



The Portage Presbyterian Church



Greetings

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and peace!

"Summer" Worship @ PPC

Beginning on Sunday, June 15 - we will shift into our
"summer worship schedule."

Summer Sunday Worship will be @ **9:30 a.m.**

Our "Summer Schedule" *will continue through Sunday, September 1.*

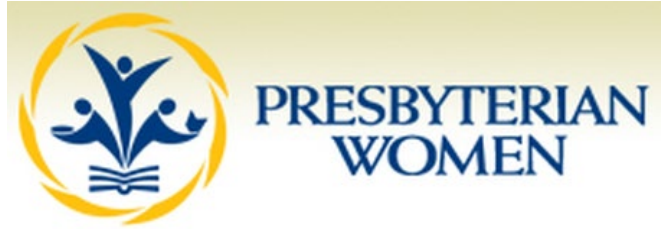
"Creative Arts Festival" @ PPC



Once again the PPC community has helped support young people in their learning opportunities.

On Tuesday, May 13 PPC's facilities were brimming with energy and excitement as we provided space for a "regional Creative Arts Festival."

Teachers and students from school districts all over the south-central area of the state came together here - to learn about different types of arts - and to bring their learnings "to life."



Thanks to all who helped in any way with the
"John Knox Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering."

There were 29 women in attendance.

Everyone enjoyed our speaker, **Sara Shaver**, from **Sleep In Heavenly Peace**. Sara was very appreciative of all the twin bedding and monetary donations that were collected for this well deserved non-profit organization.

Our salad luncheon was a big hit!

Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 7 - at 9:00 a.m. - at Dino's.

Please come and enjoy a good breakfast and great fellowship.

"Campfire Devos" @ PPC

Beginning on Tuesday, June 17 (and also on *Tuesday July 15 and Aug 12*) - @ 7:00 p.m. - we will be sharing "Campfire Devos" in the area behind Westminster Center.

We will gather around a "real campfire" for a "devotional time" including singing, fellowship, a "devotional time" and probably "treats!"

All ages are invited and encouraged to share in this "devo" opportunity.

Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, family members - and even those you may not know! All are welcome!



WOW! Helping To Make A Difference - for Lions' Camp!



Brekkan's "Mission Project" was to raise \$100.00 - which would enable him to donate items for the benefit of those who attend the Lions' Camp.

For three weeks his church family, community, school, and family received a 3D Axolotl or fresh baked treat in exchange for a donation to the Lions Camp Wishlist Items.

Brekkan ended up raising \$534 and was able to purchase lots of needed items for the campers! "

From the Lions' Camp Newsletter - I think we can all agree that Brekkan is an amazing young man ... who understands the meaning

of service to others. We are thankful for this amazing donation that purchased the two glasses cleaners, six pairs of noise cancelling headphones, the popdarts backyard board set, the big book of makerspaces, two sets of fidget toys, 2 score keeper flippers for sports, and 2 larger ice packs for larger injuries. Not to mention the two dollars left over and a bunch of the cutest axolotls you ever did see for our sensory room.

Congratulations, Brekkan, on a great job - helping to make a difference for others!

Yes - It's that time of year again.

The Events Committee will be **at Festival Foods**

on **Saturday, June 21**- beginning @ 10:00 a.m.

selling brats, hamburgers and hotdogs.

Please come and support our church - and enjoy a meal at the same time.



Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, June 1 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 10:05 a.m.

The 7th Sunday of Easter - Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"Commencement Sunday"

Sunday, June 8 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 10:05 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday - Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"Confirmation Sunday"

Sunday, June 15 - "Informal" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, June 22 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 29 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 6 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Celebration of the Lord's Supper

PPC's Sunday Worship - also on "YouTube"

Here's "another option" for "online" worship experiences!

You can go to the PPC "YouTube" Channel!

Here's the "web" information -

<https://www.youtube.com/@portagepresbyterianchurch2652>

The videos on "YouTube" are not live streamed -
they are added to the PPC YouTube Channel during the following week.

IF you would like to receive the "weekly worship materials" -
the Sunday Worship Bulletin & Children's Bulletin -
by email- please contact Pastor Dave.

PPC is Celebrating "175 Years" - September 14 14

The Portage Presbyterian Church

will be celebrating our 175th Anniversary on September 14.

Plans continue to be made for this "special day."

But, here's what we know - so far!

= We will share our "anniversary worship" service - @ 10:05 A.M.

