

May/June 2022



PORTAGE FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9922 St. Rt. 44, Mantua, Ohio 44255

Mission Statement: "To be a family of faith in Christ through caring, serving, and fellowship"

The Bridge

Sunday Schedule

Fellowship 8:15 am

Sunday School: 8:30 am

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

*Children's Church 9:30 am

Nursery 9:30 am

*Children's church will not be held when we have communion, usually the first Sunday of the month.

Liturgist Schedule

May 1 Matt Ruchalski

May 8 Brooke Ruchalski

May 15 Matt Ruchalski

May 22 Steve Weinkamer

May 29 Linda Weinkamer

June 5 Ted Taylor

June 12 Doris Gharky

June 19 VBS Sunday

June 26 Debbie Bahr

Committee Meeting

Reminders:

Finance Meetings:

Thurs. May 5, 6:30 pm

Thurs. June 2, 6:30 pm

Trustee Meeting:

Thurs. May 5, 7:00 pm

The Ad. Council:

Tues., May 17, 7:00 pm

Pastors Corner

Dear Portage Faithful,

One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seed along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "the cares of the world and the lure of wealth" (Matthew 13:22).

In a culture where having "enough" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredibly relevant. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways that lead to stress, anxiety, and fear – thorns that can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose that God intended for us.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, we will be having a worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time, we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays. (See the schedule that follows.)

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

With love,
Pastor Jill Lea

Schedule of Events

- 5/01 "When Dreams Become Nightmares"
- 5/08 "Wisdom and Finance"
- 5/15 "Cultivating Contentment"
- 5/22 "Defined by Generosity"
- 5/29 Consecration Sunday 1
- 6/5 Consecration Sunday 2

UMM Breakfast Meetings:

Sun., May 8, 7:30 am

Sun., June 12, 7:30 am

UMF Breakfast Meetings:

Sun., May. 27, 7:30 am

Sun., June 22, 7:30 am

Happy May Birthdays

- 1 Bud Bednar
- 2 Tim McDermott
- 2 Jenny Ollison
- 2 Rhonda Grudowski
- 2 Warren Ragle
- 4 Neil McDermott
- 7 Jeffrey Barnett
- 9 Noah Kennedy
- 10 Steve Weinkamer
- 11 Bige Combs
- 12 Madelyn Scott
- 16 Kyle Pearce
- 16 Bruce Goodell
- 16 Anneliese Spangler
- 17 Lisa Cutlip
- 17 Pearl Austin
- 19 Abigail Pfof
- 22 Zachary Weinkamer
- 28 Donald Smith
- 28 Ayden Barnett
- 30 Doris Pearce
- 30 Andy Pfof

Happy June Birthdays

- 1 John Spence
- 7 Sarah Pearce
- 8 Nathan Gay
- 11 April Sike
- 12 Kolby Rose
- 14 Alexandria Marek
- 14 Tom Taylor
17. Jeff Wilde
- 19 Ken Grudowski
- 26 Recia Ragle
- 26 Benjamin Pearce
- 29 Kevin Pearce
- 29 Candice Rose
- 30 Tristan Fletcher



Congratulations to the families of **Kyle and Carlye Pearce** on the birth of **Adelaide Turner** who was born December 27, 2021.

Congratulations to the **Torrey Taylor and Lora Cope** Families on the birth of **Elinor** who was born October 3, 2021.

Congratulations to proud grandparents **Jeff and Terri Wilde** and to **Ben & Olivia Wilde** the proud new parents of **Griffin Wilde**.

Happy Anniversary!

May Congratulations!!

- 6 James & Bonnie Marek married 22 years.
- 7 Kevin & Cindy Pearce married 34 years.
- 18 Eric & Lori Davis, married 26 years.
- 18 Adam & Chrissy Gharky married 20 years.
- 19 Bill & Gloria Schrecengost married 66 years.
- 21 Andy & Holly Pfof married 17 years.
- 22 Bob & Mary Lange married 12 years

June Congratulations!!

- 14 Jim & Renee Peters married 26 years
- 15 Matt & Amanda Ruchalski married 20 years
- 20 Scott & Anne Weslow married 42 years
- 22 Steve & Linda Weinkamer married 48 years
- 24 Pat & Iris McCon married 50 years
- 29 Rick & Debbie Bahr married 31 years

Mary Martha Circle and Friends will be hosting a **Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, May 14th at 12:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall to honor **ALL** Portage Faith Women and their families. If you can attend, please contact Doris Gharky or Linda Weinkamer by May 8th. A sign-up sheet is also posted in the Narthex. We look forward to taking time to celebrate and remember our remarkable Women in Faith.



