

Office Hours

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Pastor Marcia hours Wed. 4-6 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 20	10:15 AM	4th Sunday in Advent ONLINE ONLY
Tuesday, 22	9 - 11 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday, 23	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 24	9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 27	10:15 AM	Worship Service ONLINE ONLY
Wednesday, 30	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

We are getting down to the last few weeks of the month and the year 2020. Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry is in need of canned tuna for the month of December. The next drive-thru distribution date is this Tuesday, December 22nd from 9 - 11 a.m.

You can drop off all donations at either 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 are continuing in our collection 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.

MITTEN TREE IS UP!

Our Mitten Tree is now up in the chancel area of the sanctuary. We are in need of hats, gloves, scarves, underwear, and socks. Please drop off your donations to the church office before 12/17.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Although this year's service will be a little different, we will still be celebrating in a special way! Please meet at 9 p.m. in the west parking lot of the church on 12/24 and remain in your vehicle. You will be able to listen through your car radio at 99.1 FM.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 12/21 - 1/4

In celebration of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the church office will be closed beginning tomorrow through 1/4/21.

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kim's last day 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 20, 2020

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT/PRELUDE	<i>Anna Kalbe</i>
WELCOME TO WORSHIP	<i>Karla Allmon</i>
<i>Brief Announcements</i>	
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Video</i>
<i>"Love Came Down at Christmas"</i>	
LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH	<i>Screen</i>
<i>Abraham Family</i>	
ADVENT HYMN	<i>Congregation - Screen</i>
<i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verse 4)</i>	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Karla Allmon</i>
L: Now is the time of watching and waiting.	
C: The time of pregnant expectation of new life.	
L: Now is the season of hope unfolding.	
C: The dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.	
L: Let us come before God with receptive and willing spirits.	
C: May our souls magnify God's name and may our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!	
ALL: Rejoice! God comes to bring the birthday of life and hope. Amen	
*OLD TESTAMENT READING	<i>Karla Allmon</i>
2 Samuel 7:1-11	
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	<i>Pastor Marcia Demeter</i>
*NEW TESTAMENT READING	<i>Pastor Marcia</i>
Luke 1:26-38	
MESSAGE:	<i>Pastor Marcia Demeter</i>
<i>"Waiting on the Threshold"</i>	
TIME OF OFFERING (<i>Prayer of Blessing over gifts</i>)	

TIME OF PRAYER

*Congregational Prayer (In Unison) *Karla Allmon*

O Lord, you know that the time we've spent away from You has been filled with turmoil, disappointment, frustration, heartache, and despair. We have forgotten all about being blameless and turning the other cheek. We gave in to urges to be petty, spiteful, and hurtful. And while "telling it like it is" sure felt good at the time, we now find ourselves empty, confused, and ashamed. Today, we come here for Sabbath, for rest, refreshment, and renewal. Lord, we want to be sanctified and holy; we do. We want to be kind, to hold on to the good and encourage and greet each other in love, but you're going to have to help us – a lot. Fill our mouths with praise and laughter, our hearts with joy and peace and our souls with quiet satisfaction. This is our prayer. Amen.

Lifting Up Joys & Concerns *Marcia Demeter*

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer *Marcia Demeter*

HYMN *Congregation - Screen*

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" - Video

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)