

THE PORTLIGHT

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

Join Us Sunday Mornings at 10:00 for
Spring and Summer Worship at
Portland Avenue United Methodist Church



May 2022

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

Greetings, Members and Friends of The PORT!

We are Easter people. Christ is Risen. Welcome to the month of May—a month dedicated to Mothers. Even though Mother's Day isn't necessarily a Christian holiday, we seek to honor all mothers: new mothers, old mothers, mothers who have passed away, mothers who have lost children, mothers who bore us and gave us life, and those women who may not have raised their own children, but have indeed nurtured others and served as spiritual mothers in their roles as friend, sister, or aunt.

A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is "M" and I pick things up. What am I?" When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that nearly 50% of the students answered the question with the word "Mother." While many of us may get a chuckle out of this little story, we must also agree that there is a powerful truth being shared here as well.

There is something "magnetic" about a Mother, especially when that Mother is one who seems to put her family before so much of what she does in daily living. Of course the same can be said about Fathers, who sacrifice for their family in so many ways. What a tremendous blessing it is to have two people who are both in love with God, are also deeply in love with each other, and in turn, share that love with their family and the people around them.

We are going to take some time on Mother's Day just to honor the women in attendance who are Mothers, as well as appreciate our own Mothers who have impacted our lives in so many ways. The Bible tells us in Ephe-

sians 6:2; "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise. And where is that promise found? We read it in Deuteronomy 5:16; "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

I love the following little story that shows the simple love and appreciation a child can have for Mom. A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday school presentation. His mother was in the front row, ready to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's memory was blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world."

Of course, we know the Light of the World is Jesus, but He wants His light to shine in, and through each one of us to a world darkened by sin and despair. The love of a Godly Mother can serve as a tremendous example of the kind of love we should all be sharing and living on a daily basis.

In this month of May, as we remember the freedom and life we have in Christ, also remember the woman who God selected to be your mother, the woman who carried you, cared for you, and helped you to become who you are today. Let us give thanks for the blessings of mothers.

Pastor Henry



Spiritual Growth

Camp Minnesota Is on the Way!



Camp Minnesota provides an opportunity for children and youth to learn teamwork, gain independence, try new things, and enjoy the

outdoors. Camp Minnesota takes the camp experience one step further by allowing young people to develop a deeper relationship with God and see how God is at work in their lives and the world around them.

You can register or read all about Camp Minnesota here: <https://www.campminnesota.org/campsessions>

Spiritual Growth

May Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Greeter/ Welcomer	Pat Ekstrom	Lynn Livingston	Judy/Eric Richardson-Mahre	Ginny Karki	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Ushers	Bruce Benson Jocelyne Medzagoh <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Scott Swenson Myron & Ginny Karki	Pat Ekstrom Steven Johnson Trent Olson	Wayne Andersen Sharon Beckler Jacob Lawson	Bruce Benson Myron & Ginny Karki
Reader	Guy Moore	Steve Soucy	Trent Olson	Neil Anderson	Pat Ekstrom
Sound	Dave Smith	Eric Richardson- Mahre	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson- Mahre	Dave Smith
Media	Dave Smith	Nancy Hagerty	Tim Madsen	Barb Andrus	Dave Smith
Livestream Tech	Scott Swenson	Tim Hagerty	Blake Mahre	Clint Andrus	Daisy Castro
Closer	Tom Wellman	Scott Swenson	Steve Knopp	Wayne Andersen	Paul Richardson
Counters	Pam Rose Ellen Smith	Pam Rose Wayne Andersen	Dave Smith Mike Moreland	Dave Smith Mike Moreland	Merlin Gilbertson Mike Moreland

Congregational Care

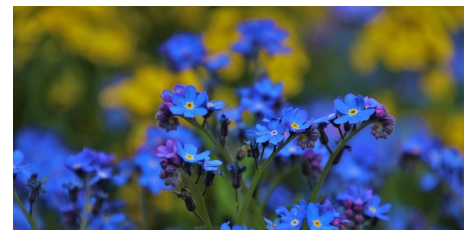
We celebrate YOU during May

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

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| 03 - Bob Deese | 14 - Laura Avery | 23 - Evelyn Runck |
| 05 - Tom Wellman | - Chuck Bartels | 24 - Scott Swenson |
| 06 - Amy Runck | 16 - Mike Moreland | - Shiloh Wilson |
| 10 - Janene Haugen | 18 - Rylie Rasmussen | 28 - Sharon Beckler |
| | 19 - Nathan wells | 29 - Amelia Swenson |
| | | 30 - Mickey Anderson |

Address Updates

Kathy Soucy's email has changed to ksoucy56@gmail.com



Trustees

Spring Cleanup at The PORT May 14

The Trustees are hosting a Spring cleanup on Saturday, May 14, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at The PORT. Come help church friends as we make The PORT beautiful for the upcoming spring and summer months. Rake a little, pick

up some sticks or other debris, or wash a few windows. Every little bit helps lighten the work for others.

We hope to see you there!

~Don Anderson, Trustees Chair



Mission Outreach

May Mission Outreach Project: Love Offering

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session. The theme of the 2022 Annual Conference is “Jesus: Healer.”

Click link to watch the Love Offering video:
<https://vimeo.com/691153376>



During the month of May, The PORT will be collecting monetary donations for the annual Love Offering. You can write a check to PAUMC and write “Love Offering” in the memo line or you can use online giving through PAUMC’s website. This year’s Love Offering will be going to help the following organizations:

Holy Grounds, a ministry of Centenary UMC in Mankato, provides a tangible way to live out the gospel’s call to love our neighbors in our immediate neighborhood.

Every weekday, cars line up outside another recipient of this year’s Love Offering, at the **West African Family and Community Food Shelf** at Brooklyn UMC, in Brooklyn Center. Its aim is to improve self-sufficiency for low-income West African immigrants.

A third recipient of the Love Offering is the **Simpson Food Pantry** in South Minneapolis. They distribute fresh produce, dairy, meat, dry and canned goods and household items three days week to approximately 4,000 persons per month.

Forty percent of this year’s Love Offering will go to the **Red Bird Missionary Conference** in eastern Kentucky. Funds will be used for disaster response after severe flooding recently damaged churches and homes.

Ten percent of the 2022 Love Offering will support **Volunteer in Mission (VIM) Scholarships** to help offset the cost for first-time hands-on VIM team participants. The future looks bright for VIM post-COVID!

The first three projects are local (Minnesota) projects. The last two projects are beyond Minnesota. With your donation we can sure do a lot of good for our local and national neighbors.

Thanks for contributing!

March Mission Outreach Project Recap: VEAP

WOW! 358 Pounds of food and supplies for VEAP. I believe this is a record for The PORT. Thanks to all who donated.

~Linda Schesso, Mission Outreach Chair





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Native American Ministries Sunday 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Communion/Sunday School	2	3 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	4 6:15pm Sonrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	6	7 9:00am Feed My Starving Children (Eagan)
8 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School	9	10 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	11 6:15pm Sonrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	13	14 9:00am Spring Cleanup at The PORT
15 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School 11:15am Mission Outreach Meeting 6:00pm Youth Group	16 11:00am Russ Cox Memorial Service	17 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	18 6:15pm Sonrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	19 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp 6:30pm Caregivers Support Group	20	21
22 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	23	24 MN Annual Conference Livestream: Minnesota Conference Facebook page , 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	25 MN Annual Conference Livestream: Minnesota Conference Facebook page , 6:15pm Sonrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	26 9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	27	28
29 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School	30	31 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	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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