

# THE PORTLIGHT

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

## Children, Youth, & Family GARAGE SALE



**Friday, April 29, 9 AM - 5 PM**  
**Saturday, April 30, 8 AM - 12 PM**

We are accepting donations of all kinds. Items can be dropped off during church office hours or as arranged. Please contact us with any questions or about any furniture or larger item donations.

We will start setting up Wednesday, April 27.  
Stay tuned for a sign-up for volunteers.

~Janene, Beth, Becky, and Traci

April 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**  
A safe harbor along life's journey.

# Pastor's Message

Greetings,

Like me, I hope you are excited to commemorate Easter. Friends, the greatest miracle took place on that Easter morning. I am thankful to God for that miracle. Often, I reflect on the greatest miracle and strive to live as an Easter person. Friends, what does that miracle mean to you? It is my prayer that as we continue to journey on this earth, you will find time to reflect on that miracle. Now, Let's take a moment to reflect on Jesus.

The PORT, when Jesus was here on this earth, the Bible tells us in Acts 10:38 (NKJV): how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

The good that Jesus did was miraculous in so many ways and there was no explanation for what took place other than it was an "act of God." We often hear the term "act of God" today as it references tragic events such as hurricanes or tornadoes, etc. but the acts of God that Jesus did were good things!

From the moment Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and placed in the womb of the Virgin Mary, Miracles marked his life! He gave sight to the blind and gave the lame man the power to walk again. A woman reached out to touch the hem of His garment, and that act of faith healed her immediately!

The list could go on and on, and one of the miracles that astounded the people was raising Lazarus from the dead. Yet, we know that eventually even Lazarus would die once again.

The miracle of Easter is that Jesus rose from the grave because death could not hold Him! He had lived a sinless life and died as our substitute so that you and I can experience the amazing miracle of Salvation!

Without the Miracle of the Resurrection, we have nothing, but with it, we have not only abundant life in the here and now, but eternal life! The Resurrection of Je-

sus Christ sets Christianity apart from all the religions of this world!

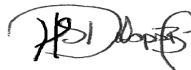
1 Corinthians 15:17-22 (NKJV) 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

As we come upon this wonderful time of year called Easter, we encourage you to join us for worship at The PORT on Easter Sunday.

Importantly, would you take a few moments right now to make a list of 4 or 5 people you would consider inviting to church if they don't already attend a Bible-believing church?

He's Alive!

Pastor Henry



## Youth Ministry News

### POP-UP SALE

Thank you to all who contributed and supported our "Pop-Up" book and game sale. We are making a monetary donation to Valley View Elementary for a scholastic book order. They are hoping to send a book home with each student at "kindergarten night" and are very grateful for PAUMC's support.

~Beth, Janene, Traci, and Becky



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The preschool and elementary student class is learning all about (and memorizing) the Lord's Prayer. We are meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Acolytes will be starting again soon.



### BIBLE PRESENTATION

During worship on March 6, Pastor Henry presented Ethan Runck with his personally engraved youth Bible on behalf of The PORT.

## Youth Plant Fundraiser Begins

Spring is here! Help support our youth by ordering your spring plants at The PORT!

Once again, our youth are selling various plants to help support the Youth Program and help fund summer camping opportunities!

### Important Dates:

- **Sale dates:** Sale will run from April 1 - April 24. All orders must be in at church by the end of the service on Sunday, April 24
- **Delivery:** Plants will be delivered on Saturday, May 7 after 3:00 pm at the church

### Two Ways to Order:

- **Paper order forms:** There are order forms in the Narthex - please take one, mark on it what you'd like to order and bring it to Judy to help calculate the cost. Payment is due at the time of ordering. We take checks and credit cards. There is also an order form inserted in this newsletter if you want to print your own.
- **Online ordering:** If you'd like to order online, please click on the following link - review the plants and select those you'd like and add to cart. Then "check out" and pay and you're all set! Go to this link to get started: <https://www.pahls.com/spring-fundraiser/?ref=17>

