



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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NOVEMBER 2022

Wed, Nov 2nd @ 10:00 am

Women's Bible Study
Add'l 9th, 16th, 30th

Sat, Nov 5th @ 11:00 am

Eagle Court of Honor for Emily Bixby

Sun, Nov 6th- Daylight Savings Ends

Sun, Nov 6th @ 1:00 pm

Church Grounds clean-up

Sun, Nov 6th @ 3:30 pm

Charge Conference @ Indianola 1st UMC

Tue, Nov 8th- All Day

Election Day- Church as Polling Place

Sat, Nov 12th @ 4:30 pm-6:30 pm

Lion's Club Noodle Dinner @ City State Bank

Sun, Nov 13th- After Worship

Congregational Meeting and Breakfast

Tue, Nov 15th @ 10:00 am

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Wed, Nov 16th @ 6:30 pm

Board Meeting- Open to Everyone

Sun, Nov 20th @ 6:30 pm

Community Thanksgiving Service @ New Life Lutheran Church

Tue, Nov 22nd @ 7:00 pm

Wolves Den Meeting

Sun, Nov 27th- during service

"Noisy Can" Offering

Sun, Nov 27th @ After Worship

1st Sunday of Advent- Decorate Church



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 write this on Halloween, but Thanksgiving is in my thoughts. Two texts come to mind:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I Thessalonians 5:16

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify God with thanksgiving. This will please the Lord more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs." Psalm 69:30-31 (Note: the reference to an ox or bull is about the offering of ritual sacrifices.)

This fall has been a busy one for everyone I know, and now we are four weeks away from Thanksgiving Day and the first Sunday in Advent! You can see on the calendar that we have many activities ahead: Charge Conference, a congregational meeting and breakfast, a community Thanksgiving service, decorating the church for Advent and Christmas - and that is just some of the highlights.

While we are going about our daily activities and our family and church preparations for the seasons ahead, taking every opportunity to give thanks is a life-giving spiritual practice. This is not only about noting our blessings, but is also about reflecting on how God has delivered us when "the waters have come up to [our] neck[s]" (Ps. 69:1). Even more so, "giving thanks in all circumstances" enables us to look at the war, chaos, cruelty and uncertainty in the world and realize that God's provision and deliverance are still working to bring transformation, life and peace to the world - including each of us.

I wish you all a November filled with blessing.
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

Nov 1 - Nov 9

Cleaning Supplies

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

Nov 9th will be 2022's last Warrior Giving Wednesday. Let's finish the year strong!

Christmas with NAMA

Dana Billingsley has volunteered to coordinate the Christmas Giving Project we are participating in. In early November, Christmas Wish Lists will be available via the online Meal Train or by sign-up sheets at church.

Volunteer with NAMA

- 1- Driving for Food Rescue
 - MWF 7:30am-9am
 - W 8:00pm
 - 2- Driving and Delivering Items to Bidwell Riverside
 - 2nd Friday of every month
 - 3- Helping drive or deliver furniture
 - When needed
 - 4- Deliver food to Good Life Retirement and other homes in Norwalk
 - 3rd Tuesday every other month
6:00pm- Starting in December
- Contact Sandy Bahr at 515-729-1239 to sign up

Walnuts

Contact Chris Warrington at 515-664-7020 if you are interested in free black walnuts. Located at 715 Center St. Wear gloves when collecting walnuts.

Emily Bixby

We want to congratulate The Walk's own Emily Bixby (daughter of Cathy & Ryan Riggs, granddaughter of Tom Riggs) on being one of Norwalk's and Iowa's first female Eagle Scout. As part of Troop 301, Emily made Eagle rank within 3 years of joining Scouts. For her Eagle project, she oversaw the construction of two large wheeled planter tables that are used to help get students in special education outside and engaged in hands-on learning. Emily will have her Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday, November 5th at 11am at the church where she will receive her Eagle medal.

Christmas Save the Dates

There are numerous Christmas celebration activities to put on your calendars!

Sunday, November 27th- First Sunday of Advent-

Kick-off the Christmas season by decorating the church after worship while enjoying refreshments and Christmas cheer.

Sunday, December 4th- Children's Christmas Program-

Join us as the kids perform "A Very Mixed-Up Christmas Pageant." After the program, there will be yummy refreshments, cookies to decorate, a craft to make, and Santa will make an appearance and be available for pictures.

Sunday, December 4th- Cookie Walk-

The United Women of Faith are also hosting their Cookie Walk before and after the Children's Program.

Sunday, December 11th- Caroling-

Stay after worship to spread Christmas cheer by walking to Regency for caroling.

Saturday, December 24th @ 5:30- Traditional Candlelit Christmas Eve Service

Upcoming Scripture Readings

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Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

NOVEMBER 13 |

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118;
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

NOVEMBER 20 | Thanksgiving Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20;
Luke 23:33-43

NOVEMBER 24 | Thanksgiving Day

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9;
John 6:25-35

NOVEMBER 27 | 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

November

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Beverly & Doyle Sullivan- 9th
Jenn & Bill Foster- 15th

Tami Torode- 2nd	Barbara Amos- 14th
Randy Spurr- 3rd	Helen Cook- 14th
Kabongo Kabongo- 6th	Katherine Lee- 14th
Thomas Dougherty- 8th	Pat Burch- 16th
Tim Stephany- 8th	Krisit Fuller- 16th
Steve Grant- 9th	Phyllis Kellar- 24th
Kent Strawn- 12th	Ron Karnatz- 27th
Joe Hildreth- 13th	Julie Landstrum- 27th
	Donna Stroh- 30th