



**Pastor Dee's Office Hours**  
*Week of March 25, 2018*  
*Hours available by appointment.*



## This Week's Schedule

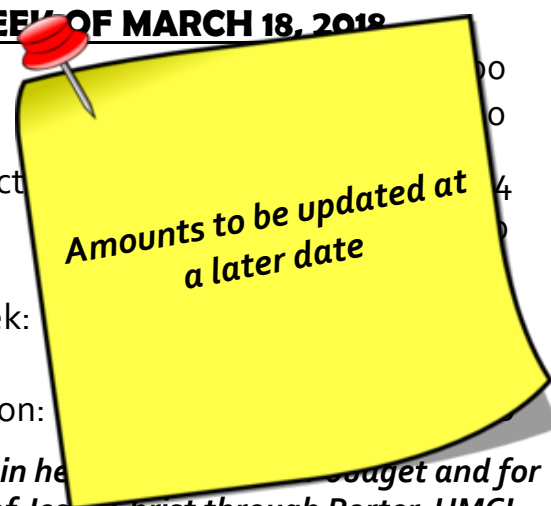
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| <b>Sunday, 25</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday School</b>                       |
|                   | <b>10:15 AM</b> | <b>Palm Sunday Worship Service</b>         |
| Wednesday, 28     | 8:00 PM         | AA Meeting                                 |
| Thursday, 29      | 6:00 PM         | Maundy Thursday dinner & communion service |

## Upcoming Schedule

|                  |                 |   |
|------------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>Sunday, 1</b> | <b>7:00 AM</b>  | <b>Sunrise Easter Service</b>           |
|                  | <b>8:00 AM</b>  | <b>Breakfast in the fellowship hall</b> |
|                  | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday School</b>                    |
|                  | <b>10:15 AM</b> | <b>Easter Sunday Worship Service</b>    |
| Wednesday, 4     | 8:00 PM         | AA Meeting                              |
| Thursday, 5      | 6:00 PM         | VBS meeting                             |
|                  | 7:00 PM         | Bible Study                             |
| Saturday, 7      | 7:00 PM         | Models Club                             |

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY, WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2018

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 2018 Non-discretionary Budget:                  | 00 |
| 2018 Total Budget Offering                      | 00 |
| Weekly giving required to meet this project     | 40 |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup> budget offering:         | 0  |
| On-Line offering for week:                      | 0  |
| Budget giving surplus (deficit) for the week:   | 0  |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup> Debt Reduction offering: | 0  |
| Budget surplus (deficit) after debt reduction:  | 0  |



*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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018



### THE

# Depths

## OF CHRIST'S LOVE

that led Him to the cross

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord:  
 peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. Luke 19:38

### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday | 9:00 AM to 1 PM | Office (219) 926 - 1586  
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**Pastor Dee Miller**

# Porter United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*Please wave palms*

UMH #278

## CHIMES WITH BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF LOVE

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Brief Announcements*

*Pastor Dee Miller*

## POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (In Unison)

*Marcia Wood*

"Palm Sunday is a day of celebration, commemorating the triumphant arrival of Christ Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. May our day of celebration reflect our true heart and faith in Christ Jesus."

- *Laura D. Field*

## \*OPENING HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

UMH #280

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Marcia Wood*

L: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

C: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

L: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for He is the life we long for, He is the Word who sustains us.

C: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before Him, to cushion His walk.

L: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, He comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God

## \*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (In Unison)

*Marcia Wood*

Ever constant God, mixing love and hope together, You pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You will touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we

hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives. Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As You come to us, You bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following You, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

followed by "GLORIA PATRI"

UMH #70

PASSING THE PEACE: "Meet & Greet"

All

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Pastor Dee Miller*

*"From Cheers to Jeers"*

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118:19 - 29

*Marcia Wood*

UMH #839 - 840

## RECEIVING JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Pastor Dee Miller*

PASTORAL PRAYER followed by *The Lord's Prayer*

## WORSHIP OF GIVING: Tithes, Offerings & Gifts

All

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" \*\*

followed by "The Doxology" \*

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## THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5 - 11

*Marcia Wood*

## SERMON: Mark 11:1 - 11

*Pastor Dee Miller*

*"The Best Things Are Borrowed"*

## \*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #279

"Mantos y Palmas (Filled with Excitement)"

- *Closing Words & Benediction* -

## CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

All

"Grace, Love and Fellowship" \*\*

\*Indicates **STANDING** if you are able.

\*\* Video Presentation

# Prayer Requests

## Joys:

*Linnea Hokanson* is doing much better after her procedure.  
*Brenda Brueckheimer* thanks the church for their prayers.

## Recent Prayer Requests:

*Keenan Bush* - left for Marine boot camp last Sunday  
*Fern Duvall* - dealing with health issues  
*Betsy & Kailee Matula* - prayers on dealing with passing of grandchild  
*Carl Copollo, Jr.* - prayers needed

## Continue Prayers for:

*William Kuhns* - back home  
*Sally Kremke* (Bob's sister-in-law) - going through rehab  
*Leslie Roberts* (Anna's friend) - prayers for dealing with her health problems  
Judy Hoffman's son-in-law *Matthew* - cancer & undergoing chemo  
Keep *Brenda & her sisters* in your prayers.  
*Linnea Hokanson & Rose Marcus* - health

*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**

Altar flowers are given today in celebration of the birthday of Pastor Dee's father, Richard "Doc" Loomis, tomorrow to benefit Frontline Bibles.

## **WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY**

Please continue to bring in your donations of boxed potato mixes (au gratin, scalloped, mashed, etc.) for March. Please place your donations in the basket near the railing up front. As always, thank you for your continuous support of this vital outreach!

## **CHILDREN'S MISSION: TRUE NORTH TRAINING STABLES**

Today is the last Sunday of giving for the children's offering 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. Next Sunday the children will begin collecting for *Jacob's Ladder*.

## **QUARTERLY MISSION: ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP**

Today marks the end of our quarterly mission giving 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. Next week, we will begin to collect for our very own Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all who give to our quarterly missions!

## **NEXT VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SET**

We had a very productive first meeting for this year's Vacation Bible School, *Rolling River Rapids*. If you were unable to attend last time and are interested in helping out in any way, please join us at our next planning meeting on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

## **SPECIAL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK**

Today is **Palm Sunday**, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. We will be observing **Maundy Thursday on March 29<sup>th</sup>** with a dinner beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a worship service at 7 p.m. **WE WILL NOT HAVE A GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE THIS YEAR**, but there are other opportunities to worship elsewhere that day, if you choose:

Chesterton 1<sup>st</sup> UMC - 12 p.m. Tenebrae service  
7 p.m. Youth-led service

Portage UMC - 7 p.m. worship service

Valparaiso 1<sup>st</sup> UMC - 7 p.m. Tenebrae service

Once again, we will be holding an **Easter Sunrise service at Porter Park in the gazebo on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 a.m.** Communion will be available for those who wish to partake.

Immediately following the service, everyone is invited to return to the fellowship hall for breakfast.