

THE PORTLIGHT

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



42nd Annual
Holiday Bazaar
November 11
9am-8pm
November 12
9am-3pm

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2016 Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 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*

As we begin the month of November, with the ever shortening of days, and the end of daylight savings time, I am reminded so much of things that routinely come and go, whether I am ready for them or not.

The days are already shorter than the nights, by two hours at the time of this writing, and I simply do not feel ready yet for the long days and warm sunshine to fade away, replaced by the long nights of late Fall and Winter.

And yet we live and move amid such rhythm of the universe - a rhythm that can bring comfort in the patterns, and growth in the change. We cannot escape our connections to the movement of life through such time and space, and yet sometimes we don't pay as much attention to them as we could. So paying better attention is what I seek to do.

A guided journal I came upon identifies four key rhythms that emerge in any season of living: anticipating, attending, appreciating, and accepting. The book encourages us to familiarize ourselves with these four rhythms by naming them, practicing them, and lingering with them.

Anticipate is to look to what is coming; to consider possibilities; to yearn; to live in the "I hope, I want" frame of mind. I think there is an element of dreaming to this, or imagining what can be. Children are particularly good at this, especially around the holidays. Maybe Jesus had that in mind when he told the disciples they needed to "change and become like children" to enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 18:3)

Attend is to pay attention to what's needed; to engage; to consider; to nurture and care; to develop and clarify. Jesus was always attending to that which was around him: those who needed care or healing, injustices that needed to be changed, and teaching for those who gathered around to learn. This didn't always make the most sense to our twenty-first century ears, like in the parable of the lost sheep, where the shepherd leaves ninety-nine sheep alone to go in search of the one that went astray. (Matt. 18:12) However, through his example we see how this rhythm fills our lives with grace and mercy.

Appreciate is to enjoy; to see the fullness; to feel satisfaction; to be aware of happiness and joy; to cherish the gift. It is this time of year that we are perhaps most intentional about this, particularly with the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Appreciate is the rhythm we would be wise to cultivate more throughout the whole year, so that we can honestly sing with the psalmist, "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart." (Psalm 9:1)

Accept is to recognize what is; to let go of what is undone or unfulfilled; to claim essence. Too often we ignore or we fight what is. Even Jesus reacted this way for a moment in prayer, just before he was arrested, yet concluded "not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22:42)

I do believe life is enriched when we are in sync with the rhythm of God's creation. So invite awareness of each rhythm (anticipating, attending, appreciating, accepting) into your living, especially if you are like me and resisting as the nights of Fall grow longer into Winter. You might be surprised at how much better you feel, and how much more beautiful the creation in which you live becomes.

Living with you in the rhythm of life,

Pastor Carol



November 2016

- Nov. 6 Janea & Oliver
- Nov. 13 Madolyn & Joshua
- Nov. 20 Rylie & Jeremiah
- Nov. 27 Katelyn & Luke



Youth Group News

November brings our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser that helps support each youth financially towards the campership cost of Ultimate Challenge Camp. Saturday, November 5, come join us from 7:30am-11:00am at Hillcrest UMC (8100 Russell Ave S, Bloomington) for a delicious hearty pancake and sausage breakfast. Can't make the breakfast but still want to contribute to a life changing week for our youth, you still can! You can make any monetary donation (every dollar helps!) at any time and can make checks payable to PAUMC with "Youth Group Camp Scholarships" in the memo line. November 19 will then bring us to a night of little sleep for our fall lock in. We are bowling and playing an endless amount of games that night while indulging in too many treats. ~Melissa Kuyper, Youth Director



