

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

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 20	10:15 AM	Sunday Worship Service
Tuesday, 22	9 - 11 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
	6:30 PM	Zoom Bible Study

****Kim will be out of the office from 9/13 through 9/29.****

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.

THE RETURN HOME



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Sunday, September 13, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Karla Allmon

Brief Announcements

PRELUDE

Anna Kalbe

*OPENING HYMN

Video

"God of Wonders" CCLI Song #3118757

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karla Allmon

L: Return to the Lord your God,

C: for God is gracious.

L: Confess to the Lord your God,

C: for God is merciful.

L: Repent to the Lord your God,

C: for God is slow to anger.

L: Praise the Lord your God,

C: for God abounds in steadfast love.

L: Worship the Lord your God.

ALL: Together, let us worship God!

*OLD TESTAMENT READING

Karla Allmon

Ezra 3:7-13

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Marcia Demeter

"Put God in Charge"

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Marcia Demeter

Luke 12:4-7

MESSAGE:

Marcia Demeter

"The Return Home and A Queen Risks All"

TIME OF PRAYER

Karla Allmon

*Congregational Prayer (In Unison)

Creating and rescuing God, Your power amazes us. Yet even in our amazement, we take too long to turn to You, forgetting that You are the power that makes and saves and sustains us. Even when we claim Your power, we

often do so for our own success and comfort, ignoring Your command to use your power on behalf of the weak, the small, and the vulnerable. In Jesus Christ, you show us that you are on the side of all people, but never at the expense of the weakest among us. Forgive us when we try to hoard you for ourselves and try to control who has access to your love. Forgive us when our greed, our control, and our scandals keep others from knowing you. Redeem us and transform us, O God. Open our hearts, our lives, and our ministries, that we may become a doorway to your realm. In the name of Jesus, 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

We give You thanks that You are a calling God, who calls always to dangerous new places. We pray enough of Your grace and mercy among us that we may be among those who believe Your promises enough to respond to your call.



Recent Prayer Requests:

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

Charlie Allmon (Kim's grandson) - has follow-up eye appointment

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 nephew), **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 Friends & Family of:

† **Adolf Navarro** (Carol McClure) †