

CONFIRMATION

Pastor Scott will begin this year's Confirmation program in September. Parents of 8th graders, please be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks. If you would like, you may email Scott at pastorscott@portucc.org to confirm that your child will be participating.



NO CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES THIS MONTH

The June Church Council Minutes will be approved at the August 10, 2023 meeting. They will appear in the September newsletter.



THEMES FOR WORSHIP IN AUGUST

August 6: Genesis 32:22-31 Matthew 14:13-21

10th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday

The Genesis text has Jacob wrestling with an angel, while Jesus is challenged to feed a multitude with a few loaves and fish in the gospel of Matthew. We come to the Communion Table to consider the ways we are blessed and how we might share those blessings with our neighbors.

August 13: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Matthew 14:22-33

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's texts include the story of Joseph as he is lifted from a pit into an unknown future, and the Gospel of Matthew has Peter attempting to walk on water. The theme of faith and faithfulness will be lifted, as we seek to trust in God and follow God's plan.

August 20: Genesis 25:19-34 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

12th Sunday after Pentecost

The Genesis story of rival twins, invites us to examine the things that divide us, and a parable about seeds sown in a variety of places along the path provides an opportunity to reflect on our spiritual growth.

August 27: Genesis 28:10-19a Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

13th Sunday after Pentecost, Baptism of Cora Manderscheid

The story from Exodus is one of cunning midwives, a courageous mother, and a vigilant sister-- providing examples of what it means to act and to live our faith in response to God's call. We might ask, "Where in today's world is the church called to such acts of courage, defiance, and faithful action?"

