

# THE PORTLIGHT

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



## Rally Sunday!

**September 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

**Ask about joining one of our special programs!**

**Sunday School, Choir, Confirmation Class,  
Bible Study, Prayer Meetings, and More**

**September 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!

Friends, now we move our attention away from summer, and begin to focus on the fall season. I want to remind all of us of the tremendous value there is in living lives of service for the Lord in ministry. Many people wait until school starts before again turning to the church, both to have their needs met and to be on the giving end of ministering to others.

If you are part of this church, I'd like to encourage you to consider getting involved in an area of ministry that perhaps even on the surface may not get you accolades now, but I believe it is rewarding.

Friends, it's not always about feelings and immediate gratification, and as a matter of fact, we may never see the results of our sacrifice until we get to heaven. I'm 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 - 14 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.

Furthermore, I want to encourage the sharing and living the Gospel. Friends, one of the most discouraging aspects of sharing the Gospel is knowing that so many people will reject the message, and yes, even at times reject the messenger...you.

At times, we might think that if we could just be a bit more like Jesus then everyone would accept this message because we would minister the way He wants us to minister. We would share the exact words they need to hear to make the decision for Christ.

Yet, let me remind you that even Jesus Himself was often "despised and rejected," and in fact was rejected so much that He was crucified on a Cross! We know that ultimately it was the plan of God to provide a sinless sacrifice for sin, but still, the Bible tells us that Jesus came into the world to "seek and to save the

lost." His love extended to each and every person He came into contact with, including the two thieves who hung on crosses beside Him.

In other words, it's up to us to share the Gospel and leave it in the hands of the Lord, plus we must remember each person has their own free will.

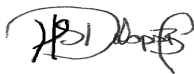
An unbeliever once ridiculed the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ by saying, "If Jesus Christ is able to save to the uttermost, why is it that there are so many unbelievers?" The Christian to whom he was speaking stopped a very dirty little boy who was passing by and turning to the unbeliever said, "Can you blame soap and water for the filth of this boy?" It is available to all, but only those who accept it experience its regenerating power. The Gospel is still available to all so, therefore, it must be shared with all.

Probably the most quoted scripture in the Bible tells us this in John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Friends let's do our part here on earth in sharing the Gospel so that eternity will be the home of those we minister to.

Blessings in Christ!

Pastor Henry Dolopei II



# Spiritual Growth

## SEPTEMBER Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Welcomers	Steve & Linda Knopp	Volunteers Needed	Kathy Bell & John Hepola	Neil Anderson Curt Willhite
Ushers	Trenton Olson Greg Jurek Mike Moreland Jocelyne Medzagoh	Scott Swenson Pam Rose Kathy Soucy Curt Willhite	Wayne Andersen Sharon Beckler Greg Jurek Melinda Matton	Bruce Benson Myron & Ginny Karki
Reader	Trenton Olson	Greg Jurek	Kathy Bell	YOUTH
Sound	Tim Madsen	Eric Richardson-Mahre	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen
Media	Nancy Hagerty	Barb Andrus	Dave Smith	Tim Madsen
Livestream	Tim Hagerty	Clint Andrus	Daisy Castro	Tim Hagerty
Closer	Scott Swenson	Paul Richardson	Tom Wellman	Tom Wellman
Counters	Pam Rose JoAnne Volden	Pam Rose Steve Soucy	Tom Wellman Steve Soucy	Tom Wellman Wayne Andersen
Communion Stewards	Daniel & Tracy Baker	<p>Can you help on a Sunday morning? Anyone serving on a Sunday would be happy to answer your questions!</p>		

## Holiday Bazaar 2023

### Mark Your Calendars!

Our 49th Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on the follow days:

**Friday, November 10, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, November 11, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

We will need "all hands on deck" to help us successfully carry out our largest fundraiser and community event of the year. More details to follow on upcoming Sundays during worship.

