

THE NITTY GRITTY



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Events

- Lions Club—2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 pm at Christ UMC
- Sunday Worship, Christ UMC, 9:00 am; Sunday School, 10:00 am
- Council meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Village Hall, 7 pm
- Food Pantry, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 am; Christ UMC

*Black
Swamp
Sept 6-8*

BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of life— donate blood. Christ United Methodist Church is holding a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Tuesday, Sept 17 from 1 pm to 6 pm. Please consider donating.



EVERY UNIT DONATED CAN SAVE OR IMPROVE THE LIVES OF UP TO 3 PEOPLE!

McDonald's Benefit Night

Portage Lions will be holding a **McDonald's Benefit Night** on Thursday, **Sept 19 from 5 pm– 7 pm** at the McDonald's on **South Main St.** Please stop by and visit with club members or go through the drive thru. Either way, the club will earn a percentage of the sales during this time. 100% of all funds earned are used for service projects. No funds earned during fundraising activities may be used for administrative costs.

Wood County is Turning 200

Wood County is going to be celebrating it's 200th anniversary in 2020. The celebration starts off with the re-dedication of the murals at the Wood County Courthouse on Sep 9 at 3 pm. The murals were originally painted by I.M. Taylor and have been restored by McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratory, Inc.

A Gala Dinner and Benefit on Oct 26 at the Wood County Courthouse will include a local history presentation and patriotic musical performance. The Wood County Bicentennial Committee has been busy organizing the Gala, and working on events to promote Wood County's history. The committee will also be promoting the 125th anniversary of the Wood County Courthouse in 2021.

The bicentennial committee has established a website at www.WoodCounty200.org. More information about can be found there about Wood County's history, planned events, ways that you can help preserve our history.

24/7 Recycling

Plastic #1-7
 Flattened
 Cardboard
 Paper
 Aluminum/Steel
 Cans
 Glass
 No plastic bags

Agape Food Pantry

The Agape Food Pantry (formerly 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.

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

Portage Lions Club

The Portage Lions Club's regular meetings will be resuming on Sept 9 at 7 pm. Meetings are held at Christ UMC. The club is always open to new members. Please contact any club member for more information or email portagelions@dacor.net. We have several events on the schedule for the fall, including a McDonald's Benefit Night, a couple of preschool vision screenings, and soon to come, our much anticipated annual Amish cheese sales. Look for more details next month.

Wood County Historical Center & Museum

The public is invited to participate in the 16th annual German-American "Story Slam" event on Wed, Oct 2 at 7 pm. Participants will be allowed 5 minutes to tell their own family's stories about German-American religious customs and German-American religion.

Discussion led by Dr. Geoff Howes (BGSU, retired) and Michael McMaster (Wood Co. Historical Museum Education Coordinator).

Following the story-slam, enjoy German food and fellowship or take a self-guided tour of the exhibit, [For Comfort and Convenience: Public Charity in Ohio by Way of the Poor Farm](#).

\$5 suggested donation, WCHS Members FREE.

Ohio Facts and Trivia

Ohio has the largest:

- ◆ Museum of military aviation in the world, the National Museum of the United States Air Force, Dayton
- ◆ Manufacturer of glass in the world, Toledo
- ◆ Single university campus in the US, Ohio State University
- ◆ Mastodon fossil ever discovered in the world, Clark County
- ◆ Amish population in the world
- ◆ Selection of roller coasters in the country, Cedar Point
- ◆ Man-made cavern in the world, Cincinnati Museum of Natural History
- ◆ Sandstone quarries in the world, Amherst
- ◆ Shoelace manufacturer in the US, Mitchelllace, Portsmouth
- ◆ Cuckoo clock in the world, Grandma's Alpine Homestead restaurant, Wilmot
- ◆ Pumpkin grown anywhere in the world, 1725 lbs, Jackson Twp
- ◆ Manufacturer of toy balloons in the world, Ashland
- ◆ Trilobite fossil in the world, found in Montgomery County

Facts from [It Happened in Ohio](#), by Carol Cartaino