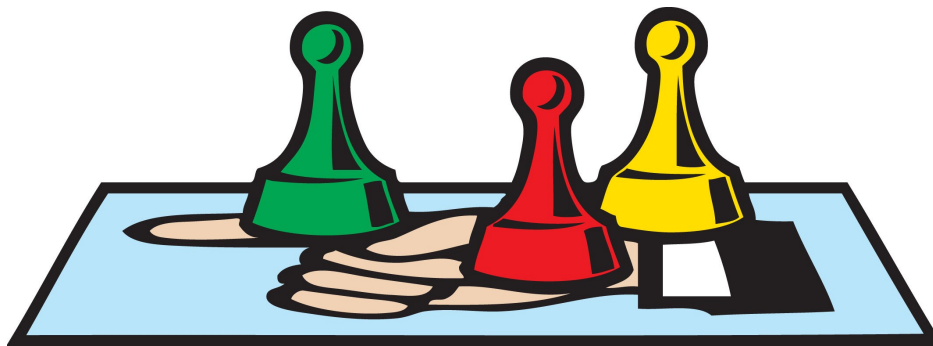


THE PORTLIGHT

A newsletter for members and friends of Portland Avenue United Methodist Church



Saturday, October 1 @ 6:00 pm

This edition of Game Night will focus on your favorite board or card game for 2-4 players. Do you have an old favorite or a new discovery to share?

Bring it along, or just show up ready to play.

We'll gather in the Wesley Room.

Bring your favorite pop to drink, and a snack to share. Invite a neighbor - Everyone is welcome at The PORT!



Fall Game Night

October 2016

Our Mission

"To grow followers of Jesus who change the world."

Our Vision

"To be a safe harbor along life's journey."

The **PORT**
A safe harbor along life's journey.

Pastor's Message *Rev. Carol Zaagsma*

I just love Culver's Restaurant – particularly the one close to church, on the corner of American Boulevard and Nicollet Avenue. I love it not so much for the food; although who can deny that a ButterBurger and custard sundae are rather tasty from time to time? The real reason I love it is for how they make me feel when I go there.

Every single time I've gone there, no matter how busy they seem to be, someone has greeted me with a cheerful "Hello, welcome to Culver's!" along with a friendly smile. Whether these words are said by an employee who is cleaning the glass doors (and consequently opens the door for me), or someone working the registers sees me come in, I am always acknowledged and greeted warmly as soon as I arrive. Without exception, the crew there genuinely seems glad that I have come for lunch at their restaurant. And that makes me feel glad that I chose to go there on those days.

During my last visit, I watched one employee in particular walking around to each piece of artwork in the restaurant. To every framed picture she went, lifting it off the wall, and squirting some glass cleaner on it. Then she wiped the glass clean, along with the picture frame itself. She returned the picture to its place on the wall and went on to the next. This level of cleaning is the norm at this Culver's location. There is always someone with cleaning fluid and cloth in hand wiping down tables and chairs after people eat there, getting the space ready for the next customer to have a pleasant experience.

What amazes me about Culver's is how everyone takes it upon themselves to be a good representative of their restaurant. Everyone takes responsibility to see that customers who enter their restaurant are warmly welcomed. Everyone works hard to create a pleasant experience for their customers.

Of course, being witness to this got me to thinking – what if church were just a little bit more like Culver's? Or, perhaps more specifically, what if we all were more like those who worked at this Culver's? What would our church look like if everyone took similar responsibility here at church?

Now, at this point some of you may be thinking, "Wait a minute – we have paid staff here to do all that. What are you thinking, Pastor Carol?" And it is true, we are

blessed with office, custodial, music and pastoral staff here at The PORT. However, the truth is, our staff's reach is limited in that we are not always on hand to tend to the things that need attention.

Sometimes I have a volunteer fill ink pens in the pew holders so that people will have something to write with when filling out their Connection Cards. Not long ago, I did this task. You wouldn't believe how many mangled and pulled-apart pens I removed, and how many cough drop wrappers I picked out of the hymnal racks and then threw away. Sometimes when I'm the last to leave on Sunday mornings, I discover the Wesley Room tables and countertop have yet to be wiped down, or the floor needs to be swept. These things aren't any one person's job to take care of – anyone and everyone can pitch in and tend to these things.

