

**Presbyterian Church of Portersville**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Our Vision**

Christ's Church; Driven to Serve  
*Through Grace and Truth; Toward Shalom*

**Pastor: Dana L. Opp**

**Organist: Sandy**

**Phillips**

**Breakfast: Crummy Family**

**Pianist: Amy Nichols**

**Nursery: Dustin Hertzog**

**Lenten Devo: Elementary Class**

**Preparing for God's Word**

Welcome & Announcements

Ralph Phillips

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:19-24

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

***Congregation: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.***

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

"Christ Our Hope, In Life..."

No. 11WB~

"You Are My All in All"

No. 115BB^

Lenten Devotional

Elementary Class

**Proclaiming God' Word**

Choir Anthem

"Redeemer"

-Mullen

Bigger Picture

D.R. Trip

Lowery Sisters

Scripture

James 3:13-18

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Sermon

"Wisdom Is What Wisdom Does"

-Mr. Dana Opp

**Responding to God's Word**

Joys, Concerns and Morning Prayer

Offertory

"It Is Well With My Soul"

-Bliss

\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God's Word Made Visible**

\*Hymn of Preparation

"There is a Redeemer"

No. 3BB^

The Lord's Supper

\*Hymn of Joy

"O, Mighty Cross"

No. 123BB^

\*Benediction

"Gloria Patri"

No. 575GH+

*\*Stand (as able) BB^=Burgundy Bk GH+=Green Hymnal WB~=White Book*

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of

*wisdom.*

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the

*wisdom*

that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the

*wisdom*

from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make

*peace.*

James 3:13-18



**The Presbyterian Church of Portersville**

1297 Perry Highway – PO Box 126 Portersville, PA 16051

Sunday School 9:45am - Worship 11:00am

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**An Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

April 6, 2025

James 3:13-18

Wisdom Is What Wisdom Does

INTRODUCTION: James is writing to a church that is to be modeling godly leadership in wise. James tells them that they should seek to be wise for the sake of the only wise God, but how Does that wisdom look, is there a counterfeit to avoid and what is the end result of applying true wisdom to our lives and our life together in God's kingdom, the church? Wisdom is what wisdom does, as James takes great pains to present.

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ (13-14)
- A. Question: *Who is Wise and understanding among you?*
  - B. Challenge: \_\_\_\_\_. *The meekness of wisdom.*
  - C. Counter: Is it good work or Bitter? Jealous? Ambitious?
  - D. Concern: Ambition, boasting and lying are linked by James.
  - E. If you can do it, ain't bragging v. under-promise, over-deliver.

- II. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (15-16)
- A. Source: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Revelation: Bitter jealousy and selfish ambition.
  - C. Result: *Disorder and every vile practice.*
  - D. We talk about meritocracy. Much to commend in that.
  - E. But if it moves from a \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, chaos.

- III. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (17-18)
- A. Source: *From above...*
  - B. Revelation: *Pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason...mercy...*
  - C. Result: *Harvest of righteousness sown in peace by those...*
  - D. Resource: Where does James get this list? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - E. Moses gave list on mount, Jesus gave list. James honors list.

CONCLUSION: Godly wisdom as knowledge of God's Word applied to our lives is as ancient as God's Word itself. Have you renounced worldly wisdom for the dead end that it is? Have you embraced the wisdom which comes from the only one who is above and beyond ourselves in true wisdom? Are you applying that wisdom? Wisdom is, what wisdom does, after all.

## Prayer Requests & Praises — April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Individuals with long-term needs:** Patty Kern, Weston Foster Clarence Rossi, Rebecca Richards, Ray Miller, Melissa Short, Karen Permuko Doug Thompson, Doug M, Clint, Ken Overly, Sue Bowser, Beachem Family, Ann Hoover, David Bloom, Cheryl Yavorsky, Tom Mateja Antoinette & Darius Carter, Joy Johnson, Suzanne Liekar Bill Catlett, Jason Porter, Max Muse, Lucy Duffy, Becky Shirey Max Muse Johnson, Erica Muse, Max Turley, unspoken.

