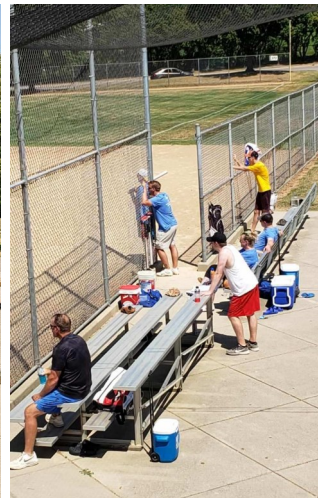


THE PORTLIGHT

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



PAUMC Plays Softball

Earlier this spring, Blake Mahre heard of an opening for a softball team to play on a co-ed church league. He thought it would be a great opportunity to generate some excitement on behalf of The PORT, so Pastor Carol said, "Yes, let's go for it!" So, recruitment began, and we've been playing on Friday nights since the end of May. The season-ending tournament was held Saturday, July 24. We grew in skill and teamwork throughout the season, while ending the tournament in third place out of four teams. While injuries hampered some of us, all in all we really did have a good time. Thank you to Blake for serving as our coach. Thank you to those who came out just to watch and cheer us on. And thank you to the team for representing The PORT so well with good sportsmanship and great effort.



August 2021

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 Page

Warm Welcome to Rev. James Gaughan

SPRC Announcement

Be sure and plan on attending worship on each of the five Sundays in August. Pastor Jim will be our guest minister for the month, and he has prepared an exciting array of sermon topics just for you.

It will be a great time for you to catch up with Pastor Gaughan, and he with you. Pastor Gaughan was our Pastor from 1997 to 2007. He has been our guest minister many times filling in for both Pastor Suzanne and Pastor Carol. We are truly blessed that he has accepted this role in helping us transition to a new pastor.

Rev. Gaughan's 5 August sermon topics are as follows:

August 1 – “Abuse of Power”

August 8 – “The One is You!”

August 15 – “Speak the Truth and Live in Love”

August 22 – “Seek an Understanding and Discerning Mind”

August 29 – “Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve”

If you need pastoral services during this period, please contact Kathryn in the church office (952-888-6070) and she will forward your information to Pastor Gaughan.

On a related note, SPRC will keep you informed as the process of finding our permanent Pastor unfolds.

~Staff Parish Relations Committee

Join Us Sundays at 10:00 AM



Recognition of Confirmation Students

The schedules for all four confirmands didn't quite align in time for us to have Confirmation Sunday while Pastor Carol was still here. On one Sunday, two were available, while on another Sunday, different students could come, so we will celebrate Confirmation Sunday at a time that works once our new pastor is in place. On Sunday, July 25, we did recognize all the confirmation students who were available, while Pastor Carol offered a pastoral blessing upon them.



AUGUST Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Coffee & Treats	(On hold)				
Greeters	(On hold)				
Ushers	Linda Schesso, Jack Cornforth	Bruce Benson, Pat Ekstrom, Melinda Matton	Linda Schesso, Mike Moreland, Kathy Soucy	Bruce Benson, Linda Schesso, Mike Moreland	Bruce Benson, Pat Ekstrom, Ellen Smith
Welcomers	(On hold)				
Reader	Steve Soucy	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sound	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Dave Smith
Media	Barb Andrus	Nancy Hagerty	Tim Madsen	Barb Andrus	Nancy Hagerty
Closer	Paul Richardson	Tom Wellman	Wayne Andersen	Wayne Andersen	Wayne Andersen
Counters	Dave Smith, Mike Moreland	Dave Smith, Mike Moreland	Merlin Gilbertson, Wayne Andersen	Merlin Gilbertson, Wayne Andersen	Merlin Gilbertson, Wayne Andersen
Communion Stewards	Daniel & Tracy Baker	<p>Want to serve on Sunday mornings? Let the office know and we'll put you in touch with the appropriate coordinator!</p>			
Communion Servers	Kathy Soucy, Lynn Livingston				

Mission Outreach

August Mission Outreach Project - Cornerstone Shelter

During the month of August, we will be accepting monetary donations to provide meals for Cornerstone Shelter. The cost of a meal is approximately \$14. This includes the meal, tax, tip and delivery. Please make a notation of Cornerstone on your check or give securely online at PAUMC.org under Cornerstone. Last year we were able to provide a meal a month for 5 months with your generous donations. Thanks for your continued support!

