



# Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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APRIL 2023

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

**Sun, April 2nd @ 9:00 am**  
Palm/Passion Sunday Service

**Wed, April 5th @ 10:00 am**  
Women's Bible Study  
Add'l 11th, 18th, 25th

**Thur, April 6th @ 7:00 pm**  
Joint Maundy Thursday Service @  
Norwalk Christian Church

**Fri, April 7th @ 7:00 pm**  
Joint Good Friday Service @ NUMC

**Sat, April 8th 7:00 am - 11:00 am**  
Pancake Breakfast @ Fire Station

**Sun, April 9th @ 9:00 am**  
Easter Morning Service

**Tue, April 11th @ 10:00 am**  
Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

**Tue, April 11th @ 7:00 pm**  
Wolves Den Meeting  
Add'l 25th

**Sun, April 16th @ 10:00 am**  
Board Meeting- Open to Everyone

**Fri, April 21st @ 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm**  
Serendipity Fun Night

**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**

*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

Today I noticed that my bleeding heart, irises and several other plantings are greening and growing. Spring has arrived; God's provision through death and rebirth is visible for all to see.

Thank you to all who have weighed in on the covenant draft that was presented at the congregational meeting on February 26th. The board has received many helpful comments and made a clarifying change to the wording based on the feedback:

### 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.

There is still time to weigh in with comments, suggestions and questions till the next board meeting, which will be April 16th. At that meeting, the board will officially adopt the covenant and we will post it in the church so that we all can refer to it easily.

After the covenant is adopted, I will preach on each statement over five Sundays in the Easter season. Following that, all of us will be invited to literally "sign on" - pledging to one another that this is how we will endeavor to function in our congregational relationships and decision-making.

Holy week is upon us. In our worship, we will rehearse/relive the story of God's new life through Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection. As we rehearse and relive the story, God's desire to bring unconditional love, newness, healing and renewal to all becomes manifest: amazing love, amazing grace.

A blessed Holy Week and Easter to you all!

Pastor Karen

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## Warrior Giving

**April 1- April 12**

**Household Paper**

Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins

**April 13 - May 10**

**Summer First Aid**

Sunscreen, bug repellent, triple antibiotic ointment, bandaids

### Shoe Love

The next big NAMA project will be Shoe Love coming in late summer. They are completely out of socks, so sock requests have already been assigned to churches. We have been asked to donate "child's large crew cut" socks, both boys and girls. They are requesting 20 packs for girls and 20 packs for boys. Our noisy can offerings will be given to NAMA for shoe purchases.

### Easter Services Dates

**April 6th: Maundy Thursday**

**Service @ 7:00 pm @ Norwalk Christian Church**

**April 7th: Good Friday Service @**

**7:00 pm @ NUMC**

**April 9th: Easter Sunday Service**

**@ 9:00 am**

### Upcoming Scripture Readings

**APRIL 02 | Passion / Palm Sunday**

Palms Lit: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion Lit: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66, Matthew 27:11-54

**APRIL 09 | Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4;

John 20:1-18, Matthew 28:1-10

**APRIL 16 |**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**APRIL 23 |**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23;

Luke 24:13-35

**APRIL 30 |**

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

## Summer Camp

There is still time to make donations to Wesley Woods to help kids attend Summer Camp. If you are interested, donations can be placed in the offering with "Summer Camp" written on the memo.

### 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

Thank you all for your donations and prayers for the Easter Scavenger Hunt! Despite the windy and chilly weather, we had 80 families and 170 kids join us! What a great way to bless Norwalk! Originally, we had planned for about 150 kids, so we had to buy some last minute supplies. If you would like to contribute to the cost, you can put money in the offering plate with "Egg Hunt" in the memo.

### April

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jill & Tim Patava- 17th

Hollie & Todd Fick- 22nd

Julie & Marc Collis - 23rd

Deb & Mike Billingsley- 29th

Riley Meusburger- 1st

Kate Friedman- 2nd

Isaac Johnson- 2nd

Meilin Grant- 3rd

Emma Mooers- 6th

Elise Greiner- 10th

Jack Salisbury- 11th

Duane Ellis- 13th

Shelly McAninch 16th

Jerry Shepler- 16th

Rex Engstrand- 17th

Joan VanVleet- 18th

Kathleen Rouse- 19th

Mike Rouse- 20th

Hollie Fick- 26th

Sawyer Stevens- 26th

Barb Dougherty- 27th

Peiton Grant- 27th

Elizabeth McCloney- 28th