**Shut-ins:** Brenda B., Helen H., Wanda M., Dawn S

**Pray for wisdom for government leaders /safety for our country & troops.**

Zackery Bryan: Army	Dan Marcyjanik: USMC	Jared Nogee:USMC
Andrew Reichert, Army	Josh Marcyjanik: USMC	Logan Aydelott: ARNG
Josh Keener: USN	Nick Mulford: Army	Freddie Scungio: USN
Evan Lee Laderer: USMC	Rese Saunders: USMC	Kellie Grabe: USAF
Will Baldwin: Army	Ethan Mawhinney: USMC	Dalee Smith: USAF
Logan Teodoro: ARNG-PA	Logan Long: Army	Michael Petrie:Army

**Praise:**

**Laurie Bean:** Had her final chemo treatment. Prayer for strength and remission. (Ashley)  
**Elias Johnston:** Fourth grade student BCCS. Back to school. (Witterman)  
**Jeremiah Bowen:** Home from NICU after almost two years!  
**Daniel Johnson:** PCS Student, cancer free & on the DR trip!  
**Kasey Whipkey-McKinnis:** She is CANCER-FREE!  
**Max Turley:** Had picc line removed and is off ivf feeding.

**Concerns:**

**Condolences :** To the family of Carson Kiser, 12 year-old, after long health battle.  
**Brenda Moore:** Case referred to new set of urologists.  
**Baby Olivia:** Undergoing tests in Cleveland. (Moore)  
**Bob Hinkle:** Recovering from a heart stent procedure.  
**Travis Coble:** Recovery from colon surgery, March 20.  
**Grant Striegel:** Surgery to his left leg on April 10.  
**Dana Opp:** Being treated for AFibs  
**Ken Nichols:** Matt's father, heart attack, no surgery needed, at home..  
**Bill Shaw:** recovering from knee surgery.  
**Jean Hogue:** Hemorrhagic stroke. Starting to communicate again.(Moore)  
**Tom Clyde:** Relief from pain in legs.  
**Sue Bauder:** Daughter of M. J. Wimer, in need of strength/healing from pneumonia.  
**Stacy Matoka:** Undergoing additional surgery for breast cancer. (Mindyanne)  
**Liz Bauder:** Recovering from back surgery, prayers for healing.  
**Brad Stickel:** Recovery from serious left eye injury.  
**Dave Fisher:** Lung cancer concerns. (Graham)  
**Willow:** Six-year-old, concerns about leukemia. (Graham)  
**Tami Clyde Reichart:** Continued strength/healing for right arm as she continues rehab.  
**Daryll Dailey:** Pulmonary fibrosis, breathing issues, prayers appreciated.  
**Richard Badger:** Undergoing 6 weeks of physical therapy, praise no pain. (Phillips)  
**Ric Raines:** PCA Pastor, blood disorder, home, infection in lungs. (Phillips)  
**Marshall Smith:** Needs strength for chemo treatments.  
**Valorie Smith:** Heart testing and knee replacement scheduled 4/8. (Moore)

**Cancer Patients:** Alice Short, Chris Green, Erin, Riley, Mary Lord, Dave Zajac. Bev Wolfe: Lung, Annie Koontz, Terry Dennis: Lung, Bob Updegraph, Ed Eckstein Joyce Bower (Marcyjanik), Jenny Collins-Breast, Kari Rickard, Alexa Wilsey

# Upcoming **EVENING**

## Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>

Youth: 6:00PM                                      Nurture: After Worship

## Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study: 10:30AM

## Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>

Kidz Club: 6:00PM      Choir: 7:30PM      Outreach: 8:30PM

## Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>

Men's Breakfast: 7:00AM



**Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast:** Both will be hosted by our church this year on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for Breakfast Items in Vestibule.

**Easter Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt:** All Ages Program. 9 AM to 10:45 AM. 9 AM-Hunt, Adult Bible Study, 9:45 AM- Kids and Adults Learning Time, 10:30 AM- Craft for Kids,

**Church Volunteers:** New sign-up sheets for Breakfast, Nursery and Kids Church are in the vestibule.

**Kidz Club:** Things that go fast! Wednesdays 6-7:30PM



## Opportunities for Ministry During Week

Mon.	04/07	Office	Closed
Tues.	04/08	10:30AM	Bible Study
Wed.	04/09	6:00PM	Kidz Club
		7:30PM	Choir
		8:30 PM	Outreach
Sat.	04/12	7:00AM	Men's Breakfast

## Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

9:30	Sunday School Breakfast
10:00	Sunday School
10:45	Elders' Prayer Time
11:00	Worship Service

## Those assisting in worship April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Breakfast: Hertzog Family**  
**Nursery: Need Volunteer**  
**Lenten Devotionals: TBD**

