

THE PORTLIGHT

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



The PORT's Summer Softball Team

Play a game with us or simply pull up a chair and show your support for our team! Games are Fridays at 6:00 PM. Contact team coach Blake Mahre for further information: bmahre@paumc.org / (952) 820-5798.

No softball experience necessary — all are welcome!

Mendakota
2000 Mendakota Dr
Mendota Heights

North Valley
2800 70th St E
Inver Grove Heights

Date	Location	Field	VS.
6/3/2022	North Valley	2	Riverview
6/10/2022	North Valley	1	Bethel
6/17/2022	Mendakota	1	Roseville
6/24/2022	Mendakota	1	Riverview
7/1/2022	Mendakota	4	Bethel
7/8/2022	North Valley	2	Roseville
7/15/2022	North Valley	2	Riverview
7/22/2022	Mendakota	4	Bethel
7/29/2022	Mendakota	4	Bethel
8/6/2022	Tournament	TBD	TBD

June 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,

As we enter the month of June, I pray that the month will work in your favor, in the name of Jesus Christ. This month, I want to encourage us to celebrate graduates and recognize Fathers.

Graduates, you have worked hard to achieve this milestone in your life, and we, your church family, want to help you celebrate this important milestone in your life. The Bible says in Romans 12:15a to "rejoice with those who rejoice," and we hope you don't mind if we do just that! On behalf of the leadership and congregation here at The PORT, we want to take this time to congratulate you and send prayers your way for God's continuous blessings. Thank you for a job well done.

This month as we also recognize Fathers. I offer these words of tribute from the perspective of the role of our Godly Father. For the young son, Dad stands for all he wants to be in life "when he grows up." He watches with eyes and ears that record how Dad lives, whether it be in the home, on the job, or in their time of recreation as a family. This recording takes place on a daily basis in his life, as one day he will push the "play" button and become a Dad himself. For the young daughter, Dad is her knight in shining armor with the responsibility to protect her, yet tender enough to shower her with his unconditional love when she needs to know he's there. For her, Dad remains "Daddy" through the turbulent years of teenage trials, then with a falling tear and trembling lips she kisses "Daddy" on the cheek at her wedding in hopes she is marrying someone who will love and protect her just like Daddy did.

Some Dads have become the leaders of their family without a Godly example in their home as they grew up, yet have determined in their own hearts to start a legacy of love so their own children will have a good example to follow. Like Joshua of old challenged the people, he states these words, then does all he can to live up to the commitment: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15b)

The Godly Father recognizes his own shortcomings and failures from time to time as he shepherds his family, and is humble enough to draw upon the strength of his Heavenly Father for help and guidance. 2 Corinthians 12:9a says "My grace is sufficient for you, for My

strength is made perfect in weakness." The Godly Father is not ashamed to admit to times of weakness and insufficiency and, yes, even shed a tear or two at times as he faces the challenges of life and the leadership of his family. He looks forward to looking up to God and confessing his need to the one who is all-sufficient and all-knowing.

We applaud you Dad, as you sacrifice for your family in so many ways, yet we encourage you to give your most valuable asset to your Children as much as possible, which is, of course, your time. Those special times of playing catch in the back yard may provide some wear and tear on the lawn, yet will grow a great relationship. Those early mornings of fishing together may not yield much for the dinner table, but the conversations while fishing will be quite a catch for both Dad and Child. Taking time for a date with your daughter will provide her an example of what to look for in manners and actions when she begins to date. There is a statement that says "time is of the essence," and this is indeed the case when Dads and kids interact.

Thank you for working, planning, caring, disciplining, teaching and, yes, learning about being the best Dad you can possibly be. In a world that says "can't," thanks for saying "can too!" Most of all, thanks for being "Dad" and trusting your Heavenly Father to guide you in the journey.

Congratulation Graduates and Blessings Fathers.

Pastor Henry Dolopei



Sunday School News

The children had fun making terrariums on Mother's Day. We also wrapped up our study of 'The Lord's Prayer.'

Please check the Kids/Youth bulletin board for worship and coloring sheets while classes are on break for the summer. Classes will resume in September.

