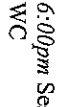
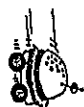
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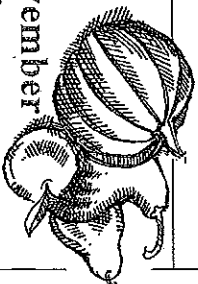
Just a reminder - that Sunday worship during the summer continues to be at 10:05 a.m. Thank you!

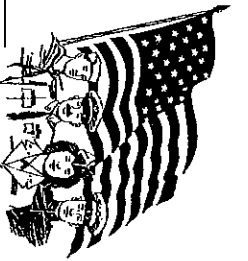
SUNDAY **MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY**

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

<p>4 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> <i>Lord's Supper</i> 10:05am Traditional Worship Fellowship/Happy Hour</p>	<p>5  3:30pm ACA, WC</p>	<p>6  Meals On Wheels</p>	<p>7  9:30am-12:30pm Painting Group, WC 5:30pm Discipleship 7:00pm Worship "Jam"</p>	<p>8  6:00pm Session Meeting, WC</p>	<p>9  6:00pm Light Supper 6:30pm Euchre – Mission For Yakutat</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>25 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:05am Traditional Worship Mission Trippers return from New Orleans</p>	<p>26 5:00-6:30pm Sharing Supper at Bartels Middle School</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:30am-12:30pm Painting Group, WC</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>3</p>

Mark your calendars for November 11th, which will be the Harvest Dinner





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Pastor's Page

"Power Naps!" This was the term used in a particular study that I read that concluded that it is healthy for one's mind, body and spirit to "nap" in the afternoon - preferably after lunch.

This "nap time," the study suggests, will recharge, renew and reinvigorate one so that we actually work more efficiently and can have more energy at the end of the day to enjoy our lives more.

In response some businesses and companies are even building in "naps" as a part of their daily schedules.

My life has come full circle!

What seems like only a few years ago I was sent to Kindergarten at the South School with a "resting pad" upon which we would all be required to "take a rest" after lunch.

My grandfather would come in from the fields for lunch and would proceed, after lunch, to lay down on the floor to "catch a quick 40 winks" before he would head back out on the farm.

There are even some ethnic cultures that build "rest" or "siesta" time into their understanding of the balance of life.

This study simply reinforces that which we all know - that we do need to take time for rest, recreation, and renewal.

How and where we find and experience these times and places varies for each of us. And that is good! It would not be good if you and everyone else all ended up camping in the same place that I do.

Yet, it is important for us, as God's children and as God's church to make sure that we do find and practice times of "rest."

The whole concept of "Sabbath" is rooted in the need to "rest" and "reflect" as a part of the balance of our lives and our faith in relationship to God.

The "summer season" into which we will soon find ourselves has been traditionally a time in which to-do lists shift and we look for opportunities to have a little "R & R."

However, the reality is that for some Summer's schedule may not change that much. While we may not be doing the same things, we

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"SHARING SUPPER" – JUNE & JULY

The "Sharing Supper" will be shared on Monday, June 26 and July 31.

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

"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 **June 26 and July 31 @ 5:00 p.m.**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER "NOW" ON-LINE

Check out PPC's website at www.portagepresbyterian.com and you will find that our monthly newsletter is now "on-line."

Just click on the link (on the left column) and it will take you to a menu where you can choose the particular newsletter you would like to read.

We will not, however for privacy and security reasons, be including the "prayer list" in the on-line resource.

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may continue to be just as busy. After all, life can be hectic and chaotic sometimes!

Whatever your plans for the next few months, wherever your journey of life and faith may lead you be sure to step back, catch your breath, relax - make room and space for a "rest."

So, here's to "taking a nap" this summer - and finding our lives and our faith renewed and refreshed and ready to continue the journey yet ahead of us.

PRODUCE DAYS

Summer Produce Days will be held on June 11, July 9 and August 13. For the past three months we have had delicious items for our monthly bake sales. We are looking forward to more fresh produce being available. Bring your fresh flowers, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, homemade jelly or other food items to church on those days or any Sunday. They will be displayed for a free will offering and the money received will be used for Mission Stewardship projects. Any questions contact Nancy Schaper.

BRAT AND HOT DOG SALE

We had a great brat and hot dog sale at Pierces Brat Hut on Saturday, May 20. It was a cold and rainy day but we profited \$305.08 to be donated to the general operating budget of our church. Thanks to all who helped and purchased!!



"SUMMER WED NITE @ PPC"

As Summer comes the "Wed Nite @ PPC" program will continue through the summer! But in a special way!

We WILL NOT be gathering every Wednesday evening as we did during the school year.

However, we are planning to come together once a month in *June, July and August* to share a lite meal, fellowship, projects and activities and worship.

Here's what we will be doing ...

On Wednesday, June 14 we will gather at 5:30 p.m. for a lite meal.

