



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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MAY 2024

Wed, May 1st @ 10:00 am
Women's Bible Study
Add'l 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Sun, May 12th
Mother's Day

Tue, May 14th @ 10:00 am
Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Thur, May 16th @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Serendipity Graduation

Sun, May 19th during service
Graduates Recognition

Sun, May 19th after service
UWF Pancake Breakfast

Sun, May 19th @ 10:00 am
Board Meeting- Open to Everyone

Sun, May 19th
Norwalk Commencement Ceremony

Sun, May 28th during Service
"Noisy Can" Offering

Mon, May 27th- Memorial Day
Office Closed

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

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

This May Day/International Workers Day, we can give thanks for the rains that have brought Spring into full bloom (the strawberries are three weeks early!) and for the workers whose labors, often unseen, make our daily lives better.

We also celebrate that Grace Johnson, Kaitlyn Warren, Max Eckelberg, and Sydney Colorado have taken a large step of faith and became members of our congregation! For our part, we have promised them - and each other -that we will "do all in [our] power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love".

As the seasonal change is underway, so is our transition work. At the congregational meeting on April 21st, we voted to remove the moniker of "The Walk" from the church's name and to reclaim the mission statement of The United Methodist Church. There is a separate article in this newsletter to describe what steps have been/are being taken to implement the change, including a new domain name for the website and a new name for our Facebook page.

On the 12th, you'll be treated to the leadership of Phyllis Kellar in worship, as I take a week of vacation (quilting retreat!!). Please keep Phyllis in your prayers as she prepares.

On the 19th, the United Women in Faith will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast. Details will be forthcoming.

I have had a few inquiries about how General Conference (GC) is going. This is the week, proposed changes move out of committees and to the floor of GC for action. When the conference concludes, we will receive some summaries of the actions taken, and we will share those (and any helpful links) once we receive them.

This is a busy season. Let's help each other remember to slow down from time to time and savor all that God has given us.

Pastor Karen

Warrior Giving

May 1- May 8

Summer First Aid

Sunscreen, bug repellent, triple antibiotic ointment, bandaids

May 9 - June 12

Household Plastics

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

Summer Updates

Vacation Bible School

VBS is just around the corner on June 23, 24, 25 (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.

Lunch in the Park

Please considering volunteering for our serving dates, which are June 14th and August 16th. More details to come.

Pastor Karen's Retirement Party

Pastor Karen's last day with us is Sunday, June 30th. She is also retiring from the ministry so we are hosting a retirement party in her honor from 2-4 that afternoon.

We're now

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On Sunday, April 21st, we voted to remove "The Walk" from the appellation of Norwalk United Methodist Church. Implementation of the change has begun. The front of the sanctuary has been painted and signs with "The Walk" have been removed. We have a new website domain - norwalkumc.com - and a new Facebook page name - Norwalk United Methodist Church. The website and the Facebook page have been set up so that people searching for us under the previous website and page names will be directed toward the new ones.

As with any web address or web page name change, "The Walk" will continue to be visible for a while. This will be helpful initially, because it will ensure that people will be able to find us easily in online searches.

Thank you for your forbearance as this shift is underway!

Graduates Recognition

Graduating Seniors will be recognized on Sunday, May 19th. 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.

United Women of Faith

United Women in Faith will be having a pancake breakfast missions fundraiser on Sunday, May 19th right after the service. Bring your appetite!

Upcoming Scripture Readings

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Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-5; John 15:9-17

MAY 12 | Mother's Day

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

MAY 19 |

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

MAY 26 |

Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

May

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Maribeth & Bill Wright- 1st

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

Lauren Bockholt- 10th

Carsen Tomlinson- 11th

Shirly Freese- 15th

Gary Snider- 20th

Kathryn Endres- 22nd

Nick Foster- 22nd

Sarah Fouts- 23rd

Zach Spurr- 25th

Tom Hansen- 26th