We have first-time guests at least once a month on Sunday mornings. It's not just the Greeter's, or Welcomer's, or Pastor's responsibility to make them feel welcome. How amazing the atmosphere would be if those in the pews around someone new also said something, or had a brief conversation – enough so that our first-time guests knew we are glad they are here.

Making an effort to introduce yourself and talk with someone who came to church alone, or who came here for the first time, would do wonders for creating a warm welcome. Holding open the door for someone with their arms full or walking with assistance would certainly create the feeling of "I'm glad you're here today." Picking up off the floor the paper towel or napkin that missed the trash can will go a long way toward creating a more pleasant experience for everyone.

I know it may come as a surprise, but here at church, you and I are not the customer. We are the disciples. Even Jesus said he came not to be served, but to serve. Church is what we make of it for ourselves and one another; and while there are many, many people who do many things around here, I do think there is an opportunity for us all – each one as we are able – to increase our awareness and tend to these things as they arise.

Serving with you,

Pastor Carol



October 2016



Youth Group News

- Oct 2 Luke & Rylie
- Oct 9 Oliver & Katelyn
- Oct 16 Janea & Joshua
- Oct 23 Madolyn
& Jeremiah
- Oct 30 Luke & Katelyn

We are now back into the swing of things and it is good to be back! We are meeting for our fall dinner get together on October 2. We will have a regular Sunday meeting on 10/16 and then we will round out October with a fall pumpkin carving night on 10/30!

We are already planning and looking forward to our **Fall Pancake Breakfast fundraiser which is on November 5, 7:30a-11:00a @ Hillcrest UMC (9100 Russell Ave S, Bloomington)**. This free will donation helps our youth financially attend Ultimate Challenge Camp. Did you know that on average a youth sports camp costs \$500.00 + per week compared to Ultimate Challenge Camp which is only \$398.00?! While \$398.00 is still a lot, your support and generosity directly make it possible for our youth to attend. Come join us for delicious food and great fellowship on November 5 at Hillcrest UMC.
~Melissa Kuyper

October Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Coffee & Treats	Ann Benson	Marilyn Anderson	Jocelyne Medzagoh	Marcie Huser, Annie Comee	Darlene Wicks
Greeters	Scott & Kathy Swenson	Nancy & Tim Hagerty	Jeff Chamberlain & Lynn Furda	George Dalin, Steve Johnson	Koffi & Sena Bruce
Ushers	Bruce Benson, Beth Cameron, Steve & Kathy Soucy	Guy Moore, Bob Deese, Scott & Kathy Swenson	Bruce Benson, Pat Ekstrom, Mike & Lori Moreland	Guy Moore, Bob Deese, Dave & Linda Schesso	Myron & Ginny Karki, Rod & Peggy Bacheller
Welcomers	Marilyn Anderson	Carol Emdy	Claire & John Perry	Neil Anderson	Barb & Clint Andrus
Reader	Steve Soucy	Scott Rice	Bob Deese	Mary Nelson	Joel Sponsel
Sound	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith	Eric Richardson-Mahre
Media	Dave Smith	Dave Smith	Barb Andrus	Nathan Peine	Tim Madsen
Nursery	Mary Lou Johnson	Janet Rush	Denise Carroll	Linda Lounsbury	LaVonne Robinson
Closer	Paul Richardson	Harvey Erstad	Tom Wellman	Tom Wellman	Tom Wellman
Communion Stewards	LaVonne Robinson, Peggy Erstad	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">Want to serve on Sunday mornings?</p> <p style="font-size: 1.1em; margin: 0;">Let the office know and we'll put you in touch with the appropriate coordinator</p> </div>			
Communion Servers	Carol Emdy, JoAnne Volden, Mary Nelson, Verne Witt				

Mission Outreach

Feed My Starving Children Recap

A group from The PORT went to the Feed My Starving Children packing center in Eagan on September 17. During our shift, we packed over 20,000 meals, which is enough to feed 55 children for an entire year!



Make the Holidays Brighter for Residents of Walker Health Center

“Give a Little Gift” for a resident of the Walker Health Center. During October a box in the narthex will be the collection point for new items to create a personalized gift bag for every Walker Methodist Health Center resident this holiday season. Please keep items in their original packaging, without wrapping paper, so they can be sorted more easily into gift bags for residents.

Donation ideas:

- Pocket Kleenex
- Cookies and crackers
- Candies and chocolate
- Sugar-free candy
- Slippers
- Hats, mittens, scarves
- Socks (Men’s and women’s)
- Small stuffed animals
- Knickknacks (for their rooms)
- Religious items
- Men’s items
- Jewelry
- DVDs, CDs
- ChapStick
- Lotion

Simpson Shelter Meals

We’re looking for a leader to emerge who will organize and coordinate this mission outreach meal once a year. See Pastor Carol if you have questions or are interested in leading The PORT in this ministry of compassion to those who are experiencing homelessness.



World Communion Sunday

World Communion has been observed the first Sunday in October for 80 years. While there will be differences in how Christians in many parts of the world celebrate the sacrament, all will worship the same God.

One of the six special offerings of the United Methodist Church, offerings given on this day provide scholarships for U.S. and international graduate students, equipping gifted and qualified students from around the world to become the leaders God created them to be. Envelopes for this special offering will be provided in your bulletin on October 2.

Coming in November— Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox Collection



Check back next month for all the details on this year’s collection dates and opportunity to volunteer with The PORT at the distribution processing center.

We celebrate YOU during October

If you have a birthday during the month of October but your name isn't on our list, PLEASE LET US KNOW, so we can update our records for next year.



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| 3 - Lynn Furda | 16 - Steve Soucy | 24 - Gloria Wilson-Bahun |
| 7 - Tim Hagerty | 17 - Janea Medzagoh | Jerry Solheim |
| 10 - Peggy Bacheller | 18 - Fran Carpenter | 26 - Marlus Jackson |
| Jody Thames | 19 - Jakob Rasmussen | Annette Grad |
| 11 - Jeff Avery | 20 - Joanne Sanftner | 27 - Samantha Hanson |
| Ginny Karki | | 31 - Barb Wittstruck |

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Calm Parenting University

Come learn 40 practical, real life strategies to stop power struggles over homework, video games, bedtime, sibling fights and more. You'll watch laugh-out-loud DVDs, feel understood and supported every week. This program is perfect for families with kids ages 2-22. Taught by Judy and Eric Richardson-Mahre, this four-week class is offered on **Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm October 4, 11, 18 and 25**. Watch a video clip and register at <http://conta.cc/2ceIIDn>.

"Let's Talk About Memory Loss" Recap

Patty Crawford, center manager of Augustana Open Circle Adult Day Center, led a presentation about memory loss on September 15. The Wesley Room was full with 26 people in attendance. We heard pertinent information about caring for those experiencing memory loss, and were challenged to consider how ageism is perpetuated in our society. Since social isolation is the worst enemy of someone with memory loss, we learned that one of the best things we can do for each other is to be honest about a diagnosis, and to continue to find ways of connection and community for those who experience memory loss. Thank you to the Caregivers Support Group for hosting this event.



2016 Photo Directory



It's time for a new photo directory here at The PORT. Professional photographers from Lifetouch will be here **Nov. 3-5**, with the possibility of adding times on Nov. 1-2 if we need additional time slots to photograph everyone.

Register for your portrait session [here](#), or via the link on The PORT's home page (www.paumc.org). You may also schedule your session while at church on Sunday mornings, or by calling the church office during office hours (T, W, TH from 9-3) at (952) 888-6070.

If you will be out of town November 3-5, let Pastor Carol know and she will give you instructions for scheduling a photography session at another date and location here in the Twin Cities before you travel.

Consider inviting grandparents and other family members to join you in your portrait sitting—even if they are not members. You may also bring your household pet to be part of the picture. Or bring meaningful items that express your individuality (sports equipment, musical instruments, hobby items, special toys or books).

For coming to have your picture taken, you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the printed color photo directory, while Lifetouch will also be donating \$5 to The PORT.

While a purchase is not required, rest assured that any printed photographs you do order will arrive in plenty of time for Christmas. Portraits become priceless family treasures, so what great presents or Christmas Cards these will make!

SPRC

Staff Transition

Staff Parish Relations Committee received the resignation of Leann Olsen, our Administrative Assistant, effective September 29. A transition plan is in place, and

the open position can be applied for [here](#), so spread the word if you know of a qualified candidate. There's also a copy of the job description and a link to apply at <http://paumc.org/index.php/whats-happening>. We give thanks for Leann's contributions in the office and wish her well in her new endeavors.