NOVEMBER Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Coffee & Treats	Beth Cameron	Lynn Furda	Judy Richardson-Mahre	TBD
Greeters	Harvey & Peggy Erstad	Bob & Barb Deese	Mary Lou Johnson Linda Lounsbury	Russ & Carol Cox
Ushers	Bruce Benson, Beth Cameron, Scott & Kathy Swenson	Wayne Andersen, Sharon Beckler, Bob Deese, Scott Rice	Wayne Andersen, Sharon Beckler, Jacob & Laurette Lawson	Bruce Benson, Bob Deese, Dave & Linda Schesso
Welcomers	Barb & Bob Deese	Paul Richardson	Jeanne Hansen	Lynn Livingston
Reader	Nathan Peine	Ted Murphy	Neil Anderson	Guy Moore
Sound	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Tim Madsen
Media	Dave Smith	Dave Smith	Barb Andrus	Nathan Peine
Nursery	Mary Lou Johnson	Janet Rush	Denise Carroll	Linda Lounsbury
Closer	Floyd Ekstrom	Paul Richardson	Steve Knopp	Jeff Carroll
Communion Stewards	Sharon Beckler & Wayne Andersen	<p>Want to serve on Sunday mornings? Let the office know and we'll put you in touch with the appropriate coordinator</p>		
Communion Servers	Linda Knopp, Denise Carroll Mary Nelson Verne Witt			

Spiritual Growth

All Saints Sunday - November 6

This is a day of honoring the current Saints in our lives, as well as remembering those from our congregation who died in the last year.

Veterans Sunday - November 13

This is a day of recognizing the past and present military service from those in our congregation. Please contact the church office at 952-888-6070 or email paumc@paumc.org by Nov. 9 to add any new names

of veterans, years of service, branch, where served, and any medals or commendations received.

Poinsettias for Christmas Garden

Red poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for the Advent season will be available for purchase from October 30 through November 13. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Please see Ellen Smith before or after worship to place your order or call her at 952-884-8609. Plants can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24, at 4:30 pm.

Mission Outreach

Operation Christmas Child

It's been over twenty years since Samaritan's Purse began delivering Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, helping to bring the message and true meaning of Christmas to children around the world. We'll collect shoeboxes thru December 6.

Shoeboxes are sent all over the world. Here are some suggestions regarding most useful gifts:



Best Gifts:

- Soccer ball (deflate and send with a pump)
- Brand new short-sleeved shirts with no writing (boys and girls often wear torn hand-me-downs, so a new shirt is really appreciated)
- Small flashlight with batteries
- Good quality melamine plate, bowl and/or cup
- Soap and plastic soap dish that has a cover
- Toothbrush and toothbrush holder
- Pencils, erasers, colored pencils and sharpeners. Consider black, red, green and blue ink pens for kids aged 10-14, as those are required for school
- Jump ropes, marbles, harmonica, sunglasses
- Band-Aids, comb and hair elastics or head bands
- Hard candy and gum
- Socks
- Simple watch or solar calculator for older kids

- Baby doll with light brown skin and no hair
- Toy airplane, car or truck (with bigger wheels that work better in dirt)

Not-as-good items:

- Anything with instructions in English
- Any toy that is not universally recognizable (yo-yos, play-dough, flash cards and matching memory card games aren't well-known around the world)
- Stuffed animals (different animals connote evil in other countries, and you don't know the context where your shoebox is going to be sent)
- Winter hats, gloves and scarves (it's likely your box is being sent to the equator)
- Stickers and temporary tattoos
- T-shirts with words or pictures (stick with solids and stripes)
- Anything fragile

Mission Opportunity at Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center

The Outreach Team reserved 12 spaces for a team of volunteers to work at the distribution center, packing shoeboxes for shipment around the world.

Our shift is on Saturday, December 17, from 9-1 PM. Please see Pastor Carol to reserve your spot.

