

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT** - Ladies, we are so excited about our upcoming fall retreat and we are praying for each of you who will be part of this life changing weekend! We have *three remaining spaces* available, so if you feel God nudging you to go and you have put off signing up, He hasn't let you off the hook yet! Register today! We would like to ask our church family to please be praying for this special weekend - for God's presence to be heavy on us and for the Holy Spirit to move in our hearts. Please pray for our speaker, Julie Sparkman, for God to use her mightily. Finally, pray for cool(ish) weather, sweet fellowship, fun, and safety.

**UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS** - Tuesday, September 18, 10 a.m.: Circle #1 in the Parlor; Circle #4 in the Alpha classroom

**THE COLLEGE CONNECTION (CC) MINISTRY** - needs two more volunteers. This ministry sends cards, gift cards, cookies, notes, etc. to our college students during the school year (September-May). CC helps the students to maintain a feeling of connection to their Porterfield Family. Your participation in the ministry would be greatly appreciated by the students, their parents, and the church family! Please contact Wanda Mitchell if you are interested. connect.porterfield@gmail.com

## CommUNITY NIGHT

### SEPTEMBER 19 CHURCH NIGHT SUPPER

Serving Line Opens at 5 p.m.

**Menu:** Baked Chicken; Mixed Greens; Macaroni and Cheese; Cornbread; Carrot Cake; Salad Bar; Kids' Meal - Chicken Fingers, Macaroni and Cheese, Rolls, Cake, Juice/Milk

**Program:** CommUNITY Groups

Make a reservation by calling **436-6336**, ext. 145, by noon on Tuesday or by filling out reservation forms and placing in offering plate. Please cancel by noon on Tuesday if you cannot attend, or payment is expected. THANK YOU!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### The Music of Disney is coming to Porterfield!

On December 16, our Chancel Choir and Orchestra will present our annual "Candlelighting Services." This year, we have a really special arrangement of the EPCOT "Candlelight Processional." The music features stirring narration, magnificent orchestrations, and sing-a-long music for the whole family. AND...YOU are invited to join us! High school students and older are welcomed each Wednesday from 7:10-7:40 to sing the great songs of Christmas with us! Contact Mike, mkeeley@pmumc.net, with any questions!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Terrific Tuesday & FFGO are up and running!

Please keep us in your prayers as we minister to these students. Parents, please remember we must have a current medical release form on file in order for students to attend and be picked up from school.

### *KidzQuest is this weekend!*

Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to Epworth By The Sea for a fun and faith-filled weekend!

### Trunk or Treat – Date Change

Please note that we've moved Trunk or Treat to a Sunday this year! Please join us on October 28th for trunk or treating, games, and fun galore!! Stop by the children's ministry bulletin board to sign up to help! We'll begin collecting candy soon!

### Volunteer Opportunity

We need another driver with their CDL. Are you interested in getting licensed or adding onto an existing CDL? Please talk to Wesley or Caren for more information.

## YOUTH NEWS

### Youth Ministry Pork Chop Plate Sale (\$7 per plate)

Get your tickets from one of our youth! Plate includes a pork chop, baked beans, slaw, and a roll. Pick up plates on Thursday, September 27, from 4-7 p.m. in the church parking lot next to the playground. Orders are due by September 16.

### Starting September 16... 24 - A Day with God

Every day, every student is faced with big choices every day, 24 hours a day. This is what 24 is all about.

Beginning September 16, we will have three lessons to explore the morning, afternoon, and nighttime of the Christian life. Our goal is to answer the following questions:

- How do we fill ourselves with the energy to get through the day and begin it with God?
- What do we do with that knowledge and mission once we have it?
- And how is our faith shown to others?

This is a great series to begin the school year. Bring your friends!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Ken Williams, Stephen Holloway, Patti Wingate, Glenn Creech, Dona Dowling, Brenda Brown, Judy McIntosh, Polly Stadnik, Curt Poer, Ruby Daniel, Don Posey, Charles Horne, Genny Davis, Judy Simpson, Judy Herrin

## STEWARDSHIP OF ATTENDANCE

Worship (9/9/18) (8:30-87; 9:00-294; 11:00-239)

Sunday School 381

## STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS

Operating Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 44,230.77
Operating Budget Received 9/9/18	\$ 29,932.00
Over/Under Budget	\$ (14,298.77)
Operating Budget Received YTD	\$ 1,239,901.84
Outstanding Budget	46%

### MEMORIAL FUND:

In memory of **Audrey Fulford**, from Linda Freeney

In memory of **Larry Sellers**, from Linda Freeney

### MUSIC MINISTRY:

In honor of **Marcy McCarty**, from Jimmy & Pam Bruner

## STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

**Ushers (8:30)** John Gordon, Stan McMikle, Jack Roberts, John Stringer  
**(11:00)** Berney Yarborough, Bill Lawrence, Dewayne Kelly, Louie Lamb, Ducky Wall

**The Drop In:** Chi, Jesus 3:16, New Day

**Altar Guild:** Gayle Vorse, Chmn.; Marsha Johnston; Jennifer Cromartie; Jeannie Jones, Cindy Rigsby

**Flower Ministry for September 17:** Pat Simpson

**Visitation for September 16:** Joanne and Roger Marietta

**Casserole Ministry for September 17:** Casserole - Pam Martin & Elaine Bennett; Cake - Babs Jack; Delivery - Kathy Pate

**8:30 Greeter for September 16:** Kay Griffin

**9:00 Worship Coffee for September 16:** Chuck Darsey

**9:00 Greeters for September 16:** Jay Yeiser; Nita Gaines; Cindy Porter; Wanda Proctor; Dorothy Dickey; Terri Underwood; Dona Dowling

**11:00 Greeters for September 16:** Lacy Lee; Dee Matthews; Ken & Patti Howze

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 16

8:30 am Worship Service  
 8:30 am Family Braves Game  
 (leave after 8:30  
 worship)  
 9:00 am Contemporary  
 Worship Service  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 3:00 pm Book of Ruth  
 Bible Study in Parlor  
 4:00 pm Youth Band  
 5:00 pm 'Devoted' Meeting in  
 Fellowship Hall  
 5:25 pm Youth Gather in  
 Worship Room  
 6:30 pm Youth Snack Supper  
 6:50 pm Youth Small Groups  
 7:30 pm Parent Pickup of Youth

## Monday, September 17

6:15 am Temple Builders Walk  
 8:00 am Day School  
 9:30 am Ladies Exercise in  
 Alpha classroom  
 10:00 am Staff Worship  
 10:30 am Staff Meeting  
 5:30 pm Finance Committee  
 in Library

## Tuesday, September 18

7:00 am Men's Bible Study in  
 Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 am Day School  
 8:30 am Emmaus Group  
 12:00 pm Discipleship Meeting  
 in Library  
 2:30 pm Terrific Tuesday  
 2:30 pm For Fifth Grade Only  
 (FFGO)  
 5:30 pm Stewardship  
 Committee in Library  
 6:30 pm Bishop Bryan at Avalon  
 7:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal

## Wednesday, September 19

6:15 am Temple Builders Walk  
 8:00 am Day School  
 10:00 am Book of Ruth  
 Bible Study in Parlor  
 3:30 pm Intercessory Prayer  
 4:30 pm Communications  
 Committee in Library  
 5:00 pm CommUNITY Supper  
*(Dinner Line Open Until 6)*  
 6:00 pm Children's Music  
 6:00 pm Reset (Youth)  
 6:15 pm CommUNITY Groups  
 6:30 pm Women's Ensemble  
 7:10 pm Chancel Choir  
 7:30 pm Contemporary Worship  
 Band Rehearsal

## Thursday, September 20

8:00 am Day School  
 5:00 pm Strive2Thrive in  
 Fellowship Hall

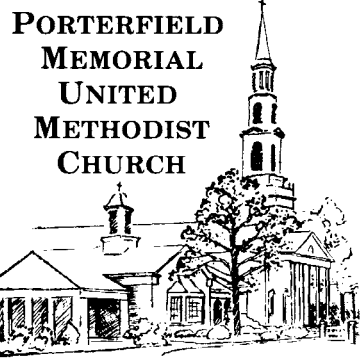
## Friday, September 21

8:00 am Day School  
 9:15 am PDS Pre-K  
 Grandparents Day  
 9:30 am Ladies Exercise in  
 Alpha classroom  
 12:30 pm Children Leave  
 For KidzQuest  
 4:00 pm Ladies Leave  
 For Women's Retreat