Trustees

Eagle Scout Project Approved

I, Blake Mahre, have presented a proposal to update the church landscaping for my Eagle Scout Project, and it was approved by the Trustees at their meeting September 13. An Eagle Scout Project is something that benefits a local organization, involves the scouts in a service project and allows the Eagle Scout candidate to provide leadership in defining and leading the project implementation.

I chose to do a project for the church because my church is one of the most important things in my

life. I have been called to be a youth pastor and am passionate about giving my life to the church. So it was important to me to do something for the church that means so much to me.

This Fall, on October 15th, we will be tearing out some of the old landscaping and relocating the rock on the West side of the building to the South side of the building. We will be finishing the landscape plan over the Winter and will be selling plants and installing the new landscaping in the Spring of 2017. You will have an opportunity to donate money and plants during the Spring Plant Fundraiser to support me and my project.

Education Wing and Wesley Room Updates

The cabinet in the Wesley Room has been installed in its permanent location along the East wall, along with new GCFI outlets above it for convenience.



New cabinets have been installed in two of the Education Wing Rooms (Rooms 116 & 117). They match the cabinets in the Nursery, and will be used for storing supplies used in Sunday School.

42 Years and Going Strong! November 11 & 12, 2016

The Holiday Bazaar is our single largest church fundraiser of the year and a tradition that reaches out to all of the families involved at The PORT as well as hundreds of people in our community.



As the countdown continues to this year's Bazaar, following are ways everyone here at The PORT can jump in to be a part of this great event:

- **Pray** gratitude for those who are already baking, creating, canning, sewing, and constructing products to be sold; pray encouragement for the Bazaar Committee leaders; and pray that God's Spirit will be felt by all who will volunteer and come to The PORT for the Bazaar.
- **Participate** in our "world famous" Bake Sale. Over the years we have acquired quite a following of folks who come just to buy our pies, cookies and canned goods. Consider baking and sharing one of your family's favorites with us. Or are you a canner? People love jams, jellies, salsas and sauces, and dare we say pickles? They make great gifts as well as additions to holiday gatherings. Please drop off bake sale donations on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, Nov. 9 – 11.
- **Donate** products to sell at the Bazaar. We only sell newly-handmade holiday décor and gifts, needlework and wood products. We need wood products! They are always popular but please remember that they must be hand-made. We do not sell pre-made or purchased retail products at the Bazaar. Think about what talent or hobby you could put to work for the church. Please plan to bring at least one sample item by Monday, November 7th at 6:30pm for preview by the pricing committee. Include cost of the materials and a suggested selling price, as well as the quantity to be donated.
- **Assemble** a Silent Auction Basket. This is where you could donate a collector's item in mint condition, a service from your business, a gift card from a favorite restaurant or retailer, or a gift basket filled with **newly-purchased** items that relate to a theme (like all things chocolate, spa, hobby, theme party, or all about a particular sport. Be creative!). Who do you like to do business with? Ask them if they would like to contribute to the Silent Auction. Baskets are now available for you to take, fill up, and return by October 30th. Please no later.
- **Volunteer** to help with set-up during the week of the Bazaar. We will need help during the day setting up tables and putting out product. Then consider working at the event itself! We promise you will have a great time and will feel good helping the church. A sign-up sheet will be available in the coming weeks.

If you have questions or ideas you want to talk about, please contact the following:

Lynn, Lori or Donna Livingston – Bazaar Coordinators. They can also answer questions about the Tuesday evening Bazaar Workshop.

Carol Cox – Coordinator of the Thursday morning Bazaar Workshop Group.

LaVonne Robinson and Betty Belk – Coordinators of the Bake Sale.

Steve and Kathy Soucy – Coordinators of the Silent Auction and Gift Baskets.

Dates to Remember:

October 23 - 30 – Bring Silent Auction and Gift Basket Donations to church.

November 3, 7, 8 – Pricing sale items from 6:30-9pm. Anyone interested in helping with this big project is welcome.

November 9 – Set-up from 12-8pm.

November 10 – Bring perishable food donations between 10am – 8pm; or volunteer to display and set out items during that same timeframe.

November 11 & 12 – Bring your neighbors and friends to the Bazaar on Friday from 9am – 8pm, or Saturday from 9am – 3pm.

November 13 – Cleanup Fellowship Hall from 11:30am until done.

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PLEASE EXPEDITE

Join us for worship on Sundays at 10:00 am
Sunday School (8:45) and Coffee Fellowship (9:30)

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