



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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JUNE 2023

No Board Meeting this month

Thur, June 1st @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Al-Alon meeting

Add'l 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Sun, June 4th- Annual Conference

Guest Speaker Phyllis Kellar- communion

moved to June 11th

Sat, June 10th @ 10:00 am

Funeral for Lucy Tabelisma

Sun, June 11th @ 10:00 am

Congregational potluck and meeting

Sun, June 11th @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

ELL Dessert Fundraiser @ Norwalk Christian

Tue, June 13th @ 10:00 am

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Wed, June 14th @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Heartland AEA using Serendipity area

Add'l 28th

Wed, June 14th @ 5:30 pm

UWF Social Outing at The Mercantile

Sun, June 25th during Service

"Noisy Can" Offering

Sun, June 25th @ 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Vacation Bible School

Mon, June 26th @ 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Vacation Bible School

Tue, June 27th @ 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Vacation Bible School

Sun, July 2nd

No Sunday School for pk-5th grades

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

I was awakened today by the welcome sound of thunderstorms. Walking around our yard, I could tell that all of the growing things were appreciating the rain, too. Over the years, I've done different kinds of perennial plantings. For me, this is an adventure: figuring out what helps the plants thrive, learning what does not work, and seeing how all the parts work and grow together. As anyone who gardens knows, there is substantial sweat equity involved, but, ultimately, the growth is God's handiwork.

So it is with all we do in the church. Every activity, class, worship service, fellowship event, mission project, etc. is the "sweat equity" we invest for the sake of Christ and his kingdom. We are preparing for three important investment events: our June 11th congregational meeting, Vacation Bible School June 25th-27th, and Lunch in the Park July 7th. As Paul says in his letters, we plant the seeds and God gives the growth: everything we do to grow in our walk with Christ, extend ourselves in love and service, and build relationships with one another and our community, becomes fertile ground for God to use to bring new life to the world.

Beginning next week, through August, we will have different hours for the church office: the office will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

May God's peace and blessing walk with you.

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

June 1- June 15

Household Plastics

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

June 16 - July 12

Personal Care

Shampoo/conditioner, kids shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant.

Congregational Potluck

Stay after church on Sunday, June 11th for a breakfast potluck and congregational meeting. A sign-up has been sent out via email for breakfast items to share. The congregational meeting will be an update on the church finances. Childcare will be available.

Lunch in the Park

Our first time for serving Lunch in the Park is Friday, July 7th. We will be serving chicken nuggets. A meal-train for food donations will be sent out in mid-June. We will also need volunteers to help serve. If able, volunteers are asked to be at the church at 10:00 am on Friday, July 7th. We will start loading at 10:15 am and need to be all set up at the park by 10:45 am. Lunch is served from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

United Women of Faith

UWF will have a social outing at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, June 14th, at The Mercantile in Cumming. The food truck, Hot Off The Presses, will be available, which sells various grilled cheese sandwiches. Dessert will be provided. Come and join the fun!

Upcoming Scripture Readings

JUNE 04 |

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

JUNE 11 |

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

JUNE 18 | Father's Day

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

JUNE 25 |

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Vacation Bible School

VBS is THIS MONTH on June 25th, 26th, and 27th! We still need more volunteers to make this community event run smoothly. If you are able to volunteer, there is a meal-train link that was sent out via email. You can also contact Beth Greiner directly (319-573-9688) or sign-up at church on Sunday. On Sunday, June 25th, volunteers will meet at the church at 4:45 pm for a meeting and to look over materials. Pizza will be provided that night. On Monday and Tuesday, volunteers are asked to come around 5:30 pm.

Remember to register your own kids as well! Here is the QR code to do so. Just use your phone camera and press on the link that pops-up.



English Language Learners

There is a volunteer program in Norwalk that teaches English to refugees and immigrants in our community and works to help them obtain higher education. Join our partner church, Norwalk Christian, on June 11th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm for homemade ice cream, pies, brownies and cookies to raise funds for this scholarship program. Your generous Free Will Offering for these homemade goodies will help fund the scholarship program for 2023.

June

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Brenda & Rex Engstrand- 1st	Deb & Brian Baker- 21st
Tracy & Dan Sharp- 4th	Andrea & Neil Colorado- 22nd
Cassie & Bibs Mitchell - 6th	Pam & Kyle Owens- 25th
Cindy & Randy Spurr- 6th	Heather & Robert Lee- 27th
Shirley & Jerry Shepler- 16th	Sarah & Mick Fouts- 28th
Dena & Brian Bierstedt- 20th	Angi & Chet Johnson- 29th
Justine Baldwin Le- 2nd	Rebecca Selene- 18th
Michaela Henke- 4th	Neil Hansen- 19th
Ana Goodrich- 5th	David Rients- 22nd
Paige Landstrum- 5th	Charlie Sadler- 22nd
Gunner Bomstadt- 6th	Linda Woollums- 24th
Trinity Dunn- 7th	Marge Boyce- 25th
Dillon Fouts- 11th	Heather Lee- 26th
William Mitchell- 12th	Tom Dunn- 29th
Chas Grant- 15th	Alex Fuller- 29th
Tracy Sharp- 15th	Dylan Mowery- 29th
Mike Billingsley- 16th	Zoey Rench- 29th
Andrew (Bibs) Mitchell- 18th	