

THE PORTLIGHT

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



BLESSING of the Animals

Worship, Music & Cookout

Sunday, July 23, 10:00 am

~ All Are Welcome ~

July 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!

The PORT, isn't God good? While we live in challenging times as it relates to church growth, we must also remember that God is not bound by times or seasons, and He is STILL a good God! I love to put my Praise on because God is good all the time. This month, be encouraged to Praise God daily (on your drive, at home, with the kids, with friends, shopping, on your walk, anywhere, and everywhere.)

Praise is something that we ALL can do and shouldn't be held back just because we aren't on the "victory side" of things yet.

Often, our problem as human beings is that we ONLY praise when we see the answer, but quite often in the Bible, we see how Praise should come first!

2 Chronicles 20:21-23 (NKJV) 21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever." 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

Clearly, in this portion of scripture, the army was poised and ready, but Jehoshaphat said, "hold on" because there's something far more critical than swords and spears, horses and chariots, and it's called Praise! I would encourage you to stop waiting until every prayer is answered the way you feel it should be, and begin to walk and praise God in ADVANCE of the answer! Pray and Praise in Faith!

The Bible lets us know that without Faith it is impossible to please God!

When I hear of Faith, it is not something that follows an answer to a battle; it's something that precedes an answer to a battle or crisis!

I believe there is power in saying, "God, I may not understand it all, but we know you're going to move in in the church one more time! You're going to move in my family one more time!

The God who did it before can do it again! We praise you in advance in Faith and not just after because comfort has been restored to our lives. I pray you will be encouraged today, and you will also be an encouragement to others around you!

The PORT, we will be having our first outdoor worship for the summer on July 23. Please, let us intentionally invite someone. At this worship, we will be blessing animals and providing free lunch. Besides our group responsible for prayer walk this month, please prayer walk our community before the worship. Let's come to Praise God.

Recently, we attended a wonderful worship at the Minnesota Annual Conference called "Fresh Expression." It is a movement about the formation of new Christian communities. Many great experiences were shared about reaching people in our community. In the coming days and weeks, I will invite someone from the Conference to meet with leaders and some of our members to explore this wonderful ideas. Please ask God on behalf of The PORT to give Fresh Expressions to explore in our communities.

Blessings in Christ!

Pastor Henry



Children's Sermon June 25

JULY Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23 <i>Blessing of the Animals</i>	July 30
Welcomers	Lynn Livingston Leo Castro	Judy & Eric Richardson-Mahre	Greg Jurek Bill Baker	Emery Mahre Megan Mahre	Mike Moreland Sue Wells
Ushers	Bruce Benson Mike Moreland Pam Rose	Scott Swenson Myron Karki Ginny Karki	Trenton Olson Wayne Andersen Sharon Beckler Curt Willhite	Bruce Benson Melinda Matton Kathy Soucy Greg Jurek	Bruce Benson Myron Karki Ginny Karki
Reader	Melinda Matton	YOUTH	Scott Rice	Curt Willhite	Kate Hagerty
Sound	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson- Mahre
Media	Tim Madsen	Dave Smith	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen	Nancy Hagerty
Livestream	Daisy Castro	Scott Swenson	Daisy Castro	Scott Swenson	Tim Hagerty
Closer	Steve Knopp	Paul Richardson	Harvey Erstad	Tom Wellman	Tom Wellman
Counters	Dave Smith JoAnne Volden	Pam Rose JoAnne Volden	Tom Wellman Steve Soucy	Pam Rose Steve Soucy	Tom Wellman Wayne Andersen
Communion Stewards	Dan & Tracy Baker	<i>Do you have questions about serving on Sunday mornings? Please ask the Office or Pastor Henry.</i>			



Special Worship Sundays at The PORT

July 23: Blessing of the Animals with Cook-out

August 20: Outdoor worship with Cook-out

August 27: Peggy Larson Celebration

September 10: Rally Sunday: kick-off new year

Congregational Care

We celebrate YOU during JULY

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

01 - Nancy Hagerty
07 - Katy Fischer
16 - Dorothy Baker
22 - Steven Johnson

25 - Linda Knopp
26 - Samantha Baker
- Jocelyne Medzagoh
27 - Wayne Andersen



27 - Tim Madsen
28 - Henryssa Dolopei

Address Updates

Greg Jurek's new phone number:
(651) 895-6092



Mission Outreach

July Mission Outreach Project — School Supplies for Valley View

It's that time of the summer to start thinking about the new school year. During July we are collecting school supplies for Valley View Elementary School.

Teachers are in need of the following items:

- Crayola markers
- dry erase markers
- glue sticks

- Crayons
- colored pencils
- wide-ruled notepads
- ear buds or headphones
- Clorox wipes
- Kleenex.

Please bring these items to church and put them in the shopping cart in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support of Valley View.

