

THE NITTY GRITTY



Recycle Clothing

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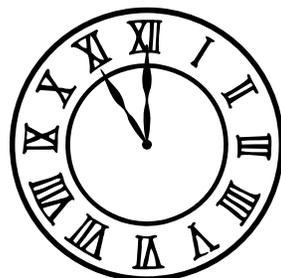
- Mar 18, 9 am—noon, recycling trailer
- Lions Club—2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 pm at Christ UMC
- Sunday Worship, Christ UMC, 9:30 am; Sunday School, 10:30 am
- Council meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Village Hall, 7 pm
- Food Pantry, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Christ UMC, 10 am

Spring is almost here and it is time to clean out your closets, chest of drawers, and linen closets. You can donate all those fiber items to the Friendly Center by dropping them off in the bin located in the parking lot at Christ UMC. Easter Seals will collect all donations and send a check for the Friendly Center based on the clothing weight. The Friendly Center is a United Methodist Women's sponsored charity located in Toledo.

The type of items accepted are: all clothing, T-shirts, shoes, boots, belts, purses, bags, shorts, pants, dress shirts, ties, suits, socks, leggings, long underwear, curtains, comforters, sheets, towels, rugs, blankets, tablecloths, hats, jeans, coats, scarves, mittens, gloves, placements, baby cloths, linens, **anything made of cloth!**

Village Council News

- If you know of a street light not functioning correctly, please call Rex Lee and tell him the location and the letter-number sequence on a yellow tag on the pole, 8 or 10 feet up.
- Please do not park vehicles along the street that block up the sidewalk, for your neighbors that need to use them to get around.
- Permits are necessary for a variety of things, including fences, driveway work, additions, decks, enclosures, yard sheds, pools - any type except the mini-pools that are 3 feet or so across...for babies & toddlers, and other more specialized things.
- Call the Village Administrator @ 419-260-9599 with any questions you may have.



Did you remember to Spring Forward?

Daily Saving Time went into effect at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 12

St Patrick's Day



Mar 17

Food Pantry

The Portage Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Saturdays of the month for one hour. If you need food come, and get what you need. If you are interested in seeing our changes, come and visit us. We have a whole new set up and a lot more variety of food items as well as some non-food items (like shampoo, soap, etc). Visit us at 301 West Main Street, located within Christ UMC. If you are interested in helping, bring donations during pantry hours.



Come early for Bible Study starting at 9 am.

The Nitty Gritty is sponsored by the Portage Lions Club. Send comments and suggestions to portagelions@dacor.net.

Steak Supper

The United Methodist Women will be holding their semi-annual Steak Supper on Sunday, April 9, starting at noon. For \$9.00 per adult, you get baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, homemade dessert, and a beverage. Cost for children is \$4.50. All proceeds go towards mission projects. We hope to see you!

Martha's Kitchen

Martha's Kitchen offer's a free meal every Friday for anyone in need. It is located at First United Methodist Church, 1526 E Wooster St, Bowling Green. About 12 area churches take turns preparing and serving the dinner each week. Dinner is served between the hours of 4:30 and 6:00 pm.



Wood County Parks District

A few of the coming up Wood County Park District programs

- **March 15—Mosquito Education Seminar**—Stay safe and get the latest on disease transmission, including West Nile and Zika viruses, bite prevention, breeding environment awareness, and more, presented by Wood County Health District experts. Park District Headquarters, 18729 Mercer Rd, Bowling Green, 7-8 pm. Registration required
- **March 18—CPR Certification at the Park**—Get certified in adult, child, and infant CPR and AED use and learn choking relief. This American Heart Association Heartsaver course is taught by certified Park District staff. Participants must be 14 year of age. Certification card cost \$5. Park District Headquarters, 8 am-12 pm and 1-5 pm. Registration required.
- **March 20 -Return of the Timberdoodle**—It's not a science-fiction horror flick but a quirky shorebird on its breeding grounds. Listen and watch the American Woodcock peent, flutter, twitter, and tumble. Be prepared for wet walking and bring a moisture-proof sit-upon for the show. Slipper Elm Trail Cricket Frog Cove, 14810 Freyman Rd, Cygnet, 7:45-9 pm. Registration required
- **March 24—Great Lakes Beer and Trivia**—Test your knowledge with a great pairing of microbrew and a Great Lakes trivia competition in a natural setting. A Great Lakes Brewery representative will discuss beer flavors and pairings with different cheeses. Prizes will be awarded to the top three groups in the trivia contest. WW Knight Nature Preserve, 29530 White Rd, Perrysburg, 7 -9 pm. Registration required.
- **March 29, Spring Break at the Nature Center**—Children 6 yrs of age and older celebrate spring break with a stay-cation at the nature center! Adventures in geocaching, animal feeding, and nature hikes are just part of the fun. Children may be dropped off for the program, but please register participating child if adult not staying. WW Knight Nature Preserve, 9 am-12 pm