



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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SEPTEMBER 2024

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 - 12:00

Sun, Sept 1st- Labor Day Weekend

No Kids Sunday School

Mon, Sept 2nd- Labor Day

Office Closed

Tue, Sept 3rd @ 7:55 am

Serendipity Resumes

Tue, Sept 3rd @ 10:00 am

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Sun, Sept 8th @ 8:30 am

Fall Kick-Off Sunday

Sun, Sept 8th @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

High School Youth Group

Add'l- 22nd

Wed, Sept 11th @ 10:00 am

Women's Bible Study

Add'l- 18th, 25th

Sun, Sept 15th after service

Music Meeting

Sun, Sept 15th @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Middle School Youth Group

Tue, Sept 17th @ 10:00 am

Board Meeting- open to everyone

Sun, Sept 29th 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

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

Romans 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Here we are back to school once again. Where has the time gone? The week of September 8th is a big week for us. Sunday the 8th we will start a new worship series, **Overcomer**, we will have special music, a brunch for everyone, and there will be new people that will come. Everything will be back to normal...sort of!

For some people it will be a time of pain, grief, loss, sorrow, fear, disappointment, and maybe frustration. How do I know? Well, that's just the way life is. Being human means we experience tough things in our lives. Being a Christian does not mean our lives are full of cupcakes and roses! The scripture above describes a pain that hurts so much that we can only cry and groan. There are events in our lives that hurt so much we often don't know how we will survive. Our pain inspires many questions for example, where is God in all of this? Why would this happen to someone who is faithful, how do we move forward with our lives?

Over the next few weeks, **as a church family**, (it's important to remember that phrase), we will walk through that pain and how we survive, and even thrive, in the midst of our pain. I have two requests for you. First, plan on attending and second, please invite someone that you know is struggling. This might just change someone's life.

And one more important phrase to remember...**Thank God we don't have to go through it alone!**

Peace to All,
Mike

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Warrior Giving

September 1 - September 11

Laundry Supplies

Detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, quarters

September 12 - October 9

Household Paper

Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels napkins

Music Announcements

- We are looking to expand the music of our worship service, and we want you to be involved! If you play an instrument and would like to take part in Sunday morning worship services, please reach out to Jessica at jessicakanderson@gmail.com.
- If you are interested in providing special music, please let Jessica know!
- We would like to know your favorite hymns and worship songs! If you have a favorite or two that you'd like to sing during Sunday morning worship, please add them to the list that can be found on the table behind the sanctuary.

Youth Group

Youth Group is starting back up! Our first gathering will be outside at the fire-pit. During this time, we'll talk about upcoming events and what students want youth group to be like. Students are encouraged to bring friends!

- 6th-8th grade: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6:00 - 7:30
- 9th-12th grade: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:00 - 7:30

Small Groups

Small Groups will be restarting in October! Stay tuned for more details! The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible study led by Judy Poulsen will resume their weekly meetings on Wed, Sept. 11th at 10:00.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

SEPTEMBER 01 |

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SEPTEMBER 08 |

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

SEPTEMBER 15 |

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

SEPTEMBER 22 |

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

SEPTEMBER 29 |

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Kick Off Sunday

Please mark your calendars on **Sunday, September 8th** for our Fall Kick-Off! Make sure to grab a flyer to pass out 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!

Church Updates from Jodi

Your church board is hard at work with Pastor Mike to build our congregation with authenticity and excitement. This includes combining the old and familiar with the new and exciting!

- We brought back the beloved song "A Closing Prayer" at the end of the service.
- The handbells will be dusted off to have a bell choir once again.
- Jessica has revived the church organ, and we look forward to hearing more of those majestic pipes.
- In the weeks to come we will be getting small groups organized.
- TV monitors at the church entrance and the fellowship hall are a source for announcements and are running 24/7.
- We will be implementing QR codes to make giving easier.
- We hired Natalie Camp as our new guitar player and worship song leader. She will be an amazing asset to our church and her first Sunday performing for us will be September 15th.
- Also on the 15th, we are asking anyone interested to come to a meeting after the service to talk about how we can rebuild the choir, start the bell choir, and add instrumentation to special music. All ages and ideas are welcome!
- Sunday School for children will continue to happen during the service. Starting on the 8th, kids will start in the sanctuary with their parents for a church family prayer before being dismissed for Sunday School with Beth.

Jodi Henke
Board Chair

September

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Nicki & Tommy Bomstadt- 2nd
Lynn & Ron Karnatz- 3rd

Mike Riggs- 2nd	Carolyn DePriest- 16th
Ella Johnson- 4th	Rhonda DePriest- 16th
Sandy Bahr- 6th	Kennedi Wright- 17th
Laura Staples-7th	John Staples- 18th
Deb Holle- 11th	Natalie Grant- 20th
Sydney Colorado- 12th	Donavon Greiner- 22nd
Kevin Potratz- 12th	Ashley Rench- 23rd
Jim Grant- 13th	Terry Rosonke- 25th
Ali Bruner- 14th	Devon Sadler- 26th
Emily Bruner- 14th	Austin Grant- 28th