

Happy Birthday

Pastor Dee's Office Hours

Week of March 4, 2018

Hours available by appointment.



This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 4	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	3rd Sunday in Lent Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Carry-in luncheon for Mildred's 100th b-day
Monday, 5	9:00 AM	<i>Deadline for all money & orders for BB</i>
Wednesday, 7	6:00 PM	VBS planning meeting
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 8	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Upcoming Schedule

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY, WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 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
February 25 th budget offering:	\$ 450.00
On-Line offering for week:	\$ 55.00
Budget giving surplus (deficit) for the week:	\$ (701.94)
February 25 th Debt Reduction offering:	\$ 0.00
Budget surplus (deficit) after debt reduction:	\$ (701.94)

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 4, 2018



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Pastor Dee Miller

Porter United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 4, 2018

PRELUDE : "Cross of Jesus" by Edward Broughton *Joyce Craig*

CHIMES WITH BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF LOVE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP *Pastor Dee Miller*

Brief Announcements

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (In Unison) *Liz Scharp*

"Lent offers us a chance to hold out our cups if they are empty, and to share from abundance if they are full."

***OPENING HYMN** *UMH #427*

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Liz Scharp*

L: When God speaks, all creation answers:

C: the pale winter moon cries, "Glory!" The sun hums a song as it warms the earth.

L: When God speaks, lives are changed:

C: those held hostage by oppression are set free; the voiceless shout the story of salvation.

L: When God speaks, everything is turned inside out:

ALL: the wise learn the language of grace from little children; the strong take lessons from the powerless.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (In Unison)** *Liz Scharp*

Even with those simple commandments, Eternal Love, we manage to get it wrong. We misuse Your name on an almost daily basis, and dishonor our friends and neighbors by talking behind their backs. We hunger for what others have, and think we can put You in a box, storing You away on a shelf. We find little enough time for our families, for ourselves, You - much less setting aside an entire day for that rest You call Sabbath. Forgive us, Abiding Love. We think we are so wise with the choices we make, only to end up with all that keeps us from You. Your Word has come, to fill our speech with grace,

with hope, with peace. As we journey to Jerusalem, may we invite others to join us as we seek to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord, and our Savior. Amen.

followed by "GLORIA PATRI" *UMH #70*

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Pastor Dee Miller*

"Jesus Cleared the Temple"

RESPONSIVE READING *Liz Scharp*

Psalm 19 *UMH #750*

RECEIVING JOYS AND CONCERNS *Pastor Dee Miller*

PASTORAL PRAYER followed by *The Lord's Prayer*

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

*"God of Wonders" ***

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

THE EPISTLE *Liz Scharp*

1 Corinthians 1:18 - 25

SERMON: John 2:13 - 22 *Pastor Dee Miller*

"Jesus? Angry?"

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION *Pastor Dee Miller*

"The Great Thanksgiving" *UMH #15*

Communion bread baked by Bob Kremke

MUSIC: Meditation on "Passion Choral" by Fred Bock *Joyce Craig*

***CLOSING HYMN** *UMH #289*

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

- Closing Words & Benediction -

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *All*

*"Grace, Love and Fellowship" ***

POSTLUDE: "I Am Thine Oh Lord" by Lani Smith *Joyce Craig*

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

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Thankful for the sunshine!

Paul Olson (Linda's brother) - had successful knee replacement surgery
Harrison Jones Molter, the newest grandchild of *Doug & Deb Scharp*, was born on February 12th at 7 lb 11 oz. Congratulations!

Recent Prayer Requests:

Bob Kremke - recovery from surgery

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

Continue Prayers for:

Dolores Slater - in rehab at The Symphony

Brenda Brueckheimer undergoing radiation treatments.

Keep *Brenda & her sisters* in your prayers.

Emory Johnson (Dana & Amy's dad) - heart surgery

Mike Haywood (Tony's co-worker) - heart issues

Fern Duvall, Linnea Hokanson & Rose Marcus - health

Pray for the family of:

† *Tommy Davis* (passed away from brain cancer) †

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 by Les & Pam Babcock in celebration of Les' 76th birthday on 1/5 to benefit the church's love basket fund.

WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

A new month is here and we have been asked to begin collecting boxes of 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.

OUR BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER ENDS TODAY!

All orders and money must be turned in to the church office no later than tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. Delivery date is set for Friday, March 16th at 9 a.m.

VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The 2018 Vacation Bible School planning has begun! Our theme this year is *Rolling River Rampage*. We will have our first organizational meeting this Wednesday, March 7th from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All adults in our church family are welcome to attend this meeting to begin working on this important mission for our children.

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER IS LESS THAN 2 WEEKS AWAY!

This year, our Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner will be held from 4 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15th. The committee is asking for donations of *plastic ice cream buckets* and *various food items*. Please stop by the shamrock board in the back and grab an item or two you wish to donate. As always, thanks for helping make this event a success!

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.

CARRY-IN LUNCHEON TODAY FOR MILDRED SPENCER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Immediately following today's service, we will have a carry-in luncheon to celebrate Mildred Spencer's 100th birthday. We hope you can join us in expressing our love for her!

We need candy donations to fill the eggs for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt!