

### Office Hours

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**Pastor Liz Lahaie hours Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. & available by appt**

## This Week's Schedule

|                      |                 |  |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Sunday, 7</b>     | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday School</b>                         |
|                      | <b>10:15 AM</b> | <b>Worship 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> |
|                      | <b>11:30 AM</b> | <b>Lenten Study</b>                          |
| <b>Wednesday, 10</b> | <b>8:00 PM</b>  | <b>AA Meeting</b>                            |

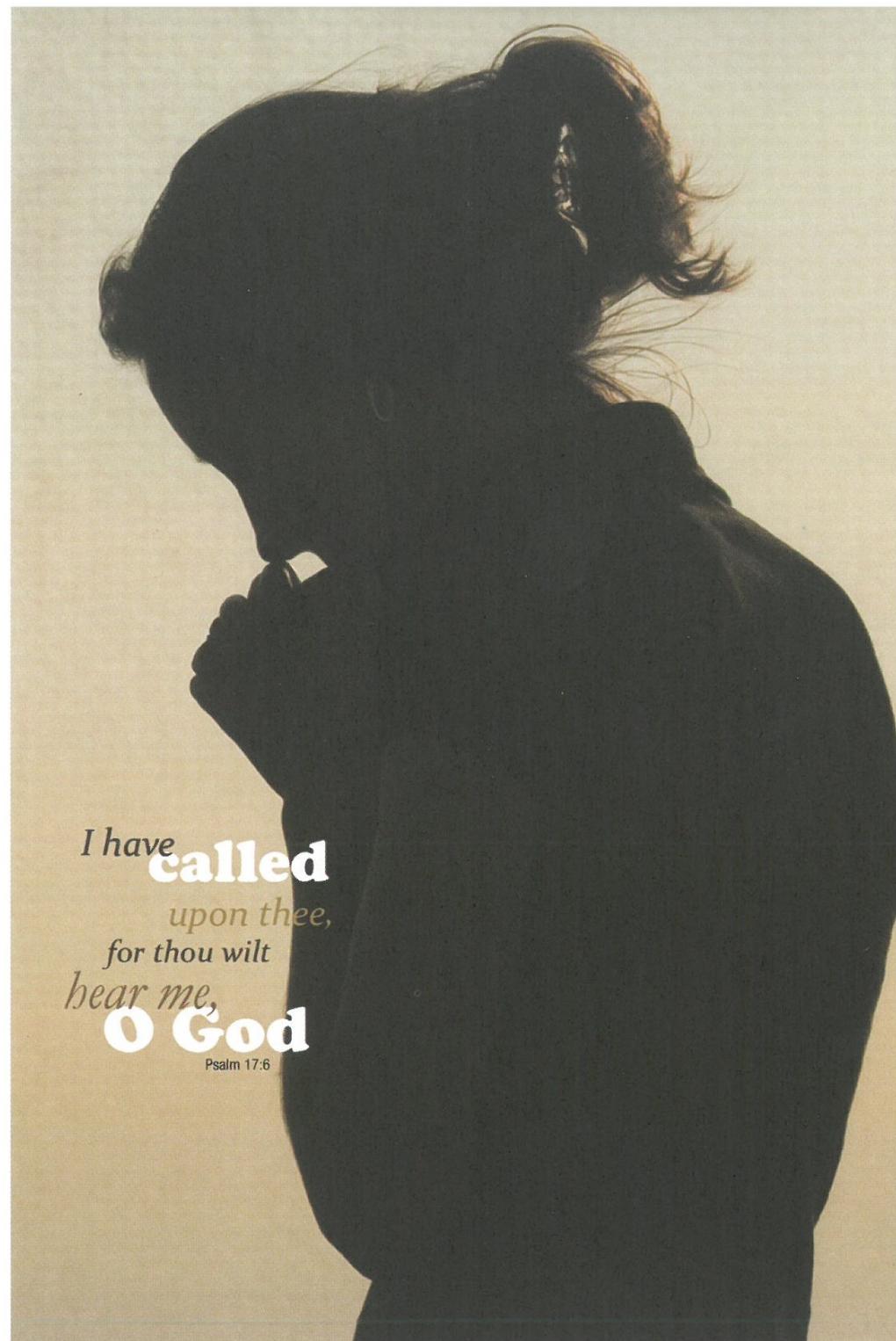
## Upcoming Schedule

|                      |                       |                                    |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, 14</b>    | <b>9:00 AM</b>        | <b>Sunday School</b>               |
|                      | <b>10:15 AM</b>       | <b>Palm Sunday Worship Service</b> |
|                      | <b>11:30 AM</b>       | <b>Lenten Study</b>                |
| <b>Wednesday, 17</b> | <b>8:00 PM</b>        | <b>AA Meeting</b>                  |
| <b>Thursday, 18</b>  | <b>6:00 PM</b>        | <b>Fellowship Dinner</b>           |
|                      | <b>7:00 PM</b>        | <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>     |
| <b>Friday, 19</b>    | <b>5:45 - 6:45 PM</b> | <b>Good Friday Night of Prayer</b> |
| <b>Saturday, 20</b>  | <b>3:00 PM</b>        | <b>Models Club</b>                 |

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY, WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2019**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 2019 Non-discretionary Budget:                        | \$ 56,350.00    |
| 2019 Total Offering (to date)                         | \$ 16,561.47    |
| Weekly giving required to meet budget:                | \$ 1,083.00     |
| March 31 <sup>st</sup> budget offering:               | \$ 519.00       |
| On-Line offering for week:                            | \$ 0.00         |
| Budget giving surplus (deficit) for the week:         | \$ (564.00)     |
| <b>March 31<sup>st</sup> Debt Reduction offering:</b> | <b>\$ 40.00</b> |
| Budget surplus (deficit) after debt reduction:        | \$ (524.00)     |

*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!*



*I have*  
**called**  
*upon thee,*  
*for thou wilt*  
*hear me,*  
**O God**  
Psalm 17:6

# Porter United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 7, 2019

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## CHIMES WITH BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF LOVE

**PRELUDE** *Anna Kalbe*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** *Pastor Liz Lahaie*  
*Brief Announcements*

