

THE NITTY GRITTY



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Events

- Lions Club—2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 pm at Christ UMC (currently on summer break)
- 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



Blood Drive



The Red Cross is holding a blood drive at Christ United Methodist Church on Monday, July 20 from 2 pm to 7 pm. Please come and donate blood. There is a great need in the country for blood at this time.

Wood County Public Library

The Wood County Public Library reopened to the public on July 7 with Express Services and limited hours. Library hours are:

- Sundays, Mondays, & Thursdays: building is closed
- Tuesdays: 11 am—3 pm
- Wednesdays: 3-7 pm
- Fridays: 1-5 pm
- Saturdays: 10 am-1 pm

The first hour of each open day is reserved for those aged 60 and older, and those who are immunocompromised. **Face coverings or masks are required by all visitors aged 3 and older while visiting the library.** Visitors are limited to one visit per day for 30 minutes. Groups or family units may not exceed more than 4 people.

The children's play area is closed, though the book stacks are available for selecting books.

Curbside pickup continues to be available Monday through Friday from 9 am to 6 pm. The Bookmobile will not be available for the foreseeable future due to the inability to properly maintain Covid precautions.

The library computers are available for 30 minutes at a time, with only a limited number available. Reservations are required, call in advance, 419-352-5050.

The meeting rooms will not be available for the foreseeable future.

All materials must be returned through the exterior book returns.

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, starting at 10 am. 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.

Central Joint Fire District

The Central Joint Fire District has decided to postpone their annual golf outing to this fall. When there is a confirmed date, more details will be posted to their website and Facebook page.



The annual golf scramble is held at Birch Run Golf Course in North Baltimore. Costs include 18 holes with a cart and a picnic style lunch. Door prizes are included and side games are available. All proceeds are used to help support local student scholarships.

www.cjfd.org

Wood County Museum

The Wood County Museum reopened on July 6 with Covid-19 restrictions in place. Hours for self-guided tours are 10 am to 4 pm during the week and 1 pm to 4 pm on weekends.

Face coverings and social distancing is required while in the building. New cleaning procedures have been put in place to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Exhibit spaces have been reworked to open up the traffic flow. Current interior exhibits include *For Comfort & Convenience, Utopia*, and the new *People, Places, & Things*. This newest exhibit is a picturesque extravaganza guaranteed to captivate and inspire audiences featuring rarely seen objects and over 1000 photographs from the Wood County Historical Society collection.

Also available is an outdoor porch exhibit, *Kitchen Confidential*. Did you ever wonder what sparked the idea for your modern kitchen appliances? With the revolution of electricity and the rise of Industrialization, many primitive inventions blossomed into a new and improved household appliance that made chores easier and more efficient. This exhibit originally displayed in 2011.

For those who wish to visit via their own homes, the museum offers digital tours: *Utopia—A Visual Storytelling of Our Home, A Clean Bill of Health—Societal Response to Disease, and Chasing the White Rabbit—An Historical Look at American Mental Illness*. For more information on these visits or to check them out, visit the museum website, www.woodcountyhistory.org.

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