



The Portage Presbyterian Church

July, 2025

"The Church is a people - and we are the Church!"



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and peace!

"Summer" Worship @ PPC

Don't forget - our Summer Sunday Worship Services begin @ **9:30 a.m.**

Our "Summer Schedule" *will continue through Sunday, August 31.*

"175th Anniversary Plans" @ PPC

would like to help plan this anniversary Celebration?

If so, please get in contact with Pastor Dave.

We are looking for participants and ideas!

AND here's what we know - so far!

= We will share our "anniversary worship" service - @ 10:05 A.M.

= We will gather for both worship and a "potluck picnic" @ Sunset Park

For the Potluck Picnic

. = Please let us know the "number" of those attending

= And indicate your choices for the "Potluck" - *Dessert, Salad, Main dish*
or "Cash donations" (which will be used for the meal)

You may "sign up" on the sheet on the kiosk in Parry Hall

or

using this "link" - for a "Google Document" form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L11jwaxkMSIEz3fnFmy6cWsNPTZ-etRB6U89Cc5WqA/edit>

If interested in making a "vintage church recipe," please contact the church office.

Please respond/sign up before August 29th.



The Women's Association will be serving pies on August 13th at the Concert at the Park at VFW. A sign up sheet will be provided on the kiosk to sign up or you can contact Donna.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 6 @ 9:00 a.m. - at Dino's.
Please come and enjoy a good breakfast and great fellowship.

Summer "Campfire Devos" @ PPC



Our next "Campfire Devos" will be on
Tuesday, July 15 @ 7:00 p.m

With our "Campfire Devos" we gather around a "real campfire" for a time for singing, fellowship, prayer and a "devotional time."

All ages are invited and encouraged to share in this "devo" opportunity.

Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, family members - and even those you may not know! All are welcome!

"Summer Lunch for Kids" - Continues through August

The "Portage Summer Lunch Program for Kids" continues offering lunches for young people up to age 18.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Summer Lunch Program - please click on this "link" - which will take you to a "volunteer form" ...

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdU5Y9au32mjZVopuuPy9ReI_3WKITLscg1hqMyYoegJ5g9Fw/viewform

Be sure to check out the "Portage Summer Lunch Program" page on Facebook for more information.

"It's Almost Here ..."



This year PPC is once again one of the "participating" congregations with the "Community Vacation Bible School."

"True North" will be held at St. Mary's School - beginning on July 28 - from 8:30-Noon each day.

Please keep the young people, leaders and volunteers in your prayers during this busy, fun and inspirational week.



The Portage Presbyterian Church - along with the Portage United Methodist Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church are coming together to provide a "community worship service" at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

On **Sunday, July 27** - beginning @ **9:30 a.m.** we will gather **in the "Entertainment Tent"** for a wonderful time of fellowship and worship. *Be sure to bring your own chair!*

If you would like a ride to the fairgrounds for worship, please contact the Church Office by Monday, July 21.

"Pies and Brats" - Events Committee Upcoming!



The Events Committee will be responsible for serving pies at the Concert at the Park at VFW on July 23rd. Best Practice will be the band, who are widely known. We will need lots of pies. *If you would so kindly like to donate a pie or two, you can either contact Donna or sign up on the sign up sheet on the kiosk.* We will also take monetary donations to purchase pies.

Also please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 2nd as that will be our next brat sale at Festival - beginning @ 10:00 a.m. Thanks to all who supported our brat sale on June 21st.



Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, July 6 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

The 4th Sunday After Pentecost - Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 13 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 20 - "Informal" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, July 27 - "Worship @ The Fair" - 9:30 a.m.

We gather in the "Entertainment" Tent
PPC - Bethlehem Lutheran - Portage United Methodist

Sunday, August 3 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

The 8th Sunday After Pentecost - Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, August 10 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 17 - "Service in the Park!" Service - 10:00 a.m.

We will come together in Cambria with other are Presbyterian churches

Carpool rides can be arranged! - Contact the Church Office SOON!

Potluck lunch shared after worship!

PPC's Sunday Worship - also on "YouTube"

Here's "another option" for "online" worship experiences!

You can go to the PPC "YouTube" Channel!

Here's the "web" information -

<https://www.youtube.com/@portagepresbyterianchurch2652>

The videos on "YouTube" are *not live streamed* -
they are added to the PPC YouTube Channel during the following week.

