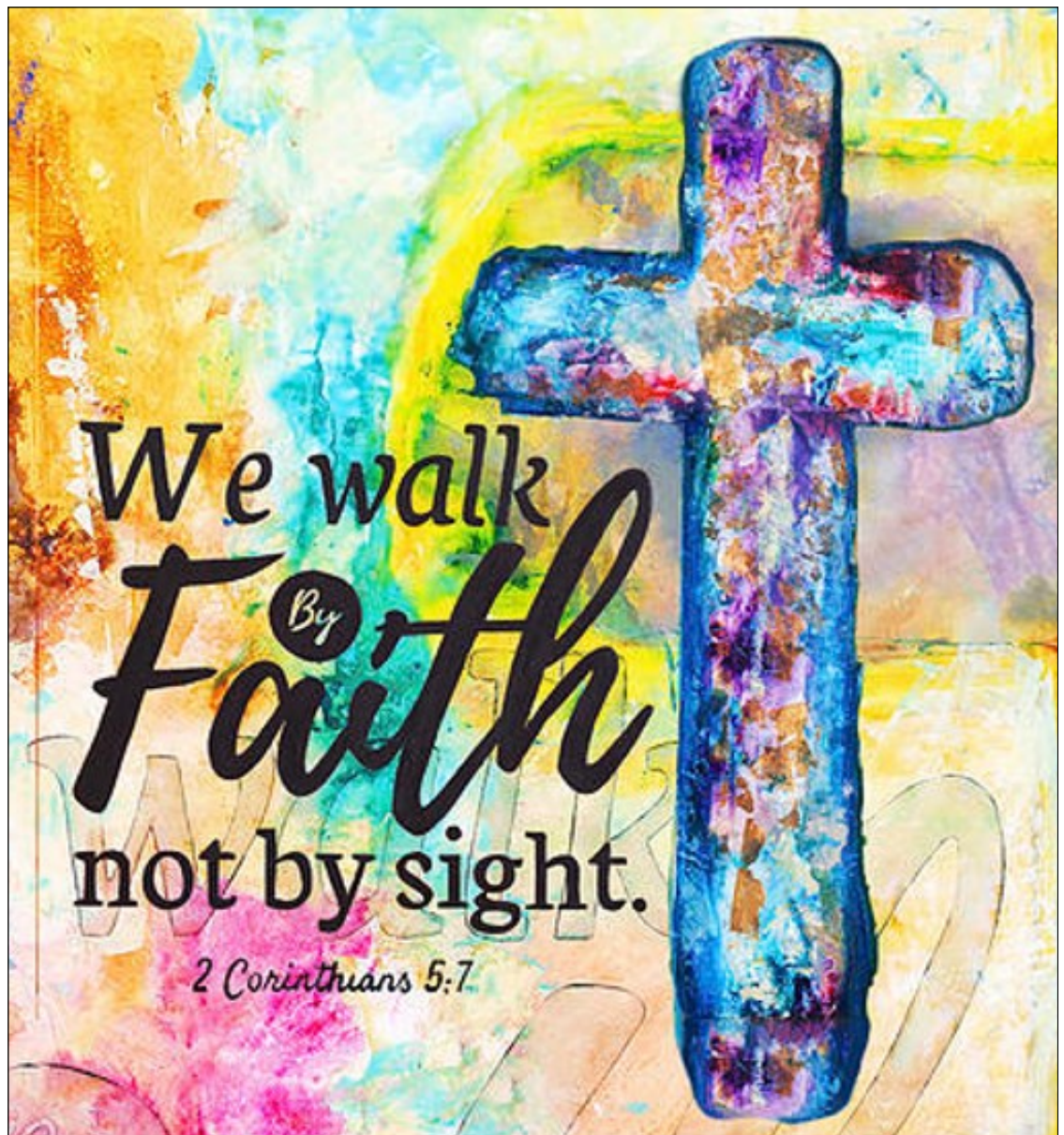


THE PORTLIGHT

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



Stewardship 2023

October 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 in Christ!

As we enter this new season, I am excited about what God is doing, as well as the things He will be doing in the months ahead as we become willing vessels in His hands. Friends, God is faithful! I believe His faithfulness is not only for our benefit, but also serves as our example to be faithful as well, in all aspects, to the ministries here at The Port.

Friends, the ministries of the church continue to move forward in a positive direction. Kudos to leadership for working harder in making The Port “a safe harbor along life’s journey.” Kudos to you as well for faithfully participating in The Port’s ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Let God be glorified.

Friends, during the month of October, we will be focusing on Stewardship. We will be reminding you to continue to be faithful in your giving as we forecast for next year, 2023. In addition, Stewardship of the resources God places in our hands extends so much further than finances as prayers are also needed for our various ministries, including the general overall health of our church body.

Thus, I am counting on you for the tremendous value of your prayers, as well as your continuing financial support. Please know that we do not take for granted either your prayers or your giving. II Corinthians 9:7 in the Amplified Version says this: Let each one give [thoughtfully and with purpose] just as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver [and delights in the one whose heart is in his gift].

Friends, as we navigate this journey of life, it seems so often people wonder what God's will is for their lives, especially if they love the Lord and simply want to be obedient in their life journey as they move toward their eternal reward.

Let me share a wonderful scripture with you that is simple, yet powerfully shares God's will for you and me...

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV): 16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Be joyful. Pray continually. Give thanks. As I look at these three points, I can't help but think that they are a continuous cycle that can occur in any order, yet they build upon each other for tremendous fulfillment and purpose in life.

I trust you will receive this message as more of an encouragement to continue to just do the right things, and you will find His presence in so many ways as you continue to “steward” His blessings in your life.

Blessings in Christ,



Pastor Henry



Spiritual Growth

OCTOBER Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Welcomer/ Greeter	Megan Mahre	Trenton Olson	Pat Ekstrom	Barb/Clint Andrus	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Scott Swenson* Jocelyne Medzagoh Kathy Soucy	Trenton Olson* Myron Karki Ginny Karki	Scott Swenson* Laurette Lawson Melinda Matton	Bruce Benson* Pam Rose Volunteer Needed	Wayne Andersen* Sharon Beckler Mike Moreland
Reader	Kathy Bell	Pam Rose	Tim Hagerty	Judy Richardson- Mahre	Kathy Bell
Sound	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson- Mahre
Media	Dave Smith	Nancy Hagerty	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Barb Andrus
Livestream Tech	Blake Mahre	Tim Hagerty	Daisy Castro	Scott Swenson	Clint Andrus
Closer	Harvey Erstad	Tom Wellman	Steve Knopp	Scott Swenson	Paul Richardson
Counters	Pam Rose Steve Soucy	Pam Rose Steve Soucy	Pam Rose Steve Soucy	Pam Rose Wayne Andersen	Pam Rose Wayne Andersen

Communion
Stewards Dan & Tracy Baker

**Want to serve on Sunday mornings?
Let the office or Pastor Henry know!**

Congregational Care

We celebrate YOU during OCTOBER

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



01 - Beth Cameron	16 - Emelia Runck	20 - Kathryn Quam
03 - Lynn Furda	- Steve Soucy	- Joanne Sanftner
04 - Daniel Dray	17 - Janea Medzagoh	24 - Jerry Solheim
07 - Tim Hagerty	18 - Fran Carpenter	- Gloria Wilson-Bahun
11 - Jeff Avery	19 - Jake Rasmussen	26 - Marlus Jackson
- Ginny Karki		

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Spiritual Growth


Port Kids' News

Sunday School has resumed and the preschool and elementary aged kids are learning the books of the Bible (see image below). It's a fun curriculum and we are ALL learning a lot! Please join us and/or invite a friend! **We meet every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month** (family worship Sunday).

GENESIS

The Beginning

The beginning of the world, the beginning of sin, the beginning of God's rescue plan, the beginning of God's people, BUT not the beginning of God.



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1



We have **kids choir immediately after Sunday School from 11:00 am until approximately 11:15 am**. Stay tuned for the dates kids choir will sing in church.

The **middle and high school kids meet in the youth loft on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month**. (The loft is above our kitchen near the south entrance.)

We are having a **harvest party starting at approximately 11:00 am, Sunday, October 30** in the downstairs education wing. The kids are invited to wear a family-friendly costume to Sunday School. We are planning on games with prizes, including a cookie walk. Please contact Janene Haugen at 612-940-4408 if you are willing to donate cookies or treats. The kids are invited to bring a friend to Sunday School and to the party!

As a reminder, **our Christmas program is Sunday, December 11 during worship service**. More information about that program will be coming.

Janene Haugen
Sunday School Co-Chair & Teacher



48th Annual Holiday Bazaar News!

It's time again for our church's longest-standing community event, and our biggest fundraising event of the year! Our 48th Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on **Friday, November 11, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm & Saturday, November 12, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

We are looking forward to having our traditional in-person event again after two years of modifications for Covid.

Our bazaar's success is solely due to the generosity of our members' donations and hard work every year. We hope you are working on craft projects at home that you will donate to the sale. If you need some ideas we have plenty! Feel free to contact one of us for some help. We are always looking for kitchen towels, mittens and scarves, fleece blankets, dog treats or toys, home décor, outdoor décor, yard games, etc.

We have Tuesday evening and Thursday morning workshop groups meeting at the church to make ornaments and things for the sale. We would love to see a few more faces in these last few weeks. Please consider attending one (or both!) of our weekly workshops when you have the time. You do not need to commit to coming every week, just when you have a couple of free hours.

We will be having a Gift Basket Silent Auction and hope you will consider donating new items for themed baskets. These baskets always make wonderful holiday gifts. Some popular theme ideas from past years include movie night basket, dog or cat lovers' basket, a chocolate lovers' basket, a coffee or tea basket, a spa basket, wine lovers' basket, etc. Keep in mind all items must be NEW in original packaging or with tags (no perishables please), and need to fit inside a tabletop basket which we will provide. Just bring your items to church and we will wrap them for display. Please include a note with your name and phone number and the value of the items donated, so we can price the basket appropriately. (If you'd rather donate money we can certainly purchase some items for you.)

All craft and gift basket donations, need to be in the bazaar room by Sunday, October 30.

For hand-crafted donations please bring at least one sample of each item and include a note with your name and phone number, how much the materials cost, a suggested retail price (if you have one), and how many items will be donated so that we can plan for adequate display room.

Our bake sale has a loyal fan base and we see regulars every year who come back to stock up for the holidays. We'll be accepting baked goods starting Wednesday, November 9—and remember we especially need donations on Friday for the sale on Saturday. We're always looking for bars, cookies, pastries, pies, cakes, sweet breads, candies, snack mixes, homemade jams and jellies, etc. Information will be available on Sundays for what to make, how to package it, and when to bring it in.

We will need lots of help to get the pricing done, the room set up, and the merchandise displayed. We will also need workers to staff the two days of the Bazaar and to help tear down and clean up on Saturday at 3:00 pm. We will not be open after church on Sunday since the room will be needed for the Brazilian Church that morning. Please watch for more details on the specific dates and times when help will be needed. We will have announcements during worship and in the Sunday Bulletins.

Please pray for the success of our bazaar and for the health and safety of our workers and our guests. This fun holiday tradition means so much to many people as it kicks off their holiday season. We greatly missed seeing our guests the last two years and sure hope they will come back to see us again this year.

Thank you in advance for your help and participation in this fun annual event!

Feel free to contact any of the following people with any questions:

Lynn Livingston 952-797-2645

Lori Livingston 612-240-2640

Kathy Soucy 612-226-2085



October brings with it the time to think about upgrading your financial commitment to The Port



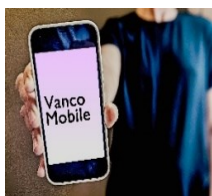
Stewardship Sunday is October 30.

Throughout October, Pastor Henry will speak about financial responsibility and the joy we receive from giving generously.

Your personal letter is coming in the mail. Pledge cards may then be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering basket on Stewardship Sunday.

Please support Portland Avenue United Methodist Church's mission in 2023!

Options for giving to The Port:



Vanco Mobile App



Church website



Mail into office



Drop off at church

Portland Avenue United Methodist Church
8000 Portland Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55420



GIVE+
Electronic Giving Options



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE

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

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