~ Your Bazaar Leadership Team



# Mission Outreach

## September Mission Outreach — Supplies for Nurse's Office at Kennedy High School

In September we are helping the nurse at Kennedy High School in Bloomington stock her closet for kids in need. The items she is requesting are frequently needed and often difficult to replenish:

- Feminine pads (not super thick but not panty liners, the thin type with wings is the most popular)
- "Regular" tampons
- Granola bars, breakfast bars (Nutrigrain or similar)
- Juice boxes
- Reusable water bottles (for the kids to fill & keep)
  - gently used, clean bottles are fine
- Black leggings for girls (sizes S-XL, any quantity)
  - gently used, clean ones are fine
- Socks (ankle or no-show style)

Donations can be dropped off at church in the shopping cart in the narthex.

From Nurse Kari Miller at Kennedy: "These are the most common items we go through, and quickly. Thank you so much for thinking of us!"

~ Melinda Matton, Mission Outreach

## July Mission Outreach Recap — School Supplies for Valley View Elementary School

We asked, and boy did you provide! PAUMC donated the items listed below to Valley View Elementary School.



- 14 packs of colored markers
- 7 spiral notebooks
- 7 colored folders
- 9 boxes of crayons
- 30 glue sticks
- 4 packs of pencils
- 11 boxes of tissues
- 8 containers of wipes
- 2 scissors
- 4 erasers
- 1 pack of dry markers
- 1 box of colored pencils

# Congregational Care

## We celebrate YOU during SEPTEMBER

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

04 - Ardy Anderson	13 - Steven Fischer	21 - Joy Plourde
06 - Cash Minks	15 - Paul Schesso	25 - Clara Haugen
08 - Joaquina Lawson	18 - Oliver Darnell	27 - Jerry Janes
13 - Hezekiah Dolopei	20 - Travis Runck	28 - Barb Andrus





## Update from the Education Foundation of Bloomington

For the 2023 school year, PAUMC provided a \$1000 scholarship for a student at Kennedy High School. Nico Birchler sent us a wonderful thank you letter.



Thank you for your contribution of \$1,000 to the Education Foundation of Bloomington (EFB). Your gift supports student scholarships so Bloomington Public School students have the financial support to continue academic studies after high school. Your gift funded scholarships to the following very capable and deserving applicants:

- Nico Birchler          Kennedy High School

Please find enclosed a thank you note from the scholarship recipient.

The EFB is grateful for the donations made by companies, organizations and individuals to strengthen public education in the Bloomington School District. By offering significant financial support to graduating seniors, they are more apt to continue on their educational path. This year the EFB was able to award almost 100 much needed scholarships to deserving students in Bloomington due to financial support provided by people like you!

Thank you for helping Bloomington students prepare to be leaders in tomorrow's world.

Sincerely,

Melissa Riebel  
Education Foundation of Bloomington Chair

Nico Birchler  
2023 John F. Kennedy High School Graduate  
07/10/23

Dear Education Foundation Of Bloomington,

My name is Nico Birchler and I am honored to be chosen for this year's recipient of the PORT scholarship. I'm profoundly grateful to have all the resources to have applied for this scholarship and have been chosen for it. Thanks to this donation, I'll have assistance with my tuition at The University of St. Thomas.

I'm incredibly excited to be a first generation college student at UST. My plan is to study pre-med or neuroscience while following a pre-physician assistant track. I'm interested in playing club volleyball and taking American Sign Language courses. I'm a fluent speaker in both English and Japanese and I hope to learn ASL for more benefits in the medical field. I see myself having a career as a physician assistant and I applied for this scholarship to help with the financial burden of college. I will put this scholarship to great use and continue to work hard.

Thank you for your support.



# Blessing of the Animals 2023

After a 4-year hiatus, The PORT held one of our favorite events: Blessing of the Animals.

We worshiped outdoors, Pastor Henry blessed the animals and pictures of companion animals, Peggy sang with her sister while Dale played piano, then everyone enjoyed conversation and a delicious picnic. It was a truly uplifting Sunday at The PORT.







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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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>TUNE IN FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE @ 10:00 AM:</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/PortlandAvenueUnitedMethodistChurch">https://www.youtube.com/c/PortlandAvenueUnitedMethodistChurch</a>				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship with Rev. Jim Gaughan/ Communion		6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Prayer Meeting	9:30am Bazaar Wkshp		
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<b>RALLY SUNDAY</b> 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School 11:15am Mission Outreach Meeting		6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Bazaar Wkshp	6:15pm Sunrise Rehl 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9:30am Bazaar Wkshp	Newsletter Deadline	
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