



**September 2020**

Port Vue UMC Purpose, Mission & Vision  
Adopted at Charge Conference - November  
20, 2016

**Purpose:** The purpose of Port Vue UMC is to  
make disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the world.

**Mission:** We are a compassionate community  
of faith striving to worship, pray and grow as  
we serve God together.

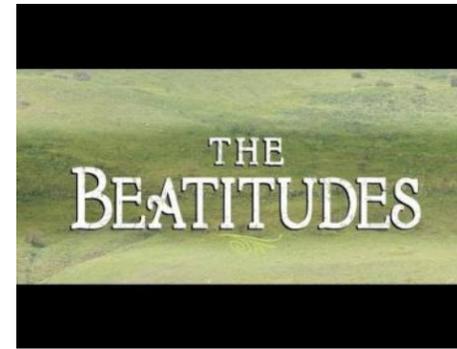
**Vision:** With God's guidance, we will grow  
into an exceptionally welcoming and diverse  
community embodying the love of Jesus for  
all.

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Friends,

The Beatitudes are some of the most recognizable words ever written in the Bible. These words begin Jesus' first discourse in the Gospel of Matthew called the Sermon on the Mount. Mother Theresa once called the Beatitudes, "something to live for and live by." But the more we read and meditate on them, the harder we feel to live by them.

The Beatitudes are, indeed, challenging words. They are not a goodnight lullaby being whispered in our ears. No, instead, they are like revolution.

Jesus used these words to upend the status quo and turn conventional wisdom upside down. They are a way of life in the Kingdom of God, which is not supposed to look like life anywhere else. Henri Nouwen describes the Beatitudes this way:

The Beatitudes offer us a self-portrait of Jesus. At first it might seem to be a most unappealing portrait – who wants to be poor, mourning and persecuted? Who can be truly gentle, merciful, pure in heart, a peacemaker, and always concerned about justice? Where is the realism here? Don't we have to survive in this world and use the ways of the world to do so?

Jesus shows us the way to be in the world without being of it. When we model our lives on his, a new world will open up for us. The Kingdom of Heaven will be ours, and the earth will be our inheritance. We will be comforted and have our fill; mercy will be shown to us. Yes, we will be recognized as God's children and truly see God, not just in an afterlife, but here and now (see Matthew 5:3-10). That is the reward of modeling our lives on the life of Jesus!

~ Henri Nouwen, Bread for the Journey

The Beatitudes are the way Jesus lived, and he invites and calls us to join him in his way of life. The more we live and put into practice the Beatitudes, the more we will experience a truly blessed life. In other words, we live and practice the beatitudes and become Kingdom people.

The worship and preaching theme for this Fall, beginning on September 13, will be on the Beatitudes. The schedule is:

September 13 – Blessed are the Poor in Spirit (Matthew 5:3)

September 20 – Blessed are Those Who Mourn (Matthew 5:4)

September 27 – Blessed are the Meek (Matthew 5:5)

October 4 – Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness (Matthew 5:6)

October 11 – Blessed are the Merciful (Matthew 5:7)

October 18 – Laity Sunday

October 25 – Blessed are the Pure in Heart (Matthew 5:8)

November 1 – Blessed are the Peacemakers (Matthew 5:9)

November 8 – Blessed are Those Who are Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake (Matthew 5:10)

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Hyung-Suk Joe



**“Tom” Telephone Outreach Ministry** Our GOAL is to offer support by discussing your health issues or questions that you may have, especially-but not only-when you or a family member were recently sent home from a hospital, rehab, skilled nursing facility or even after outpatient ambulatory surgery.

If you let the church know that you have been admitted to the hospital, please expect one of the nurses from the Wellness Committee to telephone you when you are home. One out of every 5 people who are discharged from the hospital is readmitted within 30 days and we would like to be available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have after your hospital discharge. If you do not want us to call that is alright, but we want to reach out in case there is something we can be helpful with. The Wellness Committee can also arrange a home cooked meal available to help lessen the challenge of recuperating after discharge. Call our TOM TEAM of PVUMC Wellness Committee Suzanne Evans RN at 412-913-5825 or Norma Saputo RN at 412-860-6768 If you get a voice mail, be sure to leave your name, call back number, and reason for call. Someone will call you back ASAP.



**FLU season** is coming! Social distancing will help against all viruses, BUT the flu can be prevented with a yearly Flu shot. Flu Shots will be available during the FLEA MARKET. Rite Aid Pharmacists will be at the FLEA MARKET to give you your Flu Shot. Just remember to bring your ID and health insurance information. Don't worry if you have lost your health insurance because of the pandemic, the Wellness Ministry of PVUMC will provide a Flu Shot for you. Contact Norma or Suzanne if you do not have health insurance. Let's all stay healthy this year. Cover your cough or sneeze, wash your hands often, wear a mask when necessary.

Remember the Wellness Ministry is at church every Sunday and Wednesday, if you want to talk we are only a phone call away. Let us know if you have been in the hospital, discussing your discharge and health teaching are our favorite things to do. Suzanne Evans (412) 913-5825 and Norma Saputo (412) 860-6768



**Wellness Ministry** The Wellness Committee welcomes all **participation and ideas** on how to better serve you during our present time of social distancing. Please call the either Karen at our church office (412) 672-7289, or Suzanne Evans (412) 913-5825 and Norma Saputo (412) 860-6768 so we can support you!



**DON'T RISK GETTING SICK FROM THE FLU THIS FALL! COME TO OUR FLU SHOT CLINIC AT PVUMC. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED. BRING YOUR ID AND HEALTH INSURANCE CARD**  
**WHO:** Anyone in surrounding community  
**WHAT:** Rite Aid is offering this year a Quadrivalent Vaccine-containing 4 strains of flu virus (NOT the standard 3 strains) this offers more protection especially for this fall!  
**WHEN:** Saturday Sept 12, 2020 from 11am—1pm  
**WHERE:** Port Vue UMC  
**WHY:** It is a Preventative Health Care Action



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## Suggested Ground Rules

### Do No Harm

- ✓ Think before you speak.
- ✓ Beware of judging yourself and others harshly and unfairly.

### Do Good

- ✓ Own your thoughts and beliefs by using "I" statements.
- ✓ Listen with a compassionate and curious heart to others especially when their experience and views are different.

### Stay in Love with God

- ✓ Pray for one another and this gathering.
- ✓ Be faithful in word and deed to your commitment to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:  
 a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;  
 a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;  
 a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;  
 a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.  
 Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Local Church Historian School—**FREE FEATURED LOCAL CHURCH HISTORIAN SCHOOL**

Are you interested in caring for or improving your church’s program of history?

The General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church will be offering a Local Church Historian School in 2020 for church historians—or anyone interested in the story of their church.

This is the same school developed and offered by the Indiana Conference in the past, now updated, and being offered by the General Commission on Archives and History to any United Methodist church globally.\*.

The Local Church Historian School curriculum will cover a wide range of skills necessary to become a “complete” church historian. Participating congregations will benefit from a new consciousness of their heritage and legacy and be motivated to study their unique stories and proclaim it to those around them. LCHS is a 12-week long course that allows participants to move at their own pace through a series of exercises. Each week participants will receive reading material and an assignment(s) via email. They can then move at their own pace to get through the readings and complete the assignment—even if it takes them longer than 12 weeks. During the course, they will have access to an assigned moderator for any questions that might arise as well as access to a closed Facebook group with other course participants. Once completed, the participant will receive a certificate from GCAH.

The Book of Discipline says our Commission is “to encourage and assist the local churches in preserving their records, compiling their histories and celebrating their heritage....” This school provides United Methodists the opportunity to do just that.

The school will begin on September, 14, 2020. Plan now to use this opportunity to ensure that the heritage of each of our churches will be celebrated and that each church can receive the full benefit of its own amazing story.

\*The only prerequisite for the Local Church Historian School is access to dependable email service. (Minimal computer skills are required.) at <https://www.umnews.org> at [stantcontactpages.com/su/MMsXW6v/LCHS](https://www.umnews.org/stantcontactpages.com/su/MMsXW6v/LCHS)



**Memorials:** In Memory of Tom Wardropper Given by Tom Hagan.



Memorial monies also have been used as follows:

Kitchen cabinet, Video system & camera – monies applied from Tom Wardropper’s memorial fund account.

New kitchen island – monies applied from Ivan Trumpey’s memorial fund account.

July 14, 2020 To: Port Vue UM Church

The Nyadire Connection thanks you for supporting the campaign to help alleviate the Hunger Crisis in Zimbabwe. Your generous contributions have enabled us to support the food needs of the people of Nyadire for about three and a half months.

We have received much appreciation from many friends at Nyadire for the help. Unfortunately, food shortages throughout Zimbabwe continue as a major concern. TNC is prayerfully considering how we can help and any additional contributions you might offer are greatly appreciated.

We are sending you this report to sow that your gifts have been received by Christ United Methodist Church and allocated to the Hunger Relief Fund.

Our records show that your donation to the Hunger Relief Fund are as follows: May Jun Total \$1000

If there are any discrepancies please report them to Richard Dickey, TNC Administrator at Christ UMC, 44 Highland Rd, Bethel Park, PA 15102. He can be reached by phone at 724-949-1952 or email at [Sarich@aol.com](mailto:Sarich@aol.com)



**Preschool** PVUMC Christian Preschool is accepting student registrations for 3 and 4 year old classes for the 2020-2021 school year. Visit the website or call 412-672-7289.

**A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS**

Preschool orientation for the 2020-2021 school year has been set for Tuesday, September 1st at 6pm for the 4-year-old AM class and the 4 year-old PM and 3-year old AM classes will have their orientation on Sept.1st from 7:30 until 8:30PM in the sanctuary. We will explain a day at preschool, hand out information for the year and answer any questions. Classes for the 3-year-olds will start on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:30am, and classes for the 4-year-olds will start on Wednesday, September 9th at 9:30am and then the afternoon class will start at 1:00pm. We have made several changes to our typical school day to meet the recommendations that the state has provided, but we are still committed to providing a quality Christian preschool program. Our September theme, “God keeps us safe,” is from Psalm 91:4-5. We are very excited for the opportunity to minister to your child. ~Miss Brenda & ~Miss Tammy



Looking for Volunteers for Sanitation Team. A sanitation team is being formed to disinfect the sanctuary, welcome center and restroom after the 8:30am service on Sundays, so that we can go back to having 2 services on Sunday mornings.

The plan is to begin having 2 services again on July 5th. Sanitation training will be provided. Many hands make light work. We hope to develop a rotation schedule so you won't have to do it every Sunday.

To volunteer please contact Nancy Denardo by phone or text at 412 780-8636, or by email [atndenrn1@comcast.net](mailto:atndenrn1@comcast.net)



Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Port Vue United Methodist Church



Sometimes I just look up,  
smile and say,  
“I know that was you, God! Thanks!”



**A note from the Treasurer:** Please allow 5 -7 business days for a check to be printed for your request. Thank you

Beginning Balance of the General Fund for July is positive \$4,235.03  
Income \$16,673.10  
Expenses \$16,420.17  
Balance of the General Fund as of the end of July is positive \$4,487.96  
The Mortgage was paid off in June! Praise the Lord!



### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will resume on Sunday, September 13th at 9:00am in our Social Hall. We will be presenting a series called "More than Words"

by Pastor Robert Morris This will be 7 DVD sessions, each followed by a discussion period. If you are unable to attend in person, the sessions will also be available on Zoom. These classes will take place prior to our 10am Worship Service.

Many people want to read the Bible, but it's easy to feel overwhelmed. With 66 books and over 1,000 chapters, it has a lot of words! Where do you start?

In this series, Pastor Robert Morris explains how the Bible offers life-giving revelation and power if we know how to read it. He dives into how you can read the Bible, experience the miracles within it, and discover the answers you need. Sessions include: Bread, Water, Light, Sight, Symbols, Love (featuring Pastor Josh Morris), Dominion, Breath

**Please Note:** We will have a prayer time prior to the start of the class beginning at 8:45am. We will begin the teaching promptly at 9:00am. Please plan on attending this important series.



### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Looking towards the near future:

After September 1 (i.e. Wed Sept 2nd and Sunday Sept. 6th), as voted by Church Council, participants will be allowed to sing in church if they are wearing an KN95 face mask, which will be provided by the church (donated by Nancy Denardo).

On September 13th, we will move to a single 10:00 Sunday in-person service. This is because we have often had only 3 or 4 people in the pews at the 11:00 service. We will simultaneously broadcast the service we record with the Praise Team on Sat eve.

### Trustees Corner Sept-2020



The ceiling light in Karen's office has been replaced.

The 3 roof top units (RTUs – AC units) have been cleaned and serviced. The unit above the soundboard on the McClure St. side has a bad compressor that will be replaced soon.

The existing bid for the new RTUs has been updated reflecting a 3% increase in machine costs, not labor. There is a 5 week wait period to receive the units from the manufacturer.

The preschool doors are waiting for an updated proposal to reflect any cost changes since last year. Singer Glass will keep us posted with installation information.

The yew to the right of the annex door has an infection and may need to be removed.

The exhaust vent for the annex kitchen range is rusting away and needs replaced.

There was some concern over one of the building's exterior locks so Barrier stopped by and checked every exterior security lock and found 2 that needed tightened, the storage CO detector in the laundry room was installed, a area and preschool doors.

The parsonage and the front lawn area was landscaped while the family was away.

The carillon speakers on the roof have become loose from 30+ years of wind and inclement weather and need re-anchored. The needed components have been purchased and by the time this is in your hands, they will be a non-issue.



We will be having a **BAKE SALE** during the flea market. It will not be air conditioned and may even be outside. With that happening please nothing that needs refrigeration, coated in chocolate, or Have icing that will melt. If you would like to donate please have your baked goods in the fellowship hall on Friday, September 11. We will be getting it ready starting at 4:30-6. Everything will be packaged in clear "clam shell" take out containers.



**FLEA MARKET**  
Saturday, September 12th  
8:00 AM 'til 2:00 PM

1565 Washington Blvd Port Vue

**MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED**



From the Port Vue Web site portvueumc.org- be sure to check the Resources tab and RightNow Media. All Port Vue UMC members, visitors and other participants are also entitled to free, quality Bible Studies and Children's videos. Once you set up an account these videos can be watched on a cell phone, tablet, computer or TV using the Roku or Chromecast services. This provide a source of quality Christian programming for both adults and children.

