

THE PORTLIGHT

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

One Great Day of Music



Sunday, May 20, 2018
10:00 am

Join us for a special, energizing
and inspiring Worship Service.
This is a great opportunity to invite
a friend to come with you to church.

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May 2018

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

It is with great joy and anticipation that I am writing you to ask for your support for our Kick Start to School summer school program for elementary school children. This year's dates are from July 16-August 2. Because of the long summer vacation, children lose ground academically over the summer. This is called "summer slide," which is especially prevalent in low-income families where structured programs are less available. As a result of our first two summer school programs, not only did the children not "slide," but actually made excellent strides in reading during the program.

One of the benefits of our program is the use of The Writing Road to Reading Program, which teaches phonics explicitly. The program uses in depth and clear training on the use of all the 2, 3, and 4 letter combinations which make up the English language, such as "ough," "igh," "ci" and 41 other such letter combinations. "Ough" makes six different sounds, such as in the words though, through, rough, cough, thought, and bough.

Another advantage to our program is the small ratio of teachers to students. The students will have an opportunity to learn in a small group setting as well as in a larger group.

We have a lot of fun at Kick Start to School. Our Administrator, Cindy Deal, is also a substitute teacher for Bloomington Public Schools. Whenever she runs into

former students from the program, they always tell her how much fun they had and ask if we are going to have the program again.

We aim to raise \$2,500 for a summer school program of approximately 20 students, which works out to be only \$125 per student for a three week program. While this amount is quite low for a program of this nature, we are reaching out to underserved children in this area for whom the entire cost would be unaffordable. The fee will be \$20 per child, or \$30 per family, with scholarships available if this small fee is a hardship. The majority of our budget will go to teacher salaries, as we want skilled staff working with children, while also providing supplies and healthy snacks so the students will be prepared to learn.

Will you help us prepare financially for this program, so we can turn our attention to all the other preparation needed? A contribution card is attached below. Please complete it and return with your donation in the offering plate on Sunday, or to the church office. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of neighborhood elementary students.



Pastor Carol

ThePORT A safe harbor along life's journey. www.PAUMC.org YES! I/we will support the Kick Start to School with the enclosed contribution. I understand this is a ministry of Portland Avenue UMC and my donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address, City, State, Zip _____

Email #1 _____ Email #2 _____

\$250 _____ **\$125** _____ **\$30** _____ **\$20** _____ **Other** _____
(10% of program budget) (cost for one student) (scholarship for one family) (scholarship for one student)

Please make checks payable to Portland Avenue United Methodist Church, with "Kick Start to School" in the memo line, and mail to PAUMC, 8000 Portland Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55420. All contributions will remain dedicated for this program and accounted for with the greatest of integrity.

Please contact Cindy Deal at (952) 250-0549, or Rev. Carol Zaagsma at (952) 888-6070 x222 with any questions. Thank you for your support!

May 2018



May 6 Madolyn & Olivia
 May 13 Joshua & Oliver
 May 20 Becca & Katelyn
 May 27 Summer Schedule
 (Acolytes resume in the Fall)

Youth Group News

May 10 - 4:00 pm Plant Sale: Delivery to Hillcrest
 May 12 - 10:00 am Plant Sale: Delivery to Portland (Youth arrive to help sort plant orders for pickup)
 12:00 pm Customers may pick up plant sale orders
 May 20 - Topic: Book of John (God's Love) 6:30-8:00 pm at Hillcrest UMC (9100 Russell Ave S, Bloomington)

