

THE PORTLIGHT

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



November 2021



2021 Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 12, 9am-6pm

Saturday, November 13, 9am-3pm

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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

To The PORT,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It's four weeks into our ministry here. My family and I are having a blast getting to know this wonderful and beautiful community. We are at home. We appreciate the welcome and hospitality. Every Thursday at The PORT, I looked forward to treats from some beautiful crafting volunteers. The office has seen people stopping by to offer greetings. Thanks for the prayers and support. Thanks to the leadership, administrative, and worship teams. Thanks to everyone who goes above and beyond for The PORT. Blessings.

We are in this journey together. *We* are the church.

Every week at The PORT, I reflect on the children's song that says:

*"The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.
I am the church, You are the church
We are the church together."*

We are the church together. God has called us to **BE the church**. You've probably heard the phrase, "Don't just *GO* to church, *BE* the church!"

You see, God wants us to *BE* the church. But what does that look like? To begin, it's important to clarify why this is a common phrase...Most people see the church as a building — a place for believers to gather (often on Sunday mornings) and worship the Lord! And when we see the church that way, we begin to misuse the word from what God had actually intended. Because when God designed "the church," He was speaking to His followers — the people — as being "the church." Not just a group of people who gather and serve Him one day a week, but believers who serve God and their communities every single day. So, to **BE the church**, where do we begin?

Know that the Holy Spirit lives within YOU!

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of

God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him, the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him, you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22)

You can carry The Holy Spirit with you wherever you go. It's great to attend church to fellowship and be built up with other believers, but we don't leave the Spirit of God behind in the church building. We take Him with us so we can do what Matthew 28:19-20 tells us: **"GO and make disciples."**

Also please be encouraged to **BE the church** requires **consistent prayer**. Do not forget the **A.C.T.S. Model of prayer** introduced during the sermon series: **A-ADORATION, C-CONFESSION, T-THANKSGIVING, S-SUPPLICATION**. Prayer draws us to God. Jesus Christ consistently prays.

Welcome to the month of November. May this month work in our favor. The focus of this month is Stewardship. We will reflect on the teaching of Scott McKenzie, "**Stewardship is grounded in gratitude, revealed in prayer and lived in faith.**"

Blessings,
Pastor Henry



Thank you for the generous and warm welcome for me and my family Sunday, October 3.

November Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 28
Ushers	Linda Schesso* Mike Moreland Lori Moreland	Linda Schesso* Trenton Olson Myron Karki Ginny Karki	[Head Usher Needed] Mike Moreland Dave Smith Ellen Smith	Bruce Benson* Trenton Olson Kathy Soucy Linda Schesso
Reader	Pat Ekstrom	Melinda Matton	Joe Anderson	Judy Richardson-Mahre
Sound	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith
Media	Nancy Hagerty	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith
Closer	Wayne Andersen	Paul Richardson	Steve Knopp	Wayne Andersen
Counters	Merlin Gilbertson Mike Moreland	Merlin Gilbertson Mike Moreland	Merlin Gilbertson Mike Moreland	Merlin Gilbertson Mike Moreland

Choir, Sonrise, and Youth Group

Choir and Sonrise Resuming Rehearsals November 3



Pastor Henry, Peggy Larson and Judy Richardson-Mahre have all agreed that we will resume choir rehearsals November 3rd and begin singing in church again as full groups starting November 7. The Sanctuary

Choir and Sonrise groups are open to all people who want to come "lift their voices to the Lord"! We'd love to have you join us! Sonrise Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings 6:15 - 7:00pm and Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals are Wednesday Evening 7:00 - 8:00pm. Hope to see you there!

Youth Group Resuming November 7

After an extended break due to Covid as well as the usual summertime break, Youth Group will begin meeting again on Sunday, November 7. Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:00pm. Meetings will normally be at the church. For more information, contact Youth Group Intern Blake Mahre at bmahre@paumc.org.



Mission Outreach

November Mission Outreach Project— 2021 Give a Little Gift Program

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

Donation ideas:

- Socks, slippers (men’s and women’s)
- Pocket Kleenex, chap stick, lotion
- Cookies, crackers, candy, chocolate, sugar-free candy
- Knickknacks (items for residents’ rooms), 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 worship or drop them off during office hours by Sunday, November 28. Worship is 10:00am Sundays and office hours are Tuesday - Thursday, 9:00am - 1:00pm.

~Sue Wells

Valley View Elementary Received Winter Clothing Donations

On behalf of Valley View Elementary School, Principal Joan Maland accepted PAUMC’s donation of winter coats, hats, and boots, collected during the month of September. Pastor Dolopei and Linda Schesso delivered the items. Valley View was most appreciative . Thanks to all who donated to this project.



Congregational Care

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.

Happy Birthday



- 03 - Carl Darnell
- Joyce Faircloth
- 06 - John Lounsbury
- 09 - Bruce Benson
- Kathy Swenson

- 13 - Mary Nelson
- 18 - Sue Wells
- 22 - Todd Rasmussen
- 27 - Mary Lou Johnson
- 29 - Joan Whitehead
- 30 - Dave Smith

It's Holiday Bazaar Time!

Our 47th annual Holiday Bazaar is quickly approaching on Friday and Saturday, 11/12 and 11/13. We have lots of work to get done and are counting on our PORT family to participate in as many ways as you can with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service.

We are making a few changes this year for the safety of everyone, which include requiring face masks and social distancing, suspending the Bistro Kitchen food for the public, and limiting seating and gathering space in order to maintain a steady traffic flow. (Linda Schesso has generously volunteered to make a couple of hot food items that our members who are working at the bazaar can enjoy on their breaks.)

We will not be having a silent auction this year, but we are excited to bring back the Attic Treasures where used household and holiday goods will be sold out of the Wesley Room. The team behind the youth garage sale is coordinating this and will welcome lots of help with displaying and pricing that week. Exact times will be announced on Sunday, 11/7.

Please make note of the following important dates and times and, if you are able, please come for an hour or more to help.

Needed now:

- Gift Basket donations so that we can wrap them for display.
- At least one sample of each craft project being donated for sale. They can be left on the table in the bazaar room. Please include a note with your name and phone number, a description, how many you will have, approximate costs spent and a suggested selling price, if you have one.
- Take flyers with you to mail to your family and friends, or post in windows or bulletin boards at places you visit such as local stores, restaurants, hair and nail salons, bakeries, coffee shops, libraries, etc.
- The yard signs can be placed on prominent streets where they will receive lots of traffic. If you can place a few please ask Lynn or Lori Livingston. We have some regular locations and would welcome a few more. Please pick them up on Sunday, 11/14, and bring them back to church when you can.

Bake Sale Donations should be dropped off on Thursday and Friday, 11/11 and 11/12, and can be left in the kitchen. Please use the bakery trays available and follow the tips and directions on the pink handouts.

Join us for pricing of all workshop and donated craft items at 6:30pm on Mondays, 11/1 and 11/8.

Wed., 11/10, from 1pm to 5pm, set up tables and cover them, start bringing merchandise to Fellowship Hall. Heavy furniture lifting will be done so we will need strong backs and hands please!

Thursday, 11/11, from 10am to 6pm, display all merchandise, organize back-stock, decorate the room.

Friday, 11/12 – Bazaar open 9am to 6pm.

Saturday, 11/13 – Bazaar open 9am to 3pm. Tear-down and clean-up from 3pm to 5pm. Heavy furniture moving required, so we need many strong backs please!

Please pray for the success of our 47th annual bazaar. This event is loved by our community and we are excited to see them again after having to move the sale online last year during Covid. Please pray that we will reach people who are in need of a safe harbor along life's journey. Pastor Henry is very excited to meet our guests and to get to know our Port family better during this time. He is planning to be present as much as possible to chat and to offer prayers to anyone in need. What better gift can you offer somebody than to invite them to stop by!

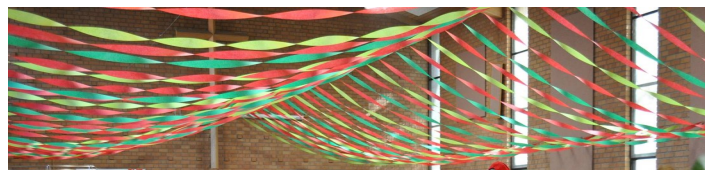
Thank you all in advance for your support of this long-standing labor of love. We are excited to see everybody again! Questions? Call us!

Lynn Livingston, 952-797-2645

Lori Livingston, 612-240-2640

Let the holidays begin!

~Bazaar Leadership Team



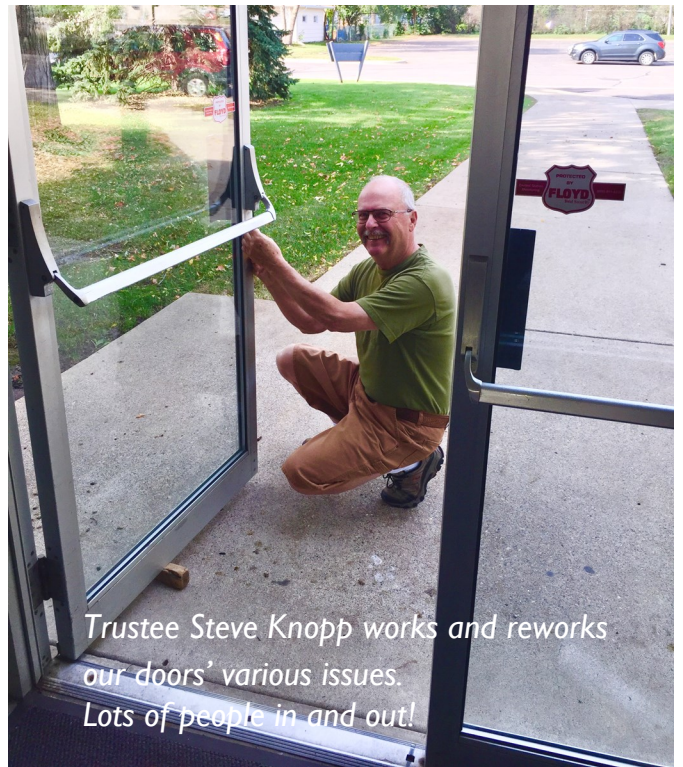
Trustees

They're at It Again!

