



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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AUGUST 2023

Upcoming Events

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 - 12:00

Thur, Aug 3rd @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Al-Alon meeting

Add'l 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Fri, Aug 4th @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Serve Lunch in the Park

Tue, Aug 8th @ 10:00 am

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Sun, Aug 20th during worship

Backpack Blessing

Sun, Aug 20th @ 10:00

Board Meeting- open to everyone

Wed, Aug 23rd

School Starts for Norwalk Public

Sun, Aug 27th- during service

"Noisy Can" Offering

Sun, Aug 27th @ 7:00 pm

Inspire Our Schools Prayer Event

Sun, Sept 3rd- Labor Day Weekend

No Sunday School for Kids

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

Summer is not over but the season is shifting. Lunch in the Park will finish and soon after, school will start. I am finding myself thinking about Christmas already!!

The season shifts with our Intentional Interim work, too. We have affirmed our NUMC "Holy Manners"; next we will take some time for Holy Conversation. Holy Conversation - whatever the topic - is the purposeful discussion of what matters, with the goal of listening deeply and finding common ground in our relationships with one another. Almost any conversation process can be a holy conversation, as long as it's designed to help people hear one another in a spirit of respect and Christian love.

One possibility for us is having a large group discussion where we talk about the "what next?" for our congregation. This kind of process amazes me; it always leads to clarity, energy and a sense of common purpose. It is also fun! As you know, nothing compares to the experience of having the Spirit "show up" in ways that everyone can sense and see.

This coincides nicely with the work we will be doing to prepare the church's profile for the district superintendents to use as they plan for the next pastoral appointment to our church. It is hard to think about, because I have so much enjoyed being your pastor, but I know that the time we will share and the work we will do together over this next year will prepare us all for the great "what next?" that God has in store for all of us.

Please keep me, the church board, and one another in your hearts and in your prayers as we continue on this journey together.

Grace and Peace,
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

Aug 1 - Aug 9

Shoe Love

Socks, underwear

Aug 10 - Sept 13

Laundry Supplies

Detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, quarters

Baby Grand Piano

Marc Collis' mother, Marilyn, was visiting Christmas Eve when she heard our amazing pianist, Jessica, playing so beautifully. She told Marc that Jessica is a wonderful pianist and should be playing on a baby grand piano. Fast forward six months to Marc and Marilyn working with Jessica to find one. What a wonderful gift we've been blessed with from Marc and Marilyn that we now all get to enjoy! We are also so lucky to have such a skillful musician, Jessica, as part of our church family!

United Women of Faith

The next United Women of Faith gathering will be Wednesday, Sept 20th. Details to be announced soon!

Backpack Blessing

Norwalk Public Schools start on Wednesday, August 23rd, along with numerous Metro Area Schools. Students of all ages and staff members from all schools are invited to bring their backpacks or work-bags to church on Sunday, August 20th. Our congregation will pray for students and staff members and for the upcoming school year.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

AUGUST 06 |

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

AUGUST 13 |

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

AUGUST 20 |

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

AUGUST 27 |

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Veterans Information

We would like to honor our Veterans in November. We unfortunately have not collected that information in the past. If you are a Veteran or are currently active duty, please let JoAnn in the office know so we can have accurate information.

Community Outreach Shoe Love

Our "noisy-can" offering is collected to support current Norwalk Area Ministerial Association (NAMA) projects. Before July, noisy-can collected \$614. Our church was issued a challenge to see if we could get to \$1000 before the Shoe Love event. Due to the generosity of our amazing congregation, we are now at \$1800! Thank you all so much! Over 200 Norwalk students will benefit from your contributions!

Lunch in the Park

Our last time serving Lunch in the Park is Friday, August 4th. We will be serving hotdogs. We need watermelon and more volunteers to help serve. If able, volunteers are asked to be at the church at 10:00 am on Friday, August 4th. We will start loading at 10:15 am. Lunch is served from 11:00 am -1:00 pm.

Inspire Our Schools

Inspire Our Schools is an Iowa-wide prayer event. On Sunday, August 27th at 7:00 pm, Norwalk Prayer Leaders will be at all our schools, the bus barn, and the district office. Everyone is invited to any location to help prayer for students, teachers, and staff members for a safe and successful school year!

August

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Krisit & Shane Fuller- 19th
Kate & Bob Baldwin- 27th
Marlys & Tom Hansen- 30th

Julie Collis- 1st	Andrea Colorado- 19th
Emily Bixby- 3rd	Debbie Williams- 20th
Sean Overholser- 4th	James Dougherty Jr- 23rd
Jill Patava- 5th	Vincent Greiner- 23rd
Mert Feddersen- 9th	Sarah Sadler- 25th
Christian Larson- 11th	Wilma Dunn- 26th
Wanda Goodrich- 14th	Grace Johnson- 26th
Jacob Friedman- 16th	Stacey Warren- 27th
Shane Fuller- 16th	