

The NITTY GRITTY

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Events

- April 12, 1:00 pm, Easter Egg Hunt, Enright Park
- April 13, Steak Supper, Christ UMC, 12 noon
- April 17, Holy Thursday meal and service, 6:30 pm
- April 19, 9 am to noon, Recycling Trailer
- April 20, Easter Sunday services, 7 am & 9:30 am
- Sunday Worship, Christ UMC, 9:30 am; Sunday School, 11:00 am
- Council meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Village Hall, 7 pm
- Portage Lions, 2nd & 4th Mondays, Christ UMC, 7 pm
- Food Pantry, Saturdays, Christ UMC, 10:00 am

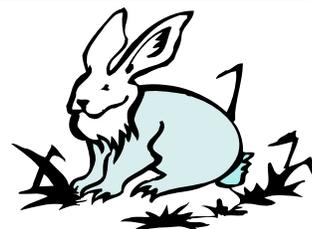
Easter Egg Hunt

The Parks Committee will be holding the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12 at 1:00 pm in Enright Park. Refreshments, provided by the Portage Lions Club and Christ United Methodist Church, will be available following the hunt. Come and enjoy the fun of the hunt!



Steak Supper

April 13 at noon, there is a steak supper at Christ United Methodist Church. Cost is \$8 adult, \$4 children for baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, coleslaw and homemade dessert, and beverage.



Good Friday

There will be a Good Friday Pilgrimage on April 18. It starts at noon at Trinity UMC with the Proclamation of the Passion Story. The processional will move to First Presbyterian Church where we will remember the Seven Last Words of Christ. The procession then moves to St Aloysius to Observe the Stations of the Cross.

Following this service, participants will return to Trinity UMC to their cars. At 7:30 pm, the processional will resume at Trinity UMC with a final walk to St Mark's Lutheran Church, where a candlelight Tenebrae service will be held. Participants who cannot walk between churches are encouraged to drive. This special Good Friday service was organized by the Bowling Green Ministerial Association.

Easter Services

April 17 at 6:30 pm there will be a Maundy Thursday Meal at Christ United Methodist Church. This is a carry in meal, so bring a dish to share. About 7:15 pm, we will have service in the sanctuary.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, an early celebratory service will be held at 7:30 am followed by a free breakfast. There is a second worship service at 9:30 am.

Everyone is invited to all services.



Community Garden

Christ United Methodist Church is planning on starting a community garden in time for planting season. Also available, will be seeds and tomato plants for anyone needing help getting their garden started. Please contact Rev Bruce McDaniel at 419-686-2621 if you are interested in community gardening. We need to get an idea of the number of participants while we are in these planning stages.



*FOOD
PANTRY at
Christ UMC every
Saturday at
10:00 am*

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

VIDALIA ONION SALE

It is time for the Portage Lions Club's annual Vidalia onion sale! Jumbo onions come in either a 10 pound bag for \$10 or a 25 pound bag for \$20. Vidalia onions are excellent for onion rings or anywhere else you want to use them. Onions can be chopped up and frozen for cooking later. To place your order, contact any Lions Club member, email the club at portagelions@dacor.net, or stop by the recycling trailer on April 19.

Village Council News

The storm drain repairs along Dixie Highway went out for bid. The bidding closed Monday at Noon. Council will assign the contract at the next council meeting which is April 21.

BIKE 4 SIGHT

On Saturday, May 10, the Portage Lions Club will hold the 4th Annual Bike for Sight on the Slippery Elm Trail. The ride raises funds that are designated to eye health. Lions Clubs, both locally and internationally sponsor a variety of sight programs. A few of these programs are preschool vision screening, recycling eyeglasses on vision trips, paying for new eyeglasses or cataract surgeries, provide vision readers, help to eradicate river blindness, and much more. SightFirst programs sponsored by Lions Club International have saved the sight of millions of people at the average cost of \$6 per person. Help support these valuable programs by participating in Bike 4 Sight.

The bike ride utilizes the entire length of the Slippery Elm Trail between Bowling Green and North Baltimore, Ohio. There are several distance options available ranging from 10-27 miles for casual and seasoned riders. All routes this year begin and end at the Christ United Methodist Church in Portage. Registration is open from 8:00-10:00 am and riders are encouraged to pick a route that will get them back by 1:00 pm.

The cost is \$6 per rider no matter which route you choose. Riders under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Bike helmets are strongly recommended.

Do you have one or more pairs of eyeglasses that you no longer need? If so, bring them with you and donate them to our eyeglass recycling program. For information about the rider or our other programs, visit www.portagelions.org.



Coming Soon . . .

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

- May 26, Annual Memorial Day Ice Cream Social at Christ UMC
- July 4, Annual Fourth of July Parade and activities—watch for more information in future newsletters