



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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

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APRIL 2024

Wed, April 3rd @ 10:00 am Women's Bible Study Add'l 10th, 17th, 24th
Sat, April 6th @ 10:00 am Special Olympics Polar Plunge
Sun, April 7th during worship Camp Sunday
Sun, April 7th @ 10:20 am Holy Conversations
Wed, April 10th @ 5:45-6:45 Confirmation Add'l 17th and 24th
Fri, April 12th @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Serendipity Family Night
Sun, April 14th @ 10:00 am Board Meeting- Open to Everyone
Tues, April 16th @ 10:00 am Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations
Wed, April 17th @ 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm Quilting Club
Sun, April 21st @ 10:00 am Congregational Meeting
Sun, April 21st @ 7:45 pm - 9:00 pm Confirmation
Fri, April 26th @ 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm Serendipity Garage Sale Set up
Sat, April 27th @ 9:00 am Serendipity Garage Sale
Sun, April 28th during Worship Confirmation Sunday

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

A blessed second day of Easter to you!
 Today I find myself filled with gratitude – gratitude for the blessing of faith community and relationships that help me grow, for family and friends, for rain that is “greening up” the world around me, and for the gift of life. It is a wonder, isn’t it, that amid all that can be/go wrong in the world, God provides for and pulls us toward the abundant life that only God can give? Such is resurrection power: Jesus’ rising tells us once-and-for-all that nothing can get in the way of God’s love, plans, and hopes for us and for the world.

We have important events coming this month. This Sunday, we’ll have a representative from Camp Wesley Woods here to talk in Faith Formation and worship time about the opportunities for Christian growth and community through our camping program, and keep in mind that scholarships are available for our youth who want to go to camp this summer.

On Sunday I also will hold my last scheduled time for Holy Conversation after worship. I am also willing to schedule additional times with any interested group. If you’ve thought about participating but are hesitant, I encourage you to consider doing this. To date, every conversation has been open, loving, respectful, and hopeful. I trust this will be the same with any subsequent group conversations.

We will have a congregational meeting following worship on April 21st, and on April 28th, we will confirm four young people during worship and have a reception for them afterward. The confirmation class has been a blessing to me in these past months, while we learn together what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and I know they are/will be a blessing to our congregation.

After Jesus’ resurrection, the first disciples realized that their journey with him would continue throughout their lives. As with them, learning what it means to follow Jesus is a life-long adventure for us, too. This first day after Easter is a good time to offer gratitude for those who have walked/are walking with us along the Way.

Pastor Karen

Warrior Giving

April 1- April 10

Household Paper

Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins

April 11 - May 8

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.

United Women of Faith

Thank you to everyone who made and bought desserts during our "Sugar Buzz" fundraiser. We raised \$379 that will be used for our missions. Since we know you love food, UWF will hold a free will donation pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 19th.

The Walk:

Your Vote Needed

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 21st. During this meeting we will discuss, then vote on whether or not to move away from The Walk.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

APRIL 07 |

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2;
John 20:19-31

APRIL 14 |

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

APRIL 21 |

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-18

APRIL 28 |

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21;
John 15:1-8

Summer Camp

On Sunday, April 7th, Wesley Woods is coming to talk with our church about their amazing summer camp opportunities! It will be a great chance for kids to ask questions and get an idea of what summer camp is like. They will also talk about their fundraiser campaign.

Summer Save the Dates

June 23, 24, 25 (Sun, Mon, Tues)- Vacation Bible School. We are using Cokesbury's Camp Firelight, for a camping VBS theme this year! Stay tuned for more details.

Sunday, June 30th- Retirement Party for Pastor Karen- More details to come.

Friday, June 14 and Friday, August 16- Host Lunch in the Park

Fellowship Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers to help with our post-service fellowship. A meal-train will be sent out every other month to sign-up for a Sunday. Volunteers would provide 3 dozen breakfast items, get the coffee ready, and clean up afterwards. Detailed coffee making instructions are attached to the coffee maker. Please arrive at 8:20 to get fellowship ready and then stay after service to clean up.

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

Elise Greiner- 10th

Jack Salsbury- 11th

Duane Ellis- 13th

Shelly McAninch 16th

Jerry Shepler- 16th

Joan VanVleet- 18th

Kathleen Rouse- 19th

Mike Rouse- 20th

Barb Dougherty- 27th

Peiton Grant- 27th

Elizabeth McCloney- 28th