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Events

- Sep 8, Blood Drive, Christ UMC, noon—6 pm
- Sep 18, McDonald's Night, S. Main St BG, 4-7 pm
- Sep 20, 9-noon, recycling trailer
- Oct 5, Steak Supper, Christ UMC, noon
- Food Pantry, 10:00 am, Saturdays
- Sunday Worship, Christ UMC, 9:00 am; Sunday School, 10:00 am
- Council meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Village Hall, 7 pm
- Portage Lions Club meetings, 2nd and 4th Mondays, Christ UMC, 7 pm

The Portage Lions Club meetings will resume on Monday, September 8 at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL NEWS

Work continues at Shinew Field. Recently, cement blocks and labor to build dugouts at Shinew Field was organized. Hopefully, these will be built and done by the end of summer.

The storm drain project is waiting for time to pass for any settling to happen and then finish work can be done.

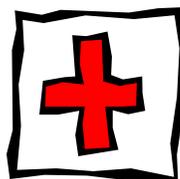
Council applied for a grant in June from the Wood County Parks Department. for a large, informational billboard. It would contain information about reserving the ball field, the shelter house, other things that pertain to Enright Park.

We continue to operate in the positive side and still wait for responses from LGS (Local Government Services) to our requests for a specific list of requirements they want to see to before the village can be released from FISCAL EMERGENCY STATUS. At this time, they have not provided this list. We have made massive strides - all funds are positive and remaining positive; annexations to the south and north expanding the village for a positive impact for the long-term sustainability of Portage; responsible use of tax dollars by members of the Legislative Body (Council and Mayor) to not jeopardize or undermine previous efforts.

Carl Crawford

Blood Drive

Give the gift of life—give blood. There is Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 8 at Christ



United Methodist Church from 12 noon until 6:00 pm. Please consider fulfilling this truly worthy and worthwhile need.

Mosquito dunks are available through the Village Hall. Contact Village Administrator Rex Lee, any council member, or Mayor Mark Wolford to obtain.

Steak Supper

The United Methodist Women will be holding their annual fall Steak Supper on **Sunday, Oct 5**, starting at **12 noon**. For \$8 per adult, \$4 per child, you will receive baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, homemade dessert, and beverage.

United Methodist Women and Missions

The Steak Supper is a major fundraiser for the UMW. One of the purposes of the UMW, which is an international organization, is to participate in and expand mission opportunities locally, nationally, and globally.

Recently, we have supported local missions such as the food pantry at Christ UMC, the food pantry in BG, Martha's Kitchen in BG, and Friendly Center in Toledo.

We also organize mission kits each year with the help of the congregation of Christ UMC. This year's mission kit is the health kit. Our goal is to assemble 100 kits, which are donated to Church World Service and will be used worldwide.

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Worship Time

Christ United Methodist Church has changed the time of its Sunday worship to 9:00 a.m. Sunday School will begin promptly following the morning worship. Come join us if you do not have a church home. We are a welcoming, inviting and generous congregation who look forward to meeting you.

Food Pantry

The Portage Food Pantry reopened on Saturday, August 30 at 10:00 a.m. 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.....there will be shelves and a lot more different kinds 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.

Rev. Bruce McDaniel

McDonalds Night Fundraiser

Portage Lions Club

Sept 18

4:00-7:00 pm

McDonalds, South Main St, Bowling Green

PORTAGE LIONS CLUB

The Portage Lions Club is getting ready to start their 2014-2015 year, with the first meeting of the month on Monday, Sep 8. Officers this year are: President, PDG Jay Deutschman; 1st Vice-President, Dick Gill; 2nd Vice-President, Vicky Allen; Treasurer, Rose Richardson; Secretaries, Anne Deutschman and Vicky Allen; Tail Twister, Lola Judson; and Lion Tamer, Don Allen.

We have a number of events already in the works. Recently, several members of the club served as road marshals for the Soaring Eagle Run, sponsored by Erie Shores Boy Scouts. Club members helped stop traffic at several country road intersections, allowing for safe passage of the runners participating in the half marathon.

In the next couple of months, we will be holding a McDonald Night Fundraiser, on Thursday, September 18 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the recently remodeled McDonalds on South Main St, Bowling Green. We will be sponsoring the Peace Poster contest at Bowling Green Middle School, with a celebratory dinner for the winner and runner up on Oct 27.

Also in October, we will be screening preschool students at Elmwood School. We performed this service last year and were honored to be asked back this year. A highway pickup will be scheduled sometime this fall as well as the planting of a horse chestnut tree at Enright Park in memory of Kenny Copus. A final fundraiser of 2014 will be our annual Guggisberg cheese sale, to be held in October, with deliver in November.