



Norwalk United Methodist Church

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

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AUGUST 2024

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 - 12:00

Tues, Aug 6th- 6:00 pm
Kick-Off Planning Meeting

Tue, Aug 13th @ 10:00 am
Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Fri, Aug 16th @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Host Lunch in the Park

Tues, Aug 20th @ 10:00 am
Board Meeting- open to everyone

Fri, Aug 23rd
Norwalk Public Schools' First Day

Sun, Aug 25th during Service
"Noisy Can" Offering

Thur, Aug 29th @ 5:00 pm
Serendipity Open House

Sun, Sept 1st
No Sunday School for Kids

There will be no Sunday School for kids during church on Sunday, September 1st (Labor Day Weekend). Beth and her family will be on vacation that week.

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:
8:30 am In-person & Live Stream via Facebook

Faith Formation classes for PK thru 5th grade during service

Adult classes available after the service

Pastor Mike's Minute

Joshua 1:9

9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

When God gave this commandment to the Jews, they had just lost Moses. He had just died, and the troubled nation had lost their leader and shepherd. It's easy to imagine that the people were concerned about the future, worried about what might be coming next, even frightened. So much had changed in their lives!

Change is hard. Many times (most of the time?) it calls us out of a place that seems safe and comfortable and calls us to a new place that is unknown. Often humans will choose to stay in a place that is known, even if it is not the best place for us, just because change can be scary. We feel better about that which is known and may be scary, verses anything new and unknown, even if it might be what is best for us. Even if that's what God wants for us.

As difficult as change can be in our lives, when we recall God's great promise, change becomes something that we can conquer. Not alone, but with God's help. I want to invite you to read the scripture from above again. Hi-lite it, cut it out and post it somewhere that you will see it multiple times each day. As the old saying goes, the only constant in life is change. A reminder that God created, creates, and will always be creating. Let's learn to look forward to God's changing call for our lives!

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Peace to All,
Mike

Warrior Giving

August 1 - August 15

Shoe Love

socks, underwear

August 16 - September 11

Laundry Supplies

Detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, quarters

Daily News



Pew Refinish

The church has been gifted an old pew from our original church sanctuary. We would like to put it in our front entryway, but it needs to be refinished. If you know how to refinish furniture, please reach out to Jodi Henke.

Lunch in the Park

Please considering volunteering for our second serving date which is Friday, August 16th. We will be serving chicken nuggets again. Monetary and/or food donations will be needed. Beth will send the needed items soon via meal-train.

Annual Conference Update

Kate Baldwin was our church representative at Annual Conference. She wrote an excellent summary of what occurred. The summary is on our website and will be sent out via email as well. If you'd prefer a hard copy, those will be available in the church office.

Kick Off Sunday

Please mark your calendars on **Sunday, September 8th** for our Fall Kick-Off! We will be passing out flyers during the month of August to encourage new visitors. There will be a brunch after our 8:30 service and visitors will also receive a gift. We will need volunteers to help serve brunch and to welcome visitors. It will be a great day! More details will be announced during church.

Thank you from Pastor Karen

Dear Friends,

I want to express my profound gratitude to all of you for all of the wonderful ways you helped me celebrate my retirement. All that happened on my last Sunday is a memory I will always hold in my heart.

I also want to say "thank you" for all of the kindness and generosity you showed to me, and to Doug, while I was your pastor. I count my time in ministry with you as blessing and gift.

Because of you, I understand these words more fully: "I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6, NRSVue)

I trust and pray that God is already blessing your partnership with Pastor Mike. Doug and I look forward to stopping by and worshipping with you sometime this fall. -Pastor Karen

Upcoming Scripture Readings

AUGUST 04 |

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

AUGUST 11 |

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

AUGUST 18 |

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

AUGUST 25 |

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

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