



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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DECEMBER 2022

Sat, Dec 3rd @ 9:00 am
Christmas Program Practice

Sun, Dec 4th @ 9:00 am
Children's Christmas Program

Sun, Dec 4th after program
Cookie Walk

Sun, Dec 4th
Adopt-a-Family Gifts Due

Wed, Dec 7th @ 10:00 am
Women's Bible Study
Add'l 14th, 21st, 28th

Sun, Dec 11th after worship
Caroling at Regency

Sun, Dec 11th @ 6:00 pm
Scouts Meeting

Mon, Dec 12 @ 6:00 pm
Bridging Ceremony for Scouts

Tue, Dec 13th @ 10:00 am
Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Tue, Dec 13th @ 7:00 pm
Scouts Meeting
Add'l 27th

Sun, Dec 18th after worship
Retirement Party for Carol

Tue, Dec 20th @ 10:30 am & 5:30 pm
Serendipity Winter Program

Sat, Dec 24th @ 5:30 pm
Christmas Eve Service

Sun, Dec 25th- 9:00 am
Christmas Morning 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

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (Isaiah 40:3, NRSV-ue)

With the first Sunday in Advent and the decorating of the church behind us, our church preparations for Christmas are well underway. You can see by the calendar and other articles in this newsletter that there are many upcoming activities and services that give us opportunities to gather as a church family, take to heart the gift of Emmanuel, and share this good news with others through our worship, giving and witness. You might say that we are celebrating our way toward December 25th.

I want to lift up one particular celebration - that of Carol's retirement after over ten years of service to our congregation. As she prepares to exit her position as a staff member, she is already happily planning the things she wants to do as a "regular member" of the church.

Of course, Carol's retirement opens a vacancy on our staff. If you know anyone who would love a great part-time job, please encourage them to apply.

During this holy season, do your best not to let the pressures of the daily schedule crowd out taking time to reflect on all that God has done, and is doing, for the world in the advent of Christ. Every day, rejoice in the good news that God is always with us.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13, NRSV-ue)

-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

Office Position

Norwalk United Methodist Church is seeking an organized, people-oriented Office Administrator to receive visitors and vendors, assist staff, and manage day-to-day office and record-keeping tasks.

This position requires working knowledge of Microsoft Office, willingness to learn other office and data management programs, a high school diploma (or equivalent), and previous experience in an office environment.

The Office Administrator position is part-time (10-12 hours/week) and includes the opportunity to accrue paid time off. The pay range is \$14.50 - \$16.50/hour.

The person hired for this position will be part of a work environment that is collaborative and collegial, offering flexibility and a high degree of autonomy in attending to daily tasks.

Preferred start time is January 3, 2023, or earlier.

Inquiries may be directed to Rev. Karen Dungan, karen.dungan@iaumc.net, phone 515-442-5850.

Thank You

We appreciate the United Methodist Church allowing us to use your facility for our pancake breakfast. Money we raised will go towards NHS Scholarships for Seniors. Thank you!

-Norwalk Lions Club

Upcoming Scripture Readings

DECEMBER 04 | 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

DECEMBER 11 | 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

DECEMBER 18 | 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

DECEMBER 24 | Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

DECEMBER 25 | Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

Warrior Giving

Christmas with NAMA

The Adopt-a-Family wish lists have been filled! Thank you all so much! Gifts are due on Sunday, December 4th. Please bring your gift unwrapped and clearly marked with the family code. (code example- NUMC1 1.1)

Christmas Events

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 a continental breakfast, 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 hosting their Cookie Walk before and after the Children's Program. If you signed up to bring cookies, please bring them on Saturday the 3rd from 9am-12pm or by 8:15 on Sunday morning. The Cookie Walk will open from 8:30-9:00, and then after program.

Sunday, December 11th- Caroling- Stay after worship to spread Christmas cheer by walking to Regency for caroling.

Sunday, December 18th- Retirement Party for Carol- Help us celebrate Carol's retirement and all the amazing work she has done for our church. Stay after church for refreshments and fellowship as we shower her with love.

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

Sunday, December 25th @ 9:00am- Christmas Morning Service

December

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Joni & Donnie Rench- 18th

Pat & Bob Burch- 22nd

Monica & Robert Friedman- 23rd

Greg Staples- 3rd

Aaron Lee- 5th

Grant Wright- 6th

Michele Aagard- 7th

Jo Quade- 7th

Rylie Fouts- 9th

Neil Colorado- 14th

William Bowers- 17th

Greg Torode- 17th

Jimmy Stroh- 19th

Carol Sisney- 25th

Steve Jacobson- 26th

Nate Spurr- 28th

Nathan Henke- 29th

Jason Rench- 29th