



Pastor Dee's Office Hours
Week of January 7, 2018
Hours available by appointment.



This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 7	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday, 9	9:30 AM	Removal of Christmas decorations
Wednesday, 10	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 11	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 14	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday, 17	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 18	7:00 PM	Bible Study
Saturday, 20	3:00 PM	Models Club Pizza Party

FINANCIAL SUMMARY, WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

2017 Non-discretionary Budget:	\$ 65,065.00
2017 Total Budget Offering	\$ 32,352.73
Weekly giving required to meet this projection:	\$ 1,251.25
December 31 st budget offering:	\$ 441.00
On-Line offering for week:	\$ 205.00
Budget giving surplus (deficit) for the week:	\$ (605.25)
December 31 st Debt Reduction offering:	\$ 0.00
Budget surplus (deficit) after debt reduction:	\$ (605.25)

We thank you for your continued support in helping us meet our budget and for your ongoing commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through Porter UMC!

PORTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 7, 2018



Office Hours

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Pastor Dee Miller

Porter United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 7, 2018

PRELUDE *Anna Kalbe*

CHIMES WITH BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF LOVE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP *Pastor Dee Miller*
Brief Announcements

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (In Unison) *Judy Reales*

"For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of His body; and accordingly, they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man."

***OPENING HYMN** *UMH #254*
"We Three Kings"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Judy Reales*

L: We gather wondering, "Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?"

C: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

L: We gather asking, "Where will we find the Child of Christmas?"

C: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

L: We gather wanting to know, "Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?"

ALL: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (In Unison)** *Judy Reales*

We search for Your light, Star Caster, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect Him to fulfill our desires, rather than Your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of Your grace. Help us to be like those

wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of Your joy and love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

followed by "*GLORIA PATRI*" *UMH #70*

PASSING THE PEACE: "*Meet & Greet*" *All*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Pastor Dee Miller*
"I Got It"

RESPONSIVE READING *Judy Reales*
Psalm 72:1 - 7, 10 - 14 *UMH #795*

RECEIVING JOYS AND CONCERNS *Pastor Dee Miller*
PASTORAL PRAYER followed by *The Lord's Prayer*

WORSHIP OF GIVING: *Tithes, Offerings & Gifts* *All*
*"Here I Am to Worship"**, followed by "The Doxology"** *Screen*

THE EPISTLE *Judy Reales*
Ephesians 3:1 - 12

SERMON: Matthew 2:1 - 12 *Pastor Dee Miller*
"The Light Within All Life"

COVENANT LITURGY *Insert*

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION *Pastor Dee Miller*
"The Great Thanksgiving" *UMH #15*
Communion bread baked by Bob Kremke

***CLOSING HYMN** *UMH #585*
"This Little Light of Mine"

- Closing Words & Benediction -

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *All*
*"Grace, Love and Fellowship" ***

Indicates **STANDING if you are able. ** Video Presentation*

Prayer Requests

Joys:
Judy was thankful that **Pastor Tara Keehn** was able to provide pulpit supply for Pastor Dee while she was away.

Tony Reales went cross country skiing and said it was beautiful outside.

Recent Prayer Requests:

Leslie Roberts (Anna's friend) - procedure at Rush Hospital on pancreas

Carl Copollo, Jr. has been sick with pneumonia.

Judy Reales - sinus surgery

Marcia Wood - prayers for those not in church

Continue Prayers for:

Judy Hoffman - many health needs

Linnea Hokanson - recovering from pneumonia

Fern Duvall - health

Rose Marcus

Brenda Brueckheimer - chemo treatments

Since we have started a new year, we've cleared up some older prayer requests from the list. Please resubmit any prayer need that you would want to have listed again. Thank you!

Please use prayer cards provided in the Narthex for submitting prayer requests.

Ministry Partners & Organizations

Frontline Organization; Duneland Medical Loan Closet;

Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry; Duneland Resale; Westchester Meals;

VNA hospice; Royal Family Kids Camp,

Boy Scout Troop 928; True North Training Stables; Yost

Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2018 Flower Chart is wide open, so you can reserve your special dates now. Currently, we are giving towards the current quarterly missions of TrueNorth & Royal Family Kids Camp.

WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry's supply of peanut butter & jelly have been depleted over the holidays, so for the month of January they are asking for your help with donations of these items.

CHILDREN'S MISSION: TRUE NORTH TRAINING STABLES

We are in a new quarter and the children are collecting for **TrueNorth Training Stables**. TrueNorth provides a safe environment where at risk youth and their families come for training in life skills and spiritual awareness in an equine setting.

NEW QUARTERLY MISSION: ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

During the months of January, February & March, we will be collecting for the **Royal Family Kids Camp**. RFKC offers camp experiences for children ages 2 - 12 who have experienced challenging family situations or who have been placed in foster care.

REBUILDING TOGETHER - DUNELAND

Applications are now being taken from qualifying homeowners who are in need of free home repairs that will take place on their work day of April 28, 2018. Applications can be found online at www.rtduneland.org and at the Westchester Library, Chamber of Commerce, Hopkins Ace Hardware, Duneland Resale Shop, and the Duneland YMCA. Or, you call them at (219) 926-3233. **The deadline to apply is January 15, 2018 and it is on a first-come, first-served basis.**

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SET FOR FEBRUARY 4TH

For the third straight year, we will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. This national celebration of giving and serving uses the energy of the Super Bowl, which will be held on February 4th, to mobilize churches in a united national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need.

Every dollar collected by Porter UMC through the Souper Bowl of Caring will be donated to the Westchester Food Pantry. Last year, we collected a total of 610 cans of soup. We would like to surpass that this year...stay tuned for more updates as the date approaches.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY UPDATE

We have received word that our shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child have been delivered! This year, our boxes were sent to children in 2 countries: Togo & Mexico. To find out more about these locations, please take a peek in your January edition of *The Mustard Seed* (which you can pick up from the mailbox in the Narthex, if you haven't done so already).