**MINISTRY MOMENT: TRUE NORTH** *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

**POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (In Unison)** *Judy Reales*  
Let go of your fears. God has forgiven you and offered to you God's healing love. Accept this free gift, for it is given for you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**\*OPENING HYMN** *UMH #453*  
*"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Judy Reales*  
L: Come to Jesus this day. Bring with you all the pain that you feel.

C: Lord, bring to us healing and hope.  
L: Come to Jesus this day. Bring with you your confusion and doubts.

C: Lord, bring to us restoration and renewal of life.  
ALL: Come to Jesus this day and He will make something beautiful happen in your life.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (In Unison)** *Judy Reales*  
Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. We hear the words "if only" and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence which will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Life is. Things happen which we didn't plan for and events swirl around us

over which we have no control. But to place blame and not to find ways in which we can work through the situations is detrimental to everyone, especially ourselves. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.  
followed by "GLORIA PATRI" *UMH #70*

**PASSING THE PEACE:** *"Greet those around you"* *All*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

**RESPONSIVE READING** *Judy Reales*  
Psalm 126 *UMH #847*

**RECEIVING JOYS AND CONCERNS** *Pastor Liz Lahaie*  
**PASTORAL PRAYER**  
*followed by The Lord's Prayer*

**WORSHIP OF GIVING: Tithes, Offerings & Gifts** *All*  
*"Trading My Sorrows" \*\** *Screen*  
*followed by "The Doxology" \** *Screen*

**THE EPISTLE** *Judy Reales*  
Philippians 3:4b - 14

**SERMON: John 12:1 - 8** *Pastor Liz Lahaie*  
*"Making a New Thing"*

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *UMH #394*  
*"Something Beautiful"* (sing through twice)

*- Closing Words & Benediction -*

**CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING** *All*

**POSTLUDE** *Anna Kalbe*

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

# TRUE



# NORTH

## TRAINING STABLES

TrueNorth Training Stables' provides a loving, nurturing environment that uses horses to mentor at-risk children and their families. This includes, but is not limited to, children who struggle with depression, autism, foster/adopted, ADD, ADHD, self-harm, bullied, addiction, sexual abuse, incarcerated parents, eating disorders, truancy, and other similar society issues. TrueNorth strives to bring hope to others through the use of one of God's most beautiful, majestic creatures. It is the mission of True North to help kids understand that they are perfectly and wonderfully made and even in times that seem like a massive storm, there is a port. There is someone out there that cares, someone that is willing to help, to listen and try to understand and some place where it is okay just to be you!

