



# Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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JANUARY 2023

<b>Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs</b> 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
<b>Sun, Jan 1st- New Years Day</b>
<b>Mon, Jan 2nd- New Years Day Observed</b> Office Closed
<b>Wed, Jan 4th- Serendipity Resumes</b>
<b>Sun, Jan 8th- after Worship</b> Christmas Tear Down
<b>Tue, Jan 10th @ 10:00 am</b> Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations
<b>Tue, Jan 10th @7:00 pm</b> Wolves Den Meeting Add'l 24th
<b>Wed, Jan 11th @ 10:00 am</b> Women's Bible Study Add'l 18th and 25th
<b>Wed, 11th @ 6:30 pm</b> Board Meeting- Open to Everyone
<b>Thur, Jan 19th @ 5:30</b> United Women of Faith Meeting @ church
<b>Sun, Jan 29th- during service</b> "Noisy Can" Offering

*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

This season, our worship celebration of Epiphany falls in the middle of the twelve days of Christmas. The Epiphany (capital "E") extends the wonder of God's appearance in the world in the person of the baby Jesus: not only did God enter the world in humble surroundings and to those the "important ones" of society little noticed, but also to magi who came from another country and were of another culture and faith. God appeared in Jesus not for a part of the world, but for the whole world.

Epiphany (lower case "e") also has other, intimately-related meanings. An epiphany can be a physical manifestation of a divine being, an insight into the nature or meaning of something, or a revelation about/understanding of reality.

The placement of the Feast of the Epiphany at the beginning of a new year is no coincidence. The new year brings a sense - whether fragile or strong - that we can have a fresh start, and that new possibilities lay before us. As people of faith, the new year brings the reminder that the Incarnation is about God continually bringing new life to the world. Christmas, and Epiphany, are the starting point. For those who are open to receive it, this adventure into how God is at work and constantly being revealed to us, is just beginning.

Happy New Year!  
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](mailto:norwalkumc@norwalkumc.org), and put "newsletter" in the subject line**

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## Warrior Giving

The new monthly Warrior Giving information will be released later this month

### Christmas with NAMA Thank You

On behalf of the Norwalk Area Ministerial Association, I want to thank you for your generous donation of gifts to 9 families for the Warrior Giving Project.

Please know that your generosity allowed us to provide needed assistance to individuals and families and gifts for children at Christmastime that are struggling within our community.

All contributions to Norwalk Area Ministerial Association are tax deductible to the full extent of the IRS regulations. NAMA is an IRS qualified 501(c)3 organization, and our tax identification number is 52-2342931.

Blessings,  
Crystal Ellis- NAMA Treasurer

### January 8th

#### Christmas Tear Down

On Sunday, January 8th, after worship, we will be taking down and putting away the Christmas decorations. We could use numerous volunteers as many hands make light work! Yummy cookies will be provided to help give us energy to clean up!

## JoAnn Chapman

### Office Administrator

We are pleased to announce that JoAnn Chapman has been hired to be our Office Administrator.

JoAnn and her husband live SE of Norwalk and have been married 29 years. They have 1 son together and she has 2 stepsons. She's a retired hairdresser of 45 years.

Through the years, JoAnn and her husband have been very active in their church, and she has held many different roles in her church and in their business. They are also very active in the Norwalk Lions Club, and they enjoy dancing and camping.

JoAnn says" My faith keeps me grounded and God is my rock. I am excited to be working for you and assisting Pastor Karen any way I can."

JoAnn began working and training with Carol in the office this past week. Feel free to stop by during office hours to welcome her and introduce yourselves!

## Thank You from Carol

Words cannot express how much I am thankful to each and everyone of you. These past 11 years have been wonderful! I have gotten to know you all (even if I couldn't remember your name). All the cards and gifts mean a lot to me and I will never forget the kindness and patience I have been given over the years. You are my church family and my friends! I am so glad I am not saying goodbye, but just see you all later. Thank you and I love you all.

-Carol

## Upcoming Scripture Readings

### JANUARY 1 | Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

### JANUARY 08 | Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

### JANUARY 15 |

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

### JANUARY 22 |

Isaiah 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;

Matthew 4:12-23

### JANUARY 29 |

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

## January

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Donna & John Stroh- 18th

Kate Baldwin- 1st

Brenda Stephany-18th

Benton Bruner- 2nd

Angi Johnson- 22nd

Christin Grant- 2nd

Terry Endres- 23rd

Cindy Spurr- 8th

David Selene- 23rd

Elise Rouse- 10th

Abel Mendoza- 26th

Laura Larson- 11th

James Bahr- 27th

Cassie Mitchell- 11th

Marlys Hansen- 27th

Tamsyn Riggs- 11th

Dave Warren- 27th

Caitlyn Rouse-12th

Deb Baker- 30th

Nicole Bomstadt- 16th

Wyatt Mitchell- 30th