IF you would like to receive the "weekly worship materials" -
the Sunday Worship Bulletin & Children's Bulletin -
by email- please contact Pastor Dave.

"Deacon Doings"

As always - all "loose offerings" (*coins and cash*) - on "Communion Sundays" -
will be given to the Deacons to help purchase communion supplies and the Upper Room
devotionals. Again, that "loose change" is always welcome! Thank you for your generosity.



Upcoming dates for "Stocking Shelves @ the Food Pantry" will be **Wednesday, July 16** and by the Bellmore Family on **Wednesday, July 23**.

We usually begin @ 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to come and help this community resource provide a necessary program for those in need in our community. Please contact Pastor Dave if you are planning to come and help, in case there is a change in the schedule. *Come and help make a difference in the community!*

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Just a reminder - there is a "Little Food Pantry" in front of Westminster Center. Anyone can place items in this box - and we receive donations from PPC folks as well as those from the community..Please feel free to provide dry goods and non perishables not affected by the temperature.



New Directions 4-H club is a very active group of young people from the area that meet together to share ideas, work on projects and learn great leadership skills.

The New Directions 4-H club meets @ PPC on the 3rd Sunday of each month, beginning @ 4:00 p.m.

PPC is pleased to be able to support the efforts of 4-H and the New Directions Club by offering a meeting space and support for their good work.

Jen Martens and Julie McKibben serve as the co-advisors for the New Directions Club.

### Scout Activities / Events



The Scouts are enjoying many "outdoor" activities and events this Summer. Keep the Scouts and their leaders in our prayers for a safe and fun Summer!





"Kwik Trip" Car Wash Cards are still available!  
For \$36.00 / card, you will receive 5 "Ultimate" car washes  
(normally a cost of \$50.00)  
If you would like to purchase a "Kwik Trip Car Wash Card" -  
contact Pastor Dave.

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YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@portagepresbyterianchurch2652

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It is "easy" **to make a "financial" offering**  
for the work and ministry here @ Portage Presbyterian Church

You may choose to ....



Mail it to the Church Office

or

Drop it in the "mail slot"



or



Use the "online giving" option on "PPC's Website"

or

scan the "QR Code" which will take you to the "Online Giving" Portal



*Your financial support for the work and ministry of God in and through the  
Portage Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated!*

Serving God and God's People  
With "Energy, Intelligence, Imagination and Love"

Ruling Elders / Session

Moderator - Pastor Dave Hankins

Clerk of Session - Alex Harvey

Jarrett Foster (2025)

Tara Bandekow (2026)

John Crammond (2027)

Nancy Schaper (2025)

Nancy Beasley (2026)

Jean Oren (2027)

Kathy Raimer (2026)

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons - Peggy Alf-Sechtig

Secretary - Liz Bellmore

Treasurer - Vickie Kastner

Peggy Alf (2025)

Vickie Kastner (2026)

Alex Harvey (2027)

Joyce Meredith (2025)

Joyce Oehlhof (2026)

Debby Capener (2027)

Liz Bellmore (2025)

Celebrating Our "Dodransbicentennial"

This year we, the Portage Presbyterian Church community are celebrating our "Dodransbicentennial." Or, translated - our 175th Anniversary.

A great deal has happened over the last 175 years - in our world, in the Portage community and in the Presbyterian church located here in Portage.

Besides the "changes" in the church's "name" - the "changes" of location - the "changes" in buildings - the "changes" in people, pastors and programs - besides such "changes" there is much that remains "constant."

We still assemble for "worship." We continue to "care for" those in need in our community and even beyond. We "provide" space for community groups and organizations to gather. We continue to be a place and a people of God's Good News!

As we look ahead to our 175th Anniversary gathering on Sunday, September 14 - 10:05 a.m. at Sunset Park Shelter (with a potluck meal to follow) - there are some areas in which we could use "your help. Some of these area include:

- Organizing Kids' activities
- Planning / Participating in the Worship Service
- Ideas for the Anniversary Day Program
- Maybe a "reunion" of Mission Trip Participants?
- Participating in the "Potluck Meal" (*see other info in the Newsletter*)
- Other ideas?

If you would like to participate in any or all of these opportunities, please contact Pastor Dave ASAP!

Looking forward to celebrating our "Dodransbicentennial."

And even more, looking forward to sharing this journey and experience with all of you - the Portage Presbyterian Church community.

