



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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JUNE 2024

Tue, June 4th @ 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Election Day- Polls in Fellowship Hall

Sat, June 8th @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Wesley Woods Summer Kick-Off Event

Fri, June 14th @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Host Lunch in the Park

Sun, June 16th- Father's Day

Sun, June 16th @ 10:00 am
Board Meeting- Open to Everyone

Tue, June 18th @ 10:00 am
Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Sun, June 23rd after service
Congregational Meeting

Sun, June 23rd @ 4:50 pm - 5:30 pm
VBS Volunteer Meeting

Sun, June 23rd @ 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm
VBS

Mon, June 24th @ 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm
VBS

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

Sun, June 30th during Service
"Noisy Can" Offering

Sun, June 30th @ during service
Special church service for Karen

Sun, June 30th @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Karen's Retirement Party

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 week I have been spending time with my perennial plantings, cleaning up the beds and deciding where I need to relocate plants and where I can plant new flowers or grasses. The bees and butterflies have been keeping me company, which makes me very happy.

This has also given me a story to tell. Four years ago, the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge was at the Des Moines Farmers Market, giving out tiny single-leaf seedling plants of native coneflowers. My older sister and I each got one, and she bequeathed hers to me. I planted them in one of my flower beds and they grew well during that summer.

The next year, I decided to move one of them because I was concerned it wasn't getting enough sun and that it was being crowded out by other plantings before it could get itself established. (My bad on the too-close plantings.) It barely survived; I thought I had killed it. It limped through that summer until the first hard frost.

Last year, it came up (JOY!), and something else happened - there also was another, new one growing in the spot where the seedling had originally been planted. The original root was so deep that its remnants had spawned a new plant!

This year, it - and its original companion seedling - are nearly two feet tall and they have flower buds all over them. The transplant is four times the size it was last fall, and it has produced companion plants nearby. I am in awe of it all.

Two scripture texts come to mind:

- "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its root by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:8
- "...those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." John 4:14

Dear Ones, our congregation also has a story like this to tell. (JOY!!) This month, let's celebrate and enjoy all the goodness God has wrought in our time together.

Pastor Karen

Warrior Giving

June 1- June 12

Household Plastics

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

June 13 - July 10

Personal Care Items

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

Summer Updates Vacation Bible School

VBS is just around the corner on June 23, 24, 25 (Sun, Mon, Tues). Please consider helping as we need many great volunteers to make this wonderful event possible. There will be a volunteer meeting on Sunday, June 23rd at 4:50 before VBS starts.

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, June 23rd, we will have our quarterly congregational meeting after worship. This will be an important meeting as we start our transition to our new pastor, Mike Fillmore.

Lunch in the Park

Please considering volunteering for our serving dates, which are June 14th and August 16th. We will be serving chicken nuggets both times. Beth will do a bulk nugget purchase from Costco. Monetary and/or food donations will be needed. The list is available via meal-train.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

JUNE 02 |

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

JUNE 09 |

1 Samuel 8:4-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;
Mark 3:20-35

JUNE 16 | Father's Day

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10;
Mark 4:26-34

JUNE 23 |

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 19-23, 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

JUNE 30 |

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15;
Mark 5:21-43

New Pastor and New Service Time

Pastor Mike Fillmore will take over the helm of the NUMC on Sunday, July 7th. Because we are sharing him with Carlisle United Methodist Church, our service will begin at **8:30 am**. Please welcome Mike to our congregation!

Pastor Karen's Retirement

Pastor Karen is retiring after 39 years in the ministry. Please join us at 9am on Sunday, June 30th for a special service. We are throwing her a retirement party at the church from 2-4pm that afternoon. RSVP for the party to Jodi Henke, kjhenke@mchsi.com or 515-490-4066. We will miss you, Karen!

Message from Doug

I want to thank the choir members (and anyone else who contributed) for the artwork, the 'Tasty Taco' gift card, and the contribution to my parents' scholarship fund at Southwestern College in Winfield, KS. Seeing the artwork (daily) will remind me of the friends I have at NUMC and the music we brought to worship. My taste buds will enjoy the gift card! Future college students will benefit from the scholarship. Thank you all! Peace and Love,
Doug Dungan

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Cassie & Bibs Mitchell - 6th
Cindy & Randy Spurr- 6th
Shirley & Jerry Shepler- 16th
Andrea & Neil Colorado- 22nd
Sarah & Mick Fouts- 28th
Angi & Chet Johnson- 29th

Justine Baldwin Le- 2nd
Michaela Henke- 4th
Ana Goodrich- 5th
Paige Landstrum- 5th
Gunner Bomstadt- 6th
Trinity Dunn- 7th
Dillon Fouts- 11th
William Mitchell- 12th
Chas Grant- 15th
Mike Billingsley- 16th
Isaac Bockholt- 17th
Andrew Mitchell- 18th
Rebecca Selene- 18th
Neil Hansen- 19th
Charlie Sadler- 22nd
Tom Dunn- 29th
Zoey Rench- 29th