

THE PORTLIGHT

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

Children, Youth, & Family GARAGE SALE



April 28 & 29

Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Shoppers, come see the fun and useful
items we have for you!*

Set up begins April 26.

(See page 6 for further details.)

April 2023

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 The PORT,

How is it with your soul? Daily, this question prepares me to learn to live inside out. Thanks be to God. Most days my soul is joyful, while some days it is hurting. It means I'm serving The PORT on Sundays and visiting some of our members. In March, I was invited twice to dine with some of our members. I enjoyed the food and hospitality while at the same time the conversations, which centered on scriptures, church, and the community. I look forward to many future invitations to get to know all of you better.

As for the rest of my week, I serve the community on Mondays and Fridays. I am a member of the local Rotary Club in Bloomington. Many Mondays, I learn about the community through the City Manager of Bloomington, a city council member, a school principal, and many other leaders of this city. Sometimes, we volunteer at the Strive Program at Jefferson High School and other places in the city. These leaders give me the opportunity to talk about The PORT. I am hoping some will visit us. Fridays I also hang out at various places in the community, namely Walmart, Mall of America, Caribou, Starbucks, and Sam's Club. I meet many people. Some engage me with interesting stories, while other don't want to be bothered, yet they say hi. I tell them about The PORT. I am hoping some of you can tag along. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays I focus on administration, mission and vision of The PORT, and meeting with members and visitors. By the way, I am grateful to God for not being tempted to eat at McDonalds.

The PORT, We are coming upon that particular time on our calendar that we spend appreciating what the Lord did for us on the Cross. He arose from the grave on the morning of the third day. The women went to the tomb for the sole purpose of anointing Jesus' body with spices, as was the custom of the day.

Mark 16:1-6 (NKJV) ¹ Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had

been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him."

As we can see, while they were on the way to the tomb, which they clearly thought would contain the dead body of the Lord, they had their mind on the impossibility that would confront them soon. "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb?"
Don't Allow Impossibilities to Stop You!

While they thought of the impossible task ahead, they knew their simple mission must continue. There were no thoughts of the promises that had been previously made by the Lord of His resurrection. What would be the chances of something like that happening anyway? Too often, when we are going through this life we are confronted with situations that might seem impossible. Let me remind you today that we serve a risen, miracle-working Savior!

While at times we may think something is impossible, I believe God wants us to have faith in this wonderful God who makes all things possible!

Matthew 19:26 (NKJV) ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

While the scripture above refers to the rich, young ruler who came to Jesus, we know the same statement applies to ANY situation in your life or mine! Why? Because He has risen! He is no longer in the tomb! He's alive, forevermore!

I encourage you to be with us on Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday) as we take time to worship and declare this risen Savior! Please invite someone.

In Christ,

Pastor Henry



Sunday School News

The children are continuing to learn about the books of the Old Testament. We have even done some verse memorization! Quiz them or let them share a fact with you! Also, see our new display board in the narthex.

We have some fun Sundays planned for the remainder of our year. Spread the news. We love visitors!

Preschool through Grade 5 meet in the lower level Sunday School rooms every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Middle and high school students meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the youth room.

