

MUSTARD SEED

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Instead of taking a vacation from God this summer, draw closer to Him. Here's how:

Summer is finally here! It's time to relax, forget about school, and have a carefree life for three months, right? During the summer it's easy to get lazy—sleep in on Sabbath and neglect your devotional time with God. Instead of losing touch with God this summer, why not use this vacation time to draw closer to Him? Need some ideas?

- **Go deep with God during your devotional time.** If you aren't used to spending time with God, you can start by setting aside a few minutes a day, say 20 minutes, to connect with Him.

Be creative. As you worship God, you can sing praise songs; read from an inspiring devotional book (find one online or at your Christian bookstore that looks interesting to you); memorize Scripture . . . use your imagination.

If you're already in the habit of spending time with God, this summer you may be willing to do an in-depth study of a book of the Bible. Read the book through a section at a time. Identify the book's themes and the audience at which the author aimed the book. As you read, think about how you can apply what it says to your life.

Maybe you're up for a topical study in the Bible—a study on a certain theme. For example, look up a word such as “pure” in a Bible concordance; then check out all the verses with the word “pure” in them. You may even want to keep a record of the ones that you find particularly meaningful.

- **Talk to God.** What do you want to say to God? Who do you want to hold up to Him in prayer?

Many people find it helpful to make a list of people's names and situations that they want to pray about. If you want to do this too, you could create a prayer journal, or divide your list into different categories for praying about on different days, or choose any number of other approaches.

Each day as you pray, don't forget to confess your sins to God. Also, remember to thank Him for His blessings and for answering your prayers.

- **Go to church.** It may be tempting to sleep late or to spend a full day at the beach on Sabbath, but neither of these choices builds you up spiritually. Strengthen your walk with God through regular church attendance.

Summer vacations often take their toll on church attendance, but you can make it a goal to be at every service. Not only will attending church grow your relationship with God - it will encourage others to keep coming as well.

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Sermons in June:

Sunday, June 3rd
Rest and Holy Time
Mark 2:23 - 3:6

Sunday, June 10th

Sunday, June 17th
Putting the Pieces Back Together
Mark 3:20 - 35

Sunday, June 24th
Does Jesus Care?
Mark 4:35 - 41

MISSION STATEMENT: "Nourishing Souls with Loving Hearts and Caring Hands."

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- **Volunteer for God.** During the summer church workers and teachers may want to take vacations, or they may just need a break. Volunteer to take their place. Or be willing to help them put on special summer programs, such as Vacation Bible School and children’s church.
- **Make a visit.** Make new friends out of church visitors, hang out with friends who haven’t been to church in a while, play with kids, or stop by and see older folks. Visiting people will give you a chance to share your faith and to encourage others.

This summer, don’t take a vacation from God. Instead, use your summer vacation to have fun as you purposely seek God and grow in your relationship with Him. He promises: “If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me” (Jeremiah 29:13, NLT).

Pastor Dee



Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry

We continue to support the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry with donations of food items collected each Sunday. **For the month of June, please bring in donations of canned tuna of any kind, water or oil packed.** Thank you for continuing to help the food pantry reach those in need!

Frontline Foundations, Inc.

We recently received a Thank You note from the team at Frontline Foundations, Inc:

Dear Pastor Dee & Porter Church,

Thank you once again for the case of Bibles and your tangible love for our community and our clients. Thank you for giving the Word of Life to so many.

Grateful,
The Frontline Team

Missions

In the
Spotlight

Our Quarterly Mission Focus:
Vacation Bible School

This is the last month we will be collecting for our very own Vacation Bible School is a great outreach to children in preschool through 5th grade, both within our church and to those within the community. Leader resource materials, DVDs & CDs, children’s learning materials and other items needed to help bring the theme to life (not to mention the food since we provide dinner each night) require money to help make a program as large as this a success. We hope you will help support this vital outreach of our church.



Our Children’s Mission Quarterly Offering:



We only have a month left to collect for our quarterly children’s special mission offering for **Jacob’s Ladder Pediatric Rehab** in Chesterton. Located at 1595 S. Calumet Road, they are a non-profit organization providing comprehensive therapy & care for special children and to provide support for their family.

The money collected will go towards providing scholarships to cover the cost between insurance allowance for therapy and the amount of therapy that is actually needed as their therapist recommends.



Sunday School News

Sunday school came to an exciting close after Mother's Day as we began our summer recess. This quarter was full of fun, adventure, and interesting Bible stories and crafts. We focused on Paul and his encounters during his faith journey after Jesus ascended. We also learned about Aurora, a young Christian girl who is a member of the Inuit Indian tribe in Nome, Alaska.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to several ladies whose genuine dedication to Sunday School has been and continues to be a true blessing: *Liz Scharp, Charlotte Fike, Debbie Bowen, and Marcia Wood*. Also, thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunts and friends that made sure their children got to Sunday School each week.

Finally, please pray about this, as the church is still looking for a person or persons to lead Sunday school beginning in the fall. My schedule is changing dramatically, therefore I won't be leading but I'll still be present to teach when I can. Please inform the office or Pastor Dee if you are interested in this worthwhile mission.



Sincerely,

Linda Green



There was a good turnout for our "Women's Night Out" dinner on Friday, May 11th at Round the Clock Restaurant. There were 31 ladies and 1 young lady present - enjoying the food, togetherness, and conversation. Door prize winners were *Pam Babcock, Karla Allmon, Connie Ellefson, & Linda Kalbe*.

Everyone received a gift bag at the close and each guest was given a flower from *Sandy Allmon*.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the funeral service and luncheon celebrating the life of Rose Marcus. From setting up the tables & chairs; preparing & serving the food; *Marcia Wood* for cleaning the church; and the cleanup afterwards.

It takes a lot of people working together to be able to honor a former attendee, and PUMC's church family came through again (as always).

Thank you all!

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BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame



What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.

Summer is typically a time when you buy more ice cream, especially to enjoy on a hot day.

Please save your plastic ice cream buckets and place them on the table in the kitchen.

Thanks!





Sunday, June 3rd - Wednesday, June 6th

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

ALL CHILDREN AGES PRESCHOOL THROUGH 5TH GRADE ARE WELCOME!

FREE!

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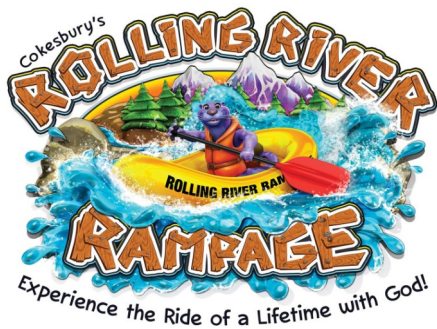
DINNER WILL BE SERVED ALL 4 NIGHTS!

You can now easily pre-register your child(ren) to save time by visiting our church's website at www.porterumchurch.org/vacation-bible-school. We ask that on the first night your child is there by 5:15 p.m. to make sure your child is registered, gets a name tag, and have them join their team leader.



VBS: June 3rd - 6th 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Our VBS team at Porter UMC is planning an exciting week of experiencing the “ride of a lifetime with God”, even through rough waters. Romper, the river otter will guide them through the rapids. It is based on Isaiah 43:2 (CEB), “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.”



A light supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. each evening, will be followed with a rotation of songs, Bible stories, science time and games. They will all relate to Jesus, who is with us at all times, even in rough water rapids. Each evening will end at 7:30 pm.

Please register your child by visiting the church website at www.porterumchurch.org/vacation-bible-school. We hope your child can join us for this very exciting adventure!



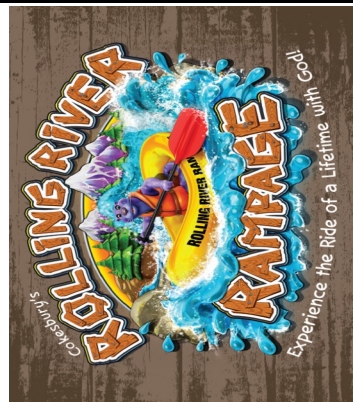
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
3 Worship 9:30 a.m.	4	5 VES 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. 	6 8 p.m. AA Meeting	7	8	9
10 Worship 9:30 a.m.	11	12	13 8 p.m. AA Meeting	14	15 	16 3 p.m. Models Club
17 Worship 9:30 a.m. 	18 6 p.m. Carry-in Reconciliation & Prayer Service	19	20 8 p.m. AA Meeting	21 	22	23
24 Worship 9:30 a.m.	25	26	27 8 p.m. AA Meeting	28	29	30



- 1 Tom McClure
- 6 Brenda Brueckheimer
- 8 Babe Poparad
- 8 Dakota Janus
- 9 Bill Kuhns
- 10 Haleigh Spalla
- 11 Lucille Fulton
- 14 Jenny Ancell
- 14 Matthew Bowen
- 17 David Duvall
- 20 Carl Copollo, Jr.
- 21 Chris Green
- 21 Chet Micinski
- 25 Emily (Allmon) Neal
- 25 Betsy Poparad
- 28 Aaron Lucas
- 28 Brenda Watson
- 30 Betty Ward
- 30 Loretta Wise



- 11 Steven & Kim Allmon
- 16 Julius & Radine Kretlow
- 24 Tony & Judy Reales
- 28 Doug & Deb Scharp



Dear Members and Attendees of Porter United Methodist Church:

Our church has been on a decline in membership, attendance and giving for some time. We find ourselves in a position to borrow from other funds to pay bills every week. That option is diminishing. If we want our church to survive, we must address the problems and find a way to overcome the decline and get Porter United Methodist church back to the vibrant church it has been in the past.

In an effort to find a way forward, PPRC has contacted the North District Conference on issues that have been brought to the attention of the committee and Ad Council.

A letter will be sent out summarizing the Conflict Transformation Report that was presented to the Ad Council on May 7th. Please take the time to look it over for a better understanding of where we are as a church and what steps we will follow.

When the PPRC met to discuss the findings, they agreed that a reconciliation and prayer service would be beneficial and would be a great first step to get our church back to the vibrant church it has been in the past. ***We would like to hold a carry in dinner on June 18th at 6:00 P.M. After sharing fellowship and dinner, the reconciliation service and prayer service facilitated by the North District would follow. This is a very important meeting for the future of your church. Please make time to attend.***

Please RSVP to the church by calling the office or through the church's website at www.porterumchurch.org and filling out the pop-up RSVP form or the form on the worship info page directly at www.porterumchurch.org/directions. Thank you!



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Church

Dee L. Miller, Pastor

Summer Worship: 9:30 a.m.
(beginning 6/3)

Regular Worship: 10:15 a.m.
(beginning 9/9)

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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VISION STATEMENT

As the community of Christ, which is one in Jesus Christ, we will nurture and care for one another, spread God's word and love throughout the community thereby fulfilling our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.