



# The Portage Presbyterian



A Newsletter for The Portage Presbyterian Family

November 2018

## **THANK YOU!** *From Your Pastor*

I want to extend my gratitude to all who are part of the Portage Presbyterian Church community.

It does not happen too often, but you did indeed surprise me on Sunday, October 14.

The kind words, the fellowship and the cake which we shared that morning were very special.

But I also appreciate the ways in which God has worked and continues to be at work in and through and with "us" together here in Portage and beyond.

It is hard to believe that on November 1 we will have shared ministry together for 23 years.

You all have been a great blessing to and for me and my family. PPC is a wonderful place to be and to serve.

Thank you again for the day and for the ministry we continue to share together!

Pastor Dave

## **U CAN VOLUNTEER "2 B" A GREETER!**

Imagine what it might be like to be at PPC for the very first time!

That is the purpose for having "greeters" on Sunday mornings for worship.

*This is an important ministry opportunity as we seek to reach out and welcome visitors into this church community.*

We believe PPC is a wonderful, warm and caring community of God's people. And we want others to experience that which we have found here.

And we are seeking "volunteers" to sign-up to help collect the offering during worship.

But, in order to make this work we need your help!!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in Parry Hall.

Please indicate your preference to help provide this important ministry here @ PPC.

Thank you!

## **HARVEST DINNER ALMOST HERE**

It's almost time for the Harvest dinner, an annual event that fills the church with the aroma of roast turkey and all the trimmings. **It will be served on November 10 from 4:30-7:00PM.** Tickets will be available at the door and carryouts will be available. The menu for the dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, squash, cranberries, dinner rolls, beverage and a variety of homemade pies.

There are sign-up sheets in Parry Hall for pies and for helpers needed at a variety of workstations: kitchen for preparation and serving, kitchen clean up and dining room. The names of those responsible for the various areas are on the sign up sheets, so contact the person in charge if you have questions. If you wish to sign up to help or to bring pies and can't make it to church, please call Nancy Schaper.

*The Harvest Dinner is a church event that the Event's Committee cannot do by themselves. We need all your help to make it a success.* If you have any questions call Donna Mohr or Nancy Schaper.

Cost of the dinner will be \$11.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 dine at no cost with their family. Come join us for a wonderful meal. **Carryouts are available if you come between 4:30 and 7:00 P.M.**

A Silent Auction will also be held in Parry Hall between 4:00 and 7:00PM. Please check it out. You do not have to be present to win. If you are the winner we will notify you!!!



## **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**

The Peace & Global Witness offering was collected on "World Communion Sunday", October 7<sup>th</sup>. We collected \$160.00 of which 25% , \$40.00, stays locally.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 4, 2018

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:05 a.m. – Traditional Worship in Sanctuary  
"All Saints Sunday"



Wednesday, November 7

6:05 p.m. - "Wed Nite" Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, November 11, 2018

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:05 a.m. – Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 14

6:05 p.m. - "Wed Nite" Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, November 18, 2018

The 26th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:05 a.m. – "Informal" Worship in Sanctuary



Wednesday, November 21

6:05 p.m. - "Wed Nite" Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Christ the King Sunday  
10:05 a.m. – Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 28

6:05 p.m. - "Wed Nite" Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 2, 2018

The 1st Sunday of Advent  
10:05 a.m. – "Greening" Worship in Sanctuary  
"Breakfast" served in Fellowship Hall beginning @ 8:30  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper



Wednesday, October 31

No "Wed Nite" Worship this evening!



## SALVATION ARMY COAT DRIVE

A special thanks to all who donated coats, boots, hats and mittens for the coat drive. Many adults and children will be warm this winter due to your generosity.

Nancy Schaper

## MEMORIALS

*Given in Memory of Don Olson ~from*

Bob & Patti Bryan  
Lynn & Nancy Van Epps  
Nancy Schaper  
Anne Hall  
Nancy & Mike Flannery  
Don & Jeanette Witt  
Dana & Sandra Corbett

*Given in Memory of G. Langlin Spicer ~ from*

John & Lorna McMahon  
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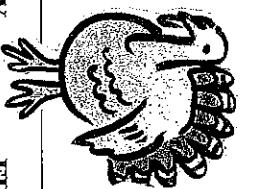
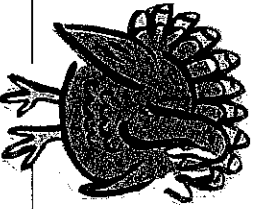
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**MONDAY**

