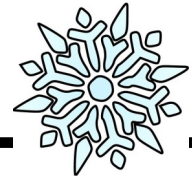


THE NITTY GRITTY



HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

It is time for the 4th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Portage Lions Club. All homes located within the Portage village limits are automatically entered. First place winner will receive \$50, second place \$30, and third place \$20. Judging will be held on Monday, December 18 at 7 pm. So, if you have not have started putting up your outside holiday decorations, you still have to time to complete them.



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Events

- Dec 16 - Recycling, 9 am—noon, recycling trailer
- Dec 18—Holiday Decorating Judging, 7 pm
- Dec 24—Christmas Eve Service, 5 pm, Christ UMC
- Dec 25—Christmas Day
- Jan 1—New Year's Day
- 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, 10 am; Christ UMC

Christ United Methodist Church

Christ United Methodist Church will be holding a Christmas Eve Service starting at 5:00 pm on December 24. This service is open to all. We hope you will join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ—the reason for the season.



McDonald's Benefit Night

Thursday
December 14
4 to 7 pm

McDonald's South Main St
Bowling Green

benefiting
Enright Park

McDonald's Benefit Night

Tuesday
January 16
4 to 7 pm

McDonald's South Main St
Bowling Green

benefiting
Portage Lions Club

Merry Christmas from the Portage Lions Club

Village Council News

Join us once again to help raise funds for ENRIGHT PARK. Gift certificates for the stockings hung and dinner for you! Please join us at McDonald's on Dec 14.

ALL streets in Portage are snow streets. Plowing occurs after 2 inches, or so, of snowfall. The intersections get salted. Winter comes only once a year, enjoy it!

Thank you for keeping the council that has worked so diligently for 8 years all together! All six of us and the Mayor have interests aligned toward the future longevity of Portage Village. Your vote does count.

Carl Crawford

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.



Santa Claus Around the World

Santa Claus has many aliases—depending on what country his is in. Do you know all his alternate names?

Albania	Babadimri	Holland	De Kerstmann
Argentia	Papa Noel	Hungary	Mikulas
Armenia	Gaghan Baba	India	Baba
Australia	Santa Claus	Iran	Baba Noel
Bahamas	Santa Claus	Iraq	Vade Kerfees
Belgium	Pere Noel	Ireland	Daidi Na Nollaig
Bermuda	Santa Claus	Italy	Babbo Natale
Brazil	Papai Noel	Jamaica	Santa Claus
Bulgaria	Dyado Koleda	Japan	Hoteiosho
Chile	Viejo Pascuero	Kenya	Father Christmas
China	Dun Che Lao Ren	Lithuania	Kaledo Senelis
Denmark	Julemanden	Morocco	Black Peter
Egypt	Papa Noel	Netherlands	Kerstman
England	Father Christmas	New Zealand	Santa Claus
France	Pere Noel	Norway	Christmas Gnome
Finland	Joulupukki	Peru	Papa Noel
Germany	Weihnachtsmann	Poland	Swiety Mikolaj
Greece	Agios Vassilios	Romania	Mos Cracium
Hawaii	Kanokaloka	Russia	Grandfather Frost
		Scandinavia	Julenisse
		Serbia	Deda Mroz
		South Africa	Vader Kersfees
		Spain	El Nino Jesus
		Sweden	Christmas Brownie
		Turkey	Noel Baba
		UK	Father Christmas



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