



## Pastor Dee's Office Hours

*Week of March 11, 2018*

*Hours available by appointment.*

# This Week's Schedule



<b>Sunday, 11</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Worship Service</b>
Wednesday, 14	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 15	9:00 AM	Newsletter Deadline
	4 - 7:00 PM	Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Saturday, 17	3:00 PM	Models Club

# Upcoming Schedule

<b>Sunday, 18</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Worship Service</b>
Wednesday, 21	T.B.D.	Filling Easter Eggs
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 22	7:00 PM	Bible Study

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY, WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2018**

2018 Non-discretionary Budget:	\$ 62,761.00
2018 Total Budget Offering	\$ 3,866.00
Weekly giving required to meet this projection:	\$ 1,206.94
March 4 <sup>th</sup> budget offering:	\$ 1,251.99
On-Line offering for week:	\$ 150.00
Budget giving surplus (deficit) for the week:	\$ 195.05
March 4 <sup>th</sup> Debt Reduction offering:	\$ 0.00
Budget surplus (deficit) after debt reduction:	\$ 195.05

*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

## MARCH 11, 2018

# God So Loved The World



### *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

Sunday, March 11, 2018

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**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)** *Marcia Wood*

"We can think of Lent as a time to eradicate evil or cultivate virtue; a time to pull up weeds or plant good seeds. Which is better is clear - for the Christian ideal is always positive rather than negative."

**\*OPENING HYMN** *UMH #267*

*"O Love, How Deep"* (verses 1, 3, 4 & 6)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Marcia Wood*

L: We come, to offer all we have to God:

**C: our minds, our bodies, our hearts, our hopes.**

L: We come, to offer all we are to God:

**C: our relationships with families and friends, our longing to draw closer to other pilgrims.**

L: We come, to offer all we would be to God: our faith, our discipleship; our yearning to follow Jesus.

**ALL: We come, to offer ourselves to God: who offers life, joy, and peace in Jesus Christ.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (In Unison)** *Marcia Wood*

The words we speak all too often do not show You in our lives, God of our pilgrimage. We spend so much time boasting to others, they imagine we have no need for You. We grumble impatiently when You don't respond immediately to our requests, but are slow to sing Your praises. We mutter under our breath about the behavior of those around us, when we could be asking them if there is some way we could serve them. It is on our journey to

the cross and the tomb that You fill us with the riches of Your mercy, Steadfast Love! You do so, not because of anything we have done, but because of the compassion which flows from Your heart wounded by our failings. As we open our lives to receive Your forgiveness, may we turn to the Light which brings us life, following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step along the way. In Your name we pray, Amen.

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

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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** *Pastor Dee Miller*

*"How Jesus Helps Us See God"*

**RESPONSIVE READING** *Marcia Wood*

Psalm 107:1 - 3, 17 - 22 *See Insert*

**RECEIVING JOYS AND CONCERNS** *Pastor Dee Miller*

**PASTORAL PRAYER** followed by *The Lord's Prayer*

**WORSHIP OF GIVING: Tithes, Offerings & Gifts** *All*

*"You Are My All in All" \*\**

followed by *"The Doxology" \** *Screen*

**THE EPISTLE** *Marcia Wood*

Ephesians 2:1 - 10

**SERMON: John 3:14 - 21** *Pastor Dee Miller*

*"God So Loved the World"*

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *UMH #206*

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

*- Closing Words & Benediction -*

**CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING** *All*

*"Grace, Love and Fellowship" \*\**

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

*\*\* Video Presentation*

Porter United Methodist Church's

27th Annual



Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Thursday, March 15th 4 - 7 p.m.

Menu:

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Red Potatoes, Carrots, Onions

Bread

Beverage

Dessert

Carryout Available!

Cost: \$12 Adults/Seniors \* \$6 children 10 & under

\*\*Additional serving of meat \$3\*\*

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# Announcements

## ALTAR FLOWERS

We still have several openings for your special days on our Altar Flower chart! Please stop by & reserve your date(s) now. We are currently collecting for RFKC & TrueNorth Training Stables.

## 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

This is the last month 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.

## QUARTERLY MISSION: ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

There's a month left to give to our quarterly mission 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.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Please see today's insert to place your order for Easter lilies, tulips, & hyacinths. **All plants are \$15 this year** ordering through Lemster's Floral in Valparaiso. Bulb plants have gone up this year across the board in checking with area florists. Please remember that the prices charged are what it costs us. **Absolute deadline for all orders will be Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER THIS THURSDAY FROM 4 - 7 P.M.

Our Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner will be held this Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 7 p.m. We would still like to get donations of **plastic ice cream buckets** for this year's event. Thanks for your donations of food, money, time, and service. Tickets can be purchased \$12 adults/seniors or \$6 children 10 & under. There will be an additional \$3 charge for an extra serving of meat. Carryouts will be available.

## SPECIAL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Based on the response for our special services during Holy Week, we will be having a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. on 3/29 and a 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise service on 4/1, with breakfast following.

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks so much to everyone who made donations of candy for filling Easter eggs; food items for the upcoming Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner; and those who have volunteered their time. We will try to set up a time on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> **if** we have more eggs to fill.

**\*\*BUTTER BRAID DELIVERY IS THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 9 A.M.\*\***

## RESPONSIVE READING

### Psalm 107: 1 - 3, 17 - 22

(Liturgist reads the light print, congregation the bold).

1. "Give thanks to the LORD because He is good, because His faithful love lasts forever!"
2. **That's what those who are redeemed by the LORD say, the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies,** 3. **the ones God gathered from various countries, from east and west, north and south.**
17. Some of the redeemed were fools because of their sinful ways. They suffered because of their wickedness.
18. **They had absolutely no appetite for food; they had arrived at death's gates.**
19. So they cried out to the Lord in their distress, and God saved them from their desperate circumstances.
20. **God gave the order and healed them; He rescued them from their pit.**
21. Let them thank the Lord for His faithful love and His wondrous works for all people.
22. **Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and declare what God has done in songs of joy!**

# Prayer Requests

### Joys:

*Joyce Craig* will be filling in for Anna on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

*Chet Micinski* has fixed the chair lift.

*Dolores Slater* is now home & recovering.

*Jeanette Burton* celebrated a birthday on 3/6.

*Bob Kremke* is thankful for the prayers for surgery & his recovery.

Spring is near - *Tony Reales* saw a robin!

Birth of *Keegan Anthony Fugate*, great great nephew of Tony & Judy Reales.

### Recent Prayer Requests:

*Judy Hoffman* - hospitalized

*Sally Kremke* (Bob's sister-in-law) - at St. Anthony's

*Brenda Brueckheimer* - has gout as a side effect of her radiation treatments

*Fern Duvall* - health issues

*Leslie Roberts* (Anna's friend) - prayers for dealing with her health problems

*Jean Brown* (friend of Jeanette Burton) - in ICU at Florida for pneumonia

### Continue Prayers for:

*Brenda Brueckheimer* as she continues her radiation treatments.

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