

Sun, Mar 2nd- after Service

Children's Choir Practice
Add'l- 9th, 23rd, 30th

Sun, Feb 2nd- after service

Choir Practice
Add'l- 9th

Sun, Mar 2nd @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Middle School Youth Group

Mon, Mar 3rd @ 6:30 pm

Grief and Loss Support Group

Tue, Mar 4th @ 10:00 am

Veterans Coffee and Camaraderie

Wed, Mar 5th @ 10:00 am

Women's Bible Study
Add'l- 12th, 19th, 26th

Wed, Mar 5th @ 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Service

Thur, Mar 6th @ 6:30 pm

Beer and the Bible- 804 Main
Add'l- 13th, 20th, 28th

Sun, Mar 9th- during Service

Camp Sunday

Sun, Mar 9th @ 5:30 pm

Action Update Gathering- Dinner and childcare provided

Mon, Mar 10th @ 6:00 pm

Board Meeting- Open to Everyone

Mon, Mar 10th @ 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Cub Scouts: Add'l- 24th

Tue, Mar 11th @ 10:00 am

Action Update during Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Tue, Mar 11th @ 6:40 pm

Bell Choir Practice
Add'l- 18th, 25th

Thur, Mar 13th thru Fri, