

A quarterly publication of Porter UMC encouraging us to lead with love in all that we do!

We Need :  
GOD  
GOSPEL  
OTHERS



Dearest Porter Church Family,

Greetings everyone! The Lord our God is ALWAYS faithful, no matter what. Even when life just doesn't seem to make sense, God is using our challenges to bring us closer to Him. In the midst of our different, changed world, I have learned a few lessons:

- We need **God**
- We need the **Gospel**
- We need **each other** and the **church**

What about you? What lessons have you learned from this season of life? Throughout our lives, we are constantly learning about God, ourselves, and our purpose in this world.

Another lesson learned is that we have much to be thankful for. With much appreciation, THANK YOU to everyone for your patience as we continue to learn our new video equipment. THANK YOU to everyone who faithfully supports our church and the ministries of the church, for example, our children's ministry and our quarterly missions. THANK YOU to the church council team for guiding the church during this new season of ministry. THANK YOU to the trustees who care for the building and church property God has given us. THANK YOU to the music ministry in our church, especially Anna and Joyce for providing beautiful music during worship and to Pam and Deb singing as a duet to provide special music for us. THANK YOU to everyone on the phone tree ministry making calls to check on others. THANK YOU to our prayer warriors who spend time lifting up all our prayer requests. As you can see, we have much to be thankful for. Let us lift up our gratitude to our Almighty Father for all these blessings and many other blessings.

Another lesson learned is the importance of self-care. Are you making sure to take care of yourself: doctor visits, eating healthy, making sure to exercise and most importantly getting enough sleep (could mean including a good afternoon nap)?

During this unprecedented time of ministry, I find myself needing some time to rest and recharge. I will be

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**MISSION OUTREACH**

Porter UMC is currently supporting our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter mission: Christmas with the Cops. We are also donating to Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry & Compassion International.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Since the beginning of the pandemic and the subsequent lockdown of our building, our Sunday School Superintendent, Marcia Wood, has been delivering lessons to the children each week. Check out our Sunday School update!

**HELP! OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church on a weekly basis. We will be having Rusty Nail Crossing join us for our Outdoor Worship on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MASKS AVAILABLE/ SUPPLIES NEEDED!**

Need a mask? Please pick up a cloth mask located at the back of the sanctuary.

Supplies needed for making lap & fidget quilts. See Deanna Burton for details.



# SPREADING THE WORD Mission Outreach

We want to actively demonstrate a sacrificial love by serving those inside the church, the community, and the world.

*Pictured on the left: Carla Yvancar, our Compassion International child*

## COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

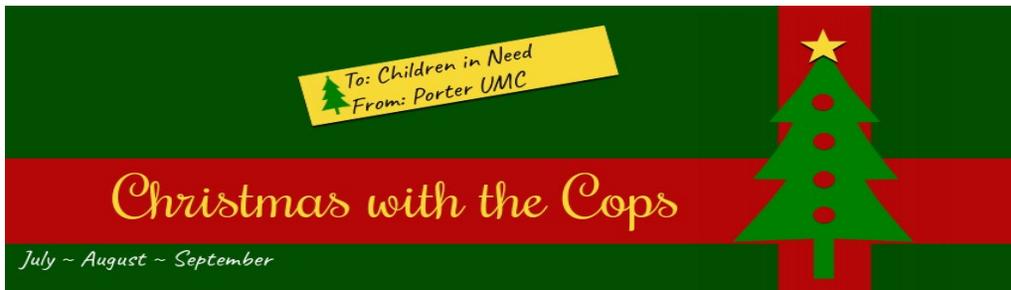
During the time that our church was in quarantine with the rest of the world, we became a partner with Compassion International to sponsor a child to offer hope to those in poverty. Pictured above is our child, Carla Yvancar Seance. Her details are found below:

 Carla Yvancar Seance

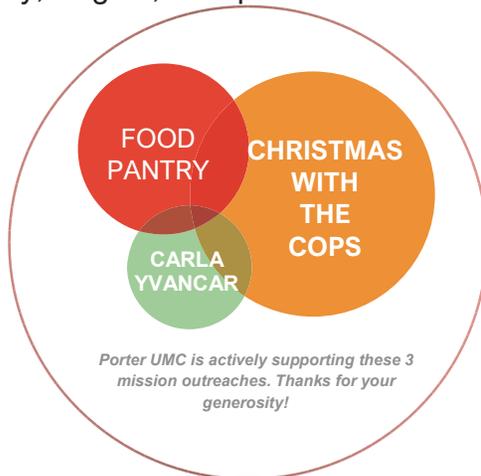
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 March 12, 2015

 Brisetout, Haiti



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. During the month of December, officers and their special guests head out shopping for the morning. Collection will be during July, August, & September.



## Missions at a Glance

## Westchester FOOD PANTRY

**Distribution Dates & Times:**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
9 - 11 a.m. | Duneland Community Building



The food pantry is continuing to help people within the community who are in need of assistance by using a drive-thru distribution in the parking lot of the Duneland Community Building located at 801 Broadway. Porter UMC, even though there has been some changes in how we collect items for the pantry, is still supporting this very important mission outreach. Dawn Ruge, director of the pantry, is asking that all food and other non-perishable items be taken to their donation boxes at either the Chesterton Police Department or Porter Bank, 230 Lincoln Street. They also accept monetary donations, payable to Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry, and mailed to P. O. Box 902, Chesterton. **Currently, they are in need of canned fruit of any kind and ramen noodles.**



Just a reminder that you can still reach out to us with your prayer needs through the Prayer Chain. Anna Kalbe is the chairperson and can be contacted for immediate prayer needs you may have at 926-6225.

You can also:

- Fill out the interactive prayer request form by visiting the church's website at <https://www.porterumchurch.org> under the Ministries tab.
- Send a message through the church's Facebook page under Porter UMC or use Messenger.
- Send an email to the church office at [porterumchurch@gmail.com](mailto:porterumchurch@gmail.com)

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

Porter United Methodist Church -

On behalf of the Visiting Nurse Association Foundation and the VNA Phoenix Center - healing after loss for children and their families, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$557.50, proceeds from your mission support. We are so very grateful for your continued support of the VNA and the VNA Phoenix Center through the years.

Your gift will help the VNA Phoenix Center staff and volunteers provide peer support for children, teens, young adults and their families who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

*Maria Galka, Director of Development & Community Relations*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

During the Summer months, the Sunday school lessons have been delivered each week to the children that had been coming to Sunday school on a regular basis. There are 18 more lessons of The Story that was written by Pastor Max Lucado, Randy Frazee and Karen Hill so that will take us into January 2021. The Story gives the big picture of God's enormous love for his children. It began with creation and will end with the promise that Jesus will come again.

At this time, we are not yet sure when we can resume hearing these stories as a Sunday school class in church. So I will continue taking the Sunday school lesson to each family on a weekly basis until we can again meet in the church basement. Children can learn about the Bible with their parents and grandparents. Our prayer is that these stories will encourage each of us to learn Scripture, lay a foundation for a life of faith, and remind us "The word of God is living and active...." – Hebrews 4:12.

*Marcia Wood, Sunday School Superintendent/Teacher*

taking a sabbatical starting July 20<sup>th</sup> thru August 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Marcia Demeter will be taking over pastoral responsibilities. You can reach out to her by contacting the church office and she will get in contact with you.

As we have been reading through God's story, there are many lessons that God longs for us to learn. These lessons can strengthen your faith and hope in all seasons of life.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him." Romans 15:13.

Let us continue to lead with love in all that we do!!

In Christ's Service,  
Pastor Liz



**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP!**

## Church Cleaning

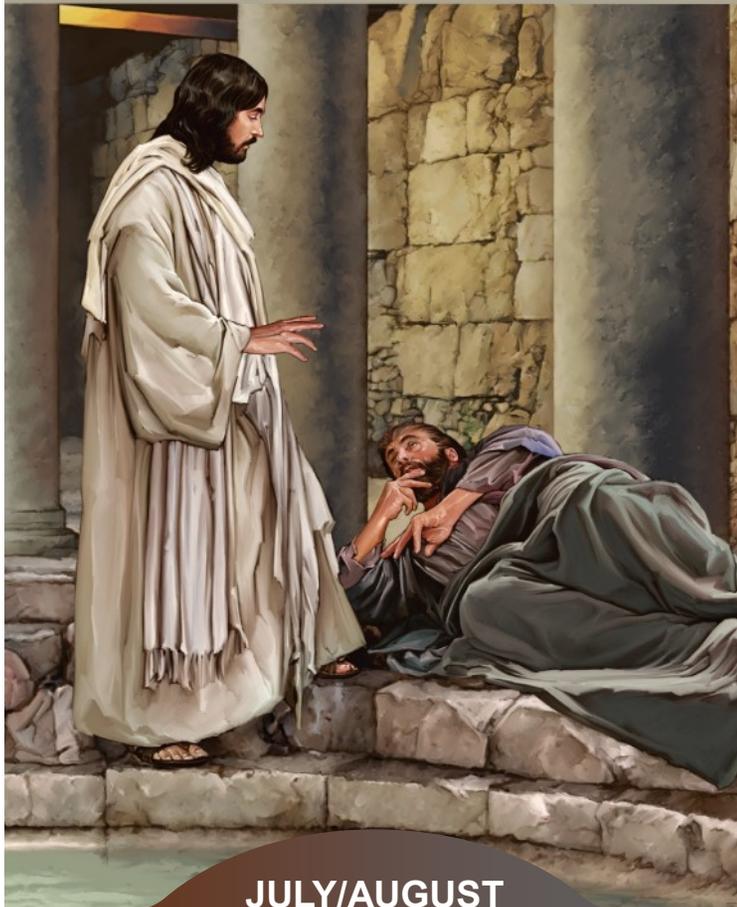
We are once again in need of volunteers to disinfect the Church each week following Sunday services. I've been able to fill each week since we opened, through next week. Beginning the week of July 27<sup>th</sup> and each week going forward we are in need of volunteers.

I hope you would pray about this and if able, please give me a call at 219-242-3574 and I will put you on the schedule and answer any questions you may have. Thanks so much for your consideration in this matter in these difficult circumstances!

James Green  
Trustee Chairperson

P.S. I don't have everyone's email, so if you know of a member or friend of the church not on our email list who would like to volunteer, please let me know.

JULY-AUGUST 2020  
**THE UPPER ROOM**<sup>®</sup>  
WHERE THE WORLD MEETS TO PRAY



**JULY/AUGUST  
ISSUE**

## Upper Room Devotional

During the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the subscription department of *The Upper Room* that is responsible for the distribution of their bi-monthly devotionals has temporarily suspended sending out hard copy versions of their popular magazine.

They have made the current JULY/AUGUST edition available as a PDF file to the churches who subscribe.

If you are interested in reading this devotional magazine, please go to our website at <https://www.porterumchurch.org/events>

They are hoping to resume their paper edition with the SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER magazine. Just keep an eye out for them in the back rack located on the railing in the Narthex.

*Save The Date!*

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

# OUTDOOR WORSHIP PICNIC

PORTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
100 E Beam Street



featuring  
Rusty Nail Crossing

SEPT  
6TH

10:15 A.M.

Look on our social media outlets for more info as date gets closer.

## JULY

2 Ayden Edwards	17 Mary Lou Kolosci
3 Miranda Kalbe	Rhonda Miller
6 Scott Allmon	18 Kevin Kremke
Tony Reales	19 Will Scharp
9 Logan Adams	Jessica Jackson
Joshua Copollo	20 Keenan Bush
10 Owen Green	21 Collin Miller
11 Russell Burton	22 Sandy Allmon
14 Alicia Marshall	25 Evelyn Fike
Darlene Peterson	27 Heather Adams
15 Jeanine Thomas	30 Arabella Burton

3 Zach & Saira Fulton  
23 Richard & Deb Bowen  
25 Ray & Emily (Allmon) Neal  
30 Ryan & Dawn Mills

## AUGUST

3 Rancie Lucas	17 Jim Green
Deb Marshall	20 Bud Duvall
5 Gunner Lucas	Judy Reales
6 Brian Copollo	21 Aaron Copollo
8 Julia Kretlow	Mary Cooper

## AUGUST - cont'd

9 Zachary Copollo	23 Dana Jackson
10 Richard Smith	Benjamin Mills
11 Lisa Hokanson	27 Craig Poparad
14 Dana Kalbe	30 Andrew Allmon
16 Charlotte Fike	31 MJ Scharp
Bonnie Blackford	

6 Leon & Deanna Burton  
12 Andrew & Sarah Allmon  
15 John & Mary Lou Kolosci  
26 Robert & Pam Furdo

## SEPTEMBER

1 Sharon Nelson	11 Julius Kretlow
3 Nolan Lambersie	Marcia Wood
4 Chuck Allmon	14 Judy Hoffman
6 Rachel Campbell	17 AuBree Green
7 Richard Coslet	18 Kelly Green
9 Mark Lucas	21 Pastor Liz Lahaie
10 Sarah Ling	Andy Kalbe
Avery Fulton	

14 Aaron & Meghan Lucas  
17 Dean & Jessica Jackson



24 Maggie Adams  
Marielle Neal  
26 John Kolosci  
29 Rift Slater



**CLOTH MASKS AVAILABLE!**

Deanna, Jeanette, and Megan Burton have all been busy making masks for area first responders as well as friends & family of Porter UMC. There are some available right now to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for the many hours of work you have done to provide an essential item during this time!

**SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR LAP/FIDGET QUILTS**

Deanna Burton is requesting donations of supplies needed for lap quilts that will be provided to residents of nursing homes. She also will be making "fidget quilts" for Alzheimer patients. They have a generous supply of material (thanks to Ranciel!), but if you have any extra ribbons, buttons, zippers, etc. that go on top of the lap quilts that you'd like to donate, please get in contact with Deanna.



**Porter United Methodist Church**

*Liz Lahaie, Pastor*

**Pastor's Hours:**

Available by appointment

**Office Hours 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**

**(219) 926-1586**

**VISION STATEMENT**

As the community of Christ, which is one in Jesus Christ, we will nurture and care for one another, spread God's word and love throughout the community thereby fulfilling our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.



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