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Greetings Porter UMC Family!

Welcome autumn! Autumn has become one of my favorite times of the year, not because of the colder weather, but because of the beautiful colors that we are able to enjoy. It is a time of year that God uses His paintbrush on His creation, specifically trees and bushes, to show a multitude of colors. Take time this fall to look and be outside gazing in wonder at the beauty God has created.

So, my friends, how is it with your soul? Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, “do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Many times we feel run down with the challenges that come our way, but let us remain steadfast knowing that God is always with us, never leaves us. In the book Philippians, Paul encourages the Philippians to live as citizens of a heavenly city, growing in their commitment to serve God and one another. Jesus is the supreme example of this way of life. My prayer is that each of us will commit to being faithful disciples of Jesus. Once we make that commitment, may we follow that with action. Through our church, we will have an opportunity to make disciples and transform our community.

The last quarter of 2019 is here (boy has 2019 gone by quickly) and there will be opportunities for our discipleship to be put into action. Our 4th quarter mission, collecting funds to purchase *Life Recovery* Bibles for Frontline, has begun. What a blessing this mission can be to those who need to know God’s word!

An opportunity that will be coming in January 2020 is a monthly fellowship time called “The Gathering”. This will take place on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00-7:30pm. The Gathering will be open to anyone. All are welcome!! All ages are welcome!! It will include a carry-in dinner, fellowship, a time of prayer, and other activities. I pray that God will use this time as a blessing for our bodies and souls! Look for more details about The Gathering coming soon and if you are interested in being part of the planning of these special nights, please let me know.

November is a month that we hear the word “thanksgiving” a lot (after all the Thanksgiving holiday is part of this month). This is a time for us to reflect on the many blessings that God has given each of us. One way our church has been blessed is by our financial generosity. Thank you for sharing your God-given financial gifts with our church! What a splendid example we are to others when we are faithful with the blessings God has given! God continues to abundantly bless each of us so His kingdom will grow here on earth. Please consider how each of us can use our God-given gifts, whether it is through tithing, giving of your time, or another way, to bring glory and honor to our Lord!! We must work together to make a difference in our wonderful world. Let us be united and lead with love in every word we say or action we do!!

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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.



Sermons in November:

Sunday, November 3rd
All Saints Day

The Greatest Commandment
Matthew 22:36 - 40
(Guest Speaker Rev. Terry Rhine)

Sunday, November 10th
Choosing to Abide
Luke 19:1 - 10

Sunday, November 17th
Shaped by the Reign
Luke 21:5 - 19

Sunday, November 24th
Thanksgiving Celebration
Allegiance to the Reign
Luke 23:33 - 43

MISSION STATEMENT: “Nourishing Souls with Loving Hearts and Caring Hands.”

DUNELAND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET



Just a reminder that the Duneland Medical Equipment Loan Closet is a wonderful community resource for persons living in Pine, Liberty, Jackson and Westchester Townships. They offer FREE LOANS of medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, crutches, canes, etc) for 3 MONTHS. They also have knee walkers that are available to rent for a 1-month period with a refundable deposit of \$20. The closet is located in the Duneland Community Center building at 801 Broadway, Chesterton. They are open for pick-ups and drop offs on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and on Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. They are always happy to accept any donations of medical equipment that you no longer are using.

The loan closet is asking for new volunteers to help so they might be able to increase the number of hours they can serve the community. No experience is necessary as training will be provided. For more information or to volunteer, please call Porter United Methodist Church at (219) 926-1586 during their office hours of Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have any questions about what the job details, you can also ask Marcia Wood who is currently serving as their coordinator.



The closet recently received a very generous donation in the amount of \$300 along with a note of thanks:

Porter UMC & Duneland Medical Loan Closet -

“Your compassion to show God’s love in your community is evident through the Medical Closet. My precious daughter utilized some of your supplies when her benefits ran out. Your service is very precious, as you know, when your health is failing.

I prayed to God where to send this money to do the most good to others. Several months of a repair, a replacement, poor service, and additional fees with a company left me with a bill. I expressed my frustration in a letter, gave it up as a loss to move forward. To my surprise, they refunded my money. Since I paid everything and money came to me as a blessing while God provided for me, please accept this humble check to assist costs of the Medical Closet.

Thanks for sharing God’s beauty - you are all like butterflies, just gorgeous!”

*Love & Blessings,
Iris*



Missions

In the
Spotlight

Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry

Hard to believe there’s only 2 months left in 2019! During the month of November we will be collecting **canned fruit** for the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as you show your support to this vital outreach within our community.

There will be 2 distribution dates for November:

Tuesday, November 12th
Tuesday, November 26th

If you would also like to become part of this outreach and are available to take the items collected from the church to the pantry, please contact Kim in the office. Thanks!

Quarterly Mission Offering: Frontline Bibles

During the last quarter of 2019, the entire church (children’s collection included) will focus on donations to purchase *Life Recovery Bibles* for Frontline Foundations, Inc. Frontline serves 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.

The *Life Recovery Bible* is based on the 12-step recovery model. All money collected will go towards purchasing these Bibles that Frontline uses during their addiction treatment classes and, ultimately, gives to each participant at the completion of their course.



