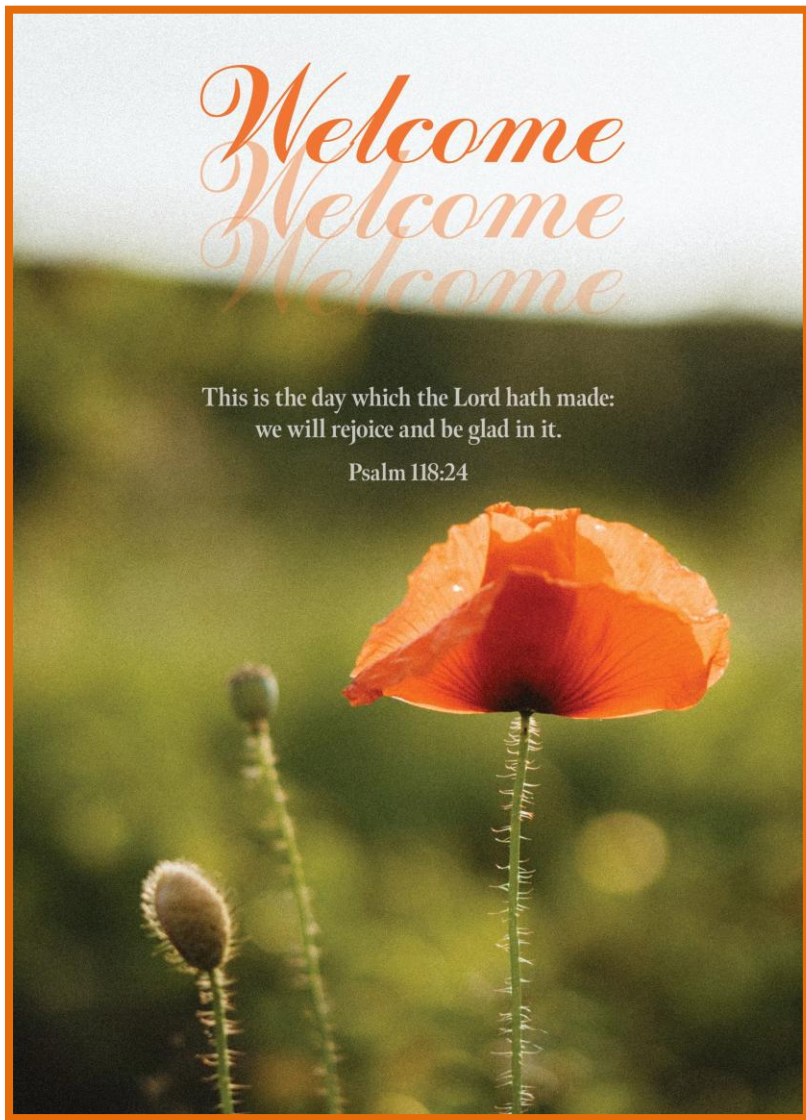




The Presbyterian Church of Portersville
 1297 Perry Highway – PO Box 126 Portersville, PA
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An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church of Portersville

July 19th, 2026

Our Vision

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

Pastor: Dana L. Opp

Organist: Sandy Phillips

Nursery: Dustin H.

Pianist: Amy Nichols

Breakfast: OPEN

Acolyte: Auggie N.

Preparing for God's Word

Welcome & Announcements

Mr. Ralph Phillips

*Call to Worship

Psalm 68:32-35

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Congregation: *Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.*

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel - he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

"Ancient of Days"

No. 98BB^

"Awesome in This Place"

No. 99BB^

Proclaiming God's Word

Special Music

"Always Good"

-Peterson

Amy Nichols

Scripture

Ezra 5:6-6:12

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Sermon

"Reverse Uno"

-Mr. Opp

Responding to God's Word

Joys, Concerns and Morning Prayer

Offertory

"Be Still and Know"

-Unknown

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Joy

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

No. 4GH+

*Benediction

"Gloria Patri"

No. 575GH+

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

July 19, 2026
Ezra 5:6 – 6:12
Reverse Uno

INTRODUCTION: *But the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews...* says Ezra 5:5, and that God has knack for Reverse UNO. Adversaries of Judah write letter hoping to bring the rebuild to a stop. Darius listens to whole letter and does due diligence. He comes back affirming Judah's story, requires adversaries of Judah to help fund building as Cyrus expected That is some Reverse Uno indeed for the benefit of God's people.

- I. A _____ (5:6-17)
- A. Darius, we went to Judah to look at what the Jews were doing.
 - B. They are rebuilding Temple of "the great God," they serve.
 - C. When we asked them who decreed this, they said Cyrus.
 - D. They said he gave them gear back as well as funds to build it.
 - E. This seems excessive. Could you order an audit, Great Darius?
- II. The _____ of _____ (6:1-5)
- A. I am growing to love Persian Kings as presented in Scripture.
 - B. Yes, they succumb to flattery. Darius-Dan. 6, Xerxes-Est. 3.
 - C. But they would repent and reversed themselves.
 - D. Darius could have turned blind eye to old decree, he searched.
 - E. When found it, he understood it and honored it.
- III. He _____ Adversaries, made them fund _____ (6:6-12)
- A. Officials of Beyond the River: Leave the Jews alone.
 - B. In fact, if you're going to hover, bring your wallet.
 - C. You know that money you collect as tribute for me?
 - D. Give it to them. Want to butter me up? Butter them up. NOW.
 - E. Don't change this decree, or you won't finish UNO game.