~Janene Haugen, Sunday School Teacher



June Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Greeter/ Welcomer	LaVonne Robinson	Trent Olson	Kathy/Steve Soucy	Kathy Swenson
Ushers	Trent Olson Melinda Matton Linda Schesso	Scott Swenson Jocelyne Medzagoh Terry Wells	Wayne Andersen Sharon Beckler Beth Cameron	Pat Ekstrom Steven Johnson Kathy Soucy
Reader	Melinda Matton	Pam Rose	Trent Olson	Judy Richardson-Mahre
Sound	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen
Media	Tim Madsen	Nancy Hagerty	Dave Smith	Barb Andrus
Livestream Tech	Scott Swenson	Tim Madsen	Blake Mahre	Tim Hagerty
Closer	Harvey Erstad	Tom Wellman	Wayne Andersen	Steve Knopp
Counters	Merlin Gilbertson JoAnne Volden	Merlin Gilbertson JoAnne Volden	Merlin Gilbertson Steve Soucy	Merlin Gilbertson Steve Soucy

Congregational Care

We celebrate YOU during JUNE

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

02 - Blaine Daniels	07 - Paul Swenson	18 - Bryan Darnell
- Mark Wicks	08 - Peggy Erstad	19 - Harvey Erstad
03 - Dianne Madsen	- Guy Moore	21 - Alina Schroeder
- Julie Rasmussen	09 - Joshua Rice	29 - Heather Anderson
06 - Clint Andrus	16 - Blake Mahre	

Address Updates

Kathy Soucy's email has changed to ksoucy56@gmail.com. (Please delete old email address.)

John Perry
3663 Park Center Blvd #1206
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Mission Outreach

June Mission Outreach Project— Cornerstone Shelter

During June we are accepting monetary donations for Cornerstone Shelter. You can give through our website at <https://paumc.org/giving/> or by writing a check with “Cornerstone” on the memo line. If you prefer to give other than financially, Cornerstone is in need of wipes and all sizes of diapers. Thank you in advance for your generous donations to help our neighbors in need.

Feed My Starving Children

On Saturday, May 7, ten members of The PORT volunteered at Feed My Starving Children. Working with the other groups that were there, we packaged 64 boxes of food. This is the equivalent of 13,824 meals and will feed 38 children for a year.



Kitchen Helpers Needed for Funeral Luncheons

We are looking to update and expand our list of helpers for funeral receptions. If you are already on the list, please let me know if you are willing to continue in this capacity. If you would like to add your name to the list, please let me know that too. The job involves setting tables, managing food (which is catered), packaging leftovers for the family, and cleaning up. You can contact me by email at schesso77@yahoo.com or by phone (952) 212-0466. Thanks so much for considering being a part of this ministry.

~ Linda Schesso, Funeral Kitchen Coordinator

Music & Memory—Donate Your Old CDs to Walker Methodist Auxiliary

One of the programs of the Walker Methodist Auxiliary is “Music & Memory.” This program consists of storing thousands of songs on iTunes via a laptop with an external hard drive. Board Member Bob Bayers creates individualized play lists, based on residents’ preferences. He then loads the lists on iPods/MP3 players so the residents, families, and staff are able to listen to hours of the residents’ favorite music. The Music & Memory program continues to improve and benefit the lives of people with dementia/Alzheimer’s, their families, and the Walker staff.



Since this program’s inception more than eight years ago, over 500 iPods/MP3 players have been created, many of which have been returned to inventory by residents who have either been discharged or have expired. There are currently 290 iPods/MP3 players being used by Walker residents.

Donated CDs have continually been added to the program’s library, which now includes over 30,000 song titles. We are continually looking for additional CDs to add to the library! All types of music are needed, including Big Band, Country, Rock, Classic, Christmas, and any other CDs you have that you don’t listen to anymore. Also, if you happen to have any used iPods, MP3 players, or old iPhones, we can use those too.

If you’d like to donate old CDs or equipment mentioned above, please box or bag it and label it “WMHC Music & Memory.” Bring it to church and either leave behind the Welcomer’s Desk or drop off in the office during office hours: T, W, Th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

If you have questions, please call Sue at 612-309-6625.

~ Sue Wells, WMHC Auxiliary Board Secretary

“Getting to Know Us Better” Series

Melinda Matton

Please tell us about your family and where you live.

I live in Bloomington, in my childhood home, with my husband Dan and son Joe.



In what ways have you volunteered or served at The PORT?

I go to the Tuesday night bazaar workshop, and I do liturgy, ushering, and greeting.

What makes you laugh the most?

The show "Big Bang Theory."

What was a favorite vacation?

Our 2014 trip to Florida. We had so much fun doing every crazy tourist thing we could in seven days.