Our "theme" for this "*Summer Wed Nite*" will be to learn more about the River Haven Homeless Shelter and how we might be able to help support and care for those in our community in special need.

Cindy LeGrand of River Haven will be with us to provide information and answer questions.

One of our projects this evening will be for Judy Taylor to teach us how to make "sleeping mats" out of ordinary plastic grocery bags for those who are homeless.

Then, at 7:00 p.m. we will gather for a time of worship - outside if the weather permits!

"*Summer Wed Nite*" in July will be on July 19th. This is being planned as a "Christmas in July" experience - afterall, who says Christmas cannot be celebrated any time?

Then, plans are being made for the August "*Summer Wed Nite*" on August 23 as learning more about the "backpack program" at the Rusch Elementary School and to see if there are ways we can help support this special program.

All ages are encouraged to come and share in these "Summer Wed Nite" experiences!

There may even be a few surprises!!!



TRY "SCRIP" - YOU'LL LOVE IT!

Scrip Fundraising is here @ PPC!

And it is EASY!!!

SUMMER 2017 "FOOD FOR KIDS"

We need your help as we continue the summer program of providing a meal for young people in the Portage community.

This will be the 4th year of the "Summer Food Program."

In the first year approximately 800-900 meals were served over a 10 week period.

With the second year the meal sites were expanded to 2 sites and the number of meals served over the 10 week period was a little over 1800.

Last year we continued to serve at two sites and for the 10 week period the number of meals jumped to 3100.

For this coming summer we will continue to serve meals for young people at two sites: Goodyear Park (near the splash pad / skate park); and at the Library.

However, we are also looking to expand our food opportunities with a "more mobile" option which would have lunches served at a couple of other places in the city.

Also we are wanting to expand from 10 weeks to the "whole summer." This would enable those who need these meals to have them available until school starts.

One other part that is being changed is that the meals will be served Monday - Friday (rather than Monday-Thursday).

We are always looking for volunteers to help make this program work well. The reality is that without volunteers and the support of the whole community, the "Summer Food Program" would not exist!

The goal of this "Summer Food Program" is simple - that no child goes hungry in Portage!

If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer, contact Pastor Dave.

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: *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!

Order sheets are available in Parry Hall!



"BRESE FUND FOR THE NEEDY"

Over 30 years ago, the Llewelyn Breese Fund for the Needy was established with a bequest. The will specified that the fund "... shall be held in trust and used for the benefit of any underprivileged children of the church."

The administration of this fund is entrusted to Ruling Elders Mark Bennett and Jerry Schneiter, who have been appointed by the Session, along with the Pastor Dave, who serves as the Chairperson.

If you are in need or have a suggestion of someone from the church who may need assistance of this type, please contact a committee member. All contacts are held in strictest confidence.



"GOALS" FOR 2017

The Session, as a part of its meetings, will be setting aside time to reflect on and discuss "goals" for this year.

The Session would like to invite you to share this time of reflection and discussion with us.

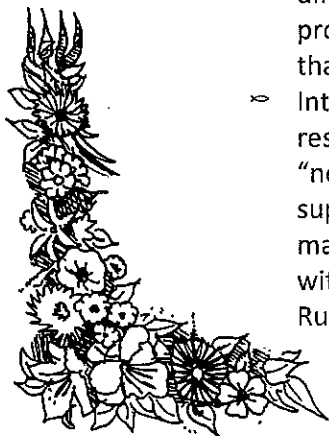
Printed below is the "goal" we are discussing. Please take some time to consider and to pray about these goals.

And then take advantage of the opportunities to share and discuss these goals each month (more information is included)!

"2017 GOALS" - PART FOUR

To Reach out to "neighbors" around the church building

- ∞ Recognizing that our "neighborhood" has unique and challenging issues in regards to social, financial, stability, etc
- ∞ Recognizing that our "neighborhood" is also unique in that there are gifts and talents to be nurtured
- ∞ Working to establish healthy ways / relationships in which we might be able, through prayer, support, community, education to help our "neighbors" find and experience "new life"
- ∞ To make a difference for others so that they might make a difference for the world – providing a "hand up" rather than just a "hand out"
- ∞ Intentionally connecting with resources in the "neighborhood" to support and supplement the work that God may already be doing – working with Alphabet Express and Rusch Elementary



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NOLA "MISSION TRIP" UPDATE

PPC is one of four congregations that will be sending a total of 23 people to New Orleans in June to be "the hands and feet of Jesus."

In addition to PPC, we will have participants from Baraboo, Poynette and Lodi making the journey with us.

PPC participants include: *Allison Foster, Tammy Foster, Jarrett Foster, Kathy Hankins, Sarah Hankins, Evelyn Brown, Lindsey Harvey, Samantha Harvey, Eric Floyd, Liz Bellmore, Nancy Schaper, Brenda Owen, Parker Roundy and Pastor Dave.*

Thank you to all who have helped support the NOLA Mission Trippers as they have raised funds for the June, 2017 Mission Trip.

