

# Welcome To Community

September 10, 2023

Today's Message

## Outside In or Inside Out

Matthew 15: 10-20



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 **CommunityChurch**  
of Portage Lakes

# Marriage Matters

We are introducing a new ministry effort focused on Marriage. As an introductory event, couples are invited to an afternoon of fall fun and festivities on Saturday, September 30th at Ramseyer Farms from 3:30-7:00 PM. In addition to all the available activities at Ramseyer, we will have our own tent and campfire site to enjoy roasting hot dogs, making smores, and getting to know each other better. We may also have an interesting scavenger hunt and a couple of fun prizes. Join us to learn and share more about this ministry.

Admission cost will be \$20 per couple, and we have initially reserved spots for 15 couples. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can order additional tickets if needed. Sign-up sheets are at the Connect Center. Your tickets will be provided upon payment.

Thank you.



## What's Happening

**Membership Class:** On Sunday, September 24th, come learn more about our church, our common faith, our common beliefs, our common commitment and what it means to be a member of a church. We will have a 2-part class on Sunday the 24th starting at 9:15am and again in the evening at 4:30pm. To learn more or to sign up call the Church office at 330-644-6121

**College & Career:** On September 23rd, we will be going apple picking at Rittman Orchard. We will meet in the church parking lot and caravan over to the orchard. The only cost is for any apples you would like to pick and you will pay the orchard directly. It will be from 1-3pm.

**Choir:** Choir is kicking off again for the fall! If you are interested in singing see Dave Schroyer for more details!

**Encore:** On Wednesday September 20th at 1:00pm we will be watching Monumental, In Search of America's National Treasure presented by Kirk Cameron. Long regarded as "the land of opportunity," there's no question the tiny band of religious outcasts who founded this country hit upon a formula for success that went way beyond what they could have imagined. How else can you explain the fact that they established a nation that has become the best example of civil, economic and religious liberty the world has ever known.

**Ladies:** "For such a time as this" Prayer Gathering continues to meet on Wednesdays 6:30-8pm. Let's come together to pray for our church. Contact Sue Rowan with questions. 330-715-4968

## What's Happening

**Parents:** PRACTICAL HELP FOR PARENTS! 6-week group for parents *"Loving Your Child Well"* It's a challenging time to be a parent. Numerous studies show that our children struggle with depression, self-esteem, and acceptance issues at a crisis level. As parents, we work hard to show love to our children, but research shows that **most children**, even those raised in loving homes, **doubt if they are genuinely and unconditionally loved**. In this group, we will be talking about the emotional needs of our children and learning **practical skills** that communicate love and acceptance. We will also talk about how to love our children through the challenging times of parenting, like when they are struggling with anger, and when we need to discipline them. This group will be led by Pastor Mike and Sandy Rybka. Mike and Sandy have 4 grown kids and 1 grandchild. **The group will meet in the parlor on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00, starting on September 6<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Kids:** Kids Serve Day Serving is something we see Jesus lift up himself to his disciples. On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> we will be giving our church the same opportunity to serve. We will be hosting work crews who will be going into our community and serving. From house clean-ups to yard work to projects right here at our church, we have something for everyone and every skill level. This is perfect for a family or even an individual! You can sign-up at the coffee bar on a sign-up sheet.

**Kids** On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> we are inviting children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to come and learn how to play chimes! This will be an hour long commitment weekly. We are practicing for a Christmas time performance.

**Mens:** Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study is starting back up on September 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet from 6:30 – 8:00pm in Room 128. Our discussion topic will be the foundational deep truths of Genesis chapters 1-11 as it applies in today's society. For questions, contact Brad Johnson at (330) 361-0221 – text or call. We look forward to your participation!

**Mens:** Join us for a Men's Picnic and Cornhole on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm outside at the pavilion.

**Ladies:** Monday Evening Bible Study starting on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Chapel. "God's Great Love, Remarkable Plan, and Beautiful Design for Women of the Bible and for Us" Please join us as we study the lives of women in the Bible; connect with their stories; and learn more about God's character through His interactions with them. As we take part in this study, we will be reminded that the women in the Bible were not perfect, but they still were a part of God's story and ours. Please sign up by either joining our group online or by contacting Billy or Kristen (Billie Jean) (330) 414-8185 or at [billiejean1221@yahoo.com](mailto:billiejean1221@yahoo.com) or Kristen Johnson at (440) 228-5547 or at [kabsjohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:kabsjohnson@yahoo.com) so we can have your study materials ready.

**MOPS:** MOPS of Portage Lakes meets at Community Church of Portage Lakes on the third Tuesday of every month, September through May, from 7 to 9pm. The cost to join covers all of the monthly meetings and additional activities. After signing up, we'd love for you to join our Facebook group. You can sign up online at CCPL.life.

## Prayer Needs

Our Missionary Prayer Focus: **Matt & Emily Musser with Ethos 360** Our Missionary Prayer Focus: [ethnos360.org](http://ethnos360.org). Matt and Emily Musser have an established mission in the Asia/ Pacific region through Ethnos 360. Founded in 1942 as New Tribes Mission, Ethnos 360 is an interdenominational, cross-cultural evangelical Christian mission based in FL, USA. They fund more than 3,000 missionaries in 20+ countries. The Mussers, currently on home assignment, will return to support missionaries working among the unreached people groups to give them spiritual and emotional support while in the field.

Friends Who Are Sick - Dave Baker, Nancy Banwart, David Benjamin, Alan Buckley, Cynthia Burdette, Don Burdette, Katie Butcher, Mike Cameron, Ralph Carris, Wes Cox, Dorothy Green, Charlene Inherst, Gene Inherst, Judy Mervine, Judy Odom, Grace Patterson, Terri Pfaff, Casey Roscoe, Mary Ellen Seibert, BJ Smith, Anita VanBuskirk, Keith Virden, Richard Fox (Coalridge), Al Moses (AlterCare)

### Special Prayer Needs

If you have a prayer request and would like to call the prayer chains

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| Daytime<br>8am-6pm | Mona Hoppstock<br>234-678-8006<br>Kathy Walker<br>330-607-4134          |
| Evening<br>6-10pm  | Bonnie Hutchison<br>330-644-5352<br>Diana Pryor<br>330-882-9857         |
| Email              | Sonya DeBerte<br><a href="mailto:fearzero@aol.com">fearzero@aol.com</a> |

## Giving

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| Last Week's General Fund Giving | \$18,187 |
| Weekly General Fund Need        | \$17,345 |

Cash or Check payable to "Community Church of Portage Lakes" Online at [www.CCPL.life/Give](http://www.CCPL.life/Give)

## This Week

### Sunday

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| 6:30PM | SNG      |
| 6:30PM | Life 301 |

### Monday

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| 12:30PM | Ladies Prayer Group |
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### Tuesday

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| 6:30AM | Men's Bible Study   |
| 8:00AM | Breakfast at HM     |
| 9:30AM | Tuesday's Act Study |
| 6:30PM | Elder Board Meeting |
| 7:00PM | C & C Small Group   |

### Wednesday

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| 6:30PM | Broken Vessels Study |
| 6:30PM | Kids Clubs           |
| 6:30PM | Youth Small Groups   |
| 6:30PM | Parenting Class      |
| 6:30PM | Prayer Group         |
| 7:00PM | Choir                |

### Thursday

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| 7:00PM | Galvanized |
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### Friday

### Saturday