

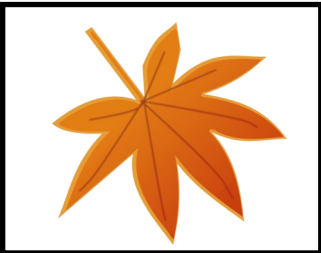
THE NITTY GRITTY

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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



Happy Halloween

The Central Joint Fire District will be holding their Annual Halloween Party on Thursday, Oct 24, at 6 pm. The Fire Station is located at 13179 Mermill Rd. Come wearing your best Halloween costume. There will be prizes as well as hot dogs and beverages.



Trick or Treating for the Village of Portage will be on Halloween night, October 31 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

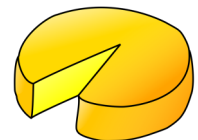
Thank You!!!



The Portage Lions want to **THANK YOU** for coming to the McDonald's Benefit Night held on Sept 19. We earned an all time record amount of **\$496.85**. 100% of all funds earned are used for service projects. No funds earned during fundraising activities may be used for administrative costs.

Amish Cheese

The Portage Lions are holding their Annual Amish Cheese sale, now through Oct 25. Cost is \$7 per pound. Varieties available are: Baby Swiss, smoked cheddar, smoked Gouda, pepper jack, horseradish, green onion, roasted garlic, Mozzarella, Colby jack and cheddar. Cheese will be delivered in mid November. To place your order, contact any member or email portagelions@dacor.net.



As with all fundraisers, 100% of profits (after related expenses are paid) are used for service projects. Some of our upcoming projects are preschool vision screenings, the Holiday Decorating Contest, and Christmas food baskets.

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.

Firefly Nights
 Oct 19
 6:00 pm—10:00 pm
 Main Street
 Bowling Green



Come check out all the fun events planned: corn hole, Trunk or Treat, kids tractor pulls, various vendors, horse carriage rides, free hot chocolate, the pumpkin patch, the kid zone, and the beer garden.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

Mayor Mark Wolford and the Village Council have met with ODOT and Bowling Green Municipal Utilities about burying the power lines along Route 25. In order to do this, when ODOT reworks the road, the village needs to qualify for grants.

To qualify for the grants, it is critical that the income surveys sent to village residents several weeks ago, be completed and returned. If you have returned your survey already—Thank you!. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Mayor Mark or anyone on the council.

Thank you for helping us to make Portage nicer!

Carl Crawford

Steak Supper

The United Methodist Women of Christ UMC will be holding their semi-annual baked steak supper on Sunday, November 3, starting at 12 noon. The meal includes baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, homemade dessert, and beverage. Cost is \$9 per adult, \$4.50 per child.

Wood County Historical Center

The Historical Museum has several events scheduled for fall fun. Check out their website for more information at www.woodcountyhistory.org.

Oct 17—Pumpkin Carving Workshop & Contest, 6:30 pm– 8 pm. This is a family event and is free. Practice your pumpkin carving skills and you can take your pumpkin home or leave on display at the Historical Center

Oct 19 is the 29th Annual Folklore and Funfest. The event runs from 4pm to 9 pm. There are horse-drawn wagon rides, kid-friendly activities in Boo-vill, an apple cider press, and a working oil derrick. This is free and open to all.

Oct 25 is the Friday Night Folklore Trick, Treat, & Tour, from 7 pm– 10 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person