CONCLUSION: Our God has always been great at reversing way of a fallen world. It's called Great Reversal: Last shall be first and first shall be last. Another name: Grace. When we behave in an entitled way, doesn't it seem like our God likes to play the reverse UNO card and bring us a taste of humility? Our ultimate example is Jesus, as Paul says in Philippians 2. Don't discard it.

Prayer Requests & Praises — July 19th

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 Noguee: 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 Mawhimney: USMC	Dalee Smith: USAF
Logan Teodoro: ARNG-PA	Michael Petrie: Army	Jake Clouse: USAF
Bryson Stepleton: Army	Dalton Bums, Army	Dave Dalessandro

Praise:

Melinda Muehlbronner: is Cancer Free!!! Scans every 3 months.

Lori Prooch: is doing very well. Full use of her arm has returned!

Theresa Hamm: completed all treatments! Cancer Free!!!

Olivia Leigh: Doing great, praise God!! (Moore)

Dawn Brindle: Cancer Free!!

Concerns:

Condolences: Family and friends of Rev. Daniel Reuter in his passing.

Laurie Bean: Return of cancer, chemotherapy has begun. Prayers for healing.

Madisyn Brock: 32 weeks along, pre-eclampsia. Baby girl will be here in the next 10 days. Until then she is hospitalized.

Mara Linaberger: Cancer has metastasized and is in her lung post mastectomy. (Mindyanne)

Diana Yoder.: She is having back/knee numbness and an injection is needed. Please pray for relief from pain and wisdom for Drs

JJ (Jesus) Gaspar: Sprained ankle and torn ligaments

Les Sawyer: Cysts found on pancreas.

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

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

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

Heaven Hosack: got to come home last Monday, to get a blood transfusion then home. Pittsburgh for a ct scan on the 1st or 2nd.

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

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

Conflict in Iran

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.
Johnny Holt: Completed Cancer treatments. (Moore)
Joe Lema: Has iron deficiency anemia due to chronic blood loss.
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: Erin, Riley, Bev Wolfe: Lung, Annie Koontz, Terry Dennis: Lung, , Kari Rickard, Alexa Wilsey, Bill Michaels: Lung (P. Brenneman)



If you have a prayer request or update please email the church
portpres@zoominternet.net or let Sarah know

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 19th

Happy Sunday!

Monday July 20th

Office Closed

Wednesday July 22nd

Keenagers: Noon Wonderful Wednesday: 6:30PM

Saturday, July 25th

Men's Study: 7:00AM



Keenagers: Noon Luncheon, Program to follow- See insert for details

Wonderful Wednesday: at Portersville Presbyterian Church,
 ~ see insert for details!

No Tuesday AM Bible Study through June, July and August.
 We will begin again September 1, 2026.



Opportunities for Ministry During Week

Mon. 07/20 Office Closed
Wed. 07/22 Noon Keenagers
6:30PM Wonderful Wednesday
Sat. 07/25 7:00 AM Men's Group

Sunday, July 26th

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

Those assisting in worship July 26th

Breakfast: Ralph & Sandy

Nursery: Megan P.

Acolyte: Clara P.

Church Office: portpres@zoominternet.net

Dana: danaopp@live.com

Phillips: rsphillips49@hotmail.com

Amy Nichols: amynichols38@gmail.com

Matt Nichols: nicholsmw87@gmail.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

24 Max Phillips
Ginny Hall
27 Otto Sturgeon
28 Sam Mathias
Suzanne Liekar
Rick & Della Serafine (A)
29 Rachel (Shirey) Baldwin
Erica (Umstead) Ferry
Mike & Elaine Priscilla (A)
31 Joanne Newton

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY @ 6:30PM

Basics of the Faith

Week 6: July 22nd, 2026

Portersville Presbyterian Church

Tyler Crummy Speaking- What are the sacraments?

Fried Chicken Night- Chicken & Drinks provided, bring your favorite dish and desserts to share.

Week 7: July 29th, 2026

The Nichols Home- 387 Plain Grove Road, Slippery Rock

Tyler Crummy Speaking- How are we to be part of the body in Christ?

Deli Night- Bring your favorite dish and desserts to share.

Week 8: August 5th, 2026

Phillips Home- 271 West Park Road, Portersville

Tom Meling Speaking- What is our mission in Christ?

Mexican Night- Mains & Drinks provided. Bring your own sides & desserts to share.

WEEK 9: August 12th, 2026

Connoquenessing Park, 228 Constitution Ave.,
Connoquenessing

Eric Miller Speaking- How do we articulate our faith?

Pizza Night – Pizza & Drinks will be provided, bring picnic dishes and desserts to share.

Youth Musical

Presbyterian Church of Portersville

July 24 & 25 at 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Free tickets: www.epcportersville.org



Or register here:



Keenagers 2026-Our 47th Year

July 22nd

Noon Luncheon Menu:

Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Melon blend & Cake.

1:00 PM Program:

Musical Memories W/ Vintage Debbie & Davey's

Please bring your own table setting.

Meals are all provided except the June picnic.

Rolls, Butter and Beverages are always provided

A \$6 donation is suggested per person (more \$ acceptable)

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Leaders:

Karen Roth - 724-556-1416

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