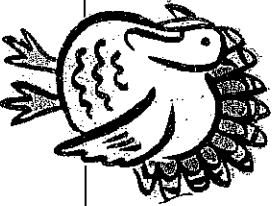
**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>BTR</b> – Bell Tower Room <b>FH</b> – Fellowship Hall <b>PH</b> – Parry Hall <b>SA</b> – Sanctuary <b>WC</b> – Westminster Center		<b>Church Office Hours</b> Monday – 10:00am – 12:00pm Tuesday – Office Closed Wednesday – 8:00am – 1:00pm Thursday – Office Closed Friday – 8:00am – 1:00pm				
<b>4</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:05am Traditional Worship, SA	<b>5</b> 4:00pm ACA, WC	<b>6</b> 9:00am Bell Choir, PH	<b>7</b> 5:00pm Meal, FH 5:30pm PEACE, BTR 6:05pm Worship, SA 6:30pm Chancel Choir, FH	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Session Meeting, WC	<b>9</b> December Newsletter Articles Due in Office	<b>10</b> 4:30-7:00pm Harvest Dinner, FH Silent Auction during Harvest Dinner in Parry Hall
<b>11</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am Bible Study, BTR 10:05am Traditional Worship, SA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00am Region 5 Prayer Group, WC	<b>14</b> 5:00pm Meal, WC 5:30pm PEACE, BTR 6:05pm Worship, SA 6:30pm Chancel Choir, FH 6:35pm Worship "Jam", SA	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00am-8:00pm Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Festival Food 2:00pm Painting Class FH, Fundraiser for Women's Association
<b>18</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 10:05am Informal Worship, SA 4:00pm 4-H Meeting, FH	<b>19</b> 10:00am Worship Service at Tivoli	<b>20</b> 9:00am Bell Choir, PH 11:00am "Late For Breakfast" at Dino's	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Happy Thanksgiving	<b>23</b> 5:00pm Chili Dump at Commerce Plaza during during Holiday Parade	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Christ The King Sunday 8:45am Bible Study BTR 10:05am Traditional Worship, SA	<b>26</b> 5:00-6:30pm Sharing Supper at Bartels Middle School	<b>27</b> 9:00am Bell Choir, PH	<b>28</b> 5:00pm Meal, FH 5:30pm PEACE, BTR 6:05pm Worship, SA 6:30pm Chancel Choir, FH	<b>29</b> <b>PPC'S "WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION" NEWS</b> PPC's Women's Association will be meeting on Saturday, November 3 @ 9:00 a.m. at Dino's.	<b>30</b>	

## CHILI DUMP

During the Holiday Parade on November 23 the Event's Committee will have a stand at the Chamber Mall selling chili to warm your body and soul. We need your help to make this a success. We are asking you to make a gallon or so of chili and have it to the church by Wednesday morning, November 21. We will then pour all of the chili together and serve it nice and warm at the parade.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in Perry Hall for those who wish to donate chili. We figure we will need at least twelve gallons of chili. In the past years it has been cold and the warm chili was a huge success. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Schaper.

## FOOD PANTRY

A wonderful mission of our church is the food pantry. As the weather gets colder and gardens freeze up, more people are in need of help at the food pantry. Our basket is always out for donations. A couple items always needed are jelly in plastic jars, peanut butter, tuna, hamburger helper, tomato and chicken noodle soup, Manwich, canned vegetables spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce. So far this year our church has donated 1,540.5 pounds of food. That is just an awesome amount. Keep up the good work.

## SQUASH PARTY

Thanks to all of you who came and helped at our "squash party" on October 16. Rosemary Minnema, Edith McElroy, Kathy Raimer, Glenda Day, Kathy Hankins, Joelle Syftestad, Liz Bellmore, Tara Bandekow, Rhys and Laura Brenner and Liz Bellmore enjoyed the fun!! A special thank you to Nick Hankins who "halved" 127 squash. We made 141.75 pounds of squash for the Harvest Dinner.

## CARD PARTY

On September 21 we hosted our last card party of the year to benefit our Yakutat mission. We had 32 people playing cards and served creamed turkey and bar-be-que along with chips, bars and drinks. Thanks to the members of the Events Committee for providing the food and drinks and to Kathryn Curtis for her delicious banana bars. We also collected 73# of food for the food pantry. This is a wonderful mission our church is providing and the people that come to play cards always remind us of that. Our first card party of 1918 will be on January 25.

