

# THE NITTY GRITTY



## COUNCIL NEWS

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### Events

- Oct 18, 9-noon, recycling trailer
- Oct 31, Halloween
- Food Pantry, 10:00 am, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Christ UMC
- 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 Nitty Gritty is sponsored by the Portage Lions Club. Send comments and suggestions to [portaglions@dacor.net](mailto:portaglions@dacor.net).

Village Council recently passed an ordinance against solicitations. Residents should place a sign that reads "No Solicitors, Peddlers, or Canvassers Allowed" or "No Solicitations of Any Kind" in a front window or door that is easily seen. Call the County Sheriff's Department at 419-354-9001 to report problems.

At the first council meeting in October, several items were discussed. Budget possibilities for the upcoming year were reviewed with further discussions to be held in the future. Also discussed were issues that linger from several summertime projects including a vacant home that was causing problems for neighbors and is now listed for sale. The company hired for the storm drain repair has not completed work to council satisfaction. As a result, they have not yet been fully paid.

The Village Council expressed thanks to Richard Gill of the Portage Lions Club for the American flag they donated to the village. The parks committee is still seeking volunteers who are willing to help with their time and skills at the park. Anyone interested should contact the Mayor, a council member, village administrator or employee for more information.

Carl Crawford

## Halloween Activities

Watch for more information from the Village about Halloween trick or treat. The Central Joint Fire District will be holding their annual Halloween party, too. Watch for more information to be posted on their website, [www.cjfd.org](http://www.cjfd.org).

## Holiday Decorating Contest

It may still be October, but it is not too early to be planning your outdoor holiday display. All homes in Portage are automatically entered into a contest for the best decorated house and yard. First place will be awarded \$50, second place \$30, and third place \$20. Judging will take place on December 22. This contest is sponsored by the Portage Lions Club.



## Chicken BBQ

Joint Central Fire District will be holding their annual fall chicken BBQ on Sunday, Oct 19 and the fire hall on Mermill Road.

## Food Pantry

The Portage Food Pantry reopened on Saturday, August 30 at 10:00 a.m. It will be 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 with new 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 W Main Street, located within Christ UMC.

## Punography

**What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?**

**A thesaurus.**

# Guggisberg Cheese Sale



It is time for the annual Guggisberg Cheese Sale, organized by the Portage Lions Club. Available this year are Baby Swiss, Colby, Colby Jack, Pepper Jack, Farmer's, and Smoked Cheddar. Smoked cheddar comes in 2.25 lbs for \$15. All other cheeses are \$12 for 2 lbs.

Contact any Lions Club member, email portagelions@dacor.net, or stop by the recycling trailer on Oct 18 between 9:00 am and noon to place your orders. Last day to place an order is Oct 27. Cheese will be available after Nov 15.

## CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Trunk or Treat

Don't forget to check out the Christ UMC parking lot on whatever night the village decides to hold trick or treating. There will opportunities to collect some more treats!

### Thanksgiving Eve Service

On Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm, Christ UMC will host a Thanksgiving Eve Service. All are welcome to come and give thanks as a community for all God gives us.

Rev. Bruce McDaniel

## PORTAGE LIONS CLUB

A huge thank you to everyone who came to McDonald's on September 18. We raised \$401.68 from the sales made between 4:00 and 7:00 pm. We are thrilled with the support received in this fundraiser. 100% of these funds go back into service projects, locally, nationally, and globally.

Next week, we will be performing preschool vision screenings for the Elmwood School District. This will be the second year for this project and we are looking forward to it.

At our October 27 meeting, we will be honoring the Peace Poster winner and runner up during a dinner meeting. These winners will be selected from artwork created by students at Bowling Green Middle School. The first place winner will be moving on to the district competition.

In the near future, we will be planting a tree at Enright Park in memory of Lion Kenny Copus. In December we will be supporting United Way by providing 6 area families with food baskets. We will also be helping the Salvation Army with bell ringing.

We are always looking for people who like to help serve others. If interested, talk to any member or come visit us during one of our meetings.