Your donations help support funding of their eight-week program where the goal is to connect the horse and the student to life concepts and spiritual insights.



# Announcements

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please take a moment to stop by the altar flower chart in the back to reserve your special date(s) throughout the year.

## **WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY**

Beginning today, we are collecting *boxes of spaghetti noodles*. Thank you to those who brought in boxes of macaroni & cheese last month!

## **QUARTERLY CHILDREN'S MISSION: TRUE NORTH STABLES**

Today begins a new quarter and with that a new mission focus: TrueNorth Training Stables, an organization that provides a safe environment where at-risk youth and their families come for training in life skills and spiritual awareness using horses.

## **INFORMAL LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY CONTINUES**

During the coffee fellowship hour today, we will be discussing John 12:1-8, our scripture for the day. Next week's casual conversation will be from Luke 19:28 - 40. Please join us - each week is a new study!

## **EASTER FLOWER ORDERS**

TODAY is the last day for taking orders for Easter lilies, hyacinths, and tulips. We are going through Karp's Garden Center this year and have been able to have lower prices than last year.

*Lilies with an average of 5 - 8 blooms are \$9 and the hyacinths & tulips are \$8 each.* All plants come wrapped in green or purple foil - you can pick the color, if wanted. Please see this insert in today's bulletin.

## **CANDY NEEDED FOR EGG HUNT**

We are still in need of candy donations for our annual kid's Easter Egg Hunt that will take place on Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> during the last half of the Sunday School hour. You can drop off your donations in the church office Mondays - Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. or bring them with you to church. Thanks so much!

## **A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK**

We still have a few openings for volunteers to help strip the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday on April 18<sup>th</sup> and to adorn the sanctuary during the prelude on Easter Sunday on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up on the clipboard if interested.

# Prayer Requests

Joys:

**Karla Allmon** - thankful that **Andrew & Sarah** were visiting  
**Emily (Allmon) Neal** is pregnant and due in September!

Recent Prayer Requests:

**Betsy** (Brenda Brueckheimer's niece) - had a stroke  
 Prayers that Vacation Bible School will be a success.

**Mark & Rondi** (friends of Mark & Rancie) - depression/no work

**Tony A.** (Bob Kremke's friend) - stage 4 lung cancer

**Jeanine Thomas** - knee

**Mary Tidwell** (sister of Jeanette's sister-in-law) - pancreas  
 stent

**Clyde Larkentile** (Jeanette B.) - on dialysis; not doing well

**Brenna Lill** (Karla Allmon's student teacher) - prayers for the  
 right direction in her life

**Kitty Chaplin** (Betty Ward's friend) - battling cancer

**Tabitha** (friend of Judy Reales)

Continue Prayers for:

**Kay** (Carol McClure's sister) - continued recovery

**Deb Marshall** - recovering from thyroid surgery

**Les Babcock** - on dialysis

**JoAnn Burton** (Judy Reales' mom)

**William Kuhns, Judy Hoffman, Fern Duvall** - health issues

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

Pray for the family of:

† **Mary Leontaras' Aunt Jo** †

Ministry Partners & Organizations

Frontline Foundations; Duneland Medical Loan Closet; Yost;  
 Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry; Duneland Resale; Westchester  
 Meals; VNA Phoenix Center; RFKC; Boy Scout Troop 928; TrueNorth



## Easter Flowers

It's time to order your Easter flowers! **Prices given are what we pay to the florist.** Plants may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one, so be sure to fill out the bottom section. **Order & money due 4/7/19.**

You also have your choice of foil color the plant is wrapped in - GREEN (G) or PURPLE (P). **So if you have a preference, please mark that as well** (otherwise, the florist will choose for you).

| Flower                | Foil:<br>G/P | Qty     | Price    | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------|----------|-------|
| Hyacinths             | _____        | _____ x | \$ 8.00  | _____ |
| Tulips                | _____        | _____ x | \$ 8.00  | _____ |
| Lilies (5 - 8 blooms) | _____        | _____ x | \$ 9.00  | _____ |
| Total Amount          |              |         | \$ _____ | _____ |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor \_\_\_\_\_

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