~ Janene Haugen, Sunday School Co-Chair

APRIL Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	PALM SUNDAY April 2	EASTER April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Welcomer/ Greeter	Nancy Hagerty Rod Anderson Fleet 5	Kathy Soucy Bryan Darnell Fleet 5	Tom Wellman Connie Kirby Fleet 5	Daniel Dray Melinda Matton Fleet 5	Lori Livingston Daisy Castro Fleet 5
Ushers	Scott Swenson Laurette Lawson Jocelyne Medzagoh	Trenton Olson Myron & Ginny Karki	Scott Swenson Melinda Matton Pam Rose	Bruce Benson Wayne Andersen Jocelyne Medzagoh	Scott Swenson Mike Moreland Kathy Soucy
Reader	Kate Hagerty	Paul Richardson	John Hepola	Tim Hagerty	Melinda Matton
Sound	Eric Richardson- Mahre	Dave Smith	Eric Richardson- Mahre	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen
Media	Barb Andrus	Dave Smith	Dave Smith	Nancy Hagerty	Tim Madsen
Livestream Tech	Daisy Castro	Scott Swenson	Clint Andrus	Tim Hagerty	Daisy Castro
Closer	Tom Wellman	Harvey Erstad	Steve Knopp	Scott Swenson	Wayne Andersen
Counters	Tom Wellman Steve Soucy	Pam Rose Wayne Andersen	Tom Wellman Wayne Andersen	Tom Wellman Mike Moreland	Dave Smith Mike Moreland
Communion Stewards	Tracy & Dan Baker	<p>We need you! For media, sound, livestreaming and more. Let the office know or ask anyone you see serving!</p>			

Holiday Bazaar

Wanted: Your Old Denim Jeans!

The Bazaar group has some fun craft projects they would like to make using old denim jeans or shorts. We will take any size and any color! Please be sure they're laundered. You can drop them off in the bazaar room.

If you have questions, please call Lori Livingston at 612-240-2640.

Thanks in advance!

~ Holiday Bazaar Team



Spiritual Growth

The PORT Fleets: *Refuel at The PORT then go out into the world as Jesus' hands and feet to serve others*

We have been talking about the “groups” in church for several weeks now, and there seems to be some confusion. So let me try and clear some things up.

Background:

Pastor Henry had an awesome idea to split the congregation up into groups. We're calling them The PORT Fleets 1-6. One of the first questions that came up is what is the purpose of the groups or Fleets?

Purpose:

- Get to know people in the church outside of the activities that you're currently participating in
- Get to know what's going on in the church, what it takes to run the church
- Get more people involved in the workings of the church
- Start to expand our work as the Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ in the community

What if I don't have a group?

Many people have started to participate in groups/ Fleets. If you do not have a group or Fleet, we have assigned you to one! Check out the bulletin board in the narthex for updates on who is in each Fleet.

What's happening with my group?

We are identifying a leader in each Fleet – this position is meant to be someone who will help wrangle the Fleet and act as a central point for communication, questions, and coordination of monthly activities. Each Fleet is

assigned monthly tasks! See the schedule on the bulletin board for what your Fleet is assigned to do!

What do I need to do?

PARTICIPATE! That's all you need to do!

First: figure out what group you're in!

Next: find out who your Fleet leader is and check in with them!

Then: participate! Each Fleet has monthly tasks and activities so participate in as much as you can! You will meet new people and expand your faith and your commitment to The PORT and to your spiritual journey and growth!

Eventually, we will be using these Fleets to expand our outreach into the community! That sounds scary to some of us, but we will take it slow and find things for each of us that are aligned with our comfort level, talents, and gifts!

So jump in!

Join us and see where it takes you individually and where it takes us as a spiritual community! We need you! Each of you have gifts and talents that we need here at The PORT!

~ Judy Richardson-Mahre, Church Council

If you still have questions, no problem!

Reach out to any one of us with questions:

Judy Richardson-Mahre: 612-202-6457 or jembrm@charter.net

Nancy Hagerty: 612-290-0955 or Nancyhagerty@hotmail.com

Pastor Henry: 952-888-6070 or hdolopei@paumc.org

PORT Fleet Responsibilities

Each “Fleet” select a Leader.

Each “Fleet” will select a person (not someone serving on a committee) to attend a committee meeting. Check with the office to find out the meeting schedule.

