

Office Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM to 1 PM | Office (219) 926-1586
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Pastor Marcia Demeter hours by appointment

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 6 10:15 AM Sunday Worship Service
Tuesday, 8 9 - 11 AM Food Pantry Distribution

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 13 10:15 AM Sunday Worship Service
Tuesday, 15 6:30 PM Zoom Bible Study

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

For the month of September, Dawn Ruge has asked if we could donate boxed potato mixes or meals (like Hamburger Helper).

To reduce the number of points of contact, please remember to drop off all donations at either of the boxes that have been set up at 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: CHRISTMAS WITH THE COPS

We have entered into the last month for donations to *Christmas with the Cops* (formerly known as *Shop with a Cop*) next Sunday. This program of the Westchester Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 152, was developed to help disadvantaged families in the Duneland area by making their holidays a little happier. Collection will continue through September.

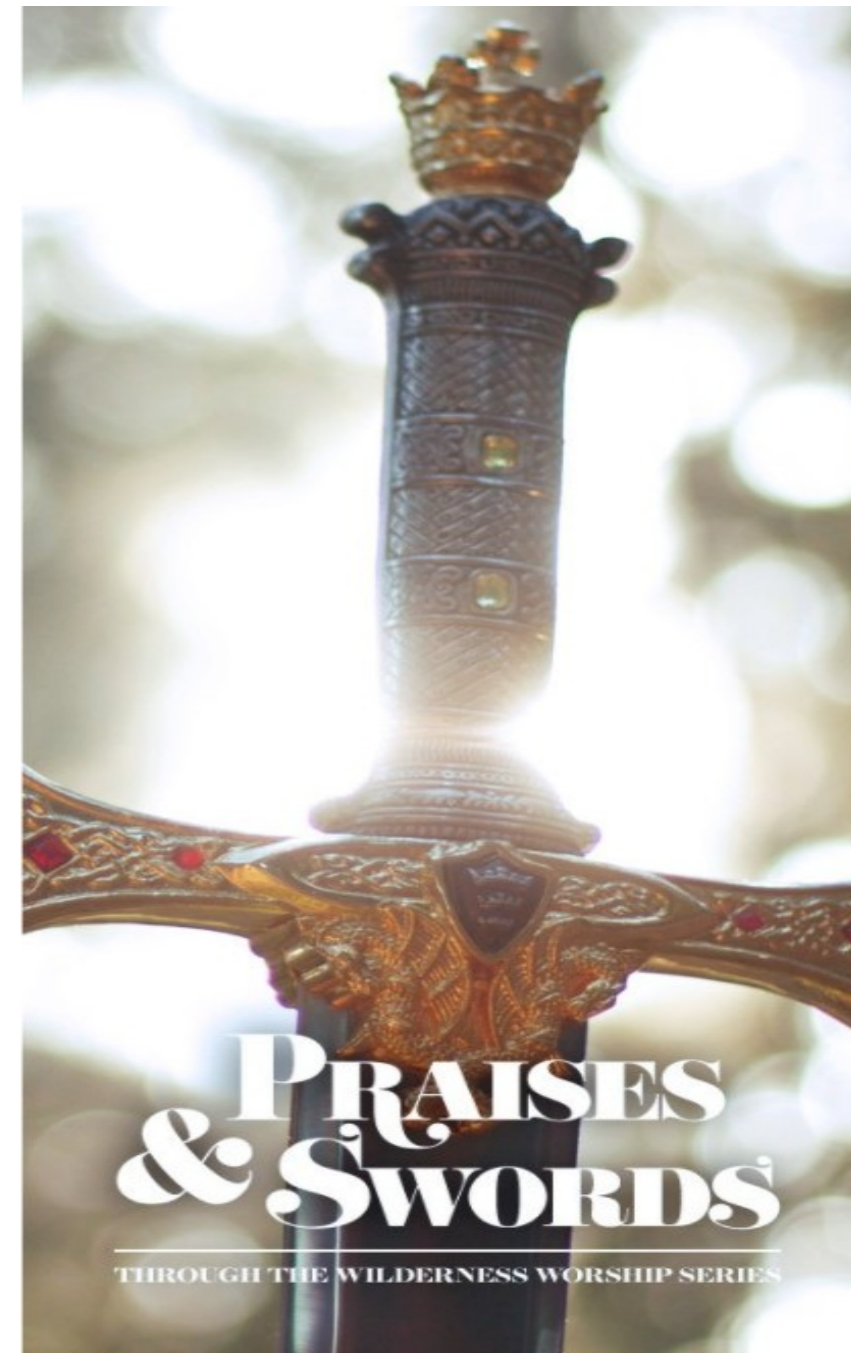
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN/DISINFECT CHURCH

We are in need of volunteers to disinfect the church weekly. All supplies and equipment are on hand as well as a check off list to aid you in what needs to be done. If you are willing and able to volunteer for this task for one or more weeks, please let Jim Green know. It's just a couple of hours once a week and I will assist you in any way I can. His phone number is 219-242-3574 and his email is calsgps@comcast.net.

VNA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Visiting Nurses Association of NW Indiana is in need of volunteers to help support some of their outreach services:

- **Meals on Wheels** - background checks required; training is provided. If interested, please contact Julie Kissinger at jkissinger@vnanwi.org.
- **Hospice Center** - many opportunities available; contact Erica Kerkes at ekerkes@vnanwi.org if interested.
- **Phoenix Center** - volunteers provide grief support to children and their families. Contact Gretchen Siedler-Gibbs at ggibbs@vnanwi.org for more information.



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Porter United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 6, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sandy Allmon

Brief Announcements

PRELUDE

Joyce Craig

Traumerei (Dreaming) by Robert Schumann

*OPENING HYMN

Video

"Shout to the Lord"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandy Allmon

L: Now is the time to awaken to the presence of God the Eternal Spirit.

C: Now is the time to come alive with our songs of praise.

L: Today we open ourselves to the power of the Spirit in our lives.

C: Today we extend our hands in caring toward humanity.

ALL: We do all this because we have responded to the ministry and message of Jesus Christ, whose people we are.

*OLD TESTAMENT READING

Sandy Allmon

Psalms 119:33-40

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Marcia Demeter

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Marcia Demeter

Matthew 18:15-20

MESSAGE:

Marcia Demeter

"Praises and Swords"

TIME OF PRAYER

Sandy Allmon

*Congregational Prayer (In Unison)

God, we long to follow You, to walk in the way that You have shown us; to know Your commandments, and to practice them wholeheartedly. But we confess that we are easily distracted, lured away by our own interests and desires, enticed by the attitudes and practices of the

world around us. Forgive us. Turn our eyes away from the things that distract us from Your way—from the attitudes and behaviors that sidetrack us from our desire to know You better and follow You more closely. Give us a hunger for Your Word and Your ways. Show us where true life and happiness are found—in knowing and doing Your will. Amen.

Lifting Up Joys & Concerns

Marcia Demeter

Pastoral Prayer

Marcia Demeter

TIME OF OFFERING (Prayer of Blessing over gifts)

- Closing Words & Benediction -

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

Marcia Demeter

"The Great Thanksgiving"

Screen

Communion Steward: Judy Reales

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

Marcia Demeter

BENEDICTION

Pam Furdo & Deb Moulton

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

POSTLUDE

Joyce Craig

On Our Way Rejoicing by Terry Osman

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

** Video presentation

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POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Go out in love, reconciled to one another in Christ. Lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Live honorably, fulfilling the law through love for all.



Recent Prayer Requests:

Pam Furdo - recovering from kidney stone surgery

Jeanette Burton's niece & son - evacuated up here from Louisiana; they were involved in a car accident in area but are ok

Jeanette Burton's sister Mary - evacuated to northern Texas

Carol McClure - had angiogram to test for possible stroke

Judy Reales - dealing with health issues

Betty Ward asks prayer for friends of the family.

Prayers for all who will be cleaning up after Hurricane Laura.

Charlotte Fike - ongoing stomach problems

Jeanette Burton's great nephew, **Chris Watson** & his girlfriend **Katie Clark** - both tested positive for COVID-19 & are living with his parents **George & Loree** (pray for their protection)

Elias Freerks (Pam Furdo's daughter's nephew) needs a nephrectomy (removal of one or both of the kidneys); has to wait until he's 1 year yr old (in September) to handle this surgery.

Saira Fulton - continued prayers for remainder of her pregnancy

Reba Dahmer (friend of Pam Furdo) - continued healing

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

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:

Brenda Brueckheimer, Ronda & Charlie Congdon (Rancie Lucas), **Chrissy Peterson** (friend of Aleta Ailes), **Will** (Jim Frieske's cousin), **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:

† **Jeanette Burton's daughter Nancy's brother-in-law** †
(killed in a motorcycle accident)