



The Portage Presbyterian Church

April, 2024

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



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



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost. However, your congregation is welcome to celebrate this Offering at any point in the year. Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities. The remaining 60% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

The Pentecost Offering will be collected until May 19 - Pentecost Sunday.
You may use the "white church offering envelope" and mark "Pentecost"

Our gifts build a foundation of faith
for young people and help instill in them
a heartfelt understanding of the ways God
comes to them every single day.



Thank You to our "Holy Week Readers"

Thank you to those who served as "readers" during our Holy Week worship experiences. Debby Capener, Fred Taylor, Nancy Schaper, Glenda Day, Larry Day, Peggy Alf-Sechtig and Kathy Hankins.

All Church "Potluck" - Sunday, April 21



Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and good food.

Mark your calendar for a potluck on Sunday, April 21st, *right after church*.

The Deacons will provide the main dish and drinks. We are asking the Congregation to **bring sides, salads, and dessert**. Your choice.

No sign up necessary.

A New Bible Study Opportunity

- Do you want to learn more about the Bible?
- Have you recently read the Bible?
- Have you never read the Bible?
- Are you ready to study the Bible?

The Discipleship Committee of the Session is offering an opportunity to answer these questions. YOU are invited to a new Bible Study gathering, to begin after Easter. Stay tuned for details.

Nancy Beasley



Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, April 7 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 10:05 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

We will share the "Lord's Supper" during the service.

Sunday, April 14 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 10:05 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-14

Sunday, April 21 - "Informal" Worship Service - 10:05 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

John 21:15-19

Sunday, April 28 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 10:05 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35

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

Sunday Morning "Video" Volunteers?

Have you had a chance to check out the new "livestream" Sunday morning worship videos on PPC's Facebook page?

While we have a few people "trained" to do the Sunday morning video, we are still looking for a few more.

We would like to develop a "rotation" of folks who can do the "livestream worship video" so that it does not fall on just a few.

"Training" and "support" will be provided!

Come and share in this special ministry that PPC shares with a much larger circle of our "whole" church community!



"Christ Our Solid Rock" is the theme for the John Knox Presbyterian Women 2024 Spring Gathering hosted by Frankville Community Presbyterian Church PW in Postville, Iowa on May 4th. Coffee and fellowship will begin at 9:30. The program will start at 10:00.

Mary Quandahl will give the presentation that will include a hands-on rock painting activity. Lunch will cost \$8. If you are interested in attending, please let Donna Mohr know by April 14th.

The Women's Association will be meeting on Saturday, April 6 - 9:00 @ Dino's. Come join us for breakfast and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Presbyterian Women's - April "Mission Project"

Did you know that The Portage School District has a "Market?" It's open to all students (and families) who attend school in the Portage district. They sometimes run low on items so we are asking our Congregation to donate the following in the month of April:

(All full size)

Shampoo

Body wash

Bar soap

Combs, brushes

Items may be dropped off at the church office, during open hours, or in the basket on the table in Parry Hall. *Thank you for your consideration. Glenda Day*

Help! The Women's Association is in great need of 8-10 oz jars with lids for the Mission Chicken Soup Mix. Thank you in advance.

Our popular **Mission Chicken Soup Mix** is always available for purchase on Sundays in the sanctuary, in the church office during open hours, or by contacting Glenda Day. If you've never tried it, give it a try. You won't be disappointed!

From the "Deacons"

Just a reminder - all "loose offerings" (*coins and cash*) - on "Communion Sundays" - will be given to the Deacons to help support their ministries to and through this church community.



PPC "volunteers" to "stock the shelves" at the Food Pantry on the 3rd Wednesday of each month - **April 17** - usually beginning @ 6:00 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!*

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..

If you would like to make donations to the "Little Food Pantry" 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 serves as the advisor for the New Directions Club.



Here are a few things which the Scouts have been doing!



Both Troop 7070 and Troop 70 have had "weekend annual planning" times - planning their calendars into 2025 - **WOW!**

Some exciting and fun experiences coming up!



Continue to Make It A Great Year, Scouts!

Important "Information and Activities" Around Portage



"Kwik Trip" Car Wash Cards are still available!

For **\$36.00 / card**, you will receive 5 - yes, that's right - 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.

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!

"Together" - we continue to share God's "Good News" in many ways and YOU are helping to make this possible!

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PPC's Church Officers

Serving God and God's People

With "Energy, Intelligence, Imagination and Love"

Ruling Elders / Session

Moderator - Pastor Dave Hankins

Clerk of Session - Alex Harvey

Alex Harvey (2024)

Larry Day (2025)

Tara Bandekow (2026)

Rhys Brenner (2024)

Jarrett Foster (2025)

Nancy Beasley (2026)

Lee Roundy (2024)

Nancy Schaper (2025)

Kathy Raimer (2026)

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons - Peggy Alf-Sechtig

Secretary - Liz Bellmore

Treasurer - Joyce Meredith

Peggy Alf (2025)

Glenda Day (2026)

Tammy Foster (2024)

Joyce Meredith (2025)

Vickie Kastner (2026)

Lynne Warren (2024)

Liz Bellmore (2025)

Joyce Oehlhof (2026)