## Saturday, September 22

No Scheduled Events

***The Sunday School  
 Offering for September  
 goes to Mission Change***



**Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church**  
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## Mission T-Shirt Fundraiser

As Porterfield's Mission Team prepares for their mission trip to El Salvador, they are offering these shirts as a fundraising item for their mission trip. T-shirt sales also raise funds for The Salvadoran Mission Project, the group they are serving. Shirts are available in children and adult sizes at \$25 per shirt (Dri-Wicking T-shirt). Adult short sleeve sizes 2XL or 3XL are \$30 each. The deadline to order is Thursday, September 20, and expected delivery is October 21. Order forms are available throughout the church. Questions? Please contact Chris Pavlovsky at cpavlovsky@pmumc.net.

**If you have a prayer concern, call the church office at 436-6336. If you have an emergency, call the Minister on Emergency Call at 344-2083.**

Cindy Thomas.....Administrative Assistant  
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 Bethany McAfee.....Nursery Director  
 Jenna Willcox.....Nursery Director  
 Kathryn Dutcher.....Day School Director  
 Lisa Burton.....Communications Director  
 Jonathan Durkovic.....Organist  
 Selina Bentley.....Music Assistant  
 Marcy McCarty.....Music Assistant  
 Catherine Jackson.....Church Hostess  
 Willie Williams.....Custodian

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Services at 8:30, 9, & 11 a.m.

*Welcome All! Worship God! Witness To The World!*

SERMON "The Life of Jesus: Teaching"  
 Robert Greene  
 Matthew 7:24-29

Porterfield Family,

As you probably know, our denomination is at an impasse with respect to LGBT issues, and we await a special called General Conference in February 2019 to decide on our way forward as a church. I have several items of information along these lines to share with you.

The first item of note is that Bishop Lawson Bryan is visiting each of the districts to have a conversation about the three different options that our church is considering (it is possible that additional options could be added) at General Conference. He will be in Albany on Tuesday, September 18, at Avalon UMC from 6:30-8 p.m. to meet with our district. I encourage your attendance at this event.

Then, because of the complexity of this matter, I will be following up with additional ways for us to thoughtfully and faithfully engage this issue. Our process to walk through this at Porterfield will have three phases:

First, a sharing phase (October 2018). I will be leading two Sunday evening sessions in the Sanctuary to discuss what all has transpired, and the origins of the impasse on human sexuality. I will share Biblical perspectives, Frequently Asked Questions, and elaborate on the three plans that have been submitted to the General Conference regarding LGBT matters. These open forums will be held on October 14 and 21 at 5 p.m.

Secondly, I want to have a listening phase (November-February). The best way I can think of to do that is by visiting all of our adult Sunday School classes. I certainly will try to answer questions that come, but I want to hear what our members have to say. I'm asking all classes if I can sit in for about 20 minutes on a Sunday morning. As they are able, Laura Benford and Jim Horne, our lay delegates to the annual conference, will be joining me in these listening sessions. By keeping it to 20 minutes, each class can still have some time for a lesson and the fellowship that is so vital for followers of Christ.

Thirdly, as we approach February's General Conference, a praying phase (Feb 2019 – beyond). I will be calling on our church to fast and pray in various ways. We simply don't know how the General Conference will go. But we do know that we must pray and seek the Lord's guidance for our church.

Below is the tentative schedule for the Sunday School visits. It is a blessing and honor to serve as your pastor, and I welcome the opportunity to speak with you on this or any other matter.

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 Robert Greene

Nov. 4 - Alpha Class  
 Nov. 11 - Chi Class  
 Nov. 18 - Explorers  
 Dec. 2 - Jesus 3:16  
 Dec. 9 - Journey  
 Dec. 16 - Key

Jan. 6 - Living Creation  
 Jan. 13 - New Day Class  
 Jan. 27 - Partners in Prayer  
 Feb. 3 - Pathfinders  
 Feb. 10 - Seekers



**COME VISIT THE DROP IN** and get connected! Open Sundays 10-11 a.m. in the Library

WEGC Mix 107.7 broadcasts the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services are streamed live at www.pmumc.net.