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

I like music from the 60's, 70's and 80's. Love 105 is my favorite radio station.

Do you collect anything?

I collect way too much stuff. I collect candlewick glassware, napco birthday angels, mccoys flower pots, and vintage holiday decor. My favorite are my vintage Christmas decorations.

What was your favorite childhood toy?

My apple dumpling rag doll. I still have her. She was very loved and looks pitiful, but I can't bear to part with her. We went on many adventures together.

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

I left my full time job of 19 years at Red Rooster Auto in 2019 to become a lunch lady at Washburn Elementary in Bloomington. I still work at the auto store part-time to help with inventory. I love to garden and my love of growing dahlias is getting a little out of control, because my veggie garden is being taken over by flowers.

Tim Hagerty

Please tell us about your family and where you live.

I am married to my amazing wife Nancy and we have one very talented and beautiful daughter Katelyn. We live in Lakeville now but Nancy grew up close to The PORT and has been a part of the church her entire life. I grew up in Dundas and went to a Catholic Church in Northfield.



In what ways have you volunteered or served at The PORT?

I volunteer as a reader and help with the livestream video recording of Sunday sermons.

What makes you laugh the most?

We love playing cards with friends and family and always have many laughs.

What was a favorite vacation?

In 2019 we visited the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park in Utah. We did a lot of hiking, including the challenging Angels Landing.

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

I think the all time greatest food is tacos. They are always delicious and can be made in so many different ways!

What was your favorite childhood toy?

On my 4th birthday I was given a green radio flyer wagon. I loved that thing!

Have you ever met a celebrity and, if so, who?

I once met George Thorogood in Las Vegas.

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

One thing most people may not know about me is that I am the youngest of 11 children.

Trustees

Spring Cleanup

On behalf of the Trustees' and the leadership at The PORT, thanks to all who took time out of their precious schedule to clean up inside and outside the church. That includes the members of the other churches who share our space that took part in our clean up for the first time.

I am grateful for your continuous service to the church. May God continue to empower us to labor in his vineyard.

~Pastor Henry



Other Happenings at The PORT

Youth & Family Ministries Garage Sale

A big THANK YOU to all who donated items, helped us set up, and helped us tear down for the Youth and Family Ministries garage sale! We had a great sale and are planning another pop-up sale for the fall (date to be determined).

Between this year's pop-up sale and the garage sale, we raised over \$2,000 for Youth Group ministry. In addition to the funds raised, we had a lot of fun and would be happy to have you join us next time!

~Janene Haugen, Sunday School Co-coordinator



Class of '22: Graduation Sunday June 5

It is with great respect and pride that we honor our 2022 graduates. Join us Sunday, June 5 at 10:00 am worship for Graduation Sunday at The PORT.

Carl Darnell, Chaska High School

Attending Normandale Community College this fall
Parents Bryan and Traci Darnell
Grandparents Harvey & Peggy Erstad,
Dennis & Anita Darnell

*Carl's open house is Saturday, June 11, 5:00-8:00 pm
560 Liberty Heights Drive, Chaska, MN 55318*

Clara Haugen, Lakeville North High School

Attending Minnesota State University, Mankato this fall
Grandparents Harvey & Peggy Erstad,
Dick & Lori Haugen

*Clara's open house is Saturday, June 11, 10:00 am -
1:00 pm 17710 Hickory Ct. Lakeville, MN 55044*

Emma Mahre, Apple Valley High School

Attending Minnesota State University, Mankato this fall
Parents Judy & Eric Richardson-Mahre
Grandparents Paul Richardson, Shirley Richardson
(Deceased), Mary Nelson, Judie Vandever,
Roger Mahre (Deceased)

*Emma's open house is Sunday, June 12, 2:00 - 5:00 pm.
15699 Highview Drive, Apple Valley, MN 55124*

Nathan Lemke, Beloit College (summa cum laude)

Attending Simmons University in Boston this fall
Parents Andrea and Rob Lemke
Grandparents Ginny and Myron Karki



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>TUNE IN FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE @ 10:00 AM: https://www.youtube.com/c/PortlandAvenueUnitedMethodistChurch</p>						
5 GRADUATION SUNDAY 10:00am Worship/ Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Peace w/ Justice Sunday 10:00am Worship 11:15am Congregational Care Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 FATHER'S DAY 10:00am Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:00am Worship	27	28	29	30		

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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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