



# The Portage Presbyterian Church

April, 2026

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

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday - March 29 Worship @ 10:05 a.m.

There will be a "Palm Sunday Processional"  
as a part of the Palm Sunday experience

Maundy Thursday – April 2

Worship Service @ 6:30 p.m.

The Lord's Supper will be served.



Good Friday - April 3

Tenebrae ("Service of Shadows") - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday (Early) - April 5

On the Wisconsin River Levee (near the Tamarack) - 7:00  
a.m.



Easter Sunday (Later) - April 5

Easter Morning Celebration - 10:05 a.m.



April Worship Opportunities

Sunday, April 12 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 10:05 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Eastertide

Sunday, April 19 - "Informal" Worship Service - 10:05 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Eastertide Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 26 - "Traditional" Worship Service - 10:05 a.m. John 21: 1-19

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All women are invited to the John Knox Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering on Saturday, May 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. at Community Presbyterian Church in Postville, Iowa. The program will be presented by

Midwest Mission Bible Training Center, a faith-based recovery program. They will be collecting donations for this mission. A list of items is on the kiosk . If you are interested in attending, please let Donna know by April 22nd.

We are planning on sending in a Scrip order. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Elaine. Orders are due to Elaine by Sunday, May 3rd.

Thank you to all who donated items to Hope House. We appreciate your help with this important mission.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 4th, at 9:00 a.m. at Dino's. Come and join us for great food and great fellowship.

Thanks! Donna

"Summer Lunch for Kids" - Planning Group

This summer the "Portage Summer Lunch Program for Kids" program will be going into its 12th year. And we are looking for "volunteers" to be a part of the "Planning Group."

This Planning Group will be reviewing the past year's program as well as making plans for the summer of 2025.

We would love to have you be a part of this important effort here in Portage.

Our "planning meeting" for 2026 will be on Wednesday, April 9 @ 2:00 p.m. at the Portage Library. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Dave.

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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 advisors for the New Directions Club.

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### Scout Activities / Events

Pack 70  
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During March, Scout Troop 70 and Cub Scout participated in the annual "Food Drive" within Edge Council. On the first Saturday in March, the spread out across the city to distribute their "door to inform the community of the "food drive." Then, following Saturday, the Scouts, leaders and families the community to collect the food donations.

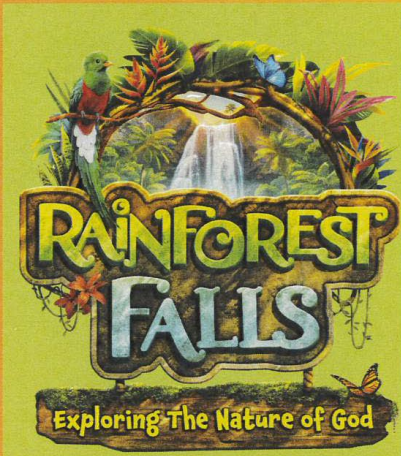
Thanks to the generous community donations 1437 lbs. of food were delivered to the Portage Food Pantry.

Thank you, Scouts, for the great work. And thank you Portage Community for helping to make a difference and supporting the Portage Food Pantry's work and mission.

**We celebrate the Scouts, Leaders  
and the Scout Program here @ PPC!**

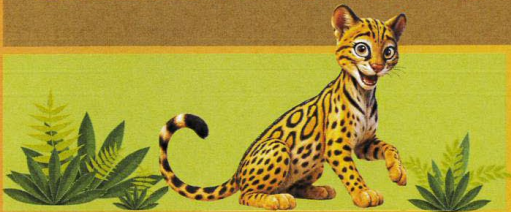


— PORTAGE COMMUNITY VBS —



July 27-31, 2026  
8:30am-noon

RAINFOREST FALLS VBS



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Rainforest Falls VBS | age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade completion

Monday, July 27-Friday July 31, 2026  
8.30am-Noon Cost: \$5/child or \$10/family

Held at St. Mary School  
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*Register  
Now*



Volunteers needed!  
Seeking 7th-12 grade &  
adults.  
Use QR code to Register  
or sign-up to Volunteer.

