



Week of April 1, 2018

Pastor Dee's Office Hours Available by Appointment



This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 1	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Service (Gazebo)
Immediately following		Easter Breakfast (PUMC Fellowship Hall)
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all
		Children's Easter Egg Hunt
	10:15 AM	Easter Worship Celebration
Wednesday, 4	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 5	6:00 PM	VBS Meeting
	7:00 PM	Bible Study
Saturday, 7	7:00 PM	Models Club

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 8	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all
	10:15 AM	Worship
Wednesday, 11	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 12	7:00 PM	Bible Study

FINANCIAL SUMMARY, WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2018

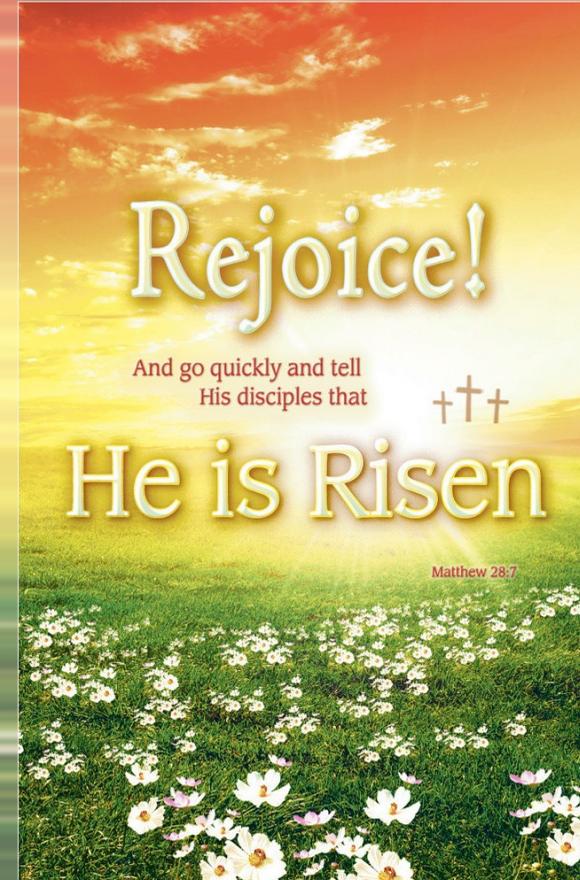
2018 Non-discretionary Budget:
 2018 Total Budget Offering
 Weekly giving required to meet this projection:
 March 25th budget offering:
 On-Line offering for week:
 Budget giving surplus (deficit) for the week:
 March 25th Debt Reduction offering:
 Budget surplus (deficit) after debt reduction:



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, APRIL 1, 2018



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Porter United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 1, 2018

PRELUDE *Thine Be the Glory* by G. F. Handel, arr. by Lani Smith *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) *Marcia Wood*
"The cross is the victory, the resurrection is the triumph...The resurrection is the public display of the victory, the triumph of the Crucified One."

***OPENING HYMN** *UMH #302*
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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

L: This is the day

C: when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.

L: This is the day the Lord

C: rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.

L: This is the day the Lord has made:

C: death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

L: This is the day - Easter day!

ALL: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

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

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of tombs. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this Good News with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve Your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace;

forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of Your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray. Amen.

followed By "GLORIA PATRI"

UMH #70

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Pastor Dee Miller*

"The Story of the Easter Rabin"

RESPONSIVE READING *Marcia Wood*
Psalm 118:14 - 24 *UMH #839*

RECEIVING JOYS AND CONCERNS *Pastor Dee Miller*

PASTORAL PRAYER

followed by "The Lord's Prayer"

WORSHIP OF GIVING: Tithes, Offerings & Gifts

"My Redeemer Lives" **

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*followed by "The Doxology" **

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THE EPISTLE *Marcia Wood*

1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11

SERMON: John 20:1 - 18 *Pastor Dee Miller*

"Set Free"

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION *Pastor Dee Miller*

"The Great Thanksgiving"

UMH #15

Communion bread baked by Bob Kremke

MUSIC: "When He Cometh" by George F. Root, arr. by Larry Shackley

***CLOSING HYMN** *UMH #364*

"Because He Lives"

—Closing Words & Benediction—

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *All*

"Grace, Love and Fellowship" **

POSTLUDE: "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" by John Darwall, arr. by Anna Laura Page

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

Easter by the Numbers

Easter occurs on the **FIRST SUNDAY** following the full moon after the **VERNAL EQUINOX** AND CELEBRATES the resurrection of **Jesus Christ**

As a result of this formula, **THE DATE FLUCTUATES**, and **Easter is observed** anywhere between

March **22** and April **25**

The first recorded observance of Easter was during the second century, but the timing of the holy day was set by the **Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325**

ROUGHLY 80% of Americans celebrate Easter, but not all of them view it as a primarily religious holiday

BETWEEN 60%–65% of Americans attend church services on **EASTER**

Americans send **UP TO 43 MILLION** Easter cards each year

THE LARGEST EASTER EGG HUNT consisted of **9,753 CHILDREN** searching for **501,000 EGGS** in Winter Haven, Florida

Americans decorate and dye up to **180 MILLION** EGGS EACH YEAR

Christians painting, dyeing and decorating eggs for Easter was first recorded in the 13th century

For centuries, the church forbade Christians from eating eggs **DURING LENT**, and it became a treat to resume **eating them on EASTER**

It takes **24–26 HOURS** for a hen to lay **ONE EGG**

IN 1885, Czar Alexander III commissioned **Peter Carl Fabergé**

to create an Easter gift for the czarina. The enameled egg with a jeweled treasure inside became the first of 50 Imperial Easter eggs created for the Russian royal family.

