

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, 27 10:15 AM Sunday Worship Service
Tuesday, 29 6:30 PM Zoom Bible Study

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 4 10:15 AM Sunday Worship Service
Tuesday, 6 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

Please donate items of *boxed potato mixes & boxed meal kits (Hamburger Helper)* for the food pantry during September.

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 are down to the last few weeks for donations to *Christmas with the Cops* (formerly known as *Shop with a Cop*). 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.

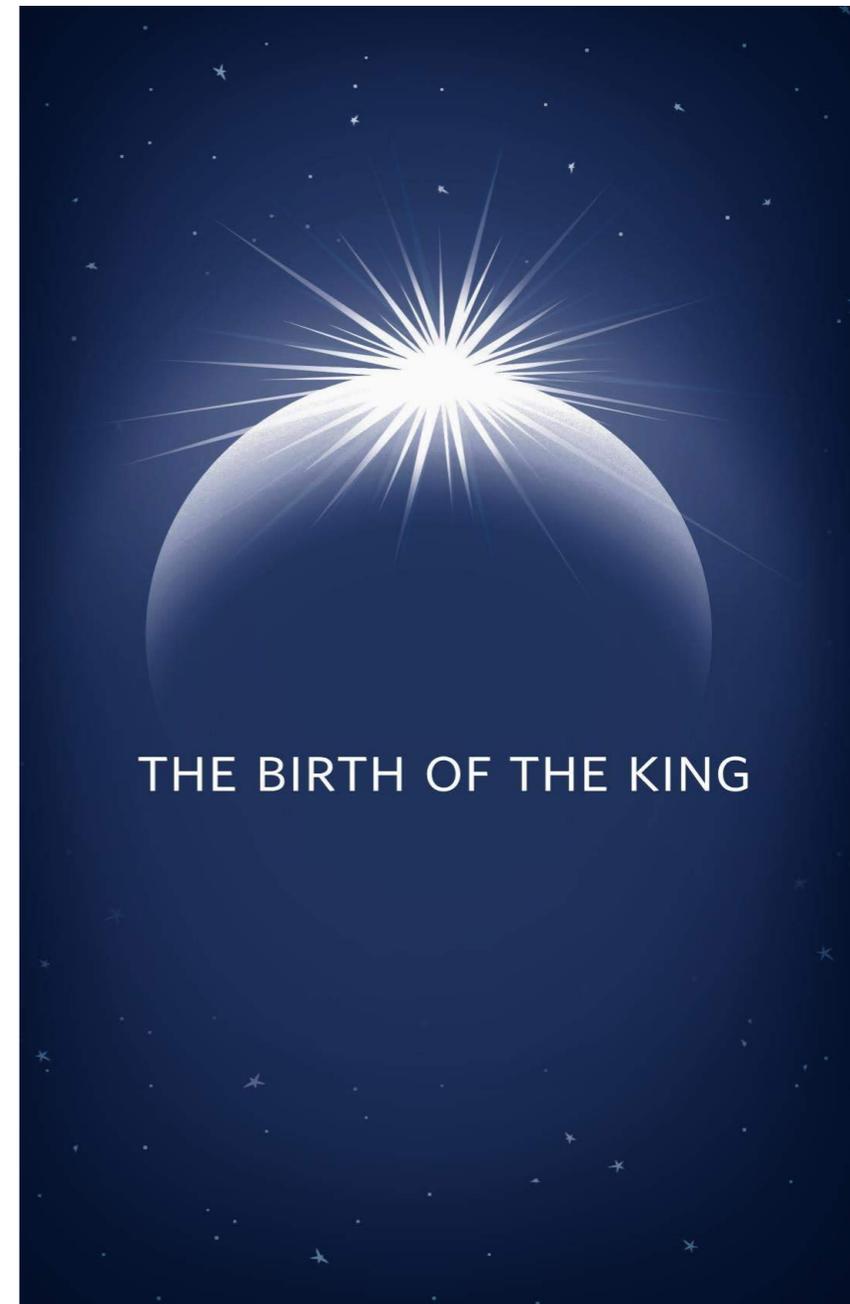
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN/DISINFECT CHURCH

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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Sunday, September 27, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Karla Allmon

Brief Announcements

PRELUDE

Anna Kalbe

*OPENING HYMN

Video

"Joyful (The One Who Saves)"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karla Allmon

L: The prophet foretold it, the psalmist longed for it,

C: Joseph dreamed of it, Paul proclaimed it.

L: God is come to us, to be with us, to restore us, to save us.

ALL: Let us come in awe and wonder, to worship the God who makes it all so.

*OLD TESTAMENT READING

Karla Allmon

Isaiah 7:14

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Marcia Demeter

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Marcia Demeter

Luke 2:9-12

MESSAGE:

Marcia Demeter

"The Birth of the King"

TIME OF PRAYER

Karla Allmon

*Congregational Prayer (In Unison)

God of Joy, we come to celebrate again the arrival of Love Incarnate here in our very midst. Your glorious arrival is enough to cause the forests to sing for joy, yet we still find reasons to complain and sigh. Your light of salvation is bright enough to illuminate every corner of our lives, yet we still find ourselves shrouded in worry and doubt. Your gift of Love is big enough for the whole world, yet we still find ourselves resentful that Your love extends to those whom we deem to be unworthy. God, you invite us into the light of the stable where the overlooked and

forgotten have gathered to celebrate the miracle of Your love. Give us the strength and courage to join You at the manger. In the name of the King born to save us, 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

BENEDICTION

Pam Furdo & Deb Moulton

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

POSTLUDE

Anna Kalbe

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

** Video presentation

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Do not be afraid! Hear the good news of great joy for all people: a Savior has been born for you!



Recent Prayer Requests:

Lee & Jan Fine (Carol McClure) - hospitalized; also pray for their granddaughter **Kelsey**, who is their caretaker.

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

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

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)