



Norwalk United Methodist Church

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NOVEMBER 2024

Sun, Nov 3rd during worship

All Saints Day Recognition

Sun, Nov 3rd- after Service

Choir Practice: Add'l- 10th

Sun, Nov 3rd @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Middle School Youth Group- Bowling

Add'l 17th 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Mon, Nov 4th @ 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Cub Scouts: Add'l- 25th

Tue, Nov 5th @ 7:00 am- 9:00 pm

Election Polling Place

Wed, Nov 6th @ 10:00 am

Women's Bible Study: Add'l- 13th, 20th, 27th

Thur, Nov 7th @ 2:00 pm

Board Meeting- open to everyone

Sun, Nov 10th during worship

Veterans Recognition

Sun, Nov 10th @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

High School Youth Group- Bowling

Add'l 24th 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Tue, Nov 12th @ 10:00 am

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Tue, Nov 12th @ 7:00 pm

Handbell Choir Practice: Add'l- 19th

Wed, Nov 13th @ 5:30 pm

United Women of Faith Gathering

Sat, Nov 16th @ 7:00 am- 11:00 am

Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast

Sat, Nov 16th @ 6:00 pm

Gina Gedler Performance @ St John's

Sun, Nov 17th- during Service

Choir Sings

Sun, Nov 17th

Advent Small Group Study Start Date

Sat, Nov 23rd @ 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Navigating The Important Ideas Well Workshop

Sun, Nov 24th- during Service

"Noisy Can" Offering

Sun, Nov 24th after worship

Decorate church for Christmas

Sun, Nov 24th @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Party for Crystal Ellis @ Norwalk Christian Church

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

Psalm 100

A psalm of thanks.

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

2 Serve the Lord with celebration!

Come before him with shouts of joy!

3 Know that the Lord is God—

he made us; we belong to him.

We are his people,

the sheep of his own pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanks;

enter his courtyards with praise!

Thank him! Bless his name!

5 Because the Lord is good,

his loyal love lasts forever;

his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

Can you believe it is that time of year already? The holiday season is here. But the holiday season can be difficult for many. Maybe this is your first holiday season without a loved one, maybe it's a reminder of what you are missing. And then we read Psalm 100, and it calls us to have, "An Attitude of Gratitude." That can be difficult when things are not going our way.

We need to work at it, be intentional about our gratitude and our attitude. And then, most importantly, we need to put ourselves in a place to be constantly reminded of God's limitless love for us. A love that knows no boundaries and is with us always, even when we don't feel loved.

The holiday season is not about football games, or turkey, or parties, or even Santa. The holiday season is a reminder for us all of God's great love. May you be filled with gratitude and thanksgiving this holiday season...all because of God's never-ending love for you. Amen.

-Pastor Mike

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United Women of Faith

Please join us on Wednesday, November 13th at 5:30 for a welcome dinner for Kathy Fillmore and to make plans for the cookie walk. Look for the meal train sign-up!

Save the Date

There are numerous Christmas celebration activities to put on your calendars!

Sunday, November 24th- Decorate for Christmas- Kick-off the Christmas season by decorating the church after worship while enjoying refreshments and Christmas cheer.

Sunday, December 15th- Children's Christmas Program- Join us as the kids perform for another great Christmas program! After the program, there will be yummy refreshments, cookies to decorate, a craft to make, and Santa will make an appearance and be available for pictures.

Sunday, December 15th- Cookie Walk- The United Women of Faith are also hosting their Cookie Walk before and after the Children's Program.

Sunday, December 22nd- Caroling- Stay after worship to spread Christmas cheer by walking to Regency for caroling.

NAMA Party for Crystal

Join NAMA on Sunday, November 24th from 3:00-5:00 at the Norwalk Christian Church for a going away party for Crystal Ellis. Crystal has done a lot of organization and set up for the Norwalk Area Ministerial Association. She is moving away and NAMA is throwing her a going away party to thank her for her years of service. All are welcomed to attend.

Honoring our Veterans

We will be honoring our veterans, those who have served and those who are currently serving, on **Sunday, November 10th** during our worship service. If you or a loved one has served or is currently serving, please send the church their name, branch, and dates of service so they can be honored. Thank you, Veterans!

Small Groups Advent Study

Small groups will start on November 17th for an Advent Study called "Finding the Holy." Group times will be available after church on Nov. 3rd, and also sent via email. It will be a great time to help us focus our hearts for the coming of our Savior.

You Are Invited! "Navigating the Important Ideas Well" Workshop Saturday, November 23rd 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

As we look ahead to 2025 it is reasonable to think that there will be significant "Important Ideas" and "Big Events" that will happen in our lives, and our churches. It is also reasonable to imagine that we will not all agree on things like the direction, finances, when, how, or even who. That's human nature. But when any family can prepare itself for healthy discussion, we realize we can disagree and still walk away from the discussion in a healthy place. This workshop is designed to help us get ready for the next "Important Idea" and we would like you to join us.

The Congregational Excellence Group has put together an outstanding group of people with many years of experience and plenty of time navigating tough ideas that will guide us through the workshop. Lunch is provided and there will be churches from around the area that will join us. There is an assessment that we will ask everyone who is attending to take so if you are planning on attending, please email the office and we will get the link out to you.

We look forward to seeing you there for an outstanding worship.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Beverly & Doyle Sullivan- 9th

Jenn & Bill Foster- 15th

Sawyer Sadler- 3rd

Randy Spurr- 3rd

Kabongo Kabongo- 6th

Lorelai Sadler- 6th

Oliver Lee- 7th

Thomas Dougherty- 8th

Tim Stephany- 8th

Steve Grant- 9th

Kent Strawn- 12th

Joe Hildreth- 13th

Barbara Amos- 14th

Helen Cook- 14th

Katie Lee- 14th

Pat Burch- 16th

Krisit Fuller- 16th

Musau Kabongo- 18th

Emmett Mitchell- 21st

Phyllis Kellar- 24th

Ron Karnatz- 27th

Julie Landstrum- 27th

Donna Stroh- 30th

Warrior Giving

November 1- November 13

Cleaning Supplies

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

Christmas with NAMA

Our church will participate in the Warrior Giving Project at Christmas, supporting local families with Christmas purchases. This is similar to the "Angel Tree" that we have done for the past several years. The gift item list will be available later this month.