

# THE PORTLIGHT

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



## The PORT Welcomes Pastor Henry Dolopei, II

PAUMC is excited for the arrival of Pastor Henry Dolopei and his family. Come, join us for worship and communion on Sunday, October 3 at 10:00am. We anticipate a faithful, enthusiastic message that you will not want to miss! Stay for "Ice Cream Sunday" following the service. Bring friends, family, and neighbors for a time of faith and fellowship. We would love to see a full house to welcome the Dolopei family to The PORT family!

*(See Pastor Henry's letter of introduction on page 2.)*

October 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 Message

## A Letter from Pastor Dolopei

Greetings in Christ!

It is with great appreciation to the Lord and His leading in my life that I now begin my journey here at The Port, serving as your Pastor. I want to send you a brief note of thanks for accepting my wife, children and I here as part of your church family. Rest assured, my wife and I anticipate a joyous and fruitful ministry in the years to come.

We look forward to becoming acquainted with you, your families and your friends within this community. Portland Avenue UM church is not here by "accident." No doubt, it was a divine idea from the heart of God and carried out through willing and obedient servants.

While God certainly knows the past, isn't it reassuring that He also knows the future of this church? We can rest assured that He knows the way we should take and will be there to lead and guide us every step of that way. Heaven is our goal, yet there is a great mission He has called us to on this earth, that is, to be a people who share the "Good News" (Gospel) in as many ways as possible!

I sense great potential and enthusiasm in the church. That encourages me to channel this potential into great responsibility for The Port in serving others. As a people of God, we are a people of resurrection. That means we must first let go of what once was and to embrace the new life that God brings us to. We have a unique opportunity to follow God's guidance. Every one of us, empowered and equipped by the Spirit of God that exists within each of us, can take part in the opportunity we have to embrace the new things our God wants to do in our midst, as we find creative ways to thrive and to BE the Church.

Above all, Let Us Love God and Love Neighbor. As Scripture reminds us: "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual

fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" (Rom 12:9-13).

Please know that we are here to serve you. Thank you for giving us time to get to know your names, talents, and gifts, as well as the areas of ministry you may find of interest. Also, thank you to Pastor Jim Gaughan for serving during these two month. May God continue to bless him.

Blessings in Christ,

Rev. Henry S. Dolopei, II



## Sunday School Resumes

Sunday School will return to The PORT October 10 during the worship service. The 1st Sunday of the month will be Family Sunday and the children will stay in church. After the Children's Moment, we will have a class for Kindergarten-Elementary School ages and a class for Middle School/High School meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. In November and December, we will have Sunday School the 2nd and 3rd Sundays due to Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are looking forward to having this time together again to share the love of Christ with each of your children.

## October Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Ushers	Bruce Benson* Myron Karki Ginny Karki	Bruce Benson* Ellen Smith Trenton Olson	Bruce Benson* Myron Karki Ginny Karki	[Head Usher Needed] Kathy Soucy Trenton Olson	Bruce Benson* Myron Karki Ginny Karki
Reader	Trenton Olson	Pam Rose	Mary Nelson	Judy Richardson- Mahre	Neil Anderson
Sound	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson- Mahre	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen
Media	Nancy Hagerty	Dave Smith	Barb Andrus	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen
Closer	Tom Wellman	Tom Wellman	Wayne Andersen	Tom Wellman	Steve Knopp
Counters	Tom Wellman Darlene Wicks	Tom Wellman Steve Soucy	Tom Wellman Steve Soucy	Tom Wellman Steve Soucy	Merlin Gilbertson Steve Soucy

## Congregational Care

### We celebrate YOU during OCTOBER

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

01 - Beth Cameron  
03 - Lynn Furda  
04 - Daniel Dray  
07 - Tim Hagerty

11 - Jeff Avery  
- Ginny Karki  
16 - Emilia Runck  
- Steve Soucy

17 - Janea Medzagoh  
18 - Fran Carpenter  
19 - Jake Rasmussen  
20 - Joanne Sanftner

24 - Jerry Solheim  
- Gloria Wilson-Bahun  
26 - Marlus Jackson



# Mission Outreach

## Cornerstone Donation

During August we accepted donations to provide meals for Cornerstone guests. Cornerstone of Bloomington serves adults and children affected by violence and crime, and it strives to create safe and thriving communities. Your generous donations allowed us to feed 15 guests and staff members in September. Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to provide another meal in October.

## October Mission Outreach Project— Scholarships for Black Students

Years of inequitable treatment have led to major life issues for the black community, including poverty and limited housing, job, and education opportunities. It will take a long time to make the systemic changes necessary to bring equity to the black community.

Making those changes will take a massive investment. One small action we can take is to contribute to a fund that provides scholarships for black students to become teachers and models for learning. Portland Avenue UMC's October Mission Outreach Project offering will go to the Education Foundation of Bloomington, which distributes such scholarships.

Please contribute to this worthy cause, which has the promise of making a real difference for the black community well into the future. Donations to the fund may be mailed to the church office, payable to PAUMC, with "Mission Project" in the memo line; or given securely online at [paumc.org/giving](http://paumc.org/giving) and select "Mission Project."

~Linda Schesso, Mission Outreach Chair

# Trustees

## Thank you, PAUMC Trustees

Sometimes we tend to take our beautiful facility for granted, but in fact it takes a lot of work to keep it in good condition. That work is performed by the many people who make up the PORT Trustees. So, here's a shout out to all you guys and gals who do the hard job of maintaining our church.

