

# ***Grand Ave United Methodist Church***



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November 2022

505 W Grand Ave Port Washington WI 53074 [www.portumc.com](http://www.portumc.com)

## November 6

All  
Saints  
Sunday

A stylized graphic featuring a large, glowing yellow sun or moon behind a dark, silhouetted tree branch. The text "All Saints Sunday" is written in a flowing, cursive script in a golden-yellow color, overlapping the graphic.

The mood of All Saints Sunday is one of celebration. Certainly, there is sadness in acknowledging loss, and there needs to be space for that grieving. Yet the overall experience is one of joy and hope. Therefore, we light a candle for our loved ones who have entered into the union of Saints since last year's All Saints Sunday; we sing about the hope of eternity; we celebrate the cloud of witnesses; we pray for the sense of belonging together in community and the growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello Grand Avenue Family,

It is hard to believe it is already November. Being a Packer fan, I can't say I'm too happy with how the season has begun, but I am still optimistic they will turn it around. Even though this has been a bit of a disappointment, I hope that the beautiful fall weather and changing colors have lifted everyone's spirits. It certainly has done wonders for mine.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I think it is the perfect time for all of us to reflect on the numerous blessings God has placed in our lives. As we examine our lives, actively seeking to discern God's activity, it is easy to identify His personal involvement and impact. This can be a powerful tool to affirm for us that God is personally and intentionally working in each of our lives. This provides us both comfort and confidence in the truth of our faith.

In this season of Thanksgiving let us re-examine not only our past, but our present through this God centered lens, knowing that gifts are often difficult to identify in the presence of our daily trials and strife. However, God's gifts and grace are still present and active in our lives even as we negotiate adversity. Let us pray not only for God's comfort in our trials, but also that we may see and be encouraged by the love displayed in His many blessings. Please join me in saying, "Thank you Lord for your continued unmerited grace and love in my life."

Your Brother in Christ,

*Pastor Vince*

## CELEBRATE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



	November
Barbara Aagerup	1
Sue Killey	1
George Pacher	3
Muriel Ford	4
Dan Weltin	9
Marilyn Nelson	15
Ross Reichardt	15
Gordon Dionne	19
JoAnn Swanke	26
Nolan Draeger	28

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



	November
Jon & Vickie Meins	11
Peter & Ann Schmidt	20

# FAITH GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

## SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

The Social Principles group is again meeting after taking a summer break. We are exploring new topics for discussion, continuing our involvement with Family Promise, and maintaining our commitment to the environment to take care of God's world.

*We invite you to join us the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 in the Gathering Area.*

Regarding our commitment to our world, we'd like to continue to address the use of plastic, particularly plastic bottles. We are grateful for the big donation of the water in plastic bottles the church received in 2021, and do feel it is appropriate at times to use such plastic bottles. However, because the empty ones end up so often in landfills, the Social Principles group would like to see us be more mindful of our use of these.

We feel that Coffee Hour at church is a good place to start to change our habits; so we are asking those who host coffee hour to put out pitchers of water along with glasses. Many of us have brought our own coffee mugs to use instead of paper cups, so let's all get back in the practice of using them too.

Our group thanks all of you for becoming more aware and mindful of our use of plastic!

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## 'TIS THE SEASON

*All Women of the church are invited to:*

### *The A.W.E.S.O.M.E. Women's Christmas Dinner*

#### *When:*

Monday, December 5

6:00 pm Gathering

6:30 pm Performance by Limited Edition – Port Washington High School's award winning A Capella choir

Followed by a meal catered by Brian Preising

(Remember the delicious meal he served last year? Yum!)

#### *Where:*

Grand Ave Church – Fellowship Hall

#### *Cost:*

\$25 for the meal (same price as last year)

A free will offering will be taken to offset the cost of the choir

#### *RSVP:*

Please write a check to *Awesome Women* for \$25 and give to Kay Hamann by **Monday, Nov 21**.

If you need a ride that evening, please contact Sandy Grams (262-490-4856) or Lin Lohr (262-470-5873).



### November 13 - Serving a Meal

Join us as we show love to our neighbors in Milwaukee by helping to prepare and serve a meal for them.

We are still working to finalize the exact timing of this event, so please contact Christin Flucke if you are interested in helping and we'll keep you posted!



### November 27 - Friendsgiving Potluck Celebration 6:00-7:00 pm



In the season of giving thanks, we are so thankful for all of the amazing students that make up Lighthouse! Come for a night of celebrating each other as we gather for a community meal and some fun together. Everyone is asked to bring a dish/snack to share that begins with the first letter of your first name for a crazy potluck meal.

### Wednesdays, November 2, 9, & 16 An All New After School Program

A flyer for an after-school program. The background is dark blue with white and orange text and graphics. At the top, it says "OFFERING A SAFE AND WELCOMING SPACE FOR YOU TO HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS (AND MAYBE EVEN MAKE NEW ONES)". Below that, it says "JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR SNACKS, GAMES AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES, ALL FREE OF CHARGE!". The bottom section is divided into two columns. The left column lists the dates: "November 2", "November 9", and "November 16", followed by the time "3:00 - 5:00 pm" in orange. The right column lists the location: "513. W. Grand Ave. Port Washington" and the eligibility: "Open to all students in grades 5-8". There are decorative icons of a plus sign, a circle, and a dot scattered around the text.

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Have questions about Lighthouse or want to get involved?  
Contact Director Christin Flucke at 262-483-9582 or [christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org](mailto:christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org)



## FAITH GROUPS & ACTIVITIES cont'd

### ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

An ecumenical community worship celebration of Thanksgiving, featuring readings and reflections on *Kinship*. This service is a collaborative effort of several faith communities in Port Washington and Saukville. All Are Welcome

**“Kinship: Where everyone matters”**

Tuesday, November 22 7:00 pm

Christ the King Church

W Whitefish Rd, Port Washington

A Pie Social will follow the service. Guests are invited to bring non-perishable food donations for the Port Washington and Saukville Food Pantries.

## THANK YOU NOTES

On behalf of the Paulson and Carriaga families, we want to thank everyone from Grand Ave Church for their prayers, cards, and support during the time of Spensor Carriaga's passing. The support of our church friends means a lot to us.

Bethany Paulson-Ward  
Tim Paulson

To the people of Grand Ave Church,  
Thank you for the many donations made in October. Our clients are grateful for the help.

Family Promise

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

### Christmas is coming...

- Let's restart a giving tree for the holiday season! A Christmas tree will be placed in the narthex for new hats, gloves, and mittens. Items collected will be taken to Ozaukee County Human Services for needy families this winter season. Watch for the tree and bring your warm donations by Sunday, Dec 11. Any questions, please contact Cathy Guse.
- We will also collect gifts for persons served by Family Promise. As we get closer to the holidays, more details will be provided in our Sunday bulletins.

## NOISY COLLECTION 3rd Sunday of each month



### Lighthouse Youth Ministry

Lighthouse offers a safe and affirming community where all youth in grades 5-12 are WELCOMED regardless of their religious affiliation or beliefs, EMPOWERED to explore questions of faith and life, and EQUIPPED to serve their community and world.

As one of 5 churches in Port Washington and Saukville, Grand Ave UMC is dedicated to supporting the youth in our community through the Christian based programs and activities of Lighthouse.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** Bring your noisy coins (and quiet donations) to help support Lighthouse Youth Ministry.

*Shout Hallelujah for all the good work and lives touched through the Lighthouse Youth Ministry.*

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**FOOD PANTRY** Open Tuesdays 9am-noon and 4-6pm 262-284-1148

Please help as you can, by putting non-perishable foods in the bin outside our church front door. Cathy Smith checks the bin regularly and delivers items to the pantry.

*Current needs include:* flour, sugar, cookie mixes, vegetable oil, stuffing mixes, green beans, mushroom soup, beets, pickles, gravy, taco mix, canned tomatoes, peanut butter, fruit cups, paper towels, and dish soap.

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**FAMILY PROMISE** consistently has an urgent need for diapers sizes 5, 6, and 7; Tide pods; dryer sheets; ziplock bags, paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, etc); and garbage bags. Other items needed include: deodorant, fruit juice boxes, gas cards, healthy snacks, seasoned rice, dried soups, and mac & cheese.