June Tornado Kit Supplies Received by Midwest Mission

Thanks to all who donated so generously to the tornado kits in June. Along with the supplies, we were able to send \$565 to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois.

PAUMC received a thank you card from Midwest Mission Distribution Center:

Thank you for letting the Lord use you to bring hope to people around the world and around the corner.

Midwest Mission is grateful you have shown God's love by s haring the blessings He has given you. It is amazing to watch God multiply your gifts through this ministry.

*In Gratitude,
Chantel Corrie, Midwest Mission Executive Director*



Holiday Bazaar

Thursday Morning Workshop Resumes

Have you been looking for a new activity that's fun and exciting? We've got just the right one for you. The morning Workshop will be starting up again on Thursday, August 12, from 9:30 - 11:30am in the Workshop Room. We have several projects lined up that we will be doing, and we could use your help!

Please feel free to join us on any Thursday until the Holiday Bazaar. Let your friends know too!

Since we are getting a later start than usual, we have some catching up to do, so come ready to work and bring your creative ideas too. If you have any questions or ideas to share, please let me know.

Sue Wells
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We celebrate YOU during AUGUST

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

01 - Darlene Solheim	11 - Floyd Ekstrom	18 - Chrissy Wells	26 - Lynn Livingston
02 - Isabelle Swenson	13 - Becky Rice	22 - Elizabeth Cottier	27 - Blessing Wilson
06 - Barb Deese	14 - Ethan Runck	22 - Paul Richardson	30 - Jim Anderson
08 - Jean Moore	- Helen Witt	25 - Joe Matton	- Annie Comee
09 - Carol Emdy	16 - Joell Anderson	- Luke Rice	- Marcie Huser
10 - John Perry	18 - Scott Rice	- Terry Wells	- Carol Zaagsma



Pastor Carol's Farewell

The Congregational Care Team along with Staff Parish Relations Committee hosted a farewell reception for Pastor Carol on July 25. We gathered in the Wesley Room and enjoyed a time of fellowship along with celebratory cupcakes.



The Portlight Needs Your Pictures!

One of the best ways to communicate with the congregation and to potential new members is through our monthly newsletter, The Portlight. If you browse through these pages, you will see all the wonderful pictures accompanying most articles.



Church staff needs your help in populating The Portlight with interesting pictures you take of happenings at or related to The PORT. Please consider pulling out your camera anytime there is an event that might be of interest to Portlight readers.

Send your pictures to the church office and we will use your photos in The Portlight if they work with the newsletter content that month. Be sure to briefly describe the event, who's in the picture, and include a date. Don't be shy! Your pictures do not have to be perfect.

As the old adage goes, "a picture is worth a thousand words." Please email your photos to the church office at paumc@paumc.org and mention The Portlight.

The Portlight is *your* newsletter, so please know that you are welcome and needed to contribute.

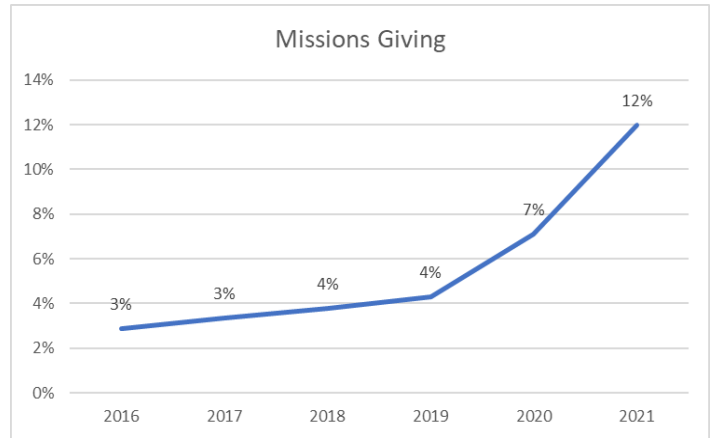
~Kathryn Quam, Administrative Assistant

Finance

Generous Congregation

Our congregation continues to answer the call when the need is greatest. In addition to the food and supplies we have donated, our cash giving to missions has increased significantly. It seems Covid has triggered an increase in our generosity. The graph to the right shows how much of the total money given to The Port is designated to the mission ministries we support. Thank you all for your support of The Port and our important ministries.

~Merlin Gilbertson, Finance Committee



Trustees

The PORT Beautiful

A big thank you to the Smith family for their heartfelt, hard work of pulling weeds and beautifying the church yard and courtyard for all to enjoy.

Also, thank you to Don Anderson for his tireless watering and planting around The PORT property this hot summer.



Thank You from Pastor Carol

I offer my gratitude for the seven years of ministry we have had together. While the final year and a half wasn't what any of us ever would have anticipated, with an abrupt stay-at-home order that disrupted in-person ministries and resulted in a very quick ramp-up to an on-line worship routine.

Of course, on-line worship wouldn't have been possible without Peggy and Dale and Dave, along with several others who offered special music or came to read scripture and other liturgy or recorded children singing at home or even learned how to use virtual choir video editing software so that we could enjoy some choir music without the risk of everyone singing in one room together. Our efforts to remain connected through PORT Pals and various virtual fellowship events wouldn't have been possible without the leadership of the Congregational Care Team. And the careful planning of the Mission Outreach Team with curbside donation drop-offs and other creative initiatives enabled us to make a tremendous difference in the lives of so many hurting people. I just want to say a special thank you to all who participated or otherwise helped lead these efforts. I do believe we were faithful to our mission to "grow followers of Jesus who change the world" during this trying time.

So here we are, still in the pandemic, yet on this side with so many of the precautions lifted; and I truly feel fortunate that we were able to celebrate our last two Sundays together in-person inside the sanctuary.

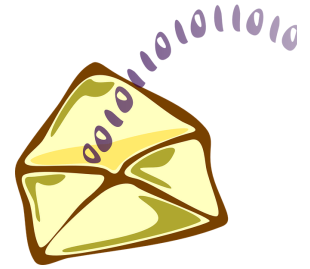


Thank you for your kindness in recognizing Peggy, Dale, Dave, and me on Sunday, July 18, with the lovely card and gift card for each of us so that we can enjoy dinner out with our spouses. I also want to thank you for the beautiful stole presented to me on Sunday, July 25. I will wear it with care and a grateful heart for all of you.

~With thanks, Pastor Carol

Address Updates

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Thank You from Bloomington Public School and EFB Scholarship Recipients

Education Foundation of Bloomington and two of its scholarship recipients wrote to thank The PORT for our generous \$3,165 contribution, sent to help graduating high school seniors get started in college.

EFB Chair Stephen Bariteau wrote, "By offering significant financial support to graduating seniors, they are more apt to continue on their educational path. This year the EFB was able to award over 60 much-needed scholarships to deserving students in Bloomington due to financial support provided by people like you!"



Dear: PORT,
I want to thank you for the Bloomington Education Foundation Scholarship. You guys have no idea how much I appreciate it. Again, thank you so so much.
from, Anna

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



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Join us for worship on Sundays at 10:00 am
~~Sunday School (9:00 am) and Coffee Fellowship (9:30 am)~~ - suspended until further notice

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1 10:00am Worship/ Communion	2	3 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	4	5	6	7
8 10:00am Worship 11:15am Congregational Care Meeting	9	10 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	11	12 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	13	14
15 10:00am Worship Newsletter Deadline	16	17 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	18	19 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp 6:30pm Caregivers Support Group	20	21
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