

THE PORTLIGHT

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



Football Lovers'
BINGO

Saturday, February 11
1:30 pm

Join us this football & Valentine's weekend for fun & fellowship!

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February 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 in Christ!

We are looking forward to the tremendous things God is going to do through the Groups recently established and the various ministries at The Port. I believe you all are gearing up to be stronger as you seek to be a blessing to both our church and community. I am grateful. I wanted to take a few moments to express my thanks and appreciation to you for your dedication and devotion to the ministry here at The Port.

There is a saying that says, "we're better together," which basically means that even though each one of us is gifted in some way and could accomplish many things on our own, the real difference happens when we each take that God-given ability or talent and work as a team for His glory!

Friends, your service makes it possible for The Port to be here. I believe the call to serve is paramount to our Christian journey as followers of Jesus Christ. I am reminded of the time Jesus knelt before 12 pairs of feet (the Disciples), to wash their feet as an example of what He was calling them to do. John 13: 14-17 "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

As you are stepping up to volunteer, needs are being met that would never have been met, and people will grow in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, which is really our goal in the first place.

Let me remind you of another great scripture that illustrates the importance of service. Matthew 25:35-40 (NKJV) "for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer

and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

When we can look into the faces we serve, and somehow see Jesus, it changes everything! It will help us keep perspective on why we do what we do, and keeps our motives pure and right before the Lord.

So again, thank you! What a blessing you are to me, but beyond that, what a blessing you are to the people you serve, and of course, our precious Lord and Savior.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Henry



FEBRUARY Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26
Welcomer/ Greeter	Barb/Clint Andrus	Pat Ekstrom	Trenton Olson	Kathy/Steve Soucy
Ushers	Bruce Benson, Melinda Matton, Pam Rose	Wayne Andersen, Sharon Beckler, Mike Moreland	Scott Swenson, Myron & Ginny Karki	Trenton Olson, Sharon Beckler, Jocelyne Medzagoh
Reader	Trenton Olson	Pam Rose	Tim Hagerty	Judy Richardson-Mahre
Sound	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith	Eric Richardson-Mahre
Media	Barb Andrus	Tim Madsen	Nancy Hagerty	Nancy Hagerty
Livestream Tech	Clint Andrus	Tim Hagerty	Tim Hagerty	Tim Hagerty
Closer	Don Anderson	Steve Knopp	Scott Swenson	Harvey Erstad
Counters	Dave Smith, Steve Soucy	Dave Smith, Wayne Andersen	Pam Rose, Wayne Andersen	Pam Rose, Mike Moreland
Communion Stewards	Dan & Tracy Baker	Can you serve at worship occasionally? Please let us know!		



Port Groups 1- 6

The Port, as United Methodists we are followers and students who devote their lives to becoming like Christ through study, worship, service, prayer, and the ongoing work and power of the Holy Spirit. In this light, the group was established for service.

Group instructions:

Each group will sign up for fellowship time.
 Each group will be assigned a task (monthly).
 Each group will select a person (not someone serving on that committee) to attend one committee meeting. (Mission Outreach, Congregational Care, Trustees, etc.)

Group One - Visit (along with Pastor Henry) members of The Port who are homebound, sick, and shut in.

Group Two - Call visitors or guests.

Group Three - Write cards to visitors or guests for birthdays, wedding anniversaries, getting well, etc.

Group Four - Call members.

Group Five - Serve as a Welcomer at the door.

Group Six - Prayer walk the church.

~ Pastor Henry

Youth and Family Ministries



Sunday School News

The kids had a lot of fun and did a great job with their Christmas program this year followed up with a birthday party for Jesus! We are back to learning about the books of the Old Testament. Ask them what they've learned! We also made Epiphany signs. 20+C+M+B+23. (May God bless this house). Spread the news. We have lots of fun!

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

Youth and Family Ministries

April 28 & 29 we will be having our annual garage sale in the Fellowship Hall. Set aside your donations as you are cleaning and organizing in the new year! Please contact us with any large donations.

Confirmation News

February 5 is the next meeting of Confirmation students.

~ Janene Haugen, Sunday School Co-Chair

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Mission Outreach



On December 18, 2022, individuals from PAUMC went to Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. The overall session packed 25,056 meals which will feed 69 kids for a year. Our table, which had 21 volunteers, made 5,262 meals that will feed 14 kids for a year! Our boxes were shipped to the Philippines and Zambia.

Thank you to all the Volunteers and those who donated to help fund the event! We had a great time!

~ Nancy Hagerty, Mission Outreach Chair





February Mission Outreach—Meals for Cornerstone

When I spoke with Courtney at Cornerstone in December, she was very happy to hear that PAUMC would like to partner with them again to provide a meal. **February 7** PAUMC will order 20-25 box meals from Jimmy John's. The meal includes a sandwich, a bag of chips, a cookie and a pickle spear.

Please help us by making a monetary donation of \$15 to cover the meal, delivery, and tip for the driver by either check (write Cornerstone in the memo) or through Vanco.

In 2021, we were able to raise enough money to provide 5 meals. I wonder if we can beat that total with this fundraiser!

~ Nancy Hagerty, Mission Outreach Co-Chair



Valley View Elementary Winter Clothing Donations

In January, PAUMC helped warm up the kids at Valley View Elementary by donating 17 pairs of mittens and gloves, 13 scarves (most of them handmade!), 13 hats, 3 winter jackets, 1 spring jacket, and 1 pair of snow boots.

The Mission Outreach Team thanks all who participated in this fundraiser!

~ Nancy Hagerty, Mission Outreach Chair



Congregational Care

Join Us As We Get Back to Bingo!

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Congregational Care invites you to join us for "Football Lovers Bingo" Saturday, **February 11** at 1:30pm. That weekend is both Superbowl and Valentine's weekend, so we decided to combine them!

Invite a friend, bring snacks to share, and come for fun bingo games and prizes. Dress for football or Valentine's Day, if you wish. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex on the Welcomers desk, so we know how many people to expect. Call Lynn Livingston with any questions at 952-797-2645. Hope to see you there!

~ Lynn Livingston, Congregational Care Chair

We celebrate YOU during February



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

05 - Trenton Olson
08 - JoAnne Volden
09 - Audrey Bartels
11 - Delton Krueger

18 - Rod Anderson
- Henry Fischer
21 - Kay Livingston
- Lexi Wells



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Confirmation Class (Zoom)	2	3	4
5 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Communion	6	7 Pastor Henry away at UMC Conference (back Feb 7)	8 6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Confirmation Class (Zoom)	9	10	11 1:30pm Football Lovers' BINGO! 
12 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School 11:15am Congregational Care Meeting	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Confirmation Class (Zoom)	16 6:30pm Caregivers Support Group	17	18
19 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship	20	21	22  Ash Wednesday Service	23	24	25
26 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School	27	28	TUNE IN FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE @ 10:00 AM: https://www.youtube.com/c/PortlandAvenueUnitedMethodistChurch			

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

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