



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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MARCH 2023

Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs
9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Wed, March 1st @ 10:00 am
Women's Bible Study
Add'l 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Sun, March 5th- during service
Camp Wesley Woods Campaign

Tue, March 14th @ 10:00 am
Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Tue, March 14th @ 7:00 pm
Wolves Den Meeting
Add'l 28th

Wed, March 15 thru Fri, March 17th
Education wing closed for radon testing

Thur, March 16th @ 5:30
United Women of Faith Meeting @ church

Sat, March 18th @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Polar Plunge

Sun, March 19th @ 10:00 am
Board Meeting- Open to Everyone

Sun, March 26th- during service
"Noisy Can" Offering

Sun, April 1st @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Easter Scavenger Hunt Around Norwalk

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

God is good – all the time!

Last month, I wrote that the church board would be working on a behavioral covenant; last Sunday their work was shared during the congregational meeting. As was stated then, this is a draft that we will review and “live with” for several weeks, and feedback is appreciated. Once it is finalized and affirmed by the congregation, we will use it as the foundational guide for how we live and work together as faith community. Here is the draft as presented last Sunday:

NUMC's Holy Manners

Our Promises to Each Other:

- Conflict is inevitable, and provides an opportunity for us to grow as a healthy congregation. We will address conflict in an open, direct and respectful manner that allows people to be heard and works toward resolution.
- The pastor, board and congregation will practice mutual accountability for how we live and work together.
- We will communicate directly with one another, and church leaders will maintain an open dialogue with the congregation regarding decisions that affect the life and ministry of the church.
- We will be accountable to each other in love and forgiveness.

The Promise of the Pastor and Church Board:

- As we address issues that affect the life and ministry of our congregation, we will invite other leaders – both internal and external – to assist us as needed.

As was shared on Sunday, after we have affirmed this covenant as a congregation, the board will begin work outlining the processes we will use should concerns or conflicts arise, and determining what resources and tools can help us in utilizing those processes.

When we began our covenant-writing work, I told our board members that it has been my experience – without exception – that when people of faith enter into and work an intentional discernment process to accomplish a difficult task or address a difficult issue, the Holy Spirit always leads us to the place where we need to be. Always. It is an amazing thing to behold. It is also how God works to lead us to deeper faith (read: trust), greater witness and broader vision.

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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

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Warrior Giving

March 1- March 8

Cleaning Supplies

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

March 9 - April 12

Household Paper

Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins

Food Pantry Support

March is our turn to support the Norwalk Area Food Pantry. Monetary donations are always accepted and can be given during offering with "food pantry" in the memo. Food donations can be brought to the church throughout March. The biggest current need is canned fruit and boxed cereal. This month, our Facebook page will be updated every Monday with current Food Pantry needs, so check our page to get ideas for food.

Easter Services Dates

April 6th: Maundy Thursday

Service @ 7:00 pm @ Norwalk

Christian Church

April 7th: Good Friday Service @

7:00 pm

April 9th: Easter Sunday Service

@ 9:00 am

Upcoming Scripture Readings

MARCH 05 | 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17;

John 3:1-17

MARCH 12 | 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

MARCH 19 | 4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14;

John 9:1-41

MARCH 26 | 5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37; 1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11;

John 11:1-45

2023 Church Board Members

Steve Jacobson:

Lay Leader/At Large

Brenda Stephany:

Trustees/Board Co-Chair

Lia Potratz:

Finance/Board Co-Chair

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Kate Baldwin

Jenn Foster: Staff-Parish

Tom Dunn: Staff-Parish

Phyllis Kellar: Staff-Parish

Jerry Shepler: Finance

Judy Poulsen: Finance

Mark Collis: Trustees

Jodi Henke: Trustees

Summer Save the Dates

June 25, 26, 27 (Sun, Mon, Tues)-

Vacation Bible School.

This year, we will be testing out a new VBS date by having it in JUNE. We would like to see if a June date affects attendance, so save the date for June 25, 26, 27!

Friday, July 7 and Friday, August 4-

Host Lunch in the Park-

We have our dates set for when we host Lunch in the Park.

Easter Scavenger Hunt Around Norwalk

Our church will be hosting our 3rd Easter Scavenger Hunt around Norwalk. Participants come to our church between 9-12 on Saturday, April 1st for a set of clues that will lead them around Norwalk to find Easter eggs and prizes. It is a great opportunity to spread Christ's love throughout Norwalk. Ways to help:

- Volunteer your house for a prize location
- Donate candy or money
- Volunteer to pass out clues the day of event

March

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Michele & Jason Aagard- 1st

Natalie & Steve Grant- 6th

Brenda & Tim Stephany - 28th

Linda Shearer- 1st

Lynn Karnatz- 2nd

Mick Fouts- 7th

Drew Rosonke- 9th

Tim Patava- 10th

Sam Stroh- 11th

Nancy Jacobson- 17th

Kendal Bierstedt- 23rd

Dylan Spurr- 24th

Sami Aagard- 29th

Jacob Potratz- 30th