= We will gather for both worship and a "picnic" @ Sunset Park

If you would like to help plan this anniversary Celebration,
please "sign up" on the sheet on the kiosk in Parry Hall

"Deacon Doings"

As always - all "loose offerings" (*coins and cash*) - on "Communion Sundays" -
will be given to the Deacons to help purchase communion supplies and the Upper Room
devotionals. Again, that "loose change" is always welcome! Thank you for your generosity.



Upcoming dates for "Stocking Shelves @ the Food Pantry" will be Wednesday, June 18 and by the Bellmore Family on Wednesday, June 25.

We usually begin @ 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to come and help this community resource provide a necessary program for those in need in our community. Please contact Pastor Dave if you are planning to come and help, in case there is a change in the schedule. *Come and help make a difference in the community!*

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Just a reminder - there is a "Little Food Pantry" in front of Westminster Center. Anyone can place items in this box - and we receive donations from PPC folks as well as those from the community..Please feel free to provide dry goods and non perishables not affected by the temperature.

## "Summer Lunch for Kids" - Volunteers!

Beginning on June 9, the "Portage Summer Lunch Program for Kids" program will be offering lunches for young people up to age 18.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Summer Lunch Program - please click on this "link" - which will take you to a "volunteer form" ...

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdU5Y9au32mjZVopuuPy9ReI\\_3WKITLscg1hqMyYoegJ5g9Fw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdU5Y9au32mjZVopuuPy9ReI_3WKITLscg1hqMyYoegJ5g9Fw/viewform)

Or you may go to the "Portage Summer Lunch Program" page on Facebook for more information.

Also feel free to contact Pastor Dave with any questions about the volunteers or the program in general.



New Directions 4-H club is a very active group of young people from the area that meet together to share ideas, work on projects and learn great leadership skills.

The New Directions 4-H club meets @ PPC on the 3rd Sunday of each month, beginning @ 4:00 p.m.

PPC is pleased to be able to support the efforts of 4-H and the New Directions Club by offering a meeting space and support for their good work.

**Jen Martens** serves as the advisor for the New Directions Club.

Scout



Activities / Events



Helping to Clean Up Blue  
Star Park



Aviation Merit Badge



## Important "Information and Activities" Around Portage



"Kwik Trip" Car Wash Cards are still available!

For \$36.00 / card, you will receive 5 "Ultimate" car washes  
(normally a cost of \$50.00)

If you would like to purchase a "Kwik Trip Car Wash Card" -  
contact Pastor Dave.

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YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@portagepresbyterianchurch2652

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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

scan the "QR Code" which will take you to the



"Online Giving" Portal

*Your financial support for the work and ministry of*

*Portage Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated!*

*God in and through the*

Serving God and God's People  
With "Energy, Intelligence, Imagination and Love"

Ruling Elders / Session

Moderator - Pastor Dave Hankins

Clerk of Session - Alex Harvey

Jarrett Foster (2025)

Tara Bandekow (2026)

John Crammond (2027)

Nancy Schaper (2025)

Nancy Beasley (2026)

Jean Oren (2027)

Kathy Raimer (2026)

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons - Peggy Alf-Sechtig

Secretary - Liz Bellmore

Treasurer - Vickie Kastner

Peggy Alf (2025)

Vickie Kastner (2026)

Alex Harvey (2027)

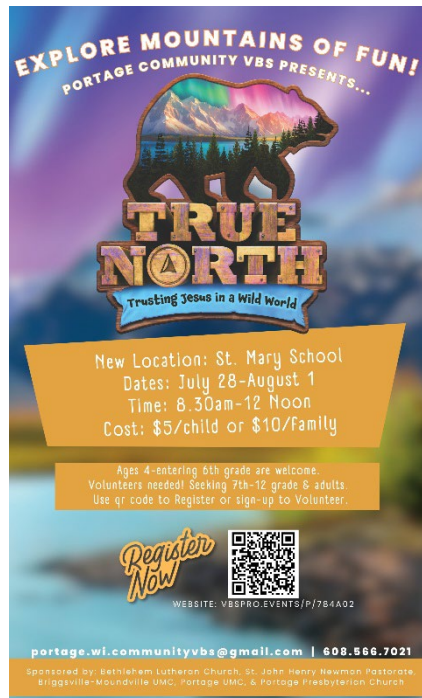
Joyce Meredith (2025)

Joyce Oehlhof (2026)

Debby Capener (2027)

Liz Bellmore (2025)

Don't Forget - Community Vacation Bible School -2025







### The Pentecost Offering

unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service.

The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life.

By receiving the Pentecost Offering,  
you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults.

In order to support the Pentecost Offering  
you may use the "regular offering envelope" - with a note for  
The Pentecost Offering.



## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

