

**The Presbyterian Church of Portersville**  
 1297 Perry Highway – PO Box 126 Portersville, PA 16051  
 Sunday School 9:45am - Worship 11:00am  
 Church Office: 724/368-8050  
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 Website: [epcportersville.org](http://epcportersville.org)  
*An Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

**Presbyterian Church of Portersville**

**May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**Our Vision**

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

**Pastor: Dana L. Opp**

**Organist: Sandy Phillips**

**Nursery: Sarah Miller**

**Pianist: Joan Courtney**

**Breakfast: Ralph & Sandy**

**Acolyte: Vera Crummy**

**Preparing for God's Word**

Welcome & Announcements

Mr. Ralph Phillips

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 57: 9-11

**Leader:** I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

***Congregation:*** *For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.*

**Leader:** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

“Your Love, Oh Lord”

Screen

“Sing them Over Again to Me”

No. 222GH+

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Choir Anthem

“How Great Thou Art”

-Hine

Trombone: Ralph P. Trumpet: Tyler C.

Kids Church

Moses & The Exodus

Tyler & Lindsey

Scripture

Ezra 1:1-10

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Sermon

“Raise Up the Heads”

-Mr. Opp

**Responding to God's Word**

Joys, Concerns and Morning Prayer

Offertory

“There is Joy in Serving Jesus”

- Ackley

\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Joy “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

No. 198GH+

\*Benediction

"Gloria Patri"

No. 575GH+

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

## ***Prayer Requests & Praises — May 31<sup>st</sup>***

**Individuals with long-term needs:** Patty Kern, Weston Foster Clarence Rossi, Rebecca Richards, Melissa Short, Karen Permuko Doug Thompson, Doug M, Clint, Ken Overly, Sue Bowser, Beachem Family, David Blum, Cheryl Yavorsky, Tom Mateja Antoinette & Darius Carter, Jason Porter, Lucy Duffy, Becky Shirey Max Johnson, Erica Johnson, Max Turley, Brad Stickel, Liz Bauder, Richard Badger, Sam M.. Miriam Kucks. Valorie Smith

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

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

Joey Hinkle: Army	Dan Marcyjanik: USMC	Jared Nogee: USMC
Andrew Reichert, Army	Josh Marcyjanik: USMC	Logan Aydelott: ARNG
Josh Keener: USN	Savannah Schwenke: USAF	Nick Mulford: Army
Evan Lee Laderer: USMC	Rese Saunders: USMC	Kellie Grabe: USAF
Will Baldwin: Army	Ethan Mawhinney: USMC	Dalee Smith: USAF
Logan Teodoro: ARNG-PA	Michael Petrie: Army	Jake Clouse: USAF
Bryson Stepleton: Army	Dalton Burns, Army	Dave Dalessandro

### **Praise:**

**Morgan & Chloe Whiting:** Congratulations on the birth of daughter - Laura Lane Whiting, May 27<sup>th</sup>, healthy mom & baby!

**Jake Smith:** liver lesions have shrunken! Praise God! (Moore)

**Sienna & Theo Fine :** are home from the hospital!

### **Concerns:**

**Les Sawyer:** Cysts found on pancreas.

**Melinda Muehlbronner:** Nodule on her lung, Oncologist appt. 6/23 (Moore)

**Dave Zajac:** Recovering from oral surgery, due to cancer.

**Katie Dambaugh:** Broke arm in bike accident, pray for healing.

**Jenn Parrish:** Hit by car, torn ACL and PT for leg trauma. (Coble)

**Lori Proch:** needs prayer for the use of her arm to return

**Molly Castina:** Missionary trip to Ecuador, issues with documents (duToits)

**Theresa Hamm:** Stage 2 breast cancer, starting radiation(Moore)

**Heaven Hosack:** Will be transferred to Children's Hospital of Pgh for 3 months for a bone marrow transplant. (Moore)

**Kathy Green:** Surgery was successful at removing tumor. Prayer for healing.

**Grant Striegel:** Fainting spell, hit head. No driving 6 mon.

### **Conflict in Iran**

**Ron Schnelle:** At home, cancer diagnosis, pray for strength.(Phillips)

**Kim Overly:** Cancer diagnosis. (L. Plunkard)

**Lisa Tammaro:** Prayer for baseline sight, eyesight gotten worse. (SueAnn)

**Merle Lesko:** Autoimmune disease progressing throughout his body.(Palmosina)

**Carl Bleakney:** Prayers for health issues (Sue Weigle)

**Baby Josie:** Became unconscious, seeing pediatrician and cardiologist.

**Peg Brenneman:** Recovering from fall.

**Olivia Leigh:** Surgery 5/26 to remove part of hand, home & healing. (Moore)

**Johnny Holt:** He is doing well with his chemo treatments. (Moore)

**Joe Lema:** Has iron deficiency anemia due to chronic blood loss.

**Laurie Bean:** Continued improvement in blood count levels.

**Tim Sturgeon:** Recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Ron Sturgeon:** At home following shoulder surgeries.

