

THE NITTY GRITTY



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Events

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

4th of July Parade And Activities

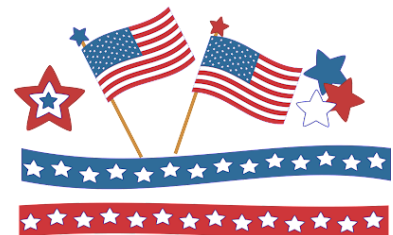
The 4th of July Parade and Activities are ON!! A little road construction is NOT stopping this annual event. The parade will step off at 11 am on Monday, July 4 as normal. However, instead of ending at Enright Park, it will end at **Christ United Methodist Church** on W. Main Street.



The Portage Lions are planning on the usual activities: car show, free lunch, bake sale, and activities for the kids. In association with Christ



UMC, there are some additions planned, including live music and face painting. Maybe some others—come find out. Plan on watching the parade— find out who the Grand Marshals are this year, and follow us to the church to check out the car show— vote for your favorite—grab lunch, listen to music, let the kids play on the grounds and participate in the activities.



June 19
Happy Father's Day!

Calling kids of all ages – decorate your bicycle and ride it in the Parade to participate in the Bike Decorating Contest.



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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next local blood drive will be on Wednesday, July 20 from 1 pm to 7 pm at Christ UMC. There currently is a dangerously low supply of blood and donors are greatly needed. If it has been at least 56 days since your last donation, please consider donating at this drive.



Firefly Nights

Firefly Nights return to Bowling Green on the third Friday nights of June, July, and August. This is held in the north and south blocks of Main Street, 6 pm to 10 pm. There will be live music, free kids activities, food vendors, and more. The first date is June 17.

BG Fireworks



The City of Bowling Green will be holding their Independence Day Firework display on Sunday, July 3 on the Wood County Fairgrounds.

WOOD COUNTY MUSEUM

The Wood County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) will hold their annual Field Day in the Boom Town area of the Museum grounds at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 25, and if weather permits, through the night until Sunday, June 26 at 2:00 PM.

Every June, more than 40,000 Amateur (Ham) Radio operators throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate radio science, as well as their importance to our communities. Field Day is a nationwide exercise sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) as a means to practice emergency communication procedures using temporary antennas and emergency power. In the event of a disaster, hams are ready and able to set up communication facilities on short notice almost anywhere.

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Use this Field Day locator to see a location near you! <http://www.arri.org/field-day-locator>
Outdoor demonstrations are free and open to the public.

The Amateur Radio event is free. Museum open Saturday & Sunday 1-4 PM with regular admission.