



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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OCTOBER 2022

Upcoming Events

UPDATED Office Hours:

Tue, Wed, Thur- 9:00-12:00

Tue, Oct 4th @ 7:00 pm

Wolves Den

Add'l 11th, 18th

Wed, Oct 5th @ 10:00 am

Women's Bible Study

Add'l 12th, 19th, 26th

Sat, Oct 8th @ 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Roast Beef Dinner @ Bloomfield UMC

Tue, Oct 11th @ 10:00 am

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Sun, Oct 16th- After Worship

Church Presentation for those absent on Sept 11th

Wed, Oct 19th @ 6:30 pm

Board Meeting- open to everyone

Thur, Oct 20th @ 5:30 pm

United Women of Faith @ Church

Sun, Oct 30th- during service

"Noisy Can" Offering

Sun, Nov 6th @ 3:30 pm

Charge Conference @ Indianola 1st UMC

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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

Last month, I took a few days' vacation so Doug and I could attend the Walnut Valley Festival (a bluegrass festival) in his hometown of Winfield, KS. We heard a lot of great music, ate great barbecue, and had fun with family. I am so appreciative of Phyllis Kellar's willingness to lead worship and to Steve Jacobson for overseeing congregational care in my absence.

This month, Carol will return to the church office following a time of family leave. Thank you for all the support and care you have shown in granting this time, honoring her privacy, and keeping her in prayer. She will resume her work on Tuesday, October 4th. Beginning this week, office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

I am most grateful to Nancy Jacobson, Judy Poulsen, and Lynn Karnatz for "holding down the fort" during Carol's leave. I know many of you have also expressed appreciation to them; they have been a great blessing to us in taking on this extra responsibility these last several weeks.

This month, we are working toward Charge Conference, which is November 6th at Indianola 1st UMC at 3:30 p.m. The board is working on its ministry reports and recruitment of new members to the board. In seeking new members, we are looking for people who are active in our congregation, who are persons of prayer and who are committed to the ongoing growth and ministry of our church. If you have a suggestion for persons who fit this description, please talk to Brenda Stephany, our current board chair.

On October 16th, I am planning to present again the information I shared following worship on September 11th. Sorry - no breakfast casseroles this time (though we'll have coffee and goodies) - but I want those who wanted to be present but weren't able to be there on the 11th to have this opportunity. If you missed the time on the 11th and also cannot be present on the 16th, please talk to me and we'll work something out.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather. These months ahead will be filled with adventure; I'm delighted to be with you on the journey.

Pastor Karen

Warrior Giving

Oct 1 - Oct 12

Household Paper

Toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, napkins

Oct 13- Nov 9

Cleaning Supplies

Disinfecting wipes/spray, toilet cleaner, dish soap, bathroom cleaner

Christmas with NAMA

Our church will participate in the Warrior Giving Project at Christmas, supporting local families with Christmas purchases. This is similar to the "Angel Tree" that we have done for the past several years. The gift item list will be available in November.

Sandy Bahr is our church's representative for NAMA. If you'd like to volunteer with NAMA or have any questions, please contact Sandy at 515-729-1239.

Contact Updates

We would love to update your contact information. If you have a change of/correction to your address, email, phone number, or if you see your birthday or anniversary missing, please contact the church office so we can update your information. 515.981.4251 norwalkumc@norwalkumc.org

Save the Date

**Sunday, December 4th:
Children's Christmas Program and
Cookie Walk**

Mark your calendar for this year's Children's Christmas Program and Cookie Walk. More details will be forthcoming, so if you would like to have your children participate in the program please save the date!

Family Survey

A family survey has been sent out to get a better idea of the types of programs and support that our church families are looking for. Honest input and opinions are encouraged! An email will be sent out at the beginning of the month with the link to the survey.

United Women of Faith

United Women of Faith (formally UMW) is meeting again and all women are encouraged to join! This month's meeting will be at the church on Thursday, Oct 20th at 5:30 pm. We will be making fleece blankets for kids at Bidwell Riverside. If able, please bring good scissors and a ruler. Bring 2 yards or more of fleece if you have some. Contact Jodi Henke at 515-490-4066 or Deb Billingsley at 515-669-7244 if you have any questions.

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

Upcoming Scripture Readings

OCTOBER 02 |

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

OCTOBER 09 |

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Psalm 66:1-12; Luke 17:11-19

OCTOBER 16 |

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 19; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

OCTOBER 23 |

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

OCTOBER 30 |

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

October

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ashley & Jason Rench- 3rd

Cathy & Ryan Riggs- 6th

Jodi & Ken Henke- 8th

Lauren & Chad Bockholt- 12th

Nicole & Mike Riggs- 17th

Carter Bixby- 6th

Sharon Burns- 6th

Chase Fouts- 7th

Doyle Sullivan- 7th

Robert Friedman-8th

Brian Bierstedt- 9th

Jane Walker- 9th

Ryan Riggs- 11th

Kylie Potratz- 13th

Chet Johnson-16th

Olivia Dougherty- 19th

Beverly Sullivan- 20th

Jodi Henke- 21st

Dena Bierstedt- 22nd

Stephanie Menninga- 22nd

Claire Bennet- 23rd

Bill Foster- 23rd

Cole Patava- 24th

Mary Fuller- 25th

Carol Hutchenson- 26th

Dana Billingsley- 29th