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- 6 Susan Yakima
- 7 Zeike Sturgeon
- 8 Polly Way
- 9 Becky Harlan
- Megan Plunkard
- 10 Samantha May Hinkle
- 13 David Marcyjanik

*If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. -II Chron.7:14*

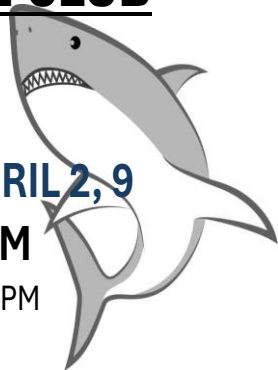
# SPRING 2025 KIDZ CLUB

GRADES K-6

**MARCH 12, 19, 26, APRIL 2, 9**

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

Adult Bible Study 7-7:30PM



## **THINGS THAT GO FAST!!**

HOW FAST ARE YOU??

(LET'S FIND OUT!)

BIBLE LESSON, STORIES, SINGING,  
CRAFTS, EXERCISE AND SNACKS



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# **2025 HOLY WEEK**

Sponsored by the Churches of the Portersville Area Community

**Palm Sunday**

**April 13, at 6 PM**

**Portersville Christian/Missionary Alliance**

363 E. Portersville Road

Portersville, PA 16051

*Rev. Tom Metz, Preaching*

*Special Music by CMA Church*



**Maundy Thursday**

**April 17, at 7 PM**

**Mountville Presbyterian Church**

2795 Mountville Road

Portersville, PA 16051

*Rev. Timothy Keller, North Regional Team  
Leader, CMA, preaching*

*Special Music by Mountville Church*

*The Lord's Supper will be Observed*



**Good Friday**

**April 18, at 7 PM**

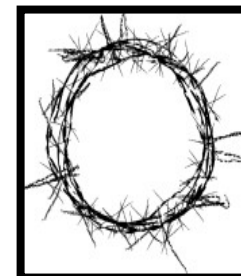
**Zion Baptist Church**

148 Currie Road

Slippery Rock, PA 16057

*Rev. Bob Frye, preaching,*

*Special Music by Zion Church*



**Easter Sunday Sunrise**

**April 20, at 7 AM**

**Portersville Presbyterian Church**

1297 Perry Highway

Portersville, PA 16051

*Rev. Elijah Bombeck, preaching*

*Special Music by Portersville EPC Church*

*Continental Breakfast to Follow*



**A Moment for Mission will be Presented and**

**A collection will be taken each night for the following:**

**Portersville Food Pantry \* Child Evangelism Fellowship**

**Promise-of-Life Network \* City Rescue Mission**

# Easter Egg Hunt & Sunday School Gathering

April 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM

Birth-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Fellowship Hall- All  
are welcome to Easter  
Party to Follow

At 9:45 AM



EPC PORTERSVILLE

## *Clean Up Day*

*Attention Church Family:*

Participate in our *Clean Up Day*. Join us as we get outdoors together for a few hours of spring cleaning. We will clean up leaves, pull weeds, replace broken railroad timbers, spread mulch, etc. Let's work together to make our church look beautiful!

We are also looking for volunteers to team up and focus on targeted areas throughout the church interior that need some extra cleaning and care.

Please join us on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM.

Lunch will be provided.



Thank you for your participation!

Contact Sam Plunkard for more info: 724-504-8506

## Memorial Service, April 27, 2025, 3 PM

### **Kenneth Lee Miller,**

77, of Harmony, passed away  
Wednesday, December 25, 2024, at his residence.

### **Brenda Lea Miller,**

73, of Harmony, passed away  
Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at  
UPMC Passavant-McCandless Hospital.

A memorial service for Ken and Brenda Miller  
will be held Sunday, April 27, 2025, at  
The Presbyterian Church of Portersville,  
1297 Perry Highway, Portersville, with the  
Rev. Dana Opp, their church pastor, officiating.  
Friends and family will be received at 2:30 p.m.,  
followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m.,  
and a funeral luncheon at 4 p.m.

For more information, please visit  
[www.raisleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.raisleyfuneralhome.com).

Please sign the guest book at  
[www.butlereagle.com](http://www.butlereagle.com).



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## Mommy & Me Tea Party

\$10 Adult

\$5 Child

Celebrate Mother's Day weekend  
with a luncheon, proceeds  
benefitting Portersville EMS.



Saturday, May 10th

11am - 2pm

Portersville Presbyterian Church

RSVP to: Mandy Kniess (724) 496-7614