

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday | 9:00 AM to 1 PM | Office (219) 926 - 1586
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Pastor Liz Lahaie hours available by appointment

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 8	9:00 AM	Sunday School "Ordinary Day" study
	10:15 AM	Boy Scout Sunday
	11:30 AM	Breakfast (provided by scouts)
	3:00 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday, 10	9 - 11 AM	Pantry Distribution
Wednesday, 11	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 12	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Ad Council Meeting
Saturday, 14	7:00 PM	Models Club

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 15	9:00 AM	Sunday School "Ordinary Day" study
	10:15 AM	3 rd Sunday in Lent Worship
Tuesday, 17	4 - 7 PM	Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Wednesday, 18	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 19	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Saturday, 21	3:00 PM	Models Club

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 12th at 9 a.m.

We are in need of individually wrapped candy to stuff in the plastic eggs. Please bring your donations to worship or stop by the church during office hours.



A SCOUT IS REVERENT MARCH 8, 2020

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Porter United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 8, 2020

** Indicates standing, if you are able*

***FLAG CEREMONY - PLEDGES** *Troop 928 Color Guard*
See Insert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP *Pastor Liz Lahaie*
Brief Announcements

PASSING THE PEACE: *"Greet those around you"* *All*
(The collection supports VNA Phoenix Center.)

SCOUT LAW (Scouts in Unison) *Dakota Costello*
"A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent."

ABOUT BOY SCOUT SUNDAY *Ann Ballinger, Scout Leader*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Ayden Edwards*

L: Do we dare place our trust in God?

C: God has promised to be with us to guide us.

L: Are we willing to continue on the journey when we don't know the dangers and are not sure of the destination.

C: No matter what, God is with us. That's the promise and the hope.

L: Let us step forward boldly, listening for God's call in our lives.

ALL: Let us place our trust in God always.

***OPENING HYMN** *See Insert*
"God Bless America"

***OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Eric Smith*
Psalm 121
followed by *"GLORIA PATRI"* *UMH #70*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Dakota Costello*

SERMON: John 3:1 - 17 *Pastor Liz Lahaie*
"Nicodemus Visits Jesus"

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Liz Lahaie

**Congregational Prayer (In Unison)*

Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust even in your Son. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again? Wouldn't it be just like climbing back into the womb to make a fresh start? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible. We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Receiving Joys & Concerns

Pastor Liz Lahaie

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Liz Lahaie

WORSHIP OF GIVING: Tithes, Offerings & Gifts *All*
*"America the Beautiful"**** *Screen*
*followed by "The Doxology"**** *Screen*

***CLOSING HYMN** *UMH #697*
"America (My Country 'tis of Thee)"

- Closing Words & Benediction -

***CLOSING WORDS - Scout Vespers** *All*

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Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 928 for being Greeters this morning as well as to Ayden Edwards for being an usher during the offering time.

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

New life is given to you. You can place your trust in God and follow God's way. God is with you.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Jeanette Burton - birth of new great granddaughter on 2/20
Craig Poparad is better; prayer for healing & strength (Babe)
Bob Kremke - thankful for the sunshine & good weather
Judy Reales' cataract surgery went well; prayer for healing.

Recent Prayer Requests:

Darlene (Marylou's friend) - stage 4 cancer
Mark Wolf - stage 4 prostate cancer
Olivia Leary - prayers for continued health as she is overseas
Carolyn Coslet - unable to keep food down; high blood sugar
Roxanne Micinski - prayers for son's girlfriend's brother & family.
Lift up those who need you!
William Blystone (father of Anna's friend) - in ICU (sepsis)
Joyce Craig - traveling mercies going to Alaska
Ronda & Charlie Congdon (Ranice Lucas) - battling cancer
Chrissy Peterson (friend of Aleta Ailes) - cancer
Will (Jim Frieske's cousin) - battling cancer
Kathy (Lisa Abraham's step mom)
Flu/coronavirus epidemic
Babe Poparad - prayers for her son (open heart surgery)
Josh Duvall (Kim Scott)
Kara Lahaie - prayers for the Adam Laughner family
Prayers for the men & women in our military, & families.
Dolores Slater - prayers for Cy's niece & her husband
Audrey (Linda Green's friend) - prayers for guidance with doctors
Cindy Copollo - health concerns
Aleta Ailes - Resale Shop customer needs a new kidney
Bruce & Cheryl Bartholomew (friends of Chuck & Sandy)

Continue Prayers for:

Brenda Brueckheimer, Amy (Karla's friend), **Zach Fulton's** grandma, **Garry Fritsch** (uncle of Mark Lucas), **Kitty Chaplin, Rachel** (Marcia's niece), **Matthew** (Judy Hoffman's son-in-law), **Arin Scott** (Deanna's cousin's daughter) - all are battling cancer

The Pledges

(Please stand with us, if able)

AMERICAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

THE BIBLE

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word; I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.



HELP NEEDED FOR UPCOMING DINNER!

We need volunteers to help with the dinner as well as donations of food items. Please stop by the shamrock board in the back of the sanctuary and pick some items that will be needed to make this fundraiser a success.

Also, we are in need of plastic ice cream buckets or sturdy food storage containers to keep the juice from the meat in the refrigerator.

Please drop off all donations (food and storage containers) in the kitchen at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are many open dates for flowers. Please stop by the chart in the Narthex and make sure to grab your special date!

WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

We will collect items for the Food Pantry again during the month of March. Dawn Ruge has stated that their supply of jelly/jam is running low, so during *this month we would like donations of jars of jelly/jam in any flavor*. As always, thank you!

QUARTERLY MISSION: VNA PHOENIX CENTER

This is the last month we will be collecting for 2020's first quarter's mission of the *VNA Phoenix Center*. This is an outreach of the VNA targeted towards helping children and young adults who have lost someone in their lives who need help processing their grief.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDIES

We are continuing our "Ordinary Day" adult study class that will focus on learning how to use our Bibles everyday during the Sunday School hour each week at 9 a.m. in the kitchen. Charlotte Fike is also leading a weekly Bible study at the church Thursdays at 1 p.m. Both classes are open to anyone!

CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER INFO

We will have our 29th Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Tuesday, March 17th from 4 - 7 p.m. Tickets are \$13 adults/seniors; \$6 children 6 - 10 years old and FREE for those 5 and under. As it has been in recent years, an additional serving of meat is \$3 and carryout will be available.

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE UPCOMING DINNER!

A sign-up sheet will be passed around this morning to volunteer to help in the preparation of the food and/or to help the night of our Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Please sign up to help!

YOUTH GROUP MEETS THIS AFTERNOON

Attention all youth in grades 6th - 12th: youth group meets downstairs today from 3 - 4:30 p.m. to discuss the topic of perspectives. Please join us!

Troop 928 has prepared a special breakfast for us to enjoy following today's service. Please stay and share in the food & fellowship. A special thanks to Nancy Smith for coordinating the breakfast!

God Bless America

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

Chorus

God Bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.

Repeat chorus

God Bless America, My home sweet home.

Words and music by Irving Berlin

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