

THE PORTLIGHT

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

Behold, I Make All Things New.

- Revelation 21:5



September 2021

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

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

The **PORT**
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Pastors' Page

Announcing Our New Pastor

Rev. Henry S. Dolopei II has been appointed Pastor here at Portland Avenue United Methodist Church. Pastor Dolopei has been working for the past seven years as the Associate Pastor at Brooklyn United Methodist Church in Brooklyn Center. In this capacity he has worked with many non-profit groups, mission organizations, and people in need to facilitate a “love your neighbor” attitude and to spread the good will of God among the people in his church and community.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee at Portland Avenue is excited about the new energy level and enthusiasm Pastor Henry will bring to our church. He beams the Light of God everywhere he looks and anytime he speaks. Pastor Henry will be joined by his wife, Assata, and children, Henry III, Hana-Marie, Henryssa, and Hezekiah.

Come and join us in welcoming our new Pastor and his family to The PORT on **Sunday, October 3rd, 2021.**

~Staff Parish Relations Committee



A Word from Pastor Gaughan

Dear Friends,

I have been your interim pastor for the month of August and will continue through September. It is so much fun to be back with you.

I am pleased with the appointment of Rev. Henry Dolopei as your new pastor. He is excited to be with you and will do great things among you. I am sure you will welcome him and his family and work side-by-side with him in being the church in this place at this time.

The pandemic has set everything back in the world, in the nation, and in the church. It will take some time and much patience to get things back on keel here at PAUMC. You and Pastor Henry, no doubt, will do just that with the grace of God.

In the meantime, I look forward to being your pastor in September. I invite you to worship on Sundays with your fellow members and friends. I will be happy to visit anyone who wishes a visit. Just call me at the office.

God's blessings on each and every one of you.

~Pastor Jim Gaughan

September Sermon Titles:

September 5 – “And Who Do You Say Jesus Is?”

September 12 – “Beware of the Pharisee Within”

September 19 – “Doormats Need Not Apply”

September 26 – “For Us or Against Us?”

Spiritual Growth

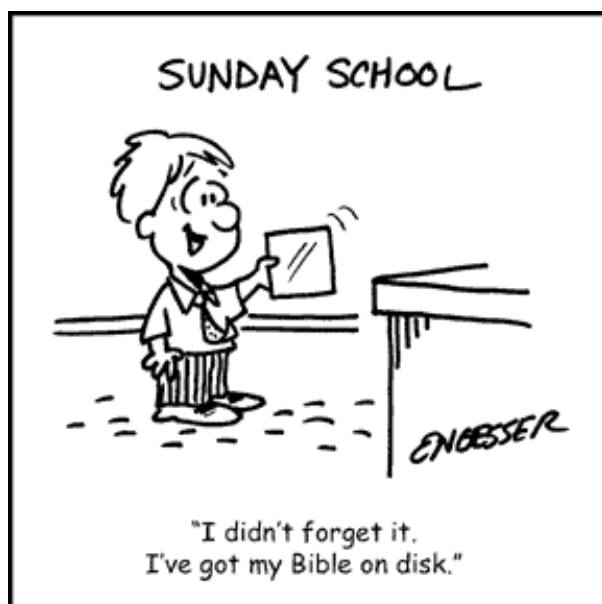
September Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
Ushers	Pat Ekstrom, Ellen Smith, Linda Schesso	Wayne Andersen, Sharon Beckler, Scott Swenson	Pat Ekstrom, Kathy Soucy, Ellen Smith	Sharon Beckler, Beth Cameron, Scott Swenson
Reader	Mary Nelson	Beth Cameron	Trenton Olson	Neil Anderson
Sound	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Dave Smith	Eric Richardson-Mahre
Media	Dave Smith	Barb Andrus	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen
Closer	Floyd Ekstrom	Harvey Erstad	Tom Wellman	Tom Wellman
Counters	Dave Smith, Mike Moreland	Merlin Gilbertson, Wayne Andersen	Merlin Gilbertson, Linda Gilbertson	Tom Wellman, Wayne Andersen

Will you serve on Sunday mornings?

Please let the office know, and we will put you in touch with the appropriate coordinator. All are welcome, new and old.

Sunday School



Education Information

The start date for Sunday School is planned for October 3, 2021. We have selected this date to coincide with Pastor Henry's appointment to our church.

We will collaborate with our new Pastor on the safest way to proceed with Sunday School depending on the COVID situation at that time.

Further information will become available on our website and Facebook page as decisions are made.

Mission Outreach

Supplies Delivered to Valley View Elementary School in July

During the month of July we collected school supplies for the teachers and students at Valley View Elementary School in our neighborhood.

Your generous donations made it necessary to take two carloads of supplies to Valley View School. Thanks for your generous support of these children!



September Mission Outreach Project - Winter Gear for Little Ones

September brings thoughts of cooler days and cooler days mean winter is not far behind. During September, we will be collecting gently used winter coats, hats, waterproof mittens, and waterproof boots. Valley View Elementary School will keep them on hand for children who may have forgotten these items on a particular day or maybe just don't have the winter clothing needed to enjoy recess in the winter. Please help them stay bundled up properly. You can drop your items off in the church office or in the Bazaar workroom.

Congregational Care

We celebrate YOU during SEPTEMBER

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



- 04 - Ardy Anderson
- 06 - Cash Minks
- 08 - Joaquina Lawson
- 13 - Steven Fischer
- 15 - Paul Schesso
- 18 - Oliver Darnell
- 20 - Travis Runck
- 21 - Joy Plourde
- 25 - Clara Haugen
 - Georgina Wittstruck
- 27 - Jerry Janes
- 28 - Barb Andrus

The PORT Gets a Makeover

With the help of a generous donation, PAUMC's Fellowship Hall and two offices got brand new flooring. The Trustees and their friends and relatives did the hard work of moving wall-sized cabinets, computers, printers, binders, and stacks of various paper out of the two offices. Then they had to try and remember where to put it all back once the job was done! The end result is a beautiful success, and we have received approval from our members as well as the other 3 churches and 2 dance groups who share our space.

Thank you Trustees, volunteers, and donor! The floors now look inviting and updated with a new, clean look. Here are some before and after photos.



From Our Members

Young Leaders in Our Midst

Emma Mahre has earned her Eagle Scout Court of Honor and Gold Award Court of Honor. Emma's Eagle Scout ceremony will be held at PAUMC Saturday, September 18 at 2:00pm.

The Eagle Scout promise is this:
"On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong and mentally awake and morally straight."



The Farmington Fire Department recognized Ethan Runck and his friend Quinn with a certificate of merit for extraordinary service. These two fine young men performed a great act of service for their neighbor when they saw a small fire burning by the front porch. Their actions of reporting it assisted the Farmington Fire Department, which aided in preventing property loss and/or possible injury to the homeowner or fire department personnel.

Congratulations to these three young leaders. The PORT looks forward to seeing what you do next!





September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	2 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	3	4
5 10:00am Worship/ Communion	6	7 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	8 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	10	11
12 10:00am Worship 11:15am Mission Outreach Meeting	13	14 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:15pm SonRise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	16 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp 6:30pm Caregivers Support Group	17	18
19 10:00am Worship	20	21 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	22 6:15pm SonRise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	23 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	24	25
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