## PRODUCE DAYS

Our produce/bake sale days were a great success. Thanks to all who purchased and donated the produce and baked goods. Our mission was to earn enough money to purchase food for our celebration brunch and we succeeded.

When you plant your garden in the spring, set aside an area for the produce days at the church.

Thanks so much from the Mission Stewardship Committee.



# Pastor's Page



"It just seems to keep coming!" That was a comment I recently heard about recent weather pattern in which we have found ourselves over the last few months.

The ripple effect of this rain and subsequent flooding continues to widen - from homes and property owners to businesses to transportation to farmers trying to harvest crops to farmers attempting to ready fields for the winter and next spring and on and on.

The reality is that while we may not have been "directly affected" by the flooding we nevertheless have been, and will continue to be affected!

There have also been powerful and destructive storms in other parts of the United States and left great devastation in their paths. And this is to say nothing of the destruction left behind by powerful typhoons, earthquakes and tsunamis in other parts of the world.

Yet, though these devastations have occurred in various places, there seem to be some essentials that are held in common.

**There is a sense of helplessness.** Things are spinning out of control and despite our best efforts it feels as though there is nothing we can do.

**There is radical change.** Change in and of itself is difficult. And change is especially difficult when it comes unexpectedly.

**And there is a tremendous outpouring of compassion and support** - for those we know and for those we may not know. One incredible feature of these destructive occurrences is an emergence of the deep level of concern, compassion and desire to reach out and help those in need. Barriers, lines and differences that sometimes divide us are ignored or overcome because of the greater need to love and care for others who are hurting.

As someone has suggested - why do we have to have a disaster to reach out and love one another? How much different our world's relationships would be if we treated each other with

the care and compassion and desire to help all of the time.

Yet, perhaps this is the point for us to understand.

While storms and challenging times do come upon us, God also provides people and opportunities to help us find a sense of balance and peace and hope in the midst of those situations, occasions and circumstances which make us feel helpless, out of control and in the midst of chaos.

It is in the midst of the "storms" and devastations of life that we discover and rediscover, that we experience and share these essentials of compassion, care, love, self-sacrifice and the good side of humanity.

These chaotic and uncertain times are not ways in which God tries to get our attention. Nor do I believe these devastating times are God's way of punishing or warning us.

These are a part of the world in which we live. And I believe that God has better ways of reaching out to God's people other than using fear. The fact that Jesus came into the world is evidence of this.

But, perhaps God does work in and through these devastating circumstances to help us find and experience and share that which too often gets covered up or pushed aside or neglected or dismissed as antiquated - to love one another.

May we as God's people and God's church continue to not only "share the Good News of great joy for all people. But, even more importantly, may we continue to "Be the Good News of God" in a world and in times where fear and chaos at times run rampant.

And may we continue to choose to see each other as those whom God loves and those through whom God's love is made real.

Yes, sometimes the "storms" just seem to keep coming. But, then again, so does God's love and peace and hope. Indeed, this is "good news for all people!"



## MINISTRY AND WORSHIP @ TIVOLI

PPC is blessed to provide a monthly worship service at Tivoli.

We have found that our worship service is one of the better attended worship times – and that is great news!

*We are looking for additional people to come and help get people to and from the chapel.*

You will have the opportunity to share in a special worship experience as well as being able to interact with some very nice people. Chaplain Monica remarks how much the residents enjoy having people come and share worship with them.

If you could help with this ministry once in a while, contact Pastor Dave.

**NOTE!** We share worship on the FIFTH / LAST Monday in October - October 29th ... @10:00 a.m.



The "Peace and Global Witness Offering" was collected on October 7; will have a 2018 "Advent and Christmas" flyer for distribution around town; Donna and Bill Mohr will provide stalks and pumpkins.



## WORSHIP "JAM" @ PPC

Worship "Jam" is just what it means - different instruments (all are welcome) and any singers who want to come together for an hour and "jam" with worship music.

All instrumentalists (of any kind) and all who like to sing are welcome and encouraged to come and "Jam."

Our next "Jam Session" will be on Wednesday, November 14th @ 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

We work on a variety of traditional and contemporary music which we enjoy and which, for those who are interested, we usually share during our "Informal" worship services on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dave. Thanks!



## HERE'S THAT "FOUR LETTER WORD!"

Yes, that's right - SNOW!

The Administration and Corporate Affairs Committee is looking to find someone who might be interested in providing snow removal at the church and Westminster Center during the upcoming winter season.

If you might be interested or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Fred Taylor or Kevin Foster of the ACA Committee.

## THANK YOU!

Your continued support is sincerely appreciated.

You are very caring people!

Thank you.



*The Portage Food Pantry*

## PASTORAL CARE HOSPITAL POLICY

Divine Savior Healthcare in Portage, as a respect to patient's privacy, does not make patient information available at the front desk. However, there are two ways that pastors and churches will have information on those in the hospital:

- 1) If patients and/or families request a member of the Spiritual Care staff to contact the church office or the pastor
- 2) If the patient or family contacts the church office or pastor directly.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor

7 Dave.

## "VBS" CONVERSATIONS - NOW?

We are talking about VBS in November?

Yes we are!!!

This is the perfect time to begin conversations about a "new concept of VBS" which could include both youth AND adults "of all ages."

Imagine - What might happen if we were to have young children and senior citizens together doing projects, singing songs and eating and praying together?

That's exactly what we want to talk about and explore further.

If you would like to be a part of this conversation, just "sign up" on the sheet in Parry Hall and we will let you know when we will get together.

If you have questions, ideas, suggestions, etc  
- please contact Liz Bellmore or Pastor Dave.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### HARVEST DINNER

### NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> !!!

## "TECHNOLOGY" PROJECT GROUP

We had our "first meeting" of the Technology Project Group on Sunday, September 23 after worship.

In our initial conversation we identified 3 initial areas of consideration: educational uses; worship uses; and enhancing communication uses.

While these areas are distinct we also noted that there is significant crossover with them.

We would welcome anyone else who may be interested in exploring how technology could enhance the ministry and outreach of the PPC community.

This is a "project group" experience. The task of the "group" will be to discuss, explore and make any recommendations to the Session regarding technology. Once this has been done, the "project group" has completed its task. That's it!

If you are interested in finding out more or in participating, please contact either Pam Crossley or Pastor Dave.



## "CLERK'S CORNER"

Fall is an odd time of year - a beautiful season but for some it spells the end of something and for some the beginning. For farmers it's the end of the growing season and for students it's the beginning of a new school year. For some Elders it signals the end of their term on Session and for some it's the anticipation of beginning their term in the new year.

At our October meeting we discussed the visibility our church has now that the buildings behind it are gone. We're considering new signage to compliment our building and to create more interest.

And as always we discussed ways to create more spiritual visibility in the community as well.

At PPC it doesn't matter what time of year it is. Our place in the community both physically and spiritually has no time frame - no beginning or end.

*Kathy Raimer*



## PPC's "ADOPT A KETTLE"

Once again PPC has answered the call of the Salvation Army to "ring the bells" for their annual Kettle Drive in Portage.

We have "Adopted" a Kettle" at Festival Foods on November 17 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. We are doing it early again this year so it doesn't interfere with everyone's holiday preparation.

Please sign up on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board in Parry Hall. If you have any questions contact Nancy Schaper.



## KWIK TRIP "CAR WASH" CARDS -

PPC's "mission trippers" continue to sell Kwik Trip "Ultimate" Car Wash cards.

Each card has FIVE car washes on it.

If you were to purchase these at the store, they would cost \$50.00 (\$10.00/wash)

But, the Mission Trippers are selling these cards for the price of \$36.00 / card.

If you are interested in purchasing cards, contact the Church Office.

Thanks!

## TRY "SCRIP" - YOU'LL LOVE IT!

*Scrip Fundraising is here @ PPC!*



*And it is EASY!!!*

Scrip fundraising is a no selling program that enable members and friends of the Portage Presbyterian Church to participate in.

Scrip gift cards are the same gift cards you can purchase from the retailer. With over 300 of the Country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants and home improvement and by planning ahead on everyday purchases the Women's Association will profit!

Examples of gift cards in our area are: *Festival Foods, Piggy Wiggly, Walmart, Walgreens, Subway, Cracker Barrel, BP Gas Stations, Kwik Trip, Mobil, Applebee's, Bath & Body Works, Amazon.....and so many more.*

Questions???? Contact Elaine Crammond at 742-3899 or 608 215-8899.

