

THE NITTY GRITTY



COUNCIL NEWS

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At our meeting on Dec 1, 2014 we completed the last step in the annexation of Archbold Equipment properties. The large expansion of the building will also bring some full-time jobs to our Village. The biannual audit results for 2013-2014 should be released by the end of January. All streets are snow streets in Portage...when it snows more than a couples inches or so, the streets are plowed and the intersections are salted.

Congratulations to Manny Carillo, #60 & Hogan Pash, #88, part of the BG High School Bobcats Football Team living in Portage with us, on an excellent football season! The team, in Division Three, went all the way to State playoffs before having the season end for them.

Carl Crawford

Holiday Decorating Contest

The holiday season has arrived! Do you have your outdoor decorating started? If not, there is still time before judging. 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.



Events

- Dec 20, 9-noon, recycling trailer
- Dec 22, 7 pm, Holiday judging contest
- Dec 24, 9 pm, Christmas Eve Service
- 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

Christmas Eve Service

A Christmas Eve Service will be held at Christ UMC at 9 pm December 24th. Everyone in the village is invited to come and celebrate one of the

holiest and most special nights of the year.



Rev. Bruce McDaniel

Thank You

The Lions Club thanks everyone who purchased cheese from us last month. We were able to raise over \$1400, 100% to be used on projects. We still have some cheese left, if interested, contact Jay Deutschman at 419-601-1031.

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.....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.



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COME TO THE STABLE

Come to the Stable, December 11 through 14, at the BG Alliance Church, 1161 Napoleon Rd, BG. Displayed will be 600-700 Nativity sets, collected from around the world, made in a variety of material and sizes. There will also be live music, homemade refreshments, and a Nativity set give away. Admission is free, though donations of canned goods for the BG Christian Food Pantry will be accepted. Hours are: Dec 11, 5 to 9 pm; Dec 12, 10 am to 9 pm; Dec 13, 10 am to 8 pm; and Dec 14, noon to 3 pm.



Vacation Bible School

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School for the Portage Community. I, Rev. McDaniel, would like to see this be an event sponsored by the whole community. The theme I have in mind would be around hunger. This theme would share bible stories about feeding and hunger. It would not be favoring nor promoting any one denomination over another. What I am looking for at this point are interested people in the village of Portage that would be willing to help in planning and putting on this event this summer. If you are interested at all, in any way (which could mean teaching, providing snacks, etc) would you please call me Rev. Bruce McDaniel at 567-208-3181.



Portage Lions Club

The Lions Club is busy at this time of the year. We will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Kroger on Dec 23. We also donate poinsettias to the Portage Group Homes. We are very pleased that we will be able to help six Portage area families with food baskets. The congregation of Christ UMC has generously contributed to the food baskets this year. Deliver of the food baskets is planned for Dec 20. Our final activity this year will be the Holiday Decorating Contest on Dec 22. We are looking forward to this new event.

RECYCLING TRAILER

Cardboard is now accepted at the Recycling Trailer, manned by the Lions Club every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Also accepted is glass, aluminum, steel cans, newspaper, magazines, and plastic (numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7).

