Office Hours

Monday - Thursday I 9:00 AM to 1 PM I Office (219) 926 - 1586 www.porterumchurch.org I facebook.com/PorterUMC porterumchurch@gmail.com

Pastor Dee Miller, hours available by appointment

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 16 9:00 AM **Sunday School** Children's Christmas Program 10:15 AM Monday, 17 JAN NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00 AM

8:00 PM Wednesday, 19 AA Meeting

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday, 23

10:15 AM

4th Sunday of Advent Worship OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS

\$ 62,761.00

47.06

Week of 12/24 through 12/30

2018 Non-discretionary Budget:

Christmas Eve Service

Monday, 24 3:00 PM Wednesday, 26

8:00 PM

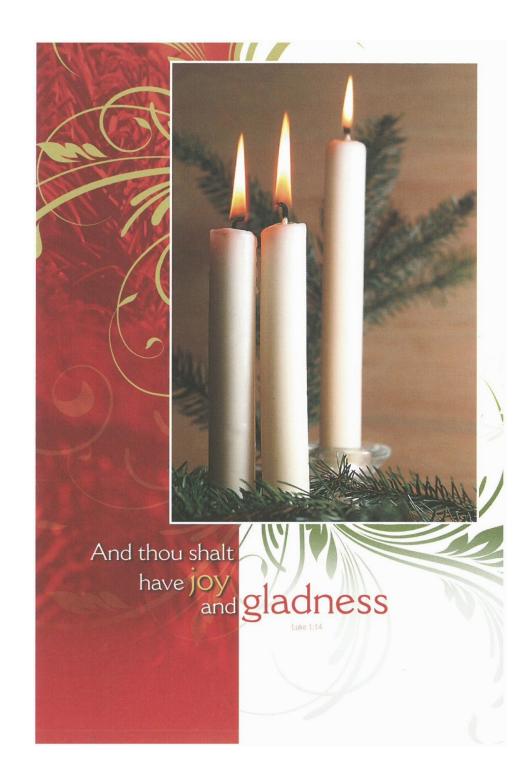
Budget surplus (deficit) after debt reduction:

AA Meeting

FINANCIAL SUMMARY, WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2018

2018 Total Budget Offering (through October) \$ 42,382.45 Weekly giving required to meet this projection: 1,206.94 December 9th budget offering: 1,144.00 On-Line offering for week: 110.00 Budget giving surplus (deficit) for the week: 47.06 December 9th **Debt Reduction offering**: 0.00

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, December 16, 2018

CHIMES WITH BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF LOVE

PRELUDE Anna Kalbe

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pastor Dee Miller

Brief Announcements

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (In Unison) Sandy Allmon "Joy-filled Giver of Life, let the anticipation of Your birth fill us with overflowing joy. May our excitement and anticipation be a sign to the world that You are always near."

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

See insert

Tony & Judy Reales with Cooper & Jordan Schultz - The Candle of Joy

SONG: "The Advent Candle Song" (Verses 1, 2 & 3 with chorus)

*OPENING HYMN

UMH #206

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandy Allmon

KYLE: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

C: His name is Jesus Lord.

KYLE: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.

C: His name is Jesus Lord.

KYLE: God sent the Son into the world that the world might be saved.

C: His name is Jesus Lord.

KYLE: Jesus said: "I am the Light of the world."

C: His name is Jesus Lord.

KYLE: Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life."

C: His name is Jesus Lord.

KYLE: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

ALL: His name is Jesus Lord.

PASSING THE PEACE: "Meet & Greet" All

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 12:2 - 6

Sandy Allmon See insert

GOSPEL: Luke 3:7 - 18

Pastor Dee Miller

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:

"The Big News"

Introduction to the Program Little Drummer Boy video

Ayden Edwards

Linda Green

SCENE 1: Mary (Haley Thatcher) & Angel Gabriel (Nate Coppinger)
SCENE 2: Joseph (Kyle Fischer) & Angel Gabriel (Nate Coppinger)

Bringing Our Gifts Marcia Wood
(featuring the children Arabella Burton, Adalyn Combs, Brooklyn

Edmonds, Megan Fischer, Cooper & Jordan Schultz)

Children: "Away in a Manger" (v. 1) led by Roxanne Micinski Narration: Linda Green

Children: "Joy to the World" (v. 1) led by Roxanne Micinski
Narration: Marcia Wood

Children: "Jingle Bells" & "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (In unison) Linda Green
Thank You, God, for Mary and Joseph. Thank You for the
message of Immanuel, "God is with us". We know that You are
with us also. Help us to tell others the good news that God is with
them, too. Amen.

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

WORSHIP OF GIVING: Tithes, Offerings & Gifts

"You Are My All in All"** Screen followed by "The Doxology"* Screen

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

-Closing Words & Benediction-

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

ΑII

"Grace, Love and Fellowship" **

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

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Prayer Requests

<u>Joys</u>:

The sun is shining!

Avery Fulton is feeling better.

Elmer Mannen - the cancer is gone!

Craig Poparad - doing well after surgery

Sandy Allmon - family blessings

Recent Prayer Requests:

Food Pantry is in need of monies and prayers.

Roman (Jim & Linda's great grandson) - health & healing

Cooper & Jordan Schultz - recovering from the flu

Brenda Brueckheimer - on medical leave

Giovanti - 4 year old who has an immune deficiency & is also lacking clotting agents in blood; might need kidney transplant

Carolyn Coslet

Jeanette Burton - is having vertigo with the rocking again
JoAnn Burton (Judy Reales' mom)
Kim Allmon - will be having a surgical biopsy on 12/19
Rick (Jim Green's nephew) - hospitalized in Phoenix
Joyce Miller - numerous health issues
Our church.

Fern Duvall, Les Babcock , William Kuhns, Judy Hoffman - health issues

Continue Prayers for:

Bobbie (Brenda Brueckheimer's sister) - back surgery
 Will (nephew of Jim Frieske) - cancer
 Trisha Olsen (friend of Brenda B.) - colon cancer
 Keenan Bush - stationed in Hawaii
 Sharon (friend of Brenda Brueckheimer) - battling cancer
 Tim Bower (Brenda B's brother-in-law) - non-Hodgkins
 Judy Hoffman's son-in-law Matthew - undergoing chemo

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle: The Candle of Joy

Advent Meditation: Everybody loves the story of the Bethlehem shepherds. A bunch of guys camping out in the hills, swapping stories and jokes, trying to keep warm as they listen for dangers in the night. It seemed like any other night, until the lights went on, and angels started to happen before their frightened eyes.

The angels were talking about joy, but the men were scared out of their skins. Gradually, though, the message began to sink in, and their fear turned to wonder, excitement, and finally joy. Notice their response when they had satisfied themselves that this incredible announcement was in fact truth.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Lighting the Candle of Joy

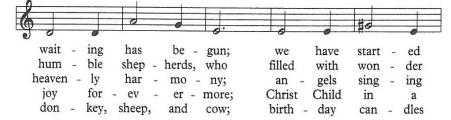
Prayer (In Unison): Father, teach us that joy may be hiding in the unusual and unexpected. Give us courage to step out and take the challenges, explore the possibilities, and discover the promised prize. And let us share that joy with others in our conversations along life's way. In the joyful name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Song: "The Advent Candle Song" (Verses 1, 2, & 3 only with chorus)

See this insert

Advent Song (Light the Advent Candle)













WORDS: Mary Lu Walker (Luke 2:1-20)

MUSIC: Mary Lu Walker © 1975 Mary Lu Walker

ADVENT CANDLE SONG 77.77 with Refrain

Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS

Just a reminder there are still dates available to finish out the year for signing up for altar flowers. Please stop by the chart to sign up today!

WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

For the month of December we will be collecting boxes of cold cereal. Thank you for giving generously throughout the year!

OUARTERLY CHILDREN'S MISSION: VNA PHOENIX CENTER

This is the last month to give to the children's quarterly mission of the VNA Phoenix Center, a place where children and young adults who have lost someone in their lives and who need help processing their grief can go for support.

OUARTERLY MISSION: FRONTLINE

Time is running out to support Frontline Foundations, our last quarterly mission of 2018. Their goal is to serve as a source of hope to young men and women suffering from drug and alcohol abuse while also providing an effective treatment and recovery support system.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM THIS MORNING

The children have been hard at work preparing for this morning's special Christmas program. We hope you will enjoy this special presentation by the children of PUMC! We will be having a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service, we invite you to stay and join us.

MITTEN TREE ITEMS NEEDED!

Winter accessories are needed to fill our sanctuary Christmas tree! We are looking for hats, scarves, mittens, children's socks and underwear. This will benefit local families in need. As always, we thank you for giving towards families in need throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will be holding a Christmas Eve service at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 24th. There will be NO 11 p.m. service - if you'd like to attend a candlelight service, Chesterton 1st UMC will be having one.

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be CLOSED the week of Christmas (12/24 through 12/30).

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 12:2 - 6

L: God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won't be afraid. Yeah, the Lord, is my strength and my shield; He has become my salvation."

C: You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation.

L: And you will say on that day: "Thank the Lord; call on God's name; proclaim God's deeds among the peoples; declare that God's name is exalted.

C: Sing to the Lord, Who has done glorious things; proclaim this throughout all the earth."

ALL: Shout and sing for joy, city of Zion, because the Holy One of Israel is great among you.

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