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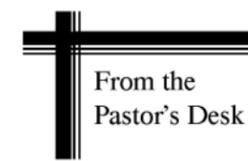
Port Vue UMC Purpose, Mission & Vision  
Adopted at Charge Conference -  
November 20, 2016

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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From the  
Pastor's Desk

Friends,

Now the summer has gone and we have faced a new season, the fall. In the fall, I love to see a high and clear sky; I love to feel a cool breeze that touches my cheeks. I love to see the beautiful leaves turning from green to dark red, yellow, orange and brown. I also love to have my birthday celebrated in the fall.

I had my birthday this past week. I feel that compared to the past, the days, the weeks, the months just keep getting shorter. I remember my grandma used to say, "Sweetheart, the older you get the faster time goes." I believe that's what I am experiencing now as I am getting older. Then I remember someone says, "Time waits for no man or woman." Time—it is like a precious commodity. It is one of those things that you really don't realize how precious it is until you don't have much of it left. Some of you know this all too well.

Therefore, let me encourage you not to put off what you should be doing today until tomorrow. Whatever it is, do not wait to do the things that you've always wanted to do, things that you know are important or priority. Do not hold off until "the right time," because the time will never be right. There will always be something standing in your way, making you feel as if the time is not right. But the time is now.

Yes, the time is now for us to stay in love with God. It's true this pandemic has offered ways in which we are disconnected with God and one another more than ever. There are still many members and friends who feel risky and uncomfortable getting back to the church. I totally acknowledge that and respect their feelings and decisions. Again, returning to the church during the pandemic is all up to each member or friend of the church. And those who are at high risk for Covid are also encouraged to stay home and be careful as best as possible.

For those who can't make it for worship in person, I encourage you to join in our online worship service. If you have a FaceBook account, you can worship with us on Sunday at 10 AM through the FaceBook. If you don't have it, you can just go to the church website **portvuechurch.org**, then click on the **Worship/Prayer menu** to view previously recorded services. You just need an Internet access. Then you can join in our worship anytime through the website along with the sermon manuscript available.

I also would like to let you know cautiously that our church is a safe place for worship. Because all the sanitary measures are well in place. We all wear masks and keep social distancing during worship. I believe if we all practice those precautions faithfully (this is what we do each week), we are safe to worship in person together. Whatever way you choose, I hope you stay in love with God in worship.

Also, I encourage you to take some time to get into the Word of God and grow in your faith. You can begin with the Gospels. As you read a passage of the Gospel each day and try to listen for God's personal word to you in it, the life of Jesus will become more and more alive in you and start to guide you in your daily activities.

Finally, I encourage you to take some time throughout each day to speak, silently or audibly, to God. Some think we need to pray when it's needed, like a spare tire we pull out when we have a flat. But, prayer is not something we do when we've got a free hour or just when things are going badly we might need to turn to God. Prayer is, in essence, being in relationship with God. It is accepting God's invitation to loving encounter. Try to converse with God throughout a day and to spend even five or ten minutes in being in love with God.

Keeping you in Prayer,

Pastor Hyung-Suk Joe



Our first fundraiser was our Car Wash that was held on Sunday, August 30.

Thanks for everyone who donated and who came out to support our youth. It was a big success! Our first meeting was held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. We started off outside with pizza until it started raining. We had 9 youth who attended (one new youth), and four youth absent. We have discussed ideas for the upcoming season, went around and introduced ourselves to the new youth, and then moved inside for the lesson. The youth social distanced by sitting in a large circle on chairs, 6ft apart. They also wore their masks unless they were eating. We also discussed upcoming events such as the Prayer Walk on Saturday, September 26. We will also be participating in the Trunk or Treat with a Noah's Ark theme on October 24 from 4pm-6pm. Our cookie sale will be on December 20 but will be done a little differently due to the pandemic. More details to come! Spark is being held at the Erie Convention Center on April 17, 2021 as a one-day event, which makes it less costly to attend. In October we will be offering our Port Vue Police officers a free "no contactless" lunch, thanking them for protecting our community and for their dedication. I am also looking into some mission work and a trip to Camp Allegheny or Jumonville. I am extremely excited for the upcoming season of youth group and so are the youth! Again, thank you supporting our youth.

Amy Harris Youth Group Leader



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!



**FLU season** is coming! Social distancing will help against all viruses, BUT the flu can be prevented with a yearly Flu shot. 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



Annual trunk or treat

Our annual trunk or treat will be held on Saturday October 24 from 4-6. Candy and monetary donations can be placed in the box marked "trunk or treat" in the welcome center. Anyone wishing to host a "trunk" can contact Jennifer Chiaverini or the church office. Through the years we have had much success with this program impacting the community. It has brought new families to our church who have become regular attendees and raised awareness and increased attendance of our outreach programs. Many trunk participants have ministered to families through spiritual trunk themes such as "the fruit of the spirit", "Noah's ark" and "whoooo loves you? Jesus!" owl theme, just to name a few.

In light of covid, we are suspending our free meal and game playing until (hopefully) next year. The event will be held outside only this year.

We ask if you participate in hosting a trunk that you choose a family friendly theme and do not incorporate games into your trunk this year to minimize contact.

See you there!

Adult Sunday School class is at 9:00 on both in Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Please arrive (or tune in) by 8:45 for prayer.

Children's Sunday School – started last Sunday using online lessons plus a workbook provided free to each family. Contact the church office or Joelle Hibner for more information or to sign up.

10:00 Online Service - For an interactive online experience FaceBook users can search for Port Vue United Methodist Church to find the church FaceBook page. In addition to watching the service you can enter prayer requests and interact with other participants.

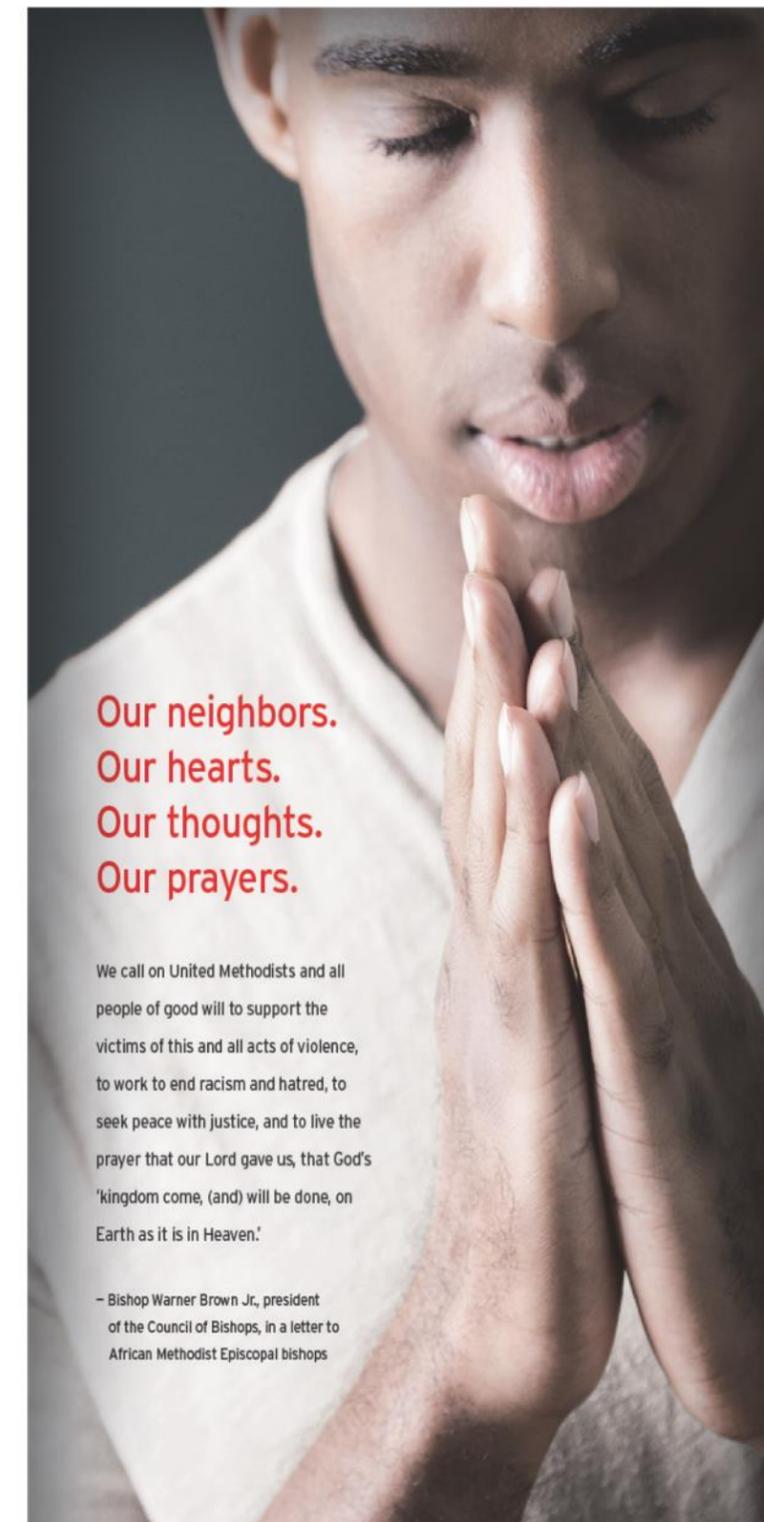
10:00 Online Service – The online service can also be viewed, along with the full text of the sermon directly from the church website. Just

View online Port Vue UMC  **Worship Service**  
Sundays @ 10:00 a.m., or anytime thereafter



Finance Committee meeting Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm.

# UNITED METHODISTS STAND AGAINST RACISM



Our neighbors.  
Our hearts.  
Our thoughts.  
Our prayers.

We call on United Methodists and all people of good will to support the victims of this and all acts of violence, to work to end racism and hatred, to seek peace with justice, and to live the prayer that our Lord gave us, that God's 'kingdom come, (and) will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

– Bishop Warner Brown Jr., president of the Council of Bishops, in a letter to African Methodist Episcopal bishops





## October is Bullying Awareness Month

October is 'Anti Bullying Month'

What are the consequences of youth violence? Youth violence has serious and lasting effects on the physical, mental, and social health of young people. It is a leading cause of death for young people and results in more than 400,000 nonfatal injuries each year. The impact of youth violence goes beyond physical consequences. Adverse childhood experiences, like youth violence, are associated with negative health and well-being outcomes across the life course. Youth violence increases the risk for behavioral and mental health difficulties, including future violence perpetration and victimization, smoking, substance use, obesity, high-risk sexual behavior, depression, academic difficulties, school dropout, and suicide. Youth violence affects entire communities. Violence increases health care costs, decreases property value, and disrupts social services. Youth violence negatively impacts perceived and actual safety, participation in community events, school attendance, and viability of businesses. How is your church helping to stop youth violence before it starts? Our preschool helps with early childhood development. Our children's Sunday school classes, Youth group, and Social skills groups with family engagement provide: role modeling, mentorship, and friendships for our most precious members. The Wellness Committee would like to thank you for supporting these ministries and helping to prevent youth violence.

We were very happy to be able to provide a space for Rite Aid to give Flu shots at the annual flea market. Twenty three flu shots were given. We intend to invite them yearly to the flea market. The Wellness Committee is here to encourage wholeness in body, mind, and spirit. We are always looking for your ideas of how we may serve you. Due to social distancing, monthly BP checks have not yet restarted. But Norma, Suzanne, Nancy, and Susan

are always available to discuss your questions about health matters, testing, or medications. We are all only a phone call away. And remember to expect phone calls from us when we hear that you have been in the hospital, let us know if there is any way we can help.



**Memorials:** In Memory of Robert Newton who passed on September 13, 2020



Condolences can be sent to his daughter Gail Newton 1107 Beverly Rd, Port Vue

You can view the obituary at <http://www.routson.com/obituaries/W-Robert-Bob-Newton?obId=18341915#/obituaryInfo>



I would like to thank my church family for your prayers, cards, meals and get well wishes after my knee

replacement surgery. I am doing well and the knee is healing nicely. Please know I fell blessed.

CYH Ann Lopretto



New Worship Service Times!!

Sunday's -One Service at 10:00 am Live. Singing returns using KN95 masks that the Church is providing.

Also, Continuing 10:00 am online service on Facebook.

Wednesday 7:00 pm Healing Service

If you missed Sunday's Service, go to Port Vue's Website—[portvueumc.org](http://portvueumc.org) click on Worship/Prayer and watch past services.



**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

We had a great first month of school! We are pleased to see how well the children are adapting to their new environment.

National Fire Prevention Week runs October 4th-10th. The preschoolers will have a special visit from the Port Vue Fire truck and our wonderful firefighters.

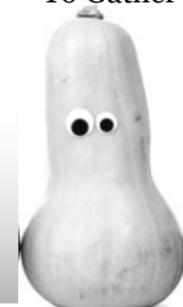
On October 7th and 8th we will have school pictures taken. There will be no preschool on October 23rd. Preschool is very busy learning about the seasons and having "fall fun"! The preschool would also like to thank everyone for supporting our fundraisers. - Miss Brenda & Miss Tammy



### FOD NEWS

The FOD women's fellowship has started meeting again. All women of the church are welcome. We will be meeting the 3rd Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 1PM. The FOD continues to be a vital and important ministry in the life of PVUMC. We will continue to be a place for the women of the church to experience the nurturing and fellowship of a Christian environment. Come being prepared for both friendship and bible study, conducted by ladies who you probably already know. We are an ongoing source of community and ministry for the ladies of the church.

' To Gather is Essential.



Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Port Vue United Methodist Church



Greetings from the Jumonville mountaintop!

Join us on October 11th from 2-4 for a Hymn Sing Celebration! We will be gathering on the lawn in front of Wesley to sing some of our favorite hymns. Please bring a blanket or chair and a mask. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

There is no cost to attend. An offering will be collected and refreshments will be available for a donation. Please RSVP by calling the office at (724) 439-4912.



**A note from the Treasurer:** 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 August is positive \$4,487.96  
Income \$29,142.05  
Expenses \$16,798.71  
Balance of the General Fund as of the end of August is positive \$16,831.30

Balance due on the Air Conditioning Loan is \$23,532.86  
The Mortgage was paid off in June! Praise the Lord



### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will has resumed. Through October, on Sunday's 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.



**Bible Study** 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



Fall Mission Work Days  
October 24  
9:00 until 4:00 (or when you can)

Pick your day and come up to assist us in completing projects or help us do fall cleanup and get ready for winter retreats. Work for any skill level or age! Please email Joe@campallegheny.org if you can attend. Lunch is provided.

**FREE SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FOR YOUTH GROUPS!!** Schedule your youth group to come up and use the gym with volleyball, basketball, nine square in the air and blacklights on Sunday afternoons for FREE. Just email Ericka@campallegheny.org and let her know you are coming.

**Chicken Barbecue Sunday Oct 11th** Come on up to the mountain for a great Chicken barbecue from 11am until 2 pm(or till sold out) for a meal of 1/2 chicken, homemade noodles and a homemade Gob! Only \$ 10. You can take it with you or picnic at your own table in the Grove.

Save 25%-50% on retreats! The Best Retreat Value is BETTER for a limited time! For a limited time, all organizations scheduling a retreat will be able to save 25% to 50% on our weekend retreat package. Groups who are new to Camp Allegheny or have not booked an event in the past 3 years can save 50%, while returning groups receive 25% off of our regular fees. Please note, this applies to retreats for our retreat weekend package and does not include day use or single night contracts.

#### Upcoming Events

- October 11 - Chicken Barbecue
- October 24 - Fall Work Day
- December 5 - "Night of Joy" Dinner Theater and Basket Auction



### Trustees Corner Sept

The church van and the lawn tractor booth needed new batteries.

The parsonage needed some batteries replaced for the security system, and it now needs an upgrade to the service panel which will be mailed to us to be installed. Some siding on the master bathroom needs replaced that gone blown off in the high winds.

Labor Day Weekend brought us an indoor waterfall in the downstairs girl's bathroom lounge area. With help from a neighbor, Richard Thomas, Jr. (and a couple of his friends) the water was cleared and the area was cleaned and ready for preschool to start on Tuesday. Jim Partyka performed emergency repairs to the failed elbow above the ceiling so church services could be held that Sunday. There were several items from VBS, Sunday School, and Preschool that had significant water damage.

Service Master was called in to clear the damage and dry the floors, walls, and ceiling as much as possible before a contractor could give us an estimate. Some of the floor tiles cracked, warped, and lifted, which when checked, are asbestos. An asbestos abatement team was called for their expertise in removing the old flooring. (At the time of this article, the team was due in 2 days.)

The wall mount ductless AC/Heat system has been installed in the Halverson Room and is operational.

In The next few weeks the existing failed roof top units will be disconnected to prepare for the exchange of the new ones. One day a trailer will appear in the parking lot with 3 RTU's on it. Shortly after that a crane will be called in to transfer all 3 units in one day.

The area around the playground and surrounding hillsides were sprayed with poison ivy killer.

### 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.



### Reminder, October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting contributions to celebrate our Pastor. Please mail your contribution to the church office, put it in the offertory or use push pay up until October 25th.

This pastor has lovingly lead this congregation for over 5 years and now in 2020 this year has been even more challenging. So lets show our thanks and appreciation.

Thank you, SPRC committee