We appreciate your support, your words and your prayers as we prepare to make our way to New Orleans on your behalf - to be the hands and feet of Jesus in that community.

And we cannot wait to come back to share with you all that we have experienced - and the ways in which we have seen God at work!

Thank you again!

POUNDS FOR THE PANTRY

With three Sundays gone and two Sunday's (we are including June 4th) to go we have collected 445.5 pounds. Way to go PPC members. We should have no problem meeting our goal of 500 pounds **This is a good time to donate the heavy items such as juice, laundry soap, sugar and flour.** Our donations will help many children this summer. Remember that just because our challenge is over we accept donations to the food pantry all the time.

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As a part of this reflection and discussion, members of the Session will meet each month with those who are interested.

The first opportunity to share insights about this "Goals- Part Two" will be on **Sunday, June 11 after worship**. Those who are interested are invited to gather around a table **in Parry Hall**.

If you have insights you would like to share, but cannot make this gathering time, please feel free to contact any member of the Session.

Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT "PRES HOUSE"

June 11 is "Women's Sunday" when the ladies of the congregation are responsible for the Sunday service. This year they would like to introduce you to **Pres House**, a Presbyterian facility on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, and have invited the *Rev. Erica Liu*, co-pastor with her husband, the *Rev. Mark Elsdon*, to tell us about their ministry at **Pres House**.

Pres House, founded in 1907, has served students there as a church and living space for university students for over a century.

From 2004 to the present co-pastors Erica and Mark have built a community that students on campus have responded to. Today **Pres House** reaches more than 400 students annually through the **Pres House** apartments and the campus church community.

In addition to the Sunday worship service **Pres House** facilitates small groups, organizes trips and retreats and welcomes volunteers from the Madison area.

Please join us on Sunday morning, *June 11* at 10:05 a.m. and hear about the mission of **Pres House** in Madison.

In Memory of *Cliff Van Natta*, from
 Robert and Marsha Van Natta
 Nancy Schaper

In Memory of *Frances Brenner*, from
 George and Nancy Beasley
 Mike and Sis Bennett
 Sherry Bornick
 Elaine Crammond
 Edwynna Curry
 Edith McElroy
 Dick and Rosemary Minnema
 Bill and Donna Mohr
 Dorothy Pfaff
 Jill Porzel
 Nancy Schaper
 Joyce Scherbert
 Larry and Linda Tessman
 Donna Wolff
 Friends and Family

*In Loving
 Memory*

CONCERT AT THE PORTAGE

On Wednesday evening, August 9, the Event's Committee will be providing dessert at the Concert at the Portage that is being held at the VFW. The group performing that evening is The Universal Sound Band, LLC. It should be a fun evening so come join us at the park. There is a concert each Wednesday evening during the summer. This will be a fundraiser for the church and we are asking for donations of home-made pie. There will be a sign-up sheet in Parry Hall or you can contact Nancy Schaper (742-7242) to get your name on the list. If possible please use a disposable pie pan. The pies need to be brought to the church by noon on August 9. Any questions contact Nancy Schaper.

GUITAR LESSONS - THIS SUMMER @ PPC

Beginning on *Monday, July 10* (@ 6:00 p.m.) Pastor Dave will be leading a class for "guitar lessons" for those who are interested.

We will be starting "at the beginning." So, if you have never played before, this will be the class for you.

You do not have a guitar, you say? Well, we have a couple of guitars that you could use until you decide to purchase your own.

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

TAXI CAB "VOUCHERS"

The PPC Deacons have purchased coupons to help aid our members in coming to church. If you are unable to find a way to church, call a cab! The ride will be covered with coupons that will be kept at church. The coupons can be used for both your arrival to church and your return ride home. Please consider using them whenever transportation to church becomes an issue for you. We want to see you at church! If you have any questions please call the church office 742-6006.

CARD PARTY

Our next card party will be on **June 2**. On April 7 we had a very successful card party to benefit Yakutat Presbyterian Church. We had 36 people playing cards. Thanks again to Kathryn Curtis for providing her delicious banana bars for us. A special thanks to the members of the Event's Committee for providing the remainder of the food. We raised \$160.00 towards our Yakutat pledge of \$1,000.

PIERCE'S CHARITY REWARDS

Pierce's Supermarkets would like to thank you for participating in the Pierce's Charity Rewards Program.

Enclosed you will find a check for your organization in the amount of \$ 68.57.

Remember . . . The more Pierce's customers with your organization's account number assigned to their card, the larger your donation!

If you have any questions, please call the Pierce's Supermarket nearest you.

Thank You,

Angie Pierce, Pierce's Supermarkets Inc.

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Wednesday Worship Service
6:05 p.m. Informal, Interactive Worship
Church is Handicapped Accessible
Everyone Invited!
Sunday Worship Service
10:05 a.m. Traditional Worship
Third Sunday of Each Month is Informal Service
Child Care Available

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