WEBSITE: [vbspro.events/p/af59d3](https://vbspro.events/p/af59d3)

[portage.wi.communityvbs@gmail.com](mailto:portage.wi.communityvbs@gmail.com) | 608.566.7021

Sponsored by: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Church, Briggsville-Moundville UMC,  
Portage UMC, & Portage Presbyterian Church



From the "Deacons"

On Easter Sunday the Deacons are planning a "photo shoot" of our church and those in attendance for the purpose of delivering them to our homebound members in "May baskets."

Knowing that they would "love to see you" - **YOU ARE INVITED!**  
(*participation is optional*).

Bring your bright smiles for Easter Sunday worship and you can be a part in providing joy to those of our church community who are at home.

The Deacons are also preparing to decorate the church for Easter. If you care to add to its beauty with flowers of any kind, you may drop them off at the church office or bring them to the church the week before Easter.

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.



Upcoming dates for "Stocking Shelves @ the Food Pantry" will be **Wednesday, April 15** and by the Bellmore Family on **Wednesday, April 22**.

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.

Important "Information and Activities" Around Portage



"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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**To Contact The Portage Presbyterian Church**

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Website: www.portagepresbyterian.com

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Portage-Presbyterian-Church-155581354519952

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

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.

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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!*

## WOW! Helping To Make A Difference - With Cereal!



For the third year Portage Presbyterian Church has supported one of their young children by bringing in cereal for his schools cereal drive. Harlan had a big goal of 500 boxes this year and he surpassed his goal and collected a total of 603 boxes.

The cereal goes to support the Portage Community School District Market Program. This program supplies classroom snacks and has two pantries for students to shop for food whenever they need to.

Harlan is very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate with the help of his church congregation.

P.S. - John Muir Elementary School Collected a total of 1143 boxes -(which was "First Place" among schools their size in the state of Wisconsin)  
- of which Harlan collected 603 Boxes!

At this time - we have "caught" 171 fish in our net (1 fish = \$1.00 donated for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)— and continues to serve individuals and communities in need. Each gift to OGHS helps to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be dedicated on Easter Sunday, April 5.



### **You may contribute to the "One Great Hour of Sharing"**

by using the "regular offering envelopes" - marking OGHS  
or by using the "special offering envelopes"  
or by using the "Fish Coin Banks"

*IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!*

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PPC's Church Officers - 2026

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

**Ruling Elders / Session**

Moderator - Pastor Dave Hankins  
Clerk of Session - Alex Harvey

Tara Bandekow (2026)	John Crammond (2027)	Whitney Mell (2028)
Nancy Beasley (2026)	Jean Oren (2027)	Nicky Cross (2028)
Kathy Raimer (2026)		Cindy Moyer (2028)

**Deacons**

Moderator of Deacons - Liz Bellmore  
Secretary – Deb Capener  
Treasurer - Vickie Kastner

Vickie Kastner (2026)	Alex Harvey (2027)	Sue Goodman (2028)
Joyce Oehlhof (2026)	Debby Capener (2027)	Laura Brenner (2028)
		Liz Bellmore (2028)

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



# APRIL

# 2026

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
29	30	31	1	2 6:30 Maundy Thursday	3 7:00 Good Friday	4
5 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Early Service 10:05 Celebration	6 4:00 ACA	7	8 3:15 Mission Comm 6:00 Fin Work Group	9 6:15 Session	10	11
12 10:05 Traditional Service	13	14	15 4:00 Food Pantry	16	17	18
19 10:05 Informal Service	20	21	22 4:00 Food Pantry	23	24	25
26 10:05 Traditional Service	27	28	29	30	1	2

**notes**  
 Scouts meet  
 Sundays  
 Cub Scouts  
 5:00 Troop  
 6:00

