



Norwalk United Methodist Church

Connecting Norwalk with God's purpose and Christ's love

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APRIL 2022

Upcoming Events

Sat, April 9th @ 9am-12pm

Easter Scavenger Hunt

Sun, April 10th after service

Special Church Conference about selling parsonage

Thurs, April 14th @ 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service at the Christian Church

Fri, April 15th @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service

Sun, April 17th @ 9:00 am

Easter Sunday Service

Wed, April 20th @ 6:30 pm

Board meeting- open to everyone

Sat, April 23rd @ 9am-3pm

Wesley Woods Clean up day

Mon, May 2nd @ 6pm-8pm

Whiz Kids at Madison Elementary

Due to the Church Conference on the 10th, the quarterly congregational meeting will be postponed. At the Board meeting on the 20th, a new date will be set and listed in the May newsletter.

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Join us for Worship

Sunday:

9:00am In-person & Live Stream via Facebook

Faith Formation classes for PK thru 5th grade during service

Adult classes available after the service

Pastor Karen's Corner

I have watched with both surprise and delight as buds have been developing on the trees these last three weeks. It started not long after the tornado - a powerful sign that new life is always springing forth, even in the most trying of times.

In worship, we're continuing our study of *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*, by Adam Hamilton. (Video introductions for every session, done by the author, can be watched on Amplify Media for free. Contact Carol in the office if you want to set up your Amplify Media Account.) Through study of the scriptures for each Sunday and Rev. Hamilton's reflections, we've explored Worship and Prayer, Study, Service and Giving. On the 3rd and 10th, respectively, we will explore the practice of "Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light" and "The Five Practices from the Cross".

Exploring the practices has reinforced for me, and I hope for others, a two-part truth: 1) that God desires for all of us to live in intimate relationship with God, and that this relationship is the source of life lived in genuine abundance and joy; and 2) that it is engaging in regular spiritual practices that keeps us growing in that relationship, and grounded for the vocation of living as Jesus' disciples. I know that sounds like more than one truth, but I believe these cannot be separated from one another. Our journey is life-long and God is always with us.

The Lord bless and keep you as we walk to the cross together.

Pastor Karen

We want this newsletter to enhance communication within our faith community; if you have information/events/ideas to include, please send them to norwalkumc@norwalkumc.org, and put "newsletter" in the subject line

Warrior Giving

April 1 - April 13

Household paper

Toilet paper, napkins, tissues, paper towels

April 14 - May 11

Summer First Aid

Sunscreen, bandaids, triple antibiotic ointment, aloe vera

Giving to Date:

2022 Warrior Giving has served over 50 families

Thank you from the Ministerial Association and Norwalk Food Bank

Thank you so much for your generous donations given through your collection box in the month of February and March! Your collection box has had the most items in it each month so far! Thanks for hosting the collection box as well as filling it! We've been able to serve over **50 families** each month because of your generosity. Keep up the "God" work! -NAMA

On behalf of the Norwalk Area Food Pantry, thank you very much for your donation of **487** food items. Your generous donation will make a great difference in the lives of many in our community. -Food Bank

Church Needs

We are currently raising funds to upgrade the sound system so we have speakers in the Fellowship Hall, microphones that function properly, and the sound board is reconfigured to be easier for our volunteers to operate. We are inviting members of the congregation to join with some anonymous donor(s) in supporting this project. The cost estimate is \$10,900; details can be provided by any member of the church board. Thank you for considering this giving opportunity!

Community Outreach

Whiz Kids

Whiz Kids is an outreach program at Madison Elementary in Des Moines that helps kids with their reading skills by providing a safe environment while also teaching the Gospel. Volunteers lead games and help in reading small groups. They are in need of volunteers on **May 2nd from 6-8 pm**. Another group is leading the charge with food so we would be additional volunteers. If interested please text Stacey Warren at 515-205-7226.

Wesley Woods Spring Clean Up Day

Wesley Woods provides campers with a safe, loving, and amazing opportunity to grow in faith, and our partnership with them is always encouraging. Saturday, **April 23rd from 9 am to 3 pm**, Wesley Woods is hosting a spring clean-up. There will be a hot dog roast at 12:30. If you'd like to attend, please RVSP to their office at 515-961-4523 or email wesleywoods.camp@iaumc.org so they can ensure they have enough supplies and food.

Becoming a Lay Servant

The Riverview Park Lay Servant Ministries has courses for Lay Servant Training opportunities over the next few months. If you are interested please contact Bernie Colorado bernie.colorado@iaumc.net.

Advance Course- April 23, 30, May 7 @ 9-12:30

Advance Course- July 9, 16, 23 @ 9-12:30

Advance Course- Oct 1, 8, 15 @ 9-12:30

Upcoming Scripture Readings

APRIL 03 | 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

APRIL 10 | Passion/Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

APRIL 14 | Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

APRIL 15 | Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

APRIL 17 | Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

APRIL 24 | 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jill & Tim Patava- 17th

Hollie & Todd Fick- 22nd

Julie & Marc Collis- 23rd

Deb & Mike Billingsley- 29th

Kate Friedman- 2nd

Isaac Johnson- 2nd

Meilin Grant- 3rd

Elise Greiner- 10th

Jack Salsbury- 11th

Duane Ellis- 13th

Shelly McAninch- 16th

Jerry Shepler- 16th

Joan VanVleet- 18th

Kathleen Rouse- 19th

Mike Rouse- 20th

Doris Lewis- 21st

Kris Craig- 23rd

Larry Mendoza- 23rd

Hollie Fick- 26th

Barb Dougherty- 27th

Peiton Grant- 27th