

Office Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM to 1 PM | Office (219) 926-1586
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Pastor Marcia hours Wed. 4-6 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 27 10:15 AM Online Worship Service
Wednesday, 30 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 3 10:15 AM Online Covenant Renewal
Wednesday, 6 8:00 PM AA Meeting

**** Church Office Closed 12/21 through 1/4 ****

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 would like to thank everyone for their generosity over the past year. You can still drop off donations at Porter Bank on Lincoln Street, the Chesterton Police Department, or Running Vine Winery.

As a reminder, they are always in need of cash donations. If you would like to contribute to the Food Pantry, please send your check to Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry, PO Box 902, Chesterton, IN 46304. Thank you!

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 winding down in our collection efforts 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.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THROUGH 1/4

The church office will continue to be closed until Tuesday, January 5th.

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kim's last day with Porter United Methodist Church will be on 12/31/2020. If you are able to volunteer in the office to answer the phone or help out with any computer work until a new Administrative Assistant is hired, please let Kim or Pastor Marcia know as soon as possible. Thanks!



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Sunday, December 27, 2020

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT/PRELUDE Anna Kalbe

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Karla Allmon

Brief Announcements

***OPENING HYMN** Video

"Mary, Did You Know?"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Karla Allmon

L: The Christmas tree lights have dimmed.

C: The once-wrapped gifts have been shared.

L: But the awesome love of God still shines brightly in our hearts.

C: Our spirits resound with the good news of salvation.

L: God is with us!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***OLD TESTAMENT READING** Karla Allmon

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Marcia Demeter

***NEW TESTAMENT READING** Bob Demeter

Luke 2:22-40

MESSAGE: Bob Demeter, Certified Lay Speaker

"Enjoying the Company"

TIME OF OFFERING (*Prayer of Blessing over gifts*)

TIME OF PRAYER

*Congregational Prayer (In Unison) Karla Allmon

We confess, O God, that we are not ready to come down from the Christmas "high." So much time was spent in gathering, wrapping, and delivering gifts; in preparing for family gatherings and times with friends; in decorating our homes. But somehow, right after Christmas Day, we feel a letdown. We don't want that "high" to be over. We want to feel the "peace on earth" feeling, but we let it go.

We push it aside when we begin our journey of complaining and blaming others for everything that is going wrong. We ignore the blessing of the gift when we refuse to help those in need. Shake us up, Lord! Get us ready to be people of compassion and hope. Wake us up, Lord! Help us see the beauty and possibilities of peace around us. Fill us up, Lord! Fill us to overflowing with joy. Let our words, our thoughts, and our actions speak of your love for us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Lifting Up Joys & Concerns Marcia Demeter

Silent Meditation Marcia Demeter

Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer Marcia Demeter

CLOSING HYMN Video

"Joy to the World"

- Closing Words & Benediction -

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING Marcia Demeter

POSTLUDE Anna Kalbe

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

** Video presentation

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Recent Prayer Requests:

Carla Yvancar Séance (*our Compassion International child*)

Paul (Pastor Marcia's friend) - ongoing heart issues; abdominal aortic aneurysm that has been slowly leaking

Jerry Ward - ongoing health issues

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:

Jim & Linda Green

Carl Copollo, Jr.

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)