

THE PORTLIGHT

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

welcome
to our church family



June 2023

Our Mission

"To grow followers of Jesus who change the world."

Our Vision

"To be a safe harbor along life's journey."

The **P**  **ORT**
A safe harbor along life's journey.

Pastor's Message

Greetings The PORT,

This month is dedicated to Fathers. I have seen many Dad being a role model to their kids, community, and the world. Let's continue to cheer them on.

I came across this from a article, "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 'play', 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 in Joshua 24:15b, 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." The Godly Father recognizes his own shortcomings and failures from time to time as he shepherds his family, and will be humble enough to draw upon the strength of his Heavenly Father for help and guidance. 2 Corinthians 12:9a "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 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 also 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 for 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.

Blessings,

Pastor Henry



Spiritual Growth

JUNE Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Welcomer/ Greeter	Wayne Andersen Sharon Beckler	Nora Joaquim Jocelyne Medzagoh	Julie Rasmussen Mary Nelson	Joanne Volden Chaley Thames
Ushers	Bruce Benson Greg Jurek Mike Moreland	Scott Swenson Myron & Ginny Karki	Trenton Olson Kathy Soucy Melinda Matton Curt Willhite	Wayne Andersen Sharon Beckler Jocelyne Medzagoh
Reader	Neil Anderson	Pam Rose	Youth Member	Tim Hagerty
Sound	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen
Media	Tim Madsen	Barb Andrus	Nancy Hagerty	Barb Andrus
Livestream Tech	Scott Swenson	Clint Andrus	Tim Hagerty	Clint Andrus
Closer	Wayne Andersen	Wayne Andersen	Scott Swenson	Clint Andrus
Counters	Merlin Gilbertson Wayne Andersen	Merlin Gilbertson Wayne Andersen	Merlin Gilbertson Mike Moreland	Dave Smith Mike Moreland
Communion Stewards	Dan & Tracy Baker	<p>Will YOU serve on Sunday mornings? Please tell Pastor Henry or write to paumc@paumc.org</p>		

Mission Outreach

April Recap: VEAP Drop-off Success

For April, we raised the following, which Pastor Henry dropped off in May to VEAP. Thank you for your support! Pastor Henry said they were very happy to receive the items!

- 6 boxes of Rice
- 6 boxes of noodles
- 21 boxes of cereal
- 3 rolls of toilet paper

- 4 cans of chicken
- 12 hygiene items

~ Nancy Hagerty, Mission Outreach Chair



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.



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| 02 - Blaine Daniels | 06 - Clint Andrus | 08 - Guy Moore | 19 - Harvey Erstad |
| 02 - Mark Wicks | 07 - Henry Dolopei, Jr. | 09 - Josh Rice | 24 - Ann Benson |
| 03 - Dianne Madsen | - Paul Swenson | 16 - Blake Mahre | 26 - Hannah Marie Dolopei |
| - Julie Rasmussen | 08 - Peggy Erstad | 18 - Bryan Darnell | 29 - Heather Anderson |

Help Wanted

Media Presenter

The Media Department is looking for another team member to create and present the media slides on Sunday morning. Experience with Microsoft PowerPoint is a plus but we will train. This job typically takes 2 hours to prepare the slides and your time during the service to display. Your services would be scheduled approximately once per month.

Contact Dave Smith for more information.

Sound Operator

The Sound Department is looking for another sound system operator to set up and break down the microphones and other various sound equipment for the Sunday service. Your workload would include running the sound board during the service too. No experience necessary. On the job training—easy to learn. This job requires approximately 1.5 hrs to complete. Your services would be scheduled approximately once per month.

Contact Dave Smith for more information.

Trustees

New Convection Oven & Range

After much research and discussion with others, the Trustees decided on a new convection oven/range combination for our kitchen. The old oven was beyond repair and the stove was quite old, so they invested in this attractive, industrial-sized unit.

The Trustees have also been working on an air handler replacement motor and restarting our sprinkler system for summer, among other things.

They would like to extend a warm “thank you!” to those of you who helped at our annual Spring Clean-up. Members of Potter’s House and the Brazilian Church also came to lend a hand.



Honoring Our 2023 Graduates

Kate Hagerty is a 2023 Lakeville North High School graduate. She will be attending Normandale Community College to complete her general classes along with Art classes. Her parents are Tim & Nancy Hagerty, and her grandparents are Steve & Linda Knopp. Kate's open house is Sunday, June 4, 3:00 - 7:00 pm at their residence.