*Support our Youth! Order your flowers today!*



# Spiritual Growth

## April Schedule for Volunteers including Maundy Thursday and Easter

	April 3	April 10 Palm Sunday	April 14 Maundy Thursday	April 17 Easter 8:00 am	April 17 Easter 10:00 am	April 24
Greeter/ Welcomer	Melinda Matton	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Lynn Furda	Paul Richardson
Ushers	Bruce Benson Linda Schesso	Trent Olson Kathy Soucy Mike Moreland	Bruce Benson Pat Ekstrom <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Scott Swenson Wayne Andersen Sharon Beckler	Trent Olson Myron & Ginny Karki	Pat Ekstrom Kathy Soucy <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Reader	Pam Rose	Paul Richardson	Pastors	Mary Nelson	Katelyn Hagerty	Melinda Matton
Sound	Eric Richardson- Mahre	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith
Media	Nancy Hagerty	Dave Smith	Dave Smith	Dave Smith	Barb Andrus	Dave Smith
Livestream Tech	Daisy Castro	Blake Mahre	Daisy Castro	—	Clint Andrus	Daisy Castro
Closer	Tom Wellman	Harvey Erstad	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	—	Steve Knopp	Paul Richardson
Counters	Tom Wellman Wayne Andersen	Tom Wellman Wayne Andersen	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Pam Rose JoAnne Volden	Pam Rose JoAnne Volden

# Mission Outreach

## April Mission Outreach Project: Helping Ukraine with UMCOR

With the current crisis in the Ukraine, we will be accepting monetary donations to UMCOR. These can be made by writing a check and putting UMCOR in the memo line or by visiting [www.paumc.org/giving](http://www.paumc.org/giving). Thanks in advance for helping our friends in the Ukraine.

~Linda Schesso, Mission Outreach Chair

## Looking Ahead to May's Project: Feed My Starving Children

May 7 we will be going to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Eagan to package food. We have a 9:00 am time slot. We have a limited number of spots. Mark your calendar now and watch for the sign-up on April 24 and May 1.

Here is a video link from Feed My Starving Children:  
<https://youtu.be/jYATxeDmuzM>

## Getting to Know Us

### Trenton Olson

1. Please tell me about your family and where you live.

My family is a group of really awesome weirdos - most of you probably know them as the Richardson-Mahre's. If you don't know us you should get to know us! I think we're pretty awesome. I live in Minneapolis, with five pets!

2. In what ways have you volunteered or served at The Port?



I have sung in the choir for years. Previously I was a part of the handbell choir as well. I usher, read for the service, welcome people, pretty much do anything and everything I'm asked! I also "volunteer"

for grunt labor often!

3. What was a favorite vacation and why?

Just about every year my family and I go to Sanibel Island in Florida and there will never be a better feeling than sitting on the beach, soaking in the sun and heat and thinking about nothing. (While hiding my dumb pale skin in multiple layers of clothing and sunscreen of course)

4. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Fried chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy. Followed by a large slice of hot apple pie with vanilla bean ice cream.

5. If you could have dinner with any living celebrity, who would it be?

Selena Gomez. If you want to know why, just ask me!

6. Do you have a favorite musician, group or style of music?

There is very little music I don't like, but I really like older country music, and a few local bands as well.

7. Do you collect anything?

Seashells. I probably have a thousand.

8. What's the most interesting thing you can see out of your kitchen or living room window?

I can see the Witches Hat Tower across the street, which is a historic water tower that sits upon the highest natural point in all of Minneapolis.

9. What was your favorite childhood toy?

I used to read a lot of books, but as far as my favorite toy goes I got a gameboy at some point (about 11y/o or so) and would spend hours playing it. Loved it!

10. What's your favorite zoo animal?

Sea Turtles or Stingrays

11. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

I'm pretty friendly, so don't be afraid to chat!

-The Ginga Ninja



### Tracy Baker

1. Please tell me about your family and where you live.

I live in Bloomington a few blocks from the Port with my husband Daniel.

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# Congregational Care

2. In what ways have you volunteered or served at The Port?

I serve as a Communion coordinator and steward, I love crafting with the Bazaar evening group, It was fun to learn the Port's history when I served on the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee. When I worked at Abbott Hospital, I would visit church members during breaks.

3. What makes you laugh the most?  
I love funny people with funny jokes, but Kids are the most entertaining. I will treasure my 15 years with the Bloomington Girls Scouts.

4. What was a favorite vacation and why?  
Daniel and I took a State Parks tour of the North Shore this past fall. We had a wonderful time and loved the power of the Lake, and the beautiful trails and waterfalls. It was soooo... refreshing.

5. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?  
Ice Cream and Chocolate

6. If you could have dinner with any living celebrity, who would it be?  
Michelle and Barack Obama would certainly keep Daniel and me entertained for hours. Daniel with his politics and me with family and kids and her experiences.

7. Do you have a favorite musician, group or style of music?

The music I grew up with is now played on the oldies stations. Michael Jackson, REO, Amy Grant, Elvis, I

am not that picky. I like early rock and easy listening, but I must admit I enjoy Post Malone's "Circles"

8. Do you collect anything?  
I collect pencils, when I can't find a souvenir pencil, I will collect the rolled/pressed pennies. My parents collected souvenir patches when I was growing up, but that is my last resort if I can't find a Pencil or a Penny machine.

9. What's the most interesting thing you can see out of your kitchen or living room window?

I can look across the street, and gaze upon the ball fields of Smith Park. I love the sound of ball games from spring to fall, weather they are youth leagues or just a neighborhood pick up game.

10. What was your favorite childhood toy?

CareBears and Legos. My children are familiar with both, they didn't have a choice ☐

11. Have you ever met a celebrity, and if so, who?  
Many Local Celebrities, Tony Olivia and Mary Jo Copland are really beautiful souls.

12. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

Daniel and I are new empty nesters and are really proud of our two daughters, Samantha and Dorothy. Waffles the cat still keeps us company though.

~Submitted by Lori Livingston

## We celebrate YOU during APRIL

If you have a birthday during the month of April 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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|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 06 - Jeff Chamberlain | 15 - Jarek Haugen    | 20 - Kasey Swenson |
| - Pam Rose            | 16 - Katelyn Hagerty | 25 - Amelia Liu    |
| 08 - Scott Cameron    | 18 - Mike Cameron    | 26 - Pat Ekstrom   |
|                       | - Bob Haugen         |                    |



### Easter Offering Letter

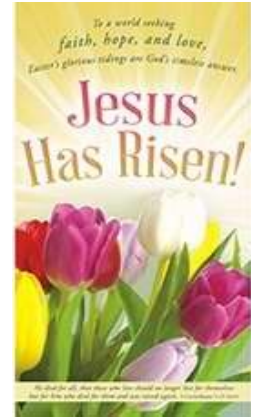
Dear PORT Members,

Pastor Henry has written an Easter letter that you will soon receive in the mail. We have also included your Easter offering envelope in that letter.

We ask for your help this season in supporting The PORT's many ministries and general operating expenses, needed especially during our time of transition.

We will receive these offerings on Easter Sunday during worship. They may also be mailed in or dropped off at the church office. We love to see folks drop in now that conditions are more favorable to in-person community.

~Pastor Henry and The PORT



### From the Mailbox



3-1-22  
 Dear Portland Avenue friends:  
 It encourages me to see your names and recognize your faces in the newsletter. Apparently the church is doing well. The years with you are memorable. Nearly all of the Sunday volunteers are listed and I'm sure you are keeping things in good order and greeting people with Christian grace. I am now 93 and others will have to decide if I have the grace of aging. I wish all of you well and I pray for you.  
 Delton

Former PAUMC pastor, Pastor Delton Krueger, sent this lovely note to everyone at The PORT. If you have trouble reading it, it is on the bulletin board by the Welcomers desk. Pastor Krueger calls the church office once in a while to send his warmest regards and to say that keeping connections is very important.

~PAUMC Office

While visiting Savannah, GA in February, Rocky and I went to Reynolds Square to see the statue of John Wesley. Wesley came to Savannah to spread the Methodist faith at the request of General Oglethorpe. He came to Georgia from England with his brother Charles in 1735 and served as the Anglican rector of Christ Church in Savannah until 1738.

~Peggy Larson, Music Director



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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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			<p>TUNE IN FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE @ 10:00 AM:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/PortlandAvenueUnitedMethodistChurch">https://www.youtube.com/c/PortlandAvenueUnitedMethodistChurch</a></p>			
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10:00am Worship/ Communion		6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp Resumes	6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal			
6:00pm Youth Group						
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<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>				<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
10:00am Worship/ Sunday School 11:15am Congregational Care Meeting		6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm Joint Service with Hillcrest UMC at The PORT	7:00pm Joint Service at Hillcrest UMC	1:00pm Martin Thames Funeral
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<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>						
8:00AM Early Worship 10:00am Traditional Worship				9:30am Bazaar Wkshp Resumes		
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