

Office Hours

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Pastor Dee Miller, hours available by appointment

This Week's Schedule

<i>Sunday, 16</i>	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Children's Christmas Program
Monday, 17	9:00 AM	JAN NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Wednesday, 19	8:00 PM	AA Meeting

Upcoming Schedule

<i>Sunday, 23</i>	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	4 th Sunday of Advent Worship
Week of 12/24 through 12/30		OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS
Monday, 24	3:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, 26	8:00 PM	AA Meeting

FINANCIAL SUMMARY, WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2018

2018 Non-discretionary Budget:	\$ 62,761.00
2018 Total Budget Offering (through October)	\$ 42,382.45
Weekly giving required to meet this projection:	\$ 1,206.94
December 9 th budget offering:	\$ 1,144.00
On-Line offering for week:	\$ 110.00
Budget giving surplus (deficit) for the week:	\$ 47.06
December 9 th Debt Reduction offering:	\$ 0.00
Budget surplus (deficit) after debt reduction:	\$ 47.06

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!



And thou shalt
have joy
and gladness

Luke 1:14

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

Linda Green

Little Drummer Boy video

Ayden Edwards

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 CONCERNS

Pastor 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

All

"Grace, Love and Fellowship" **

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

Prayer Requests

Joys:

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)



1. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, one: Now the
 2. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, two: Think of
 3. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, three: Think of
 4. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, four: Think of
 5. Light the Christ - mas can - dles, now: Sing of



wait - ing has be - gun; we have start - ed
 hum - ble shep - herds, who filled with won - der
 heaven - ly har - mo - ny; an - gels sing - ing
 joy for - ev - er - more; Christ Child in a
 don - key, sheep, and cow; birth - day can - dles



on our way, time to think of Christ - mas day.
 at the sight of the child of Christ - mas night.
 "Peace on earth" at the bless - ed Sav - ior's birth.
 sta - ble born, gift of love that Christ - mas morn.
 for the King, let the al - le - lu - ias ring.

Refrain



Can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright, shin - ing



in the cold win - ter night; can - dle, can - dle,



burn - ing bright, fill our hearts with Christ - mas light.

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

ADVENT CANDLE SONG
 77.77 with Refrain

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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!

QUARTERLY 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.

QUARTERLY 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.

Liturgist reads the light print, congregation the bold.

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