A few of their recent projects are the new carpet in the office, workroom, and pastor's office. Fellowship Hall has a new simulated wood floor that the dancing classes love. You will notice that all of the outside lights are working again. They look great when driving by at night. Inside the building, lights are always in need of attention, whether a bulb, a ballast, or a fixture. You can be sure they're on it! Most recently, they have repaired our front door as well as our handicap door opener to open and lock ever so nicely.

When you see one of the Trustees working on a project around the church, be sure and give them a wave and tell them how much you appreciate their dedication.



## 47th Annual Holiday Bazaar

As of this writing, we are planning to hold our 47th Annual Holiday Bazaar on Friday, November 12, 9:00am to 6:00pm, and Saturday, November 13, 9:00am to 3:00pm. We look forward to having an in-person event with some Covid-safe modifications. We are checking with the City of Bloomington for their rules about food, before we make final decisions about the bake sale. However, we will not have the Bazaar Bistro this year. We are in talks about whether we can offer some food options to our members, who will be working at the bazaar. Please watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Our bazaar's success is due to the generosity of our members' donations every year. We hope you are working on craft projects at home that you will donate to the sale. If you need some ideas, we have plenty! Feel free to contact one of us for some help. We also have Tuesday evening and Thursday morning workshop groups meeting at the church to make ornaments and things for the sale. We would love to see a few more faces in these last weeks. Please consider attending one (or both!) of our weekly workshops, when you have the time. You do not need to commit to coming every week, just when you have a couple of hours free.

We will sell gift baskets as they are always a big draw for people. We hope you will consider putting a themed basket together. Some popular ideas from past years include a movie night basket, dog or cat lovers' basket, a chocolate lovers' basket, a coffee or tea basket, a Spa basket, wine lover basket, boy or girl basket, Family Game Night, etc. Keep in mind all items must be NEW in original packaging or with tags, and no perishables please. If you are unable to shop, we will do it for you with your financial donation. We hope to have a lot of baskets to sell!!

### **All donations need to be in the bazaar workroom by October 24.**

We will assemble and wrap the gift baskets at church. (We are not handing out the baskets this year to minimize contact.) Please attach a note with your name and phone number and the value of the items donated so that we can price it appropriately.

For craft donations please bring at least one sample of each item and include a note with your name and phone number, how much the materials cost, a suggested retail price (if you have one), and how many items will be donated so that we can plan for adequate display room.

We will need lots of help to get the pricing done, the room set up and merchandise displayed. We will also need workers to cover the two days of the bazaar and to help tear down and clean up on Saturday at 3:00pm. We will not be open after church on Sunday since the room will be needed for the Brazilian Church that morning. Please watch for more details on the specific dates and times when help will be needed. We will have announcements during worship and in the Sunday bulletins.

Please pray for the success of our bazaar and for the health and safety of our workers and our guests. This fun holiday tradition means so much to many people as it kicks off their holiday season. We greatly missed seeing our guests last year and sure hope we can safely open our doors to them this year.

Thank you in advance for your help and participation in this annual event! Feel free to contact any of the following people with your questions:

Lynn Livingston, 952-797-2645

Lori Livingston, 612-240-2640

Kathy Soucy, 612-226-2085



# A Farewell



## From Pastor Gaughan

Dear Friends,

My time as your interim pastor will soon come to an end. I have greatly enjoyed the two months I have been with you. Administrative Assistant, Kathryn Quam, has been extremely helpful on a daily basis. She is a diligent, knowledgeable worker and a friendly introduction for callers to the church. Of course, Dave Smith has been the overall do-it guy in my short time here.

I am also amazed at how often different Trustees have been working in and around the church. We could never afford to hire out all the work they do. The congregation is blessed to have them and so many others contributing to its life during these difficult times.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 has kept the attendance numbers down on Sundays and prevented the choir from practicing as well as performing. Peggy Larson, Dale Miller and Judy Richardson-Mahre have done an

excellent job at providing the leadership for Sunday music.

Of course, we have had a number of memorial services for persons who have died during Covid-19. Paul Herrmann, Linda Schesso, and volunteers set up and graciously assisted at the receptions we have had after those services.

Indeed, PAUMC is the wonderful church I have always remembered it to be. Hopefully, once the Rev. Henry Dolopei becomes your permanent pastor, the choir will be able to sing and the Sunday attendance will increase dramatically. I hope all of you plan on welcoming Pastor Henry on his first Sunday (October 3) and return each Sunday thereafter.

I have no doubt that with your assistance Pastor Dolopei will bring many new members into the church and that he will provide the pastoral leadership so necessary for a vibrant community of faith in the United Methodist tradition.

May God bless Pastor Henry and all of you to be such a church in this place at this time.

~ Rev. Jim Gaughan

# In Memoriam

## From Nancy Stinson

James (Jim) Stinson had a heart attack on Saturday, September 25, and died on Sunday, September 26. May he rest in peace.

Jim's funeral is expected to take place at PAUMC later in October. Details to follow.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 World Communion Day <b>Welcome Pastor Dolopei!</b> 10:00am Worship/ Communion 11:00am Ice Cream Sunday	4	5 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	6	7 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	8	9
10 10:00am Worship/ Education 11:15am Congregational Care Meeting	11	12 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	13	14 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	15 Newsletter Articles Deadline	16
17 10:00am Worship/ Education	18	19 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	20	21 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp 6:30pm Caregivers Support Group	22	23
24 10:00am Worship/ Education	25	26 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	27	28 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	29	30
31 10:00am Worship/ Education						

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Join us for worship on Sundays at 10:00 am.  
Sunday School during Worship Starting October 10.

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