While it takes a large number of dedicated church members to keep The PORT going, most of those volunteers are working behind the scenes. When it comes to the Trustees, however, we have the good fortune of frequently watching them problem-solve and get down into the nitty-gritty work of keeping our church's physical structure running smoothly. With an older building like ours, that's no small job. It's clear how much they care about the church.



Trustee Chair Don Anderson decided the metal threshold should shine to match our new Fellowship Hall flooring.



Trustee Steve Knopp works and reworks our doors' various issues. Lots of people in and out!



Poinsettia Order

Order Your Poinsettias by November 2

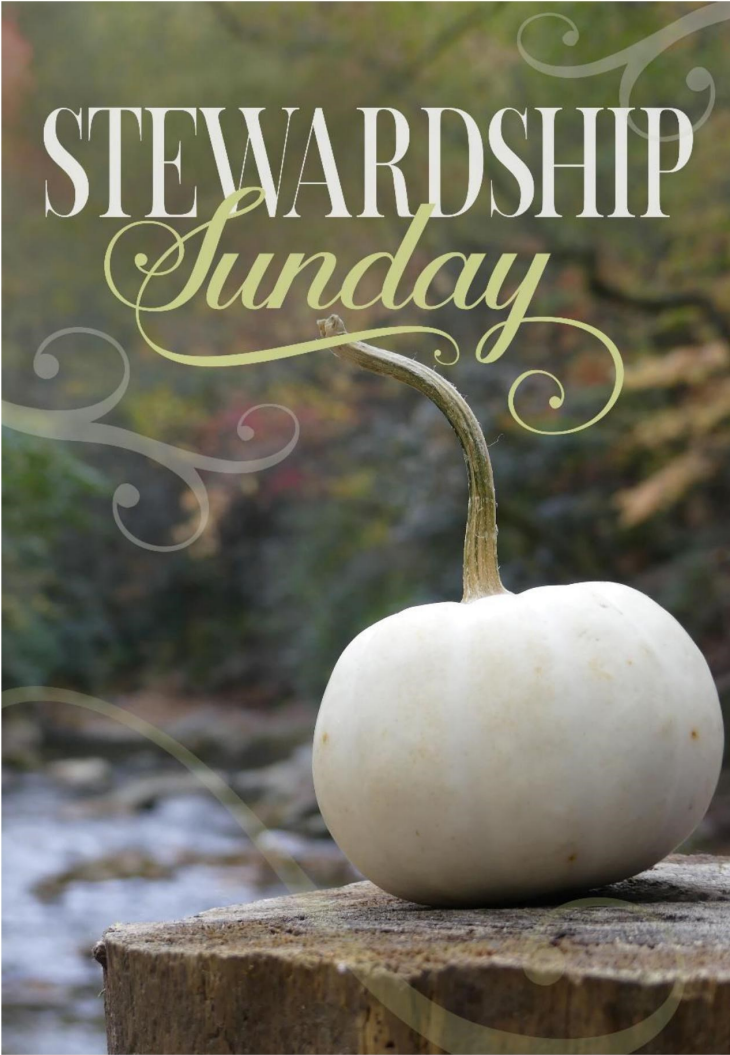
Last chance to order your Christmas poinsettias! Plants are \$11.00 each. Please call Ellen Smith at (952) 884-8609 to place your order. Payments can be made online or by check, made out to PAUMC.

The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Plants can be given either in honor or in memory of someone special to you. The plants will be delivered to the church Saturday, December 18 and can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.



November brings with it the time to think about upgrading your financial commitment.



Sermon Series:
Pastor Henry will be speaking about financial responsibility and the joy we receive from giving generously.

Stewardship Sunday will be November 21st. Pledge cards may be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering basket.

Several giving options are available.



Vanco Mobile App



Church Website



Mail in to office



Drop off or bring to church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS -Veterans Sunday- 10:00am Worship/ Communion 6:00pm Youth Group Resumes	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:00am Worship/Sunday School 11:15am Mission Outreach Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 10:00am Worship/Sunday School	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 United Methodist Student Day Sunday 10:00am Worship	29	30				

5:00pm New! Prayer Meeting with Pastor Henry
6:15pm SonRise Rehl
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE

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

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