

THE PORTLIGHT

A newsletter for members and friends of Portland Avenue United Methodist



2022 Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 11, 9am-6pm

Saturday, November 12, 9am-3pm

See page 5 for all the details!

November 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

Thanksgiving Greetings!

God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good! While a statement like that may sound a bit “cliche,” we must realize it's true! Much of the world considers Thanksgiving as just another excuse to throw a party or watch football all day. We, as believers, know it goes far deeper than that.

In addition, we know that Thanksgiving is not just a “day,” but it's a mindset! The Bible shares many scriptures on the importance of being thankful, giving thanks, and even entering into times of worship *with* thanksgiving!

Psalm 100:4 (NKJV) 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

The Psalmist was clear that one of the best ways to enter God's presence is with a thankful heart. When we are grateful, we are also mindful that the blessings we experience in life are not a result of our works and gifts alone. We depend on a mighty God who provides and guides!

One of the very first lessons we, as parents and grandparents, teach our young ones is the importance of being thankful. I have no doubt God, our Heavenly Father, takes great joy in hearing words of thanks from the grateful hearts of His children. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV) 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

The Apostle Paul told the early church that it was essential to give thanks “in everything” we may go through. Although there are many things we may find challenging to be thankful “for,” such as the death of a loved one, we *can* be thankful in those circumstances knowing that God will help us go through that journey.

These past few years have been a challenge for all of us, but I would encourage you to ask the Lord to help you to be thankful. Begin to think of specific things or people you are grateful for, and express your thanks to the Lord! Let every day be a day of Thanksgiving. I am thankful to God for many things—for life, for family, for ministry. I am thankful to God for being your Pastor. I am thankful to God for the numerous

support from every member of The Port. I am thankful to God. Let every day be a day of Thanksgiving.

There's a beautiful old hymn that speaks of this called “Count Your Blessings.” The chorus lyrics are as follows:

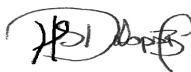
Count your blessings; name them one by one.

Count your blessings, see what God has done.

Count your blessings; name them one by one.

Count your many blessings, see what God has done!

Blessings,



Pastor Henry



Children's Sermon Resumes

With the start of the 2022-2023 church program year, we resumed our weekly Children's Sermon portion of worship. Guest teachers share a Bible lesson with our kids. Pictured here, Daisy Castro shares the lesson of giving our worries to God to take them off of our shoulders, as Christ did for us. All the children participated.



NOVEMBER Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Welcomer/ Greeter	Kathy/Steve Soucy	Kathy Swenson	Jeff Chamberlain	Paul Richardson/ Mary Nelson
Ushers	Bruce Benson * Jocelyn Medzagoh Kathy Soucy	Scott Swenson * Myron Karki Ginny Karki	Bruce Benson * Laurette Lawson Melinda Matton	Wayne Andersen * Sharon Beckler Pam Rose
Reader	Neil Anderson	Scott Rice	Steve Soucy	Katelyn Hagerty
Sound	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Tim Madsen
Media	Dave Smith	Barb Andrus	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen
Livestream Tech	Blake Mahre	Clint Andrus	Daisy Castro	Scott Swenson
Closer	Wayne Andersen	Wayne Andersen	Wayne Andersen	Clint Andrus
Counters	Pam Rose Wayne Andersen	Pam Rose Wayne Andersen	Dave Smith Wayne Andersen	Dave Smith JoAnne Volden
Communion Stewards	Tracy & Dan Baker	Can YOU serve on a Sunday? Tell the office or any volunteer!		

We celebrate YOU during NOVEMBER

If you have a birthday during the month of November 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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| 3 - Carl Darnell | 9 - Kathy Swenson | 22 - Todd Rasmussen |
| - Joyce Faircloth | 13 - Mary Nelson | 27 - Mary Lou Johnson |
| 6 - John Lounsbury | 18 - Sue Wells | 29 - Joan Whitehead |
| 9 - Bruce Benson | 20 - Eric Richardson-Mahre | 30 - Dave Smith |



Mission Outreach

Walker Methodist Health Center— Give a Little Gift Program 2022

Help bring joy to a Walker resident this holiday season by giving a new, unwrapped item. The staff will create a personalized gift bag for every Walker Methodist Health Center resident this holiday season!

Donation ideas:

- Monetary donations (Please make checks out to Walker Methodist Foundation with GALG in memo.) They will buy personalized items for residents, as well as gift cards to the gift shop
- Socks and slippers (men's and women's)
- Pocket Kleenex, chap stick, and lotion
- Cookies, crackers, candy, chocolate, and sugar-free candy
- Knickknacks (items for residents' rooms) and small stuffed animals
- Religious items
- Decorative scarves
- Hats, mittens, gloves, scarves
- Jewelry, women's, and men's watches
- DVDs, CDs

Please bring your donations to a church service or drop off during office hours Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 am—1:00 pm by Sunday, November 27.

~ Sue Wells, Auxiliary Board Secretary
& Gift Shop Manager

A Note of Thanks from Kennedy High School

Thank you all so very much for your generosity and kindness for the donation for our Nurse's Office at Kennedy High School!!! These donations are seriously such a blessing for the students, and for us to be able to offer these items!! I sincerely appreciate that you took the time to gather donations and I thank Melinda for bringing them to me! :)

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!



Kari Miller, BSN, RN, PHN, LSN, CMA
Licensed School Nurse
Kennedy High School

Special thanks to Melinda Matton for finding this Mission Outreach opportunity for us.



Funeral Kitchen Coordinator

PAUMC has a very important service role open and we need your help as soon as possible! The funeral kitchen coordinator's role was cut back last year, but the role is still very important.

As the coordinator, you would meet the caterer at church at a specified time the day of the service, so they can set up the food and beverages. The catering company is responsible for supplying everything including servers, if needed. Food will come already prepared. Your role

would be to set out placemats, centerpieces, and answer basic questions. Very minor clean-up. There is a modest honorarium for your help. If it's a large event, you will have a volunteer helper.

We welcome your questions! Please reach out to Pastor Henry or Kathryn in the office, and let us know if you are interested.



Bazaar Week: November 7 - 12

Our 48th Annual Holiday Bazaar is on the way! Can you believe it?? This is the single largest event our church sponsors and everything that is donated comes from our Port members! We have very talented people in our midst who continue to bake, craft, organize and give of themselves over and over again. Our sale has an excellent reputation and folks really do plan for it as part of their holiday preparations.

As with every important task at The Port, we are looking for everyone's support. The Bazaar will be held on Friday, Nov. 11 from 9 to 6 and Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 to 3. We have many areas to staff so please consider volunteering for a couple of hours, or longer if you can! The schedule for the week is below.

How can you help right now?

Donate a gift basket for the silent auction (or the funds for one and we'll shop for you).

Take fliers to distribute to family and friends or to post in windows or on bulletin boards of places you frequent such as coffee shops, hair and nail salons, libraries, bakeries, etc.

Consider baking something for the bake sale. We need sweet breads, cookies, bars, snack mixes in bags, fudge, or holiday treats to sell on Friday and Saturday. We will provide trays you can use to pack your goods and instructions to help with labeling and packaging. Our bakery ladies will do the pricing so you don't have to worry about that.

Use your social media platforms to get the word out and invite your friends and neighbors.

Complete any craft items you plan to donate before November 5.

The schedule for "Bazaar Week" is as follows:

Monday and Tuesday Nov. 7 & 8, 6:30 pm - Pricing of sale items. Can you help tag items? We will need all personal craft donations by this time. We will NOT be able to accept donations later as we will not have time to price them.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 12 noon – Gather tables and set up the room layout. We need strong backs to carry tables and display stands up from the basement and from around the building. At 2 p.m. we will cover the tables with cloths.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm – Display merchandise, decorate room. Attic Treasures will need help pricing and displaying their merchandise in the Wesley Room. **Bake Sale** goods can be dropped off Thursday after 10am and we will need more goods on Friday to stock our tables for Saturday.

Friday, Nov. 11, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Saturday, Nov. 12, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm we are open for business and we need YOU! Please sign up to work as many hours as you can. You'll be standing or sitting behind the tables listing the items our guests are buying on a tablet for them to pay at the central cashier. You will not need to handle money, just offer a smile and a warm "hello". This is a great way to meet our neighbors and to show them the warm hospitality of The Port. It's a very fun time!

Saturday at 3:00 pm we'll clean the room and haul the tables back to storage. Strong backs and legs will be needed again. With lots of help we should be done by 5:00 pm.

Thank you all in advance for your support of this long-standing labor of love. Please pray for the success of our Holiday Bazaar and for the strength and health of our workers and guests. We are excited to spend this time with you, our Port family, to make new friends and to provide a safe harbor for our guests so that they will want to join us for worship too. Let the holidays begin!

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



Congregational Care

September Fun Playing Mini Golf

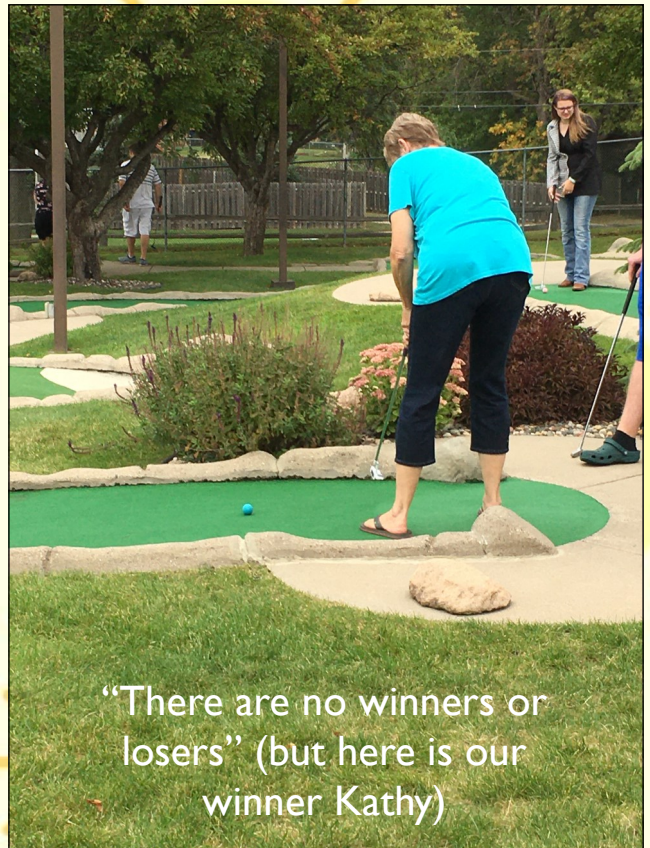
Sunday, September 25, members of The Port enjoyed a beautiful day playing mini golf at The Links at Dred Scott Park in Bloomington. We had 35 people tee off for some friendly competition. There were 18 holes with hole 6 being what we called "frustration hill." Plenty of us were able to move forward without getting frustrated but some not as much.

As we ended our fun, we were able to determine if I did what I said I would do which was beat everyone. Didn't happen. The best score went to Kathy Soucy with a 47, Scott Cameron with a 49, and I, myself, with a 50.

Thank you to those who came and had fun at my work place. We plan to repeat this fun outing next year, so get your swing on and join us!

~ Daisy Castro, Mini Golf Coordinator





“There are no winners or losers” (but here is our winner Kathy)

More from Our Members



To Everyone,
 Just a note to thank everyone for the lovely celebration for my birthday at the church. I had two beautiful cakes & so many cards & phone calls. I guess it pays to have a 100 years.
 Thank you all
 Marilee Heiser



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PRESENTS

HOW TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Thinking of starting your own business? But don't know how and where to begin?

Neil F. Anderson

Neil F. Anderson, Founder of The Courage Group, Inc., is a nationally recognized speaker and published writer on entrepreneurship, will de-mystify the startup process. He shares helpful tips for business survival and growth. Neil has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, Minneapolis StarTribune, USA Today.com, CNNMoney.com, ABCNews.com, Fortune Small Business, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, and National Association of Seed and Venture Funds. And a media contributor for KARE11 News, Fox9 News, Chicagoland Television, WGN Radio, and NBC5 News, Chicago.

DATE: November 19, 2022

TIME: 10:30AM-12PM

COST: Free

WHERE:
 Portland Ave Methodist Church
 8000 Portland Ave S
 Bloomington, MN 55420

R.S.V.P
 952-888-6070 or PAUMC.ORG

Appearances



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	2	3	4	5
6 10:00am Worship/ Communion/ VETERANS SUNDAY	7 Bazaar Week Begins (see page 5)	8 ELECTION DAY	9 6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Confirmation Class	10	11 HOLIDAY BAZAAR & Attic Treasures 9:00 - 6:00 pm	12 HOLIDAY BAZAAR & Attic Treasures 9:00 - 3:00 p m Take down and empty Fellowship Hall
13 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School 11:05am Confirmation Class 11:15am Mission Outreach	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Confirmation Class	17	18	19 10:30 am "How to Start Your Own Business" with Neil Anderson (Sanctuary)
20 10:00am Worship/ 3rd Grade Bible Presentation/ Sunday School 11:00am Charge Conference	21	22	23 7:00 Confirmation Class	24 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED	25	26 6:00 pm "Friends-giving" sleepover
27 United Methodist Student Day 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School 11:00 am New Member Meeting	28	29	30 6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Confirmation Class	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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