Each year, the First Family hosts the **White House Easter Egg Roll**.

The tradition dates back to President Hayes in 1878. **TODAY, MORE THAN 30,000** people attend

The largest decorated Easter egg was 48" 6" long and 27" 6" around

The tallest chocolate Easter egg **MEASURED 34' 1"**, had a maximum **CIRCUMFERENCE OF 64' 3"** AND **WEIGHED 15,873 LBS**

More than 50% of kids GRAB CHOCOLATE BUNNIES FIRST when reaching for Easter candy

HOW DO YOU EAT YOUR CHOCOLATE BUNNY?

76% EARS FIRST

15% OTHER

90 million chocolate Easter BUNNIES are produced EACH YEAR

4% TAIL FIRST

5% FEET FIRST

Enough Peeps are produced annually to circle the earth twice

It takes **3 MINUTES** to make **1 PEEP**

Americans eat more than **700 million** Peeps each Easter

The first chocolate eggs were made in Europe in the early 19th century and remain among the most popular treats associated with Easter

Cadbury Creme Eggs were introduced in 1971

More than **500 MILLION** are made each year

Jelly Beans weren't a common Easter treat until the **1930s**

Americans consume **16 BILLION** jelly beans at Easter, **5 BILLION** of which are **Jelly Belly** brand

88% of Americans parents prepare Easter baskets for their kids

TODAY, EASTER IS THE SECOND most popular secular holiday **AFTER HALLOWEEN**

Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers today are shared by members of the congregation in celebration of Easter. Please see your bulletin insert for a listing of who shared and who they are for.

WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

Today begins a new month. Thanks to those who brought in donations of packaged potato mixes in March. **The food pantry is currently in need of canned fruit.** Please place your donations in the basket near the railing up front. As always, thank you for your continuous support of this vital outreach!

NEW CHILDREN'S MISSION: JACOB'S LADDER PEDIATRIC REHAB

Many thanks to those who gave to the children's offering for **TrueNorth Training Stables** last quarter. Our new children's quarterly mission outreach begins today to support **Jacob's Ladder Pediatric Rehab**. Located at 1595 S. Calumet Road, they are a non-profit organization providing comprehensive therapy & care for special children and to provide support for their family. The money collected will go towards providing scholarships to cover the cost between insurance allowance for therapy and the amount of therapy that is actually needed as their therapist recommends.

NEW QUARTERLY MISSION: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thanks to those who gave to the **Royal Family Kids Camp** mission over these past few months. We have now moved into a new quarter and a new mission outreach: our very own VBS. Vacation Bible School is a great outreach to children in preschool through 5th grade, both within our church and to those within the community. Leader resource materials, DVDs & CDs, children's learning materials and other items needed to help bring the theme to life (not to mention the food since we provide dinner each night) require money to help make a program as large as this a success. We hope you will help support this vital outreach of our church.

NEXT VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SET

We had a very productive first meeting for this year's Vacation Bible School, **Rolling River Rapids**. If you were unable to attend last time and are interested in helping out in any way, please join us at our next planning meeting this Thursday, April 5th at 6 p.m.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER OUT IN PLANNING STAGES

There is an interest in getting together for a time of fellowship to celebrate mothers, daughters & friends by going out to dinner one evening in May. If you are interested in helping plan this event, please see Anna Kalbe. We had a good turnout last year and are looking forward to getting more ladies to attend for a great time of socializing.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Thankful for the wonderful sunshine!

Roxanne Micinski - back worshipping with us & is healed
Spring Break last week - renewal for teachers & students.

Recent Prayer Requests:

Keenan Bush - prayers as he trains with Marines

Brenda Brueckheimer - continued prayers for healing

Barbara (Mary Cooper's mom) - in hospice

Lila Hallberg (Kim Allmon's mom) - health issues resulting from high BP
Prayers for our country.

Great Grandma Josephine (Emily Nielson) - ill

Judy Reales - pneumonia

Travel mercies for those within our congregation who are away.

Continue Prayers for:

Betsy & Kailee Matula - prayers on dealing with passing of grandchild

Carl Copollo, Jr. - prayers needed

William Kuhns - back home

Judy Hoffman's son-in-law **Matthew** - cancer & undergoing chemo

Keep **Brenda & her sisters** in your prayers.

Linnea Hokanson - continued healing & strength after her procedure

Fern Duvall, Rose Marcus - health needs

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

Easter Flowers

Chuck & Sandy Allmon - 1 hyacinth

Happy Easter to our church family!

Les & Pam Babcock - 3 lilies

In memory of Pam's parents - Kenneth & Ruth Tavernier

In memory of Les' parents - Lester & Gertrude Babcock

In honor of Mildred Spencer

Joyce Craig - 1 hyacinth, 1 tulip, 1 lily

In memory of Dick Craig

Dr. Richard Loomis - 1 lily

In memory of his loving wife, Dorris Z. Loomis

Rancie Lucas - 1 lily

In honor of her entire family

Pastor Dee Miller - 1 lily

In memory of her husband, David Miller

Tony & Judy Reales - 1 tulip

In memory of daughters, Missy & Chrissy

Doug & Deb Scharp - 1 tulip

In honor of our children & 6 grandchildren

Jeanine Thomas - 2 tulips

In memory of Wayne Thomas & Barbara Thomas