Sunday School Update

Since Sunday Bible School started in September, we have been learning the stories of God's creation from the book of Genesis. The creation events were reported over six days plus a day of rest. God created the earth and everything in it – land, seas, sun, moon, stars, seeds, fish, birds, animals and people – the magnificent completion of God's universe. Humans are representatives of God on earth. Children begin to realize they are part of a big world and have a responsibility to respect and care for it.

We learned about Adam and Eve and the tree of life in the middle of the garden of Eden. And Adam gave names to all the animals. *God saw everything He had made: it was very, very good.* (Genesis 1:31) That led to learning about Noah and the building of the ark. Noah followed God's instructions by gathering pairs of animals and enough food to feed the animals and his family. After the flood, God made a promise to Noah and every living creature that there never again will be a flood to destroy the whole earth. The rainbow becomes a reminder of God's promise to care for all of us.

September finished with the Tower of Babel. Humans began constructing the tower and were excessively proud and competing with God. God was not happy, so He diversified the languages and scattered the people across the earth to multiply and fill the earth.

During November, we will learn the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Abraham and Lot, the birth of Isaac and finish the month with Isaac and Rebekah.

Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. each week. Each child is welcome to bring a brother, sister or friend.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to those who participated in our Laity Sunday worship service:

Organist: Anna Kalbe

Acolytes: Adalyn Combs & Arabella Burton

Welcome: Sandy Allmon

Art: Haley Thatcher

Liturgist: Judy Reales

Children's Moment: Ayden Edwards & Brenda Brueckheimer

Message: Bob Kremke

Joys & Concerns/Prayers: Marcia Wood

The Lord's Prayer: Cooper & Jordan Schultz

Usher: Betty Ward

Offertory Prayer: Autumn Smith

Benediction: Karla Allmon

Tech Booth: Scott Allmon



Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for

Orange: a gift you've received

Yellow: something you've recently learned

Green: something in nature

Blue: a special memory

Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

Mark the date of **Sunday, November 24th** on your calendar now! Once again, we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Celebration worship service followed by a Community Thanksgiving Dinner outreach in the Fellowship Hall. Keep your eyes open for the big turkey that will be displayed with the items we'll be collecting to fill our cornucopia of thanks to donate to a family in need. Your outpouring of love to the community truly shows others the loving hands of Jesus.



**PORTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESENTS**

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE
& Dinner**

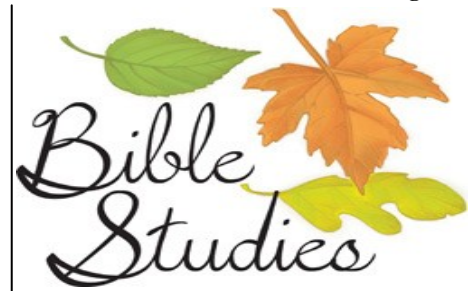
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 at 10:15 AM

DINNER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT 11:15 AM

COME JOIN US FOR A THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

100 Beam Street
Porter, IN 46304

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Adult Bible Studies..... Let's Dig Deeper!!

Jesus called His 12 disciples and they formed a small group. In this group, they spent time together praying, learning, and growing in discipleship. Being part of a small group is a spiritual discipline for each of us to grow in our journey of discipleship. Is there a small group that you are part of to help you grow as a disciple of Christ?

If you are in need of a small group, look no further. Just bring a Bible or we have one you can use and plan to join in.

- Sundays before worship at 9:00 a.m. downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- Sundays after service during our coffee hour downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Starting November 10th, we will be studying Jesus' parables in chronological order.

I am looking forward to being part of a small group so that we can learn more about who are unconditional loving God is.

Blessings,
Pastor Liz



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- 3 Cy Blaschke
- 7 Mae Simms
- 9 Michael Nelson
- 11 Dawn Campbell
- 16 Tucker Adams
- 22 Wyatt Lambersie
- 25 Keith Hale
- 26 Anthony Copollo
- 27 Jason Kremke
- 28 Pam Slater
- 29 Ryan Mills
- Kyle Bush



- 12 Scott & Karla Allmon
- 19 Kevin & Michelle Kremke

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| 3 Sunday School 9 a.m. <i>All Saints</i> Worship 10:15 a.m. | 4 | 5 | 6 8 p.m. AA Meeting | 7 | 8 | 9 7 p.m. Models Club |
| 10 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. <i>Pumpkin Roll</i> <i>orders due</i> | 11 | 12 | 13 8 p.m. AA Meeting | 14 6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting | 15 Newsletter Deadline | 16 3 p.m. Models Club |
| 17 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. | 18 | 19 | 20 8 p.m. AA Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Pumpkin Roll order pickups | | | | | | |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 8 p.m. AA Meeting | 27 | 28 Office Closed | 29 |
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Liz Lahaie, Pastor

Pastor's Hours:

Available by appointment

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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VISION STATEMENT

As the community of Christ,
which is one in Jesus Christ,
we will nurture and care for
one another, spread God's
word and love
throughout the
community thereby
fulfilling our mission to make
disciples of Jesus Christ.



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