



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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AUGUST 2022

Upcoming Events

Fri, Aug 5th @ 11am - 1pm
Host Lunch in the Park at City Park

Mon, Aug 8th @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Pool party at Norwalk Aquatic Center

Tues, Aug 23rd
Norwalk Community School District's First Day of School

Wed, Aug 24th @ 9 am
Carpet cleaning for Serendipity-education wing closed

Wed, Aug 24th @ 6:30
Board Meeting- open to everyone

Sun, Aug 28th- during service
"Noisy Can" Offering

Thank you from Norwalk Graduate Emily Bixby

"Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous gift.

This will be very useful as I prepare for college! Your kindness is very appreciated! Love, Emily"

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

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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 want to say a special "Thank You!!" to Phyllis Kellar for leading worship, and Lynn and Ron Karnatz and Steve Jacobson, for doing pastoral care, while I was on vacation mid-July. I did some quilting and visited two of my best friends. This was the first time I'd made this particular trip since the summer of 2019, and I am grateful I was able to do so. Now, my hope is to spend a couple of days at the state fair; I haven't been to the fair since 2019, either.

With the fair and start of school just around the corner, our summer activities are winding down. This Friday our congregation is hosting Lunch in the Park, and planning has begun for our September 11th Sunday School/Faith Formation kick-off and congregational gathering.

The Board decided at our July meeting to recommend that our church officially adopt the One-Board model for governance. We are searching for new members of the board and invite you to join us in that discernment. Think of persons in our congregation who, if you had a personal and/or faith concern, you would trust to listen to you and pray with you about it; these are the persons we want to be in leadership in our church. We also want the demographics of our congregation to be reflected: men and women, older and younger. Pray about this, and let me or any board member know of your suggestions.

May the presence, love and peace of God surround you and walk with you.

-Pastor Karen

Warrior Giving

Aug 1 - Aug 10

Shoe Love

Underwear, socks

Aug 11 - Sept 14

Laundry Supplies

Detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, quarters

School Supplies

We will be doing a special collection of school supplies for high school students. A meal train will be sent out with the supplies that are needed by August 14th.

Shoe Love Volunteer Opportunity

Our church has blessed our Norwalk Community in numerous ways! Another opportunity is to help finish up the "Shoe Love" project. There are about 70 volunteer opportunities for Warrior Giving on August 10, 11, 12 because of the shoe give away. Jobs include fitting kids with their shoes, sorting shoes, and other jobs. Contact Crystal Ellis for more information (515-491-1241)

Thank you from NAMA

On behalf of the Norwalk Area Ministerial Association, thank you for all your contributions of socks and money for shoes. The "Shoe Love" project is stocked with shoes and socks for Norwalk students in need. Also, lunch in the park has been a huge success, averaging 180 people each Friday. Thank you!

Pool Party

Join us for an end of summer family pool party during the night session at the Norwalk Aquatic Center on Monday, August 8th from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Cost of admission will be covered if you meet at the black bench in front of the aquatic center at 6:15. Parents are required to stay with their children.

Community Outreach

Lunch in the Park

We are excited to host Lunch in the Park on August 5th. We will be serving maid-rites. Due to varying office hours, please contact Beth Greiner to arrange dropping off food. Volunteers should arrive at the church on Friday, August 5th at 9:45 and we will start loading at 10:00. Contact Beth Greiner for more information (319-573-9688 bkcarver2@gmail.com)

Card Shower for Wilma Dunn

There will be a card shower for Wilma Dunn's birthday on the 26th. Please send cards to 3433 R63 Highway, Norwalk, IA 50211 to make Wilma's birthday extra special this year!

VBS Thank You

Vacation Bible School was a HUGE success! Thank you so much to the amazing volunteers that made VBS possible. We provided three positive and encouraging nights for 50 kids! Without your help, it wouldn't be impossible to have such a wonderful event. Thank you, thank you, thank you! -Beth

Upcoming Scripture Readings

AUGUST 07 |

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

AUGUST 14 |

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

AUGUST 21 |

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

AUGUST 28 |

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

August

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Krisit & Shane Fuller- 19th
Kate & Bob Baldwin- 27th
Marlys & Tom Hansen- 30th

Julie Collis- 1st	Andrea Colorado- 19th
Emily Bixby- 3rd	Isaac Kabongo- 20th
Jill Patava- 5th	Debbie Williams- 20th
Mert Feddersen- 9th	James Dougherty Jr- 23rd
Christian Larson- 11th	Vincent Greiner- 23rd
Mary Bagley- 13th	Sarah Sadler- 25th
Wanda Goodrich- 14th	Wilma Dunn- 26th
Jacob Friedman- 16th	Grace Johnson- 26th
Shane Fuller- 16th	Stacey Warren- 27th