APRIL Fleet Assignments

Fleet 1 - Visitor Volunteers

Fleet 4 - Relationship Builders

Fleet 2 - Prayer Walkers

Fleet 5 - Welcomers

Fleet 3 - Fellowship

Fleet 6 - Friends of The PORT



Most-needed items

Winter/Spring 2023 list

VEAP, the Twin Cities' largest food pantry, needs your help!
We're accepting donations at Door 4 behind our building
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. of the following:

- Whole grain rice (1-2 pound bags)
- Whole grain pasta
- Hearty soups (high protein, low sodium)
- Whole grain cereal
- Canned proteins (meat and beans)
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Laundry detergent
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Diapers (size 5-7) and baby wipes
- Cooking oil
- Baking essentials (flour, sugar, spices, baking soda/powder)
- Dish soap
- Personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, hand soap, shaving cream, toiletries, etc.)
- Gluten-free products
- Birthday party items (cake mix, frosting, etc.)

More details at veap.org/most-needed-items

April Mission Outreach Project—VEAP

PAUMC will be providing outreach to VEAP this month. Please consider donating items from the “Most-Needed Items” list above.

There is a shopping cart in or near the narthex marked for VEAP donations.

Monetary donations are also welcome. The VEAP website says a donation of \$30 will provide an individual 3 meals a day for 30 days!

Please write VEAP on the memo line of your check or donate online through the MyVanco app or [online](#). Thank you in advance for your supPORT!

~ Nancy Hagerty, Mission Outreach Chair

Congregational Care

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 - Pam Rose | 15 - Jarek Haugen | |
| - Jeff Chamberlain | 16 - Kate Hagerty | 20 - Kasey Swenson |
| 08 - Scott Cameron | 18 - Mike Cameron | 25 - Amelia Liu |
| | - Bob Haugen | 26 - Pat Ekstrom |

Address Updates

Ardy Anderson
 McKenna Crossing
 13810 Shepherds Path NW
 #337
 Prior Lake, MN 55379
Home phone discontinued; Cell phone is the same.

Mike Moreland new cell phone:
 (612) 757-3483

Garage Sale - Continued from cover

We are still accepting donations in good condition. Items can be dropped off during church office hours or as arranged with one of the coordinators (below). Please contact us with questions about furniture/larger item donations or deadlines for dropping things off.



Many hands are needed to help make this year's sale another success. Help in whatever way you are most comfortable and have fun at the same time! Help is needed for set-up and pricing before the sale; cashiering and working at tables during the sale; and, cleaning up on Saturday right after the sale.

Please contact one of the following if you can help or have questions!

- Janene Haugen 612-940-4408 or janenehaugen@charter.net
- Beth Cameron 612-558-4974 or beth.cameron@hines.com
- Becky Rice 651-592-7752 or rebarice24@gmail.com
- Traci Darnell 651-335-8031 or terstad11@yahoo.com

Office Hours & Pastor Hours

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please call Kathryn in the office at 952-888-6070. Please note: Kathryn's hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. If it is outside of those hours, please leave a message and someone will return your call within 24 hours.

In case of emergencies, you can also call Pastor Henry on his cell phone: 203-508-4874

Pastor Henry's Hours are as follows:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 AM - 12 PM + Afternoon activities and home visits	Off-site but available for Pastoral Care	8 AM - 3 PM in the church office	8 AM - 3 PM in the church office	8 AM - 3 PM in the church office	Off-site but available for Pastoral Care	Day off



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2 PALM SUNDAY 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Communion	3	4	5 6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehl	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp 7:00pm "Last Supper" Service of Communion in the narthex	7 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00pm Combined Service at Hillcrest UMC	8
9 EASTER SUNDAY 8:45am Breakfast in the Narthex 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School	10 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	11 6:30pm Evening Bazaar Wkshp Resumes	12 6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehl	13 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	14	15 MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
16 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship	17	18 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	19 6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehl	20 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp 6:30pm Caregivers Support Group (RSVP)	21	22
23 Native American Ministries Sunday 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School	24 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	25 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	26 Garage Sale Set-up 6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehl	27 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp Garage Sale Set-up	28 Garage Sale 9:00am-5:00pm 	29 Garage Sale 8:00am-12:00pm (12:00pm tear-down)
30 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School						

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PLEASE EXPEDITE

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

Staff

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