~ Nancy Hagerty,, Mission Outreach Chair

Member Corner

Mickey Anderson Turns 90

Mickey Anderson celebrated her 90th birthday with her four loving children: Don, Rod, Neil, and Rosalind.

Mickey and her late husband Ralph first attended PAUMC in 1967. The Anderson kids grew up involved in church activities, and the whole family continues to support our church in many important ways.

Happy Birthday, Mickey, from everyone at The PORT!



Class of 2023

In June PAUMC celebrated Graduation Sunday, recognizing 4 wonderful graduates: Rylie Rasmussen, Luke Rice, Kate Hagerty, and Jael Medzagoh.

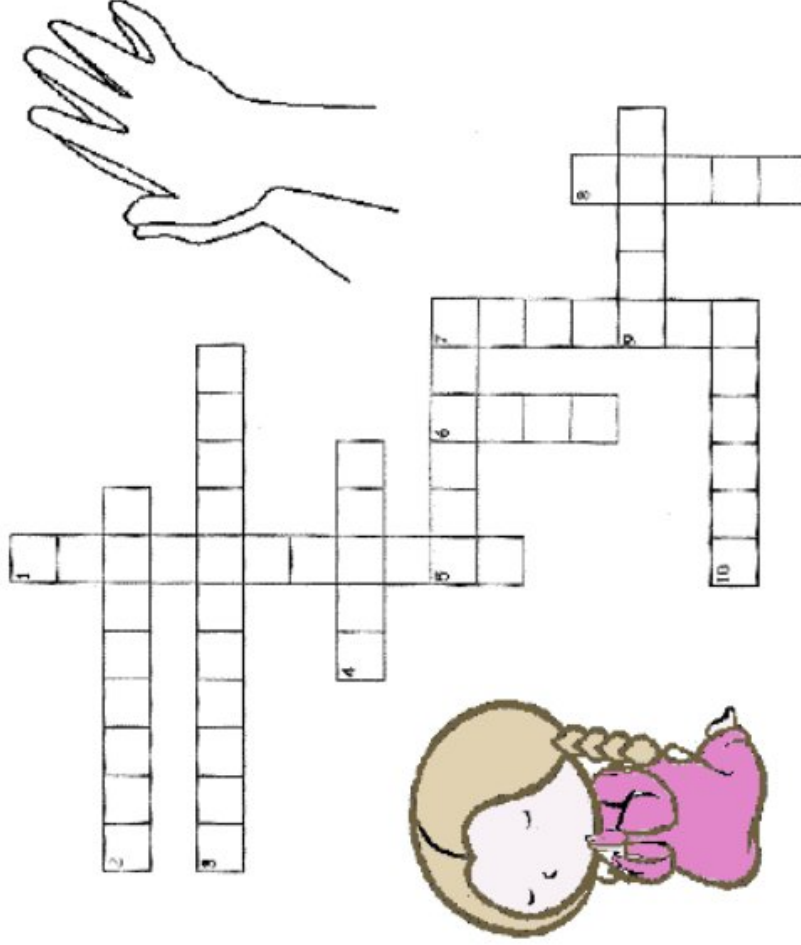
Pastor Henry and the congregation honored their achievement, reminding each of them that God's love and The PORT's prayers go with them.

Thank you, Graduates, for sharing this special achievement with us!



KID'S CORNER

Lord's Prayer Crossword



ACROSS

2. You can pray anytime and _____.
3. Prayer is the special way we _____ with God.
4. We fold these out of respect and to avoid distraction when we pray.
5. Instead of using fancy words when we pray it is best to keep it this.
9. Prayer has a lot of this because God can do anything.
10. Include this in your prayer to God because He deserves to hear it.

DOWN


1. An important part of prayer is to ask for this.
6. God wants us to do this all the time. When things are good and bad.
7. The Lord's prayer is an _____ so we can know how to pray.
8. God always _____ us when we pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
 For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever Amen.

(Matthew 5:9-13)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
TUNE IN FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE @ 10:00 AM: https://www.youtube.com/c/PortlandAvenueUnitedMethodistChurch						
2 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Communion	3	4 Independence Day  6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	5	6 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	7	8 1:00—5:00pm Brazilian Fest in Fellowship Hall (PAUMC invited)
9 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship 11:15am Mission Outreach Meeting Youth Mission Trip to Prior Lake UMC	10	11 10:00 am Jack Cornforth Memorial Service 6:00pm Trustee Mtg 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	12	13 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	14	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship	17	18 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	19	20 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp 6:30pm Caregivers Support Group (RSVP)	21	22
23 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Outdoor Worship: Blessing of the Animals and picnic	24 6:30pm Church Council Mtg (Zoom)	25 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	26	27 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	28	29
30 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship	31					

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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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