

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, 4 10:15 AM Sunday Worship Service
Tuesday, 6 6:30 PM Zoom Bible Study

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 11 10:15 AM Sunday Worship Service
Tuesday, 13 9 - 11 AM Food Pantry Distribution
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 continue to donate *boxes of potato mixes* for the food pantry during October.

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: FRONTLINE RECOVERY BIBLES

We have moved into the last quarter of the year and have a new mission outreach focus: 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN/DISINFECT CHURCH

We are still 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. 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, October 4, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Judy Reales

Brief Announcements

PRELUDE

Joyce Craig

"Consolation" by Felix Mendelssohn

*OPENING HYMN

Video

"Come to the Table"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Reales

L: Come, let us worship God who provides for us.

C: Even though we whine and complain, God hears our cries.

L: Lift your voices in praise, for God has come to comfort you.

C: Thanks be to God who forgives and heals our wounded souls.

L: Come, celebrate God's steadfast love.

ALL: Open our hearts, O Lord, and let us truly listen to Your words.

*OLD TESTAMENT READING

Judy Reales

Exodus 17:1 - 7

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Marcia Demeter

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Marcia Demeter

Mark 1:1 - 8

MESSAGE:

Marcia Demeter

"Who is This Man?"

TIME OF PRAYER

*Congregational Prayer (In Unison)

Judy Reales

God of patience, Your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put You to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off Your path, when we fail to follow through on our good

intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to You. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As You poured out Your very self through Your beloved Son, pour Your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with Your love in the name of Your Son, Jesus, 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 Stewards: Scott & Karla Allmon

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

Marcia Demeter

BENEDICTION

Pam Furdo & Deb Moulton

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

POSTLUDE

Joyce Craig

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" by Tedd Smith

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

** Video presentation

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding. Christ hears our cries of repentance. The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out. The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away.



Joys:

Zach, Saira, & Avery Fulton welcomed baby Oliver Edward on Wednesday, September 23rd. He was 8 lbs. 7 oz.

Recent Prayer Requests:

Jerry Ward - health issues & upcoming tests

Betty Ward - that she'll be lifted up during this stressful time.

Mae Simms - fell and thinks she broke her back again

Tom McClure (Carol's son) - tested positive for COVID-19; quarantining with a friend who also tested positive.

Carol McClure & her grandkids - in quarantine since they lived in same house with Tom before finding out he was positive.

Charlie Allmon (Kim's grandson) - has to wear glasses for an astigmatism to hopefully correct eye problems.

Pam Furdo - recovering from kidney stone surgery

Judy Reales - dealing with health issues

Elias Freerks (Pam Furdo's daughter's nephew) needs a nephrectomy (removal of one or both of the kidneys)

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:

† Lee Fine (friend of Carol McClure) †