



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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MAY 2023

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| Wed, May 3rd @ 10:00 am Women's Bible Study Add'l 19th, 17th, 24th, 31st |
| Thur, May 4th @ 10:30 Phil VanVleet Memorial Service |
| Sun, May 7th @ 10:00 am UMF's Dessert Fundraiser |
| Sun, May 7th @ after service Free "sale" |
| Sun, May 7th @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Church Grounds Spring Clean-Up |
| Tue, May 9th @ 10:00 am Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations |
| Tue, May 9th @ 7:00 pm Wolves Den Meeting Add'l 23rd |
| Thur, May 18th @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Serendipity Graduation |
| Sun, May 21st during service Graduates Recognition |
| Sun, May 21st @ 10:00 am Board Meeting- Open to Everyone |
| Sun, May 28th during Service "Noisy Can" Offering |
| Sun, May 28th during service Bible Sunday |
| Sun, May 28th Norwalk Commencement Ceremony |
| Mon, May 29th- Memorial Day Office Closed |



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

There are many "happenings" on our May calendar, starting with Spring Clean-up/Clean-out - and a United Women in Faith dessert fundraiser to fuel our cleaning - next Sunday. It will not be long before plans are in full swing for Vacation Bible School and Lunch in the Park. Don't you just love late Spring/Summer?

The first and second weeks of this month, the church office will have different open hours. JoAnn is taking some time off; she will be in the office May 1st and 2nd from 9 a.m. to noon. Then, Carol Sisney has volunteered to staff the office on Thursday May 4th, Tuesday May 9th and Thursday May 11th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. JoAnn will be back on Tuesday May 16th.

One recent change in the church office is that we have a new phone system, which has been operative for a few weeks. Now, when you call, you can select a direct extension for each person on the staff. If you need to leave a voicemail, it will be automatically forwarded to our email. Beth helps with this by monitoring the church's email on days when the office is closed. So, if you call and miss reaching us "live", be sure to leave a voicemail so we can get back to you in a timely way.

The days ahead, with the greening of the earth and the ramping up of summer activities, are times to savor and celebrate. May God's gift of joy walk with you as they unfold.

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

May 1- May 10

Summer First Aid

Sunscreen, bug repellent, triple antibiotic ointment, bandaids

May 11 - June 15

Household Plastics

Plastic wrap, aluminum foil, zip top baggies, 13 gallon garbage bags

Thank You from NAMA

Our church has contributed so much to the Warrior Giving and it is much appreciated! Keep up the good work!

Graduates Recognition

Graduating Seniors will be recognized on Sunday, May 21st. If you have a senior who is graduating and you would like to have them included, please send Beth a senior picture and their plans for after graduation to bkcarver2@gmail.com

Bible Sunday

Sunday, May 28th will be Bible Sunday for our youth. Students entering 3rd grade and those who haven't received Bibles will be given their own Bible and then will participate in a Bible navigation class. If your student would like to be included, please contact Beth Greiner at bkcarver2@gmail.com or 319-573-9688.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

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Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16); 1 Peter 2:2-10;
John 14:1-14

MAY 14 | Mother's Day

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22;
John 14:15-21

MAY 21 | Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11;
John 17:1-11

MAY 28 | Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

Church Spring Clean-Up

Sunday, May 7th from 1:00-3:00 will be the church grounds spring clean-up. Tom has made a list of the jobs needing done. The jobs can be done that day or during your free time during the week. The list will be sent out via meal train. Let's get our church looking great for summer!

Free "Sale"

Staff and volunteers have been working hard doing deep cleaning and organizing and several closets have been cleaned out. After service on Sunday, May 7th, items will be set out for the taking.

United Women of Faith

UMF will be holding a missions fundraiser with all kinds of desserts on Sunday, May 7th. The cost for your sugar buzz is a free will donation. Funds will go towards local missions, including Bidwell Riverside. If you would like to bring something, please have your dessert to the church by 8:45 that morning.

UWF will also have a social outing at 5:30 on Wednesday, June 14th, at The Mercantile in Cumming. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is just around the corner on June 25, 26, 27 (Sun, Mon, Tues). Beth will be announcing volunteers needs this month! Please consider helping as we need many great volunteers to make this wonderful event possible.

May

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Maribeth & Bill Wright- 1st

Betty & Stan Gustafson- 9th

Laura & Greg Staples - 12th

Kathryn & Terry Endres- 18th

Beth & Donavon Greiner- 24th

Sandy & James Bahr- 29th

Rob Landstrum- 2nd

Brandon Fick- 4th

Bill Wright- 5th

Stan Gustafson- 7th

Lauren Bockholt- 10th

Carsen Tomlinson- 11th

Shirly Freese- 15th

Morgan Davis- 17th

Gary Snider- 20th

Kathryn Endres- 22nd

Nick Foster- 22nd

Sarah Fouts- 23rd

Annie Owens- 25th

Zach Spurr- 25th

Tom Hansen- 26th