MAY Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Coffee & Treats	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Todd & Julie Rasmussen	Paul & Kasey Swenson	Jack Cornforth, Betty Belk	Heather Anderson, Lorianne Nelson
Ushers	Bruce Benson, Jocelyne Medzagoh, Jim & Marilyn Anderson	Wayne Andersen, Sharon Beckler, Myron & Ginny Karki	Bruce Benson, Bob Deese, Steve & Kathy Soucy	Bruce Benson, Guy Moore, Linda Schesso, Laurette Lawson
Welcomers	Barb & Bob Deese	Paul Richardson	Lynn Livingston	Jeff Chamberlain
Reader	Bob Deese	Megan Mahre	Steve Soucy	Rod Bacheller
Sound	Megan Mahre	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith
Media	Nathan Peine	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith	Nancy Hagerty
Nursery	Mary Lou Johnson	Janet Rush	Denise Carroll	Linda Lounsbury
Closer	Wayne Andersen	Floyd Ekstrom	Tom Wellman	Jeff Carroll
Communion Stewards	Dan & Tracy Baker	<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	Steve & Kathy Soucy, Mary Nelson, Verne Witt			

Mission Outreach

VEAP Offerings During Lent

The combined churches of Church of Peace, Hillcrest, and Portland Avenue UMCs have a long history of joining together for worship during the Holy Days of Lent. For many years now, the offerings received during those services have been forwarded to the VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People) food shelf. Now that the season of Lent is behind us, we can see how quickly each individual offering adds up. Here are our totals for 2018:

Ash Wednesday...\$576
Palm Sunday Choir Cantata...\$270
Maundy Thursday...\$374.28
Good Friday...\$78
Grand Total...\$1,298.28

Thank you for your generous giving to bless our neighbors in their time of need.

2018 Love Offering

We will receive this year's love offering on Sunday, May 13. Special envelopes will be provided in the bulletins that morning.

All United Methodist churches in Minnesota are invited to participate in the love offering, which will be

brought by Pastor Carol and Megan Mahre when they attend the Minnesota Annual Conference in St. Cloud from May 30-June 1.

This year's Love Offering for Missions will support three projects:

- Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips (65%). Volunteer in Mission trips will commence in the fall. Most of the funds will be used for construction supplies bought and used on the island. Some of the funds will cover the purchase of hygiene kits and cleaning bucket supplies.
- Park Avenue UMC Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools Program (20%). This is a six-week summer day camp experience for children. It's mission is to ensure that every child receives "a healthy start, a head start, a fair start, a safe start, and a moral start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.
- NUMAS Haus (15%). This is an emergency shelter for single women and their children in New Ulm and surrounding Brown County.

When everyone chips in a little bit, we can do great things as a Minnesota Annual Conference, with total contributions from all our congregations often reaching close to \$100,000.

Congregational Care

Day at the Arboretum

The Congregational Care Team is planning an outing and picnic at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on Saturday, June 23. Mark your calendar now! More details are coming soon.



Minnesota Twins Game

Join us for United Methodist Day at Target Field on July 30 at 7:10 pm.

Here's your chance to join family, friends, and other United Methodists across Minnesota for a night of big-league action and fun.

More details are coming soon.



We celebrate YOU during MAY

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

03 - Bob Deese	14 - Laura Avery	24 - Scott Swenson
05 - Tom Wellman	Chuck Bartels	Shiloh Wilson
06 - Amy Runck	16 - Mike Moreland	25 - James Louisiana
10 - Janene Haugen	18 - Rylie Rasmussen	28 - Sharon Beckler
12 - Zoe Peine	23 - Evelyn Runck	29 - Amelia Swenson

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Shakopee, MN 55379

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The Rivers
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Burnsville, MN 55337

Merlin and Linda Gilbertson disconnected their landline; and can be reached by cell phone:

Merlin (952) 715-2231
Linda (612) 201-9540

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bingo!

The Congregational Care Team hosted Bingo on Saturday, April 21. We had 27 bingo players who enjoyed the fun and fellowship. We'll play again in the Fall.



Trustees

New Desk in Office Workroom

The Trustees arranged to replace the desk in the office workroom. The new desk will allow money counters to work easily beside one another, and allows greater ease in moving around in the office workroom.

A big thank you to Wayne Andersen, Sharon Beckler, and Wayne's son, Jeff, for assembling the new furniture. The old desk and table were placed in the Children, Youth & Family Ministries Garage & Bake Sale.



Spring Clean-Up Day

This annual event, scheduled for Saturday, May 5, from 9:00 am - Noon, is coordinated by the Trustees.



There will be assignment cards with jobs for all ages and abilities; from dusting for cobwebs, washing windows, vacuuming pew cushions, and polishing the pews, to heavier yardwork outside.

Some supplies will be available, but it would be helpful for you to bring shop vacs and extension cords for work in the sanctuary, your own yard tools and outdoor gloves for outside work, or a bucket and rags and rubber gloves if you will be cleaning inside.

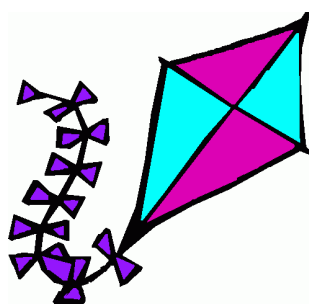
We've invited all the other churches that use our building to help, so let's have a good showing from The PORT in an effort to work well together for the benefit of all.

Bits and Pieces

Kite Day Family Festival!

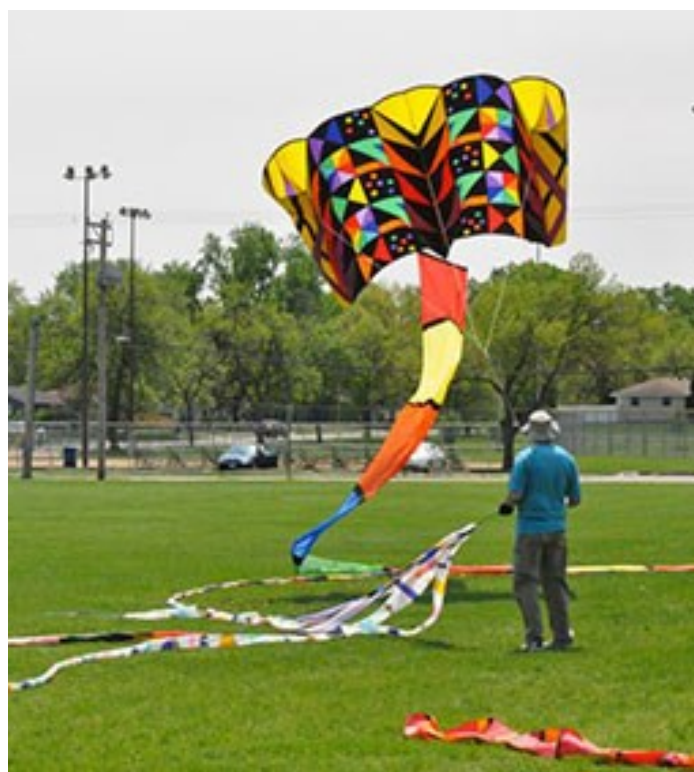
Come to Valley View Playfield (9000 Portland Avenue, Bloomington) on May 19 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm and fly kites with your family!

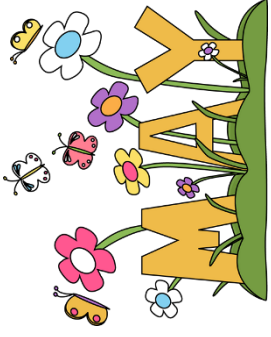
There will be free kites for those 18 and younger, while supplies last.



This is a FREE event, and it includes, live multicultural entertainment, inflatables, bol kite races, art activities, police command vehicle, fire truck, and other city departments. Food will be available for purchase.

If the weather chooses to not cooperate, then the rain date will be June 2 at the same time. Check their [Facebook page](#) for more information on that.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm Bazaar Workshop	2 6:15pm SonRise Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	3 9:30 am Bazaar Workshop	4	5 9:00am-Noon Spring Clean-Up Day
6 8:45am Handbells Rehl 8:45am Education 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Communion 11:15am Confirmation	7	8 6:00pm Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Bazaar Workshop	9 6:15pm SonRise Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 9:30 am Bazaar Workshop	11	12 12:00pm Plant Sale Plant Pick-up
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27 10:00am Worship	28 MEMORIAL DAY	29 6:30 pm Bazaar Workshop	30	31 9:30 am Bazaar Workshop		

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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) through May 20

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