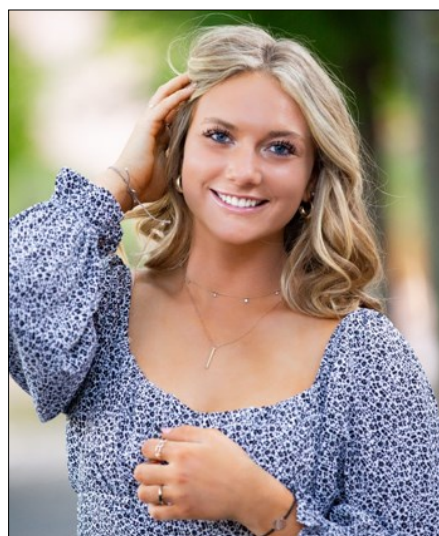
Jael Medzagoh is graduating from Emory University in Atlanta, GA with a Bachelor of Business Administration, Information Systems and Operations Management Degree. Her Parents are Jocelyn and Josia Medzagoh. Jael is planning to work and travel after graduation.



Luke Rice is a 2023 Farmington High School graduate. He will be attending Dakota County Technical College for Electrical Construction. His parents are Scott & Becky Rice, and his grandparents are Harvey & Peggy Erstad. Luke's open house will be Saturday, June 24, 4:00 - 7:00 pm at their residence.



Rylie Rasmussen is a 2023 Lakeville South High School graduate. She will be attending Bemidji State University studying Sports Science and playing softball. Her parents are Todd & Julie Rasmussen, and her grandfather is Wayne Andersen. Rylie's open house was held Sunday, May 21.



The PORT Fleets

I would like to express my appreciation for your patience while we continue to work through all the details of the Fleets. What you do is important to our Church! I have had a few questions on what a Fleet does and what it means to be a Fleet Leader. I hope you find the information below helpful. Each month a Fleet is assigned a specific task and will rotate amongst the Fleets. This means that twice a year you will have the same task.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Nancyhagerty@hotmail.com or 612-280-0955.

Prayer Walkers

- Pray while walking through your chosen area. Pray a Scripture-based theme. For example, take biblical prayers and recite them or take a photocopy of a Scripture passage with you as you walk.
 - ◊ For the Fleets first Prayer Walk, please coordinate a time with Pastor Henry so that the team can learn the ins and outs of prayer walking.
 - ◊ Fleet Leaders may ask team members to walk specific days and a specific prayer.
 - ◊ Prayer walking can be done as a group or individually.

Volunteer Visitors

- Bring fellowship to our Church Members who are home-bound or in the hospital. This may include bringing Communion, helping with technology or having a lunch date at their house with fellow members.
 - ◊ For the Fleets first Volunteer Visitor month, please coordinate a time with Pastor Henry to meet a fellow church member that is homebound.
 - ◊ Fleet leaders may ask individuals to visit these people weekly.

Relationship Builders

- Make phone calls during the week to check on the mental, spiritual, and physical wellbeing of our members that may be homebound or haven't been to church in a while.
- Call Visitors/Guests to invite them back to church.
 - ◊ Fleet Leaders will assign team members to call and check on members that are on the

prayer chain.

- ◊ *Note, we are still working out the logistics of how the Fleet Leaders will know we had visitors/guest to get their phone numbers, address, or emails.*

Welcomers

- Greet and welcome our members and visitors as they come through our doors.
 - ◊ Currently with the help of Ginny Karki, she has assigned people from the various fleets. Nancy is reviewing the list and will be notifying the Church office and the team.
 - ◊ This fall we are hopeful that the Fleet Leader can assign individuals for the month.

Friends of The PORT

- Send birthday cards to our members utilizing the existing cards, addresses and the list of our members birthdates. Participate in a cardmaking gathering to create unique cards for others.
 - ◊ Currently, there is a box of cards that the team can use for sending out cards. Else others can buy or make their own cards.
 - ◊ The goal is to have the Fleet Leader assign a person or two to each team member to have them send out a birthday card to our members.
 - ◊ If the Fleet needs help covering the cost of stamps, please notify Nancy Hagerty.

Fellowship

- For the selected month, Fleets will provide snacks for the church in the Wesley Room
- Tasks are to fill Keurigs & teapot with water, set up snacks, plates/napkins/silverware (these are provided by the church), clean tables and sweep after Fellowship
 - ◊ Fleet leader will assign individual to either help with snacks or work to set up and clean up. An individual can contribute whatever they are comfortable with: time, money, treats, etc. If a Fleet needs help with covering the cost of the food, please notify Nancy Hagerty.

On the next page is a table of Fleet tasks through September and a list of your Fleet Leaders and their contact information.

The PORT Fleets *Continued*

Task	May	June	July	August	September
Welcomers	Fleet 1	Fleet 2	Fleet 6	Fleet 3	Fleet 4
Visitor Volunteers	Fleet 2	Fleet 3	Fleet 4	Fleet 5	Fleet 6
Prayer Walkers	Fleet 3	Fleet 6	Fleet 5	Fleet 4	Fleet 1
Friends of The Port	Fleet 4	Fleet 5	Fleet 2	Fleet 1	Fleet 3
Fellowship	Fleet 5	Fleet 4	Fleet 1	Fleet 6	Fleet 2
Relationship Builders	Fleet 6	Fleet 1	Fleet 3	Fleet 2	Fleet 5

Fleet	First Name	Last name	Phone	Email
Fleet 1	Trenton	Olson	952-220-8220	trenton@digitalgopher.net
Fleet 2	Traci	Darnell	651-335-8031	terstad11@yahoo.com
Fleet 3	Nancy	Hagerty	612-280-0955	nancyhagerty@hotmail.com
Fleet 4	Janene	Haugen	612-940-4408	janenehaugen@charter.net
Fleet 5	Tracy	Baker	952-851-9767	btracy5@msn.com
Fleet 6	Lynn	Livingston	952-797-2645	lynnliving@yahoo.com
Fleet 6	Judy	Richardson-Mahre	612-202-6457	jembrm@charter.net



Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

-John Wesley

Spotlight on Peggy Larson!

Peggy Larson, our fearless Sanctuary Choir Director and Music Director, is retiring after 21 years with The PORT! As we reflect on Peggy's time here, I got feedback and reminiscing from many of the choir members and people who have worked closely with her!

Peggy joined the church 21 years ago after we had a few transitions in the choir and the choir members were regrouping. Many people remember when Peggy auditioned for the position. "She was obviously well qualified and versatile, she had amazing credentials and she had such a pleasant way about her as she directed the choir." She stood out from the several candidates that auditioned and we chose her as our new leader. After Peggy was hired and we started to work under her direction, her true gifts and talents emerged!

Peggy was patient and kind as she dealt with the many levels of skills in the choir. "Peggy's patience with the variety of singers' abilities and personalities is amazing! There were many 'shenanigans' that went on during rehearsal and she would firmly and calmly bring us back to the task at hand." Many said that she has more patience than any other director they've worked with. Peggy is tenacious in a kind and loving way! One person said, "Peggy has always challenged the choir with



some harder than normal anthems. Often times I thought that we could never pull off a particular piece, but somehow it always came together in the end." She challenged us with her calm patience, her quick wit and her never ending confidence that we could figure it out if we broke it down into manageable pieces. Another person said "She has always been able to get us to sing songs that we thought were impossible and I would end up thinking 'wow, we did that?!' From Ave Maria to 'Travelin' Shoes, Classic to Gospel, Old favorites from our files to Contemporary, we have performed a wide variety of songs under her leadership. "I will miss

Peggy's Jazz and Blues stylized solos – and of course who could forget the cow calling."

Another said, "Peggy's been a strong leader, always reliable, and has always worked hard in getting us to try different things!" Still another said, "Peggy has always been supportive and very patient with everyone in the choir – even when it's clearly not deserved! This is something that I have always admired." They continued, "She is unapologetically herself, and you see that through the music she chooses. It is clear that her faith is strong and that she truly celebrates God through music!"



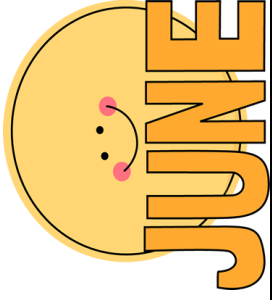
Peggy always brings out the best in everyone, not only in the choir setting, but in everyone who knows her. She is encouraging and positive – she seems to always be in a good mood! Several people indicated that Peggy helped to fuel their love of music – she taught "tons of fun songs" as she helped with the children's choir for many years! "Her passion and love for music is shown in everything she does"! One person indicated "my only intention was to sing with SonRise and Peggy was persistent in asking me to sing with Sanctuary choir, which allowed me to meet others from the church and grow stronger friendships! I will be forever grateful for that!"

I think the biggest thing about Peggy is that she hasn't just been our Choir Director or Music Director, she has become a dear friend! She has participated in other areas of the church life and we regard her as a member of our church family!

Peggy's been a huge contributor to the music program and from the comments and impressions of the people who have worked closely with her, you can see that she's made a huge impression on all of us and will be greatly missed!

~ Judy Richardson-Mahre





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>TUNE IN FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE @ 10:00 AM: https://www.youtube.com/c/PortlandAvenueUnitedMethodistChurch</p>						
<p>4 Peace with Justice Sunday and Graduation Sunday</p> <p>9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30pm Final Women's Bible Study (Wesley Room)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship 11:15am Congregational Care Meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00am Carol Cox Memorial</p> <p>July Portlight Article Deadline</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 Father's Day</p> <p>9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30am Bazaar Wkshp</p> <p>6:30pm Caregivers Support Group (RSVP)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	

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