Best Wishes 2022 Graduates!

**Sarah Pearce
Emily Marek**

Congratulations on your graduation and many blessings for your future!

United Methodist Men started a Utility Fund on May 8, 2016. This fund is dedicated for an upgrade in our water and sewage utilities. The United Methodist Men has approximately \$8,451.66 in this special savings account. This is an entire church project and the U.M.M. are actively seeking donations. For more information, please contact Tom Kennedy (330-274-8054) or Rick Bahr (330-527-4499).

GOT SCRAP? The United Methodist Men would like to take it off your hands. The United Methodist Men's scrap drive has been a great fundraiser. You can bring your unwanted metal items, **including cleaned food and drink cans**, to the church and please drop it off behind the building in the upper parking lot. For pick up, just call Tom Kennedy (330-274-8054).

We need You! Please contact Sharon Wright if you would like to serve as an usher, or use the sign-up sheet on the table.

Currently, **we are still in need of a full team of eight bursars**. Ideally, bursars should work in teams of two and if we have a full team, your time obligation would be once a month after church. **We need 2 more volunteers**. Contact the church office if you are interested in serving.

Book Club for will be held at our regular time of 10:00 am in the library the second Tuesday of the month. Anyone who loves to read is welcome to join in.

Hope Circle will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 12:00 pm. Watch for upcoming details in the weekly announcements.

Hope Circle RADA Fund Raiser

We are now selling RADA (name brand) paring knives and vegetable peelers. Also, there is a catalog with many more nice items. The catalog is on the table in the Narthex. This includes an order form that you may fill in. Any questions?? Contact Dorothy Caldwell at 330-274-2152. Thank you for your support!

Mary Martha will meet at 7:00 pm on the 4th Monday throughout the year, unless otherwise noted in the announcements for the week.

Thank you for the blessing of beautiful Altar Flowers!

March

13 - In memory of Joseph Knight by Maxine Hill

20 - For our many Blessings by Jeff and Terri Wilde

26 - In celebration of Robert McIntosh's birthday by Doug and Carol McIntosh

April

10 - In celebration of Autumn Sike's Birthday by Deb Sike

24 - In celebration of Suzanne Harker's Birthday by Doug and Carol McIntosh

The 4C's Donations of non-perishable food, cleaning & paper products, and personal care items are needed to help keep the 4C's well stocked for those in need. Bring donations to the church and put in the shopping cart near the entry. **Current needs are canned pasta, tea and canned chicken noodle soup.** Thank you.



The prayer chain - It's easy to submit your prayer requests; either by writing it on the church prayer card during worship service, (check add to prayer chain) or by contacting **Cindy Pearce** by phone 330-274-0507. If you would like to be a prayer warrior, please let Cindy know.

If you have any updates to your membership status, name, address, phone number or email, addition to the family, etc., please notify the church office. Call or email the office at 330-274-8987, or simply email us at pfumcoffice@gmail.com, so that we can update our records. Thank you.



PORTAGE FAITH UMC
2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM
For Adult or Child
VBS Week: June 13 - 17

Starts at 6:00 p.m. with light meal and ends at 8:30 p.m.

◆ Please complete a separate form for each Child or Adult

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Child _____ Adult _____

For children's registrations:

List any Food Allergies: _____

Age: _____ School Grade Completed: _____

Name of Parent(s) & Emergency contact information:

Name: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

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8 7:30 am UMM Breakfast 8:00 am Confirmation 8:15 am Fellowship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship & Childrens Mother's Day	9	10 10:00 am Book Club	11	12	13	14 9:00 am Band Practice 12:00 pm Celebration Luncheon
15 8:00 am Confirmation 8:15 am Fellowship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship & Childrens	16	17 7:00 pm Ad. Council	18	19	20	21 9:00 am Band Practice
22 7:30 am UWF Breakfast 8:00 am Confirmation 8:15 am Fellowship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship & Childrens 10:30 am Reception	23 7:00 pm Mary Martha	24 Office Closed	25	26 12:00 pm Hope Circle	27	28 9:00 am Band Practice
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12 7:30 am UMM Breakfast 9:30 am Worship & Childrens Celebration Sunday and Graduate Sunday	13 6:00-8:30 pm VBS	14 10:00 am Book Club 6:00-8:30 pm VBS	15 6:00-8:30 pm VBS	16 6:00-8:30 pm VBS	17 6:00-8:30 pm VBS	18 9:00 am Band Practice
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