



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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SEPTEMBER 2023

Upcoming Events

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 - 12:00

Sun, Sept 3rd- Labor Day Weekend

No Sunday School for Kids

Mon, Sept 4th- Labor Day

Office Closed

Tues, Sept 5th- All Day

Serendipity Restarts

Wed, Sept 6th @ 10:00 am

Women of Faith Bible Study

Add'l 13th, 20th, 27th

Thur, Sept 7th @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Al-Alon meeting

Add'l 14th, 21st, 28th

Tue, Sept 19th @ 10:00 am

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Wed, Sept 20th @ 5:30 pm

UMF Meeting @ church

Sun, Sept 24th @ 10:00

Board Meeting- open to everyone

Sun, Sept 24th- during service

"Noisy Can" Offering

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



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

Welcome to September! School is back in session, football season is well underway, and (as I mentioned in worship last Sunday) Christmas is less than eighteen weeks away!

This also means that we are in "Charge Conference/church planning" season. Our Charge Conference is October 29th, and our preparations for that have begun.

One important matter before us is inviting new members to be on the board. Please begin thinking and praying about who would be good additions to our board, keeping in mind that we are looking for people who are active in our congregation, who are persons of prayer and who are committed to the ongoing growth and ministry of our church. If you have a suggestion for persons who fit this description, please talk to Brenda Stephany, our board chair.

Next week, a subcommittee of the board will begin work on establishing financial policies, including setting a cash balance minimum, decisions related to the parsonage CD, and establishing consistent, written procedures for handling contributions, funds, and accounts. The board is also working on establishing policies for memorial funds and the endowment fund.

Later this month, a different subgroup of the board will begin discernment around our congregation's values and purpose, and what we want to work on during this last year of our intentional interim work. We'll be discussing how we want to engage our congregation in conversation about what we value, outreach to our community, how we want to intentionally practice our Holy Manners, and what processes/topics could best facilitate those conversations.

Your prayers and input, as always, are requested and appreciated!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen

Warrior Giving

Sept 1 - Sept 13

Laundry Supplies

Detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, quarters

Sept 14 - Oct 11

Household Paper

Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins

Small Group Bible Study Curriculum

Beth will be putting together a list of Bible Studies that are currently available in the church library for small groups to use. A review class of how to use and access studies on Right Now Media and Amplify will also be offered this fall, the date is to be determined.

United Women of Faith

UWF will be meeting at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 20th. We will have a bonfire outside the church. Please bring a snack to share, your own drink, and a chair. If the weather is bad we'll go inside.

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.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

SEPTEMBER 03 |

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

SEPTEMBER 10 |

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

SEPTEMBER 17 |

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Psalms 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

SEPTEMBER 24 |

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philemon 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Church Construction

Construction in the education wing has been completed! A wall was taken out and the two east-side classrooms were turned into one larger room. Serendipity preschool now has a larger room that has allowed them to expand their program. The bigger room also benefits our children's programming! Feel free to check out the new room!

Community Outreach NAMA Projects

NAMA has had a great year so far! Shoe Love was a huge success and helped 153 Norwalk students receive new shoes, socks, and underwear for the new school year. Lunch in the Park was also a great success. 2,475 meals were served this summer, for an average of 206 meals served per week. 1,171 take home food bags were given out, for an average of 98 per week! Thank you all so much for your contributions, prayers, and time! NAMA's next big project is the Angel Tree Christmas Wish Lists.

Card Shower for Carolyn DePriest

Carolyn DePriest has recently moved to Wesley Acres and has a birthday this month! You can send her a card to help her celebrate her birthday and get settled in her new place! Cards can be sent to:

Wesley Acres

3520 Grand Ave.

Attn: Carolyn DePriest Bld. 5, Room 121

Des Moines, IA 50310

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Nicki & Tommy Bomstadt- 2nd

Lynn & Ron Karnatz- 3rd

Mike Riggs- 2nd

Ella Johnson- 4th

Sandy Bahr- 6th

John Stroh-6th

Laura Staples-7th

Deb Holle- 11th

Sydney Colorado- 12th

Kevin Potratz- 12th

Jim Grant- 13th

Ronda Beck- 14th

Ali Bruner- 14th

Emily Bruner- 14th

Carolyn DePriest- 16th

Rhonda DePriest- 16th

Merrill Beck- 17th

Kennedi Wright- 17th

John Staples- 18th

Natalie Grant- 20th

Donavon Greiner- 22nd

Ashley Rench- 23rd

Terry Rosonke- 25th

Devon Sadler- 26th

Jim Dougherty- 28th

Austin Grant- 28th