This is an ongoing fundraising program that will be available year round.

Consider our new approach and help us reach our mission goals!

An "order sheet" is included with the newsletter and also are available in Parry Hall!

## PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Taken from 'Frequently Asked Questions' PC(USA) per capita~

"Each year Presbyterians are assessed a dollar amount for the administrative costs of governing bodies of our denomination. It is a per capita apportionment on every active member in every congregation of the national church. The first-known mention of per capita dates back to 1734 in a letter to ministers!"

The 2018 per capita amount is \$31.00 per member and the total amount assessed for PPC is \$6,386.00. To date \$2,800.60 has been received, leaving a shortfall of \$ 3,585.40 which will need to be paid from the general budget. Thank you to all who have given, and to those who will give!



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN NOVEMBER

The Adult Bible Class has just finished their study of the birth of Jesus. In other words, we celebrated Christmas in October.

Now, in November, we will be studying the events of Good Friday, and celebrating Easter. It's all a part of "The Apostles' Creed."

Come and join us for this interesting study, and help us celebrate Easter in November.

We will be meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. in the Bell Tower Room. All are welcome.

This class is led by the Rev. Dr. Carol Hermann here @ PPC.



### 2018 Per Capita Information

Our 2018 "Per Capita" amount is **\$31.00 for each active member.**

Please take a moment to drop off your Per Capita (*for each member*) on Sunday morning, in the mail or by stopping by the church office.

If you have a number of members in your household, you do not have to pay for everyone at one time. Pay as you can.

As of October 8, we have received Per Capita funds in the amount of \$2700.60.

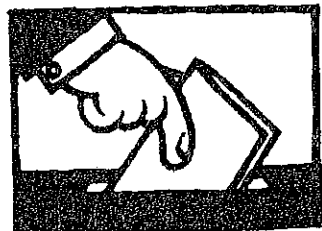
Our *total Per Capita Apportionment* for 2018 is \$6836.00. This leaves us with a *deficit* of \$4153.40, which will come from our general budget funds.

If you have not yet paid your Per Capita, please consider doing so before the end of 2018.

Also, we appreciate those who choose to make a donation on behalf of someone or as a gift to PPC which helps us cover our church's total.

If you have questions, please contact the Church Office.

Thank you!



# DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

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## "SHARING SUPPER" – NOVEMBER 26, 2018

The "Sharing Supper" will be shared on Monday, November 26!!!

Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. **at the Bartels Middle School cafeteria.**

"Sharing Supper" is a meal, sponsored by community groups and organizations. It is intended to bring people in the community together, around tables, where we get to know one another and have an opportunity to learn more about what is happening in the community around us.

A unique part of this experience is the "Kid's Corner" designed especially for the younger folks. Here young people will have a chance to hear stories and do craft projects related to what is happening around us.

All are welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors.

Come and share in this unique and wonderful experience – on **November 26 @ 5:00 p.m.**



### HANDBELL CHOIR RINGS AGAIN

PPC's Handbell Choir has changed its rehearsal schedule!

The Handbell Choir now rehearses on Tuesdays @ 3:00 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the "bells" or who would like to be a part of this wonderful group is invited to just show up or contact Kathy Hankins @742-2752.

No experience is necessary! Just a love of music and a desire to have fun!



### TAXI CAB "VOUCHERS"

The PPC Deacons have purchased coupons to help aid our members in coming to church. If you are unable to find a way to church, call a cab! The ride will be covered with coupons that will be kept at church. The coupons can be used for both your arrival to church and your return ride home. Please consider using them whenever transportation to church becomes an issue for you. We want to see you at church! If you have any questions please call the church office 742-6006.

## "COMMUNITY MINISTRY" WITH RUSCH

One of the opportunities PPC had during the summer months was to visit with Nikki Schoenborn, Principal at Rusch Elementary School.

She had shared that one of the ways in which we, right here in our neighborhood, could help young people would be to "volunteer" at the school.

So, here are some ways in which "you" (as an individual) and "we" (as a church community) can be a positive influence in the lives of young people.

