



Norwalk United Methodist Church

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

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OCTOBER 2024

Tue, Oct 1st @ 7:00 pm
Handbell Choir Practice
Add'l- 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Wed, Oct 2nd @ 10:00 am
Women's Bible Study
Add'l- 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Sun, Oct 6th- after Service
Choir Practice
Add'l- 13th

Sun, Oct 6th @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Campfire Service

Sun, Oct 6th @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Middle School Youth Group

Tue, Oct 8th @ 10:00 am
Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Sun, Oct 13th @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Guitar Recital

Sun, Oct 13th @ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
High School Youth Group- Howell's

Sun, Oct 13th @ 6:00 pm
Charge Conference- Fellowship Hall

Tue, Oct 15th @ 10:00 am
Board Meeting- open to everyone

Sun, Oct 20th- during Service
Choir Sings

Sun, Oct 20th @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Middle School Youth Group

Thur, Oct 24th @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Parish Development and Lunch

Sun, Oct 27th- during Service
"Noisy Can" Offering

Sun, Oct 27th- during Service
Kids' Costume Fall Party

Sun, Oct 27th @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
High School Youth Group

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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

John 11:38-44

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' 40 Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

At the time this story happens the people have witnessed many miracles, healing of the sick, the blind made to see, water turned to wine, and multitudes fed from just a little bit of food. Now Jesus is about to take it to the next level.

In the text above Jesus calls us to believe, so that, we would see the glory of God. Lazarus has died and everyone has gathered around, and they watched Lazarus walk out of the grave four days after his death. In that miracle Jesus announces to the world that indeed, all things are possible through God. AND, when we witness the incredible, awesome, power of God, in that moment we are reminded of the Glory of God.

Notice what the crowd did in order to see the miracle. They stopped what they were doing and went to see what Jesus was doing. In other words, they took time to see the miracles.

The leaves are beginning to turn, the weather is about to become almost perfect. Jesus is calling us to stop what we are doing, even for just a bit, and gather around to see the miracle of the fall season. Don't miss it. Take some time away from "the busy" and look for the glory of God. You don't want to miss this!

Peace to All,
Mike

Warrior Giving

October 1 - October 9

Household Paper

Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels napkins

October 10- November 13

Cleaning Supplies

Disinfecting wipes/spray, dish soap, bathroom cleaning, toilet cleaner

Music

If you play an instrument and would like to be part of Sunday morning music, please contact Jessica!

Youth Group

- Sunday, October 6th @ 6:30 - 7:30 Middle School (6th-8th): We will meet in Fellowship Hall after the Campfire Service.
- Sunday, October 13th @ 4:00 - 5:30 High School (9th-12th): Trip to Howell's Pumpkin Patch
- Sunday, Oct 20th @ 6:00 - 7:30 Middle School- Pumpkin Carving-Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, Oct 27th @ 6:00 - 7:30 High School- Pumpkin Carving-Fellowship Hall

Save the Date

**Sunday, December 15th:
Children's Christmas Program and
Cookie Walk**

Mark your calendar for this year's Children's Christmas Program and Cookie Walk. More details will be forthcoming. If you would like to have your children participate in the program, please let Beth know as soon as possible!

Kids' Costume Party

On Sunday, October 27th, kids are welcomed to wear their non-scary Halloween costumes to church. They will collect money for noisy can offering and then will go to the education wing for a Fall Party with games and treats!

Upcoming Scripture Readings

OCTOBER 06 |

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12;

Mark 10:2-16

OCTOBER 13 |

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16;

Mark 10:17-31

OCTOBER 20 |

Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10;

Mark 10:35-45

OCTOBER 27 |

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8; Hebrews 7:23-28;

Mark 10:46-52

Campfire Service

Let's ring in fall around the church fire pit on **Sunday, October 6th at 5:30 pm.** (We will still have the Sunday morning service).

Bring a chair, something to drink, and a snack to share if you like. We will have a hymn singalong with Natalie on the guitar. And of course, s'mores! In case of inclement weather we will move inside. No fire, however :)

Small Groups Starting Oct 6th

There's still time to join a small group for a 4 week study! Pastor Mike will preach on Adam Hamilton's study, *Why*, and tackle these tough questions:

- Why do innocent people suffer?
- Why do my prayers go unanswered?
- Why can't I see God's will for my life?
- Why God's Love prevails?

Contact Beth to sign-up for a group that works best for you. If you are unable to join this 4 week study, there will be another opportunity to join a 4 week Advent Study, starting in November. Everyone is welcome, bring your family & friends!

- Note - Wednesday mornings at 10:00 at the church, Judy Paulson is leading a separate six-week study by Max Lucado, *In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus through the Holy Land*. All are welcome to join.

New Way of Giving

We have a new, digital way of giving! You can continue to support the church through Sunday morning offerings and/or automatic withdrawals. You can also give via the secure site, Vanco! Use the QR code to do a one time gift, or to set up weekly offerings by setting up an account!



October

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ashley & Jason Rench- 3rd

Cathy & Ryan Riggs- 6th

Jodi & Ken Henke- 8th

Lauren & Chad Bockholt- 12th

Nicole & Mike Riggs- 17th

Carter Bixby- 6th

Jodi Henke- 21st

Sharon Burns- 6th

Dena Bierstedt- 22nd

Chase Fouts- 7th

Claire Bennet- 23rd

Doyle Sullivan- 7th

Bill Foster- 23rd

Robert Friedman-8th

Blake Lee- 23rd

Brian Bierstedt- 9th

Cole Patava- 24th

Jane Walker- 9th

Nyindu Kabongo- 24th

Ryan Riggs- 11th

Mary Fuller- 25th

Kylie Potratz- 13th

Carol Hutchenson- 26th

Chet Johnson-16th

Ruby Meusburger- 26th

Olivia Dougherty- 19th

Dana Billingsley- 29th

Beverly Sullivan- 20th