We celebrate YOU during NOVEMBER

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



11/3 - Carl Darnell
Joyce Faircloth
Jordan Lawson
11/6 - John Lounsbury
11/9 - Bruce Benson
11/10 - Nathan Peine

11/13 - Mary Nelson
11/21 - Madolyn Hanson
11/22 - Todd Rasmussen
11/27 - Mary Lou Johnson
11/29 - Joan Whitehead
11/30 - Dave Smith

Address Updates

Rica & Curtis Giersdorf
9008 Russell Ave S
Bloomington, MN 55431

David & Lexi Swenson
12550 Briarwood Ct
Minnetonka, MN 55343

Barbara & Clifford Wittstruck
831 Daytona Dr
Rock Springs, WY 82901

The PORT Pacers Walking Program

We had a ribbon-cutting and tour of the various walking routes available inside the church building after worship on Sunday, September 25. You may walk any time the building is open for office hours or other meetings, but you're especially encouraged to come from 11-12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's a great way to enjoy some physical activity and fellowship in a familiar location. Plus, we now have counter devices you can carry to keep track of how many laps you walk around the building. These are extremely lightweight and fit easily in your hand. Be sure to check one out from the office when you come to walk!

A Time to Remember

Pastor Carol and the Congregational Care Team will host "A Time to Remember" in the Wesley Room on Saturday, November 19 at 3:00 pm.

This is a gathering for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, a relationship, or other life separation. It is a time of sharing and listening to stories with others who gather that afternoon. You are encouraged to bring a photograph or other memento to show as you share your story.

The event will conclude with light refreshments served around 4:30 PM. Transportation is available. RSVP by calling the church office at (952) 888-6070 or emailing carol.zaagsma@paumc.org by Monday, November 14.

Caregivers Support Group

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 6, from 6:30—8:00 pm, at Applewood Pointe (8341 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington). If you are a caregiver, this is a great time to join this group. We're beginning to read *The 36-Hour Day* by Nancy Mace and Peter Rabins, and plan to discuss Chapter 1 on Dementia at this meeting. See Pastor Carol if you'd like to order a book.

Game Night Recap

Congregational Care hosted a fall board game night on Saturday, October 1. Scrabble, Skip-bo, Rack-o, Tenzi, and Mexican Train Dominoes were played throughout the evening.



Holiday Bazaar

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Friday, Nov 11, from 9am – 8pm

Saturday, Nov 12, from 9am – 3pm

The Holiday Bazaar is our largest community event of the year, so we're getting ready to pull out all the stops in order to welcome our many guests. We are very blessed to have so many talented and crafty members working together and on their own throughout the year to create handcrafted holiday items! All of the craft items we sell are made and 100% donated to the bazaar. We do not sell space to outside crafters or take items on consignment.

How can you help? Many ways:

Advertising. Please take a few fliers to neighbors and friends, as well as your favorite restaurants, stores, dry cleaners, coffee shop, barbershop, etc. Every bulletin board around town should have one of our fliers on it! Also, share the event on your Facebook page.

Bake Sale. We need lots of baked and canned goods! Foam trays for packing are available at church on Sunday mornings or during office hours.

Volunteer your time. Please make a note of the schedule below and find time to help us get ready for this event. We always need more hands during the day on Thursday to get the merchandise displayed. An hour or two would truly be appreciated!

Bazaar Week Schedule

Sunday, Oct 30: Put out yard signs.

Monday, Nov 7 and Tuesday, Nov 8 (6:30pm-9pm). Pricing merchandise in the bazaar room.

Please bring your non-perishable craft items so that we can get them priced for sale. Provide a cost of materials used and a recommended selling price.

Wednesday, Nov 9 (12pm-6pm). Set-up tables and shelves (12-2pm), decorate room (2-5pm), and move merchandise from work room (5-6pm).

Thursday, Nov 10 (10am-7pm).

Display merchandise, accept bake sale items.

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Need lots of workers to cover shifts. Accept bake sale items for Saturday.

BAZAAR OPEN – Saturday, Nov 12 (9am-3pm).

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Sunday, Nov 13 (After worship). Pack up remaining merchandise and clean-up Fellowship Hall. We will be open to sell right after the church service and then we'll swiftly move into the clean-up phase. We'll need to haul tables and chairs back to their rooms, and the merchandise back to the bazaar room. It will only take an hour or so if we have plenty of help.

Remember-bring yard signs back to church today!

We know that the sole reason for our success every year is the generosity of YOU, our church members. It certainly takes a lot of work to get this event ready for the public, and we're hoping that we can once again count on every one of you to help. Please volunteer on your Connection Card, and say YES when you are asked. We promise that you will have fun and you'll be glad you took the time out of your busy schedule to be a part of this rich holiday tradition. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Important Bake Sale Reminders

1. We have styrofoam trays available for packaging bake sale items. Please take as many as you'll need so that we will have a uniform looking display.
2. Place trays inside zip lock bags or use plastic wrap securely fastened around the trays.
3. Please label your food items with what they are and also make sure to note if they contain nuts.
4. Do not bring items that need refrigeration.
5. Canned goods must be sealed properly. For any questions, please see LaVonne Robinson and Betty Belk.
6. We will need items for both Friday and Saturday. Donations can be dropped off starting Thursday, and fresh baked goods are happily received later on Friday or early Saturday morning.



SPRC News

Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to introduce Camille Kratochvil, our new Administrative Assistant. She starts Nov. 1, so stop by to say “hi” when you’re in the neighborhood.

Trustees News

Work to tear-down and replace the roof over the office wing was completed Oct. 27-28. Sheet metal finishing work will be completed the first week of November, thus completing the project.

Bits and Pieces

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don’t forget to “fall back” and set your clocks back an hour before you go to be Saturday, Nov. 5. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep.



Veterans Appreciation Lunch

The Bloomington Human Services Division invites you to this special lunch on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 11:15 am - 1:15 pm, at Creekside Community Center (9801 Penn Ave S, Bloomington). Bob Jasperson is the keynote speaker. He served in Korea as a Weapon Systems Officer in the F-4 Phantom jet fighter, and flew 115 missions over both South and North Vietnam in five months.

This is free for veterans and active duty service men & women, or \$7 for all other guests. Please RSVP by Friday, Nov. 4 at 952-563-4944 or email reservations@BloomingtonMN.gov.

Vietnam Era Veterans Reunion Brunch

The City of Bloomington invites Vietnam Era Veterans to enjoy a complimentary brunch, music, and informal conversation with their fellow service men and women on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 9 - 11 am, at Creekside Community Center (9801 Penn Ave S, Bloomington). Please RSVP by calling 952-563-4944 or email humanservices@BloomingtonMN.gov.

Holiday Shopping Boutique

This holiday shopping boutique will be open Friday,

Nov. 18 from 12-5 pm, or Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9-2:30 pm at Epworth United Methodist Church (3207 37th Ave S, Minneapolis).

Share in the Feast

This is a free traditional Thanksgiving meal at either Bloomington Covenant Church (10150 Xerxes Ave S, Bloomington) or Atonement Lutheran Church (601 E 98th St, Bloomington). Seating begins at Noon. Expect a good time, with great food and fellowship.

Please RSVP for either location by calling Human Services Division at 952-563-4944 or email reservations@BloomingtonMN.gov by Nov. 23.

Journeys of Paul Cruise

Travel with Adam Hamilton on the Journeys of Paul Cruise next year, Oct. 6-17, 2017. Adam will provide lectures and lead worship during the cruise. It is a remarkable journey from Rome with stops in Sicily, Mykonos, Ephesus, Santorini, Athens, Corinth, Naples, and Pompeii. For more information or to register, call Educational Opportunities Tours at 800-247-0017 or check their website at www.eo.travel/biblicalcruises.

Christmas Markets Cruise

Experience the Christmas Markets Cruise with Mike Slaughter, author of *Down to Earth: The Hopes & Fears of All the Years are Met in Thee Tonight*, traveling to Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Linz/Salzburg, Melk, Vienna, and Budapest. Mike will speak and lead worship during the cruise. For more information or to register, call Educational Opportunities Tours at 800-247-0017 or www.eo.travel/rivercruises.

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DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE

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

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November

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