\* Listening to children read  
*(which helps young people to become better readers, which in turn helps them learn better, take better tests, become more confident etc)*

\* Working on "math facts"  
*(much the same as the reading aspect)*

\* Sharing a "hobby" that we enjoy  
*(do not have to be an "expert" - just that which we enjoy and which can pass on)*

\* Helping with an afterschool "club" - among the things the children indicated interest in was *building with legos - sewing - arts and crafts - sports - drama - dance - music*  
*(what do you like to do that children may like to learn?)*

Sometimes we may think we cannot or do not make a difference in the world around us. Well, here's a chance to make a difference in the world - one child at a time!

If you are interested in helping in any way at Rusch Elementary School, you can contact Nikki @ Rusch School's Office.



## IF YOU GO TO PORTAGE "PIZZA RANCH"

...*"bring in your Sunday church bulletin to the Pizza Ranch, Monday-Wednesday, turn it into the register when you purchase your buffet - we'll give \$1.00 to your church."*

This is will be an "ongoing" fund-raising opportunity. So, if you like to go to Pizza Ranch, be sure to take a bulletin along.



## STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

This years Stewardship program was a unique experience. Rather than our three-week program in October, it was spread out from April to October. It was done in three segments with April's program "IT'S HAPPENING", August's program "WHY" and the October program "HOW".

On Sunday, October 28 we celebrated with a delicious brunch of egg bake, fruit, breads, muffins, coffee cake, cheese tray plus orange juice, milk and coffee. If you weren't there you missed a great meal!

If you have not returned your "HOW" card you may put it in the collection plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office. There are extra forms on the table in Parry Hall.

Thank you from the Mission Stewardship Committee.



# Holiday PLACE MATS

Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



### What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

### What you do:

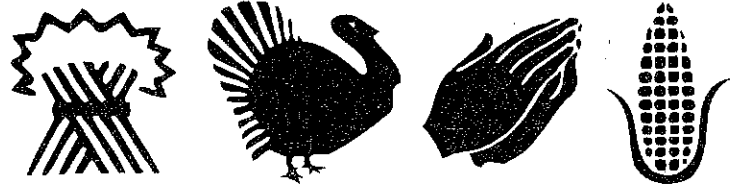
1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.

# PUZZLE

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.

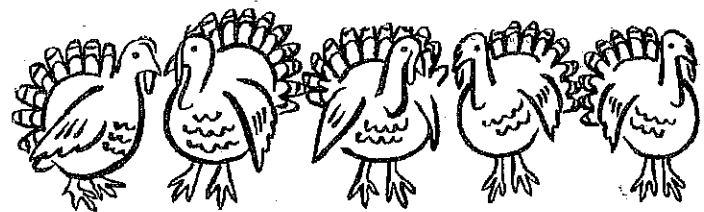


A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,  
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,  
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_  
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 and \_\_\_\_\_ with  
 \_\_\_\_\_"

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV

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**COMMUNION SCHEDULE CHANGES - 2019**

Beginning in January, 2019 the Session has approved the celebration of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month.

John Calvin, the founder of Presbyterianism, believed that the Lord's Supper was an integral part of one's faith experience and the church's worship experience and should be celebrated often.

While PPC has observed regular occasions of the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, or Communion, the Session also became aware that there were times during the year when there were "gaps" in the schedule which meant that for some who "missed" a particular day, those people may not have the chance to share in Communion for an extended period of time.

In conversations with a number of Presbyterian churches in our area we discovered that all with whom we talked observe the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month.

Coming together around the Lord's Table at least once each month will provide a wonderful opportunity to be in communion with our Lord and with one another as God's people and God's church.

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**UPCOMING COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

You are encouraged to take time before each Communion to reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Supper for you, for PPC and for the world.

The "Directory for Worship" notes that *"in preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal."*

As Presbyterians, we believe that coming to the Lord's Table is not a right, but a privilege given to those who come in faith, repentance and love - the gifts of God for the people of God.

Sunday, December 2, 2018

@ 10:05 a.m.

"The First Sunday of Advent"



**"GLUTEN-FREE" BREAD- COMMUNION**

In an effort to make sure that all have access to the Lord's Table, the Board of Deacons decided that all of our communion breads served will be "gluten-free."

Wednesday Worship Service  
6:05 p.m. Informal, Interactive Worship

Sunday Worship Service  
10:05 a.m. Traditional Worship  
Third Sunday of Each Month is Informal Service  
Child Care Available  
Church Is Handicapped Accessible  
Everyone Invited!

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