

Office Hours

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Pastor Marcia hours Wed. 4-6 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 29 10:15 AM 1st Sunday of Advent
Online Worship Only

Wednesday, 2 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 6 10:15 AM 2nd Sunday of Advent
Online Worship Only

Wednesday, 9 8:00 PM AA Meeting

HOW TO GIVE THE CHURCH YOUR PRAYER NEEDS:

Just a reminder that there are several ways that you can reach out to us for whatever prayer needs or joys you wish to share. As usual, prayer requests can be given through the prayer chain or by calling the church office at 926-1586.

You can also:

- Visit the church's website at <https://www.porterumchurch.org/prayer-ministry> (found under the Ministries tab) and fill out the interactive form;
- Send a message through the church's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PorterUMC/> or Messenger
- Or, you can also send an email to the church office at porterumchurch@gmail.com

Please use whatever method is most convenient for you!

Announcements

WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

Dawn Ruge, coordinator of the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry is asking for donations of canned tuna for the month of December. The next drive-thru distribution date is 12/8.

You can drop off all donations at either Porter Bank on Lincoln Street or the Chesterton Police Department. Thanks!

ONGOING MISSION: COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

We are currently sponsoring a child through a partnership with Compassion International. Her name is Carla Yvancar Seance and she is a 5 year old from Haiti.

QUARTERLY MISSION: FRONTLINE RECOVERY BIBLES

We are continuing in our collection for our last mission outreach focus of 2020: Life Recovery Bibles for NorthShore Health Frontline Foundations (formerly known as Frontline Foundations). The goal of Frontline is to serve as a source of hope to young men and women suffering from drug and alcohol abuse while also providing an effective treatment and recovery support system.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP CLEAN/DISINFECT CHURCH?

Many thanks to *Marcia Wood* and *Charlotte Fike* who have been busy keeping the church cleaned and sanitized for the past few weeks! If you are willing and able to volunteer for this task for one or more weeks, please let Jim Green know. His phone number is 219-242-3574 and his email is calsgps@comcast.net.

CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELED!

Although we have moved our in-person worship to online only until further notice, we will still be celebrating the special season of Advent & Christmas. We will be livestreaming our services as we have been doing on the church's Facebook page and then later uploading it to our YouTube channel if you prefer to watch it there.

2021 LITURGISTS NEEDED TO LEAD WORSHIP

Before we know it, 2020 will be in our rearview mirror and we'll find ourselves in 2021. We are in need of liturgists to help lead our worship service. Please sign up for the month(s) you want. The sheet will be located on the back table in the sanctuary.



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Sunday, November 29, 2020

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT/PRELUDE Anna Kalbe

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Brief Announcements

*OPENING HYMN

"Everlasting God"

Video

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Rip open the sky, make planes divert their flight paths, tell the mountains to duck, and rush into this sanctuary.

C: Come Lord Jesus, Come!

L: Come and silence the violence, stop stray bullets that kill the innocent, expose dealers who peddle addiction, make your enemies know you and tremble in your presence.

C: Come Lord Jesus, Come!

L: We may fail to notice your presence In everyday living, in casual conversations, or in blessings disguised as "coincidences." Still we cry ...

ALL: Come Lord Jesus, Come!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Scott & Karla Allmon

See Screen

ADVENT HYMN

Congregation - Screen

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verse 1)

*OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Marcia Demeter

"Cleaning Our Hearts"

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 13:24-37

Pastor Marcia

MESSAGE:

Pastor Marcia Demeter

"This Place is a Mess!"

TIME OF PRAYER

*Congregational Prayer (In Unison)

Our Heavenly Father, the cares of this life weigh us down, and we seek escape more than insight, avoidance rather than confrontation with God's truth. God comes to us even when we are hiding from the best we know. God waits to hear our story and to restore us to life as it is meant to be. Let us come to God in prayer. We confess, Surprising God, that our sense of anticipation has been dulled. We have ceased to expect any wonders from your hand. We do not see the marvels around us in the people and happenings we view as commonplace. We are not alert to your presence or your action on our behalf. Wake us up, God, lest sleep be our death. Pardon and redeem us, that we may escape the judgment we are bringing on ourselves. Send your light that it may shine through us into a needy world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lifting Up Joys & Concerns

Marcia Demeter

Pastoral Prayer

Marcia Demeter

TIME OF OFFERING (Prayer of Blessing over gifts)

- Closing Words & Benediction -

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

Marcia Demeter

HYMN

"Sweet Sweet Spirit" - Video

Congregation - Screen

BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Pam Furdo & Deb Moulton

POSTLUDE

Anna Kalbe

*Indicates **STANDING** if you are able.

** Video presentation

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Recent Prayer Requests:

William Kuhns - back at home to recover from COVID/pneumonia

Carson Allmon (Kim's grandson) - going to Riley's on Tuesday, December 1st to see if kidney issue has resolved on its own yet.

Steven Allmon (Kim's husband) - has consult with new oral surgeon for cracked tooth extraction on Wednesday, 12/2

Jerry Ward - had another stent put in

Betty Ward - continue to pray for her during this stressful time

Carolyn Coslet - having to deal with many family issues

Marcia Wood's son Garrett - health issues

Reba Dahmer (friend of Pam Furdo) - continued healing

Prayers for the men & women in our military & families.

Prayer for those recovering from COVID:

Tony & Judy Reales

Rhonda Miller

Brenda Russell

Sarah (6-year old niece of Betty Ward)

Continued Prayers for Those in the Health Care Field:

Lisa (Kylee Donella's aunt) - ER doctor

Rob Craig (Joyce Craig's son) - an EMT

Cindy & Val Allmon (Kim's daughters-in-law)

Continue Prayers for Those Battling Cancer:

Ronda & Charlie Congdon (Rancie Lucas), **Chrissy Peterson** (friend of Aleta Ailes), **Darlene** (Marylou's friend), **Amy** (Karla's friend), **Kitty Chaplin**, **Rachel** (Marcia's niece), **friends of Carol McClure**, **Matthew** (Judy Hoffman's son-in-law)

Pray for the Family & Friends of:

† **Clyde Marcantal** (husband of Jeanette Burton's niece Lisa) †