**Scott Hill:** To have leg amputated below knee. (Brenneman)

**Wanda Mathias:** Leg pain as she undergoes therapy at Avalon Nursing Home

**Carol Yost:** Diagnosed with both Multiple Sclerosis and Sjogren's Syndrome.

Thankful for the prayers (Moore)

**Bonnie Nerison:** Prayers that chemo works and tumors stop growing

**Dave Fisher:** Lung cancer concerns. (Graham)

**Willow:** Six-year-old, concerns about leukemia. (Graham)

**Tami Clyde Reichart:** Surgery on good hand, trigger finger, pray for healing.

**Fran Wood:** Has lymphoma that has metastasized, getting chemo. (Mindyanne)

**Marshall Smith** He just had radiation shot. Pray his PSA numbers go down.

**Cancer Patients: Alice Short, Erin, Riley, Bev Wolfe:** Lung, **Annie Koontz,**

**Terry Dennis:** Lung, , **Ed Eckstein, Kari Rickard, Alexa Wilsey, Dawn**

**Brindle,**

**Bill Michaels:** Lung (P. Brenneman)



If you have a prayer request or update please email the church

[portpres@zoominternet.net](mailto:portpres@zoominternet.net) or let Sarah know

May 31, 2026

Ezra 1:1-10

Raise Up the Heads

INTRODUCTION: When God stirs us up to raise up our heads, he does so thoroughly from great to small so his purposes might be accomplished before an amazed world and we might point to him in praise.

- I. God stirs \_\_\_\_\_ (1-4)
- A. Cyrus of Persia was fulfilling prophecy of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Lord “*stirred up*” (‘UIR) Cyrus to do something remarkable.
  - C. Not only release Judah, Benjamin and Levi back to Judah.
  - D. He is going to have the temple of Israel’s God rebuilt.
  - E. Isaiah 44:28 gives him title of “shepherd,” a messianic title!
- II. God stirs \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- A. *Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses... \_\_\_\_\_ heads.*
  - B. *Judah and Benjamin...Levites...Leah, Rachel, Aaron.*
  - C. *Everyone whose spirit God had stirred.* People like you/me.
  - D. Stirring with purpose: Rebuild house of Lord in Jerusalem.
  - E. King said it but people do it, and they had even further help.
- III. God stirs the \_\_\_\_\_ (6-10)
- A. King decreed it, but loyal Persians were stirred to help!
  - B. Like when Egypt gave to Israel, but not out of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Cyrus, seeing people give, was stirred to give temple treasure.
  - D. Sheshbazzar, descendent of David, received them faithfully.
  - E. Unlike Exodus, Persia was gladly freeing people of God.

CONCLUSION: When the Lord of heaven and earth stirs us, what else can we do but raise up our heads and be stirred into action. Lord stirred a proud pagan emperor. Lord stirred people who had become accustomed to their captivity. Lord stirred neighbors to help once been unwilling neighbors to them. Lord’s purpose, to prepare the people and the place God had said he would prepare for the coming of his messiah. The world does not seem very friendly to the people of God right now. Raise up your heads, he is stirring his people even now.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>*

Youth Group: 6:00PM

*Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Bible Study: 10:30AM

*Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Choir: NO CHOIR

*Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>*

Trustees: 7:30PM

*Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>*

Men’s Breakfast: 7:00AM



**The Sacrament of Communion** will be June 7<sup>th</sup>, please prepare your hearts & minds.

**VBS is quickly approaching!** June 15-19, See Tyler if you’d like to volunteer, and sign your kids up at :  
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/signup>

**Seneca Hills Bible Camp Information:** Summer is Approaching! SHBC Information Cards with dates, contact info and QR Code, are available where the bulletins are placed for Sunday. If you’d like to use the registration discount, ask the church office for the Coupon Code.

**Graduate Sunday:** Its that time of year! If you have a graduate (High School, College, Trade School etc.) you’d like to honor on June 21<sup>st</sup> Please send a photo and brief bio to the church email.

### Opportunities for Ministry During Week

Mon. 06/01 9:00 AM Office Closed  
Tues. 06/02 10:30 AM Bible Study  
Wed. 06/03 7:30 PM NO CHOIR  
Thurs. 06/04 7:30PM Trustees  
Sat. 06/06 7:00 AM Men's Group

### Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Sunday School  
10:45 Elders' Prayer Time  
11:00 Worship Service  
6:00 Youth Group

### Those assisting in worship June 7<sup>th</sup>

**Breakfast:** Tyler & Lindsey

**Nursery:** Dustin Hertzog

**Acolyte:** Shae Crummy

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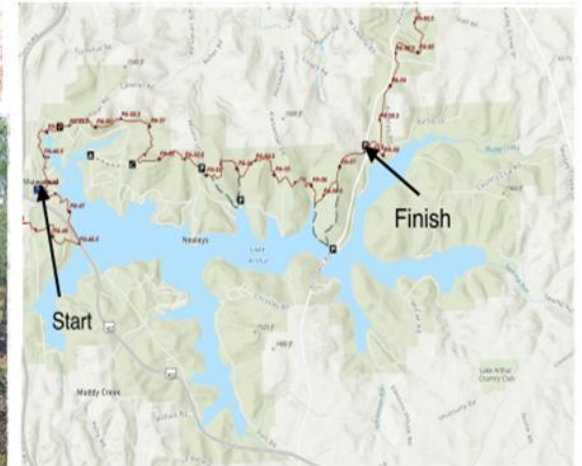
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- 1 Taylor Weakland
- 2 Bill and Polly Shaw (A)
- 3 Emma Bowser, Maggie Bowser
- 4 Nikki Saracco, Rick Harbaugh  
Nathan & Elizabeth Sawyer (A)
- 5 Ashley Phillips
- 6 Debbie Kennedy

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## YOUTH MEN'S HIKE

Start at McDanel's Boat Launch  
Friday 5th at 4:30

Spend the night at Link road Shelter

Finish Saturday noon at 528 trailhead

NO COST TO YOU! BRING A FRIEND! AGES 10+  
SEE ERIC FOR DETAILS

# Vacation Bible School

K - 6th Grade



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June 15 - 19, 2026  
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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