

THE PORTLIGHT

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



Love is patient,
love is kind . . .

It bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

Love never ends.

~1 Corinthians 13

February 2022

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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Pastor's Message

Greetings in Christ,

Love makes ALL the difference! We've perhaps heard that many times, yet I wanted to take a few moments to share this reminder with you that it truly does make ALL the difference, especially when it's the love of God being referred to! I believe today if we are ever going to share God's love with those around us, we first need to experience it in our own lives.

As I was reading various scriptures having to do with the love God has for us, I came across the following, which was actually a prayer the Apostle Paul was offering to God on behalf of the church at Ephesus while he was in prison for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 3:16-21 (NKJV)

16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

While we may face persecution and challenge from this world we live in, there is something that will keep us through the storms and trials of life, and it is the unending, unfathomable, unexplainable love that God has for each and every one of us, and yes, even for this World.

The primary purpose of this letter to the Ephesians was to talk about a “mystery,” and, of course, this mystery was not intended to be kept that way. Paul’s purpose was to explain and reveal it by sharing about this thing called “the church” whose purpose it was to express the fullness of Christ on the Earth.

One of the ways this would be done was by uniting both Jew and Gentile, which of course was another aspect to this great mystery. (Eph. 3:5) It had never

been done before like this; yet, God was maturing a people who would take the victory Christ won at Calvary and expand it further in reach and scope which would continue through today.

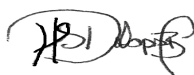
So Paul’s heart’s desire was that these new believers would know the love of Christ, and in knowing that love, do their part in sharing it to anyone and everyone who would listen. He wanted to see that love both draw people into the family of God, and also unite the Church for more effective ministry and outreach.

Our lives find completion as we love, and are loved in return. While being loved in return may seem less frequent than we hope for, let's continue to reach out to this world with the love of Jesus Christ!

If you have yet to find a place of ministry here at The PORT, then I would encourage you to take a moment to give us a call or talk to me to see what possibilities may be available.

May we continue to share the love of God.

Blessings in Christ!



Pastor Henry



FEBRUARY Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Ushers	Linda Schesso Wayne Andersen Sharon Beckler	Pat Ekstrom Kathy Soucy Volunteer Needed	Wayne Andersen Sharon Beckler Trenton Olson	Bruce Benson Myron Karki Ginny Karki
Reader	Melinda Matton	Pam Rose	Joe Anderson	Judy Richardson- Mahre
Sound	Eric Richardson- Mahre	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson- Mahre
Media	Barb Andrus	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Nancy Hagerty
Closer	Tom Wellman	Harvey Erstad	Steve Knopp	Steve Knopp
Counters	Pam Rose Steve Soucy	Pam Rose Steve Soucy	Pam Rose JoAnne Volden	Tom Wellman JoAnne Volden

Congregational Care

We celebrate YOU during FEBRUARY

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

05 - Trent Olson	18 - Rod Anderson
08 - JoAnne Volden	- Henry Fischer
09 - Audrey Bartels	21 - Kay Livingston
14 - Kathleen Kessler	- Lexi Wells



Mission Outreach

February Mission Outreach Project — Sandwiches for the Dignity Center

On Tuesday February 22 we will collect sandwiches for the clients at the Dignity Center, based at Hennepin Avenue UMC. You can drop sandwiches off at church 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Instructions for sandwiches are as follows (basic sandwich): 2 slices bread, 1 slice meat, and 1 slice cheese. NO spread on bread. Bread should be white or whole wheat. NO heavy/multigrain or seeded whole wheat bread. Please do not use 'heels' or ends of bread when making sandwiches. Suggested meats: oven roasted turkey, roast beef, baked ham, and/or roasted chicken. Suggested cheese: mild cheddar, co-jack, American, or Havarti.

Each finished sandwich should be placed in a re-closable plastic sandwich bag. Bagged sandwiches should be placed back in bread bag, and you should get 9-10 sandwiches from a 1 1/2 pound loaf of bread. Please make sandwiches at home and drop them off at church on February 22.

Thank you for supporting this important project.

~ Linda Schesso, Mission Outreach Chair



VALENTINE'S DAY



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 U S D N E I R F L D A

- RED
- LOVE
- PINK
- CANDY
- CUPID
- ROSES
- SWEET
- FRIEND
- HEARTS


THANKS
 FROM THE
 HEART

The staff at The PORT would like you each to know how grateful we were for the kind gesture from our wonderful members. Our Christmas cards and gifts of appreciation were heartfelt and meant a lot to each of us. We are happy to work with this church, its people, and its mission.

With gratitude,

~ Pastor Henry, Kathryn, Paul, Peggy, and Dale



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00am Worship/ Communion	7	8	9 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11	12
6:00pm Youth Group			6:15pm Sonrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal			
13 10:00am Worship/Sunday School 11:15am Congregational Care Meeting	14 VALENTINES DAY 	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18	19
20 10:00am Worship	21	22	23 6:15pm Sonrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	24 6:30pm Caregivers Support Group	25	26
6:00pm Youth Group			6:15pm Sonrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal			
27 10:00am Worship/Sunday School	28					
TUNE IN FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE @ 10:00 AM: https://www.youtube.com/c/PortlandAvenueUnitedMethodistChurch						

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Join us for in-person and livestreaming worship on Sundays at 10:00am
with Sunday School during worship.

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