You can place your donated items in the Family Promise bin in our hallway. Any questions, contact Sandy Grams or Cheryl Wozniak.

## CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENT

*This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. The Administrative Council Committee along with Pastor Vince, have decided **not** to have a service on Christmas Day, Sunday December 25.*

*Grand Avenue UMC will celebrate Christmas at our regular Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 pm*

# VOLUNTEERS

## November Volunteers *Thank you for serving in our ministry*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>A/V</u>	<u>Coffee Host</u>
11/6	Larry Maechtle	Cheryl Wozniak	Vicky Schafman	Muriel Ford Family
11/13	Larry Maechtle	Mark Grams	Scott Penkivech	Cheryl Wozniak
11/20	Larry Maechtle	Rama Bharadwaj	Scott Penkivech	
11/27	Larry Maechtle	Kay Hamann	Dan Benning	

To host a coffee hour, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Join us each Sunday for worship at 10:00 am

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Bishop: Rev. Hee-Soo Jung / District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Insor




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November 2022							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	
		10:30am – 12:30pm Mon – Fri ADRC Meal Delivery - Kitchen					
			7pm AA Mtg - FAC	5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC			
<b>6</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Veterans Day</i>	<b>12</b>	
Communion All Saints Sunday  10:00 am Worship Service	City Election Set-up Fellowship hall	Election Day – Voting in fellowship hall	10:30am – 12:30pm Mon – Fri ADRC Meal Delivery - Kitchen				
		9:30-11am Caregivers Connection  1pm Social Principles Group Gathering Area	7pm AA Mtg - FAC	6:30 pm Ad Council  5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC			
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	
10:00 am Worship Service  11:00 am Trustees Mtg	9:30-3:30 PW Women's Club Fllwshp Hall/Kitchen	10am Stockbox Distribution FAC	10:30am – 12:30pm Mon – Fri ADRC Meal Delivery - Kitchen				
			7pm AA Mtg - FAC	5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC			
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	
10:00 am Worship Service		10:30am – 12:30pm ADRC Meal Delivery - Kitchen		Church office closed  5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC	Church office closed		
		7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Christ the King Church	7pm AA Mtg – FAC				
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
10:00 am Worship Service		10:30am – 12:30pm Mon – Fri ADRC Meal Delivery - Kitchen					
			7pm AA Mtg - FAC				



Orders are due in the church office on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. Please remember to include your payment. You can also order on-line at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) Your order of gift cards will be ready for pick-up at church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Questions? Contact the church office at 262-284-9478 or [office@portumc.org](mailto:office@portumc.org)

*Each retailer makes a donation to the church for every gift card purchased.  
For a complete list of over 700 participating retailers, go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com)*

RETAILER	QTY	TOTAL
Amazon.com (e-card) \$25		
Amazon.com (e-card) \$100		
Arby's \$10		
AutoZone \$25		
Barnes & Noble \$10		
Barnes & Noble \$25		
Bath & Body Works \$10		
Bath & Body Works \$25		
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25		
BP \$50		
BP \$100		
<del>Burger King \$10</del>		
Cousins Subs \$10		
CVS Pharmacy \$25		
CVS Pharmacy \$100		
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25		
Dick's Sporting Goods \$100		
Exxon \$50		
Fleet Farm \$25		
Fleet Farm \$100		
Home Depot \$25		
Home Depot \$100		
Jiffy Lube \$30		
Kohl's \$25		
Kohl's \$100		
Kwik Trip \$25		
Kwik Trip \$50		
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Meijer \$25		
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Mobil \$50		
Noodles & Company \$10		
Panera Bread \$10		
Panera Bread \$25		
Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10		
Pick'n Save(WI) \$25		
Pick'n Save(WI) \$50		
Pick'n Save(WI) \$100		
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$25		
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$50		
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$100		
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25		
Sendik's Food Market \$25		
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Speedway \$25		
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Starbucks \$10		
Starbucks \$25		
Subway Restaurants \$10		
Target \$25		
Target \$50		
Walgreens \$25		
Walmart \$25		
Walmart \$50		
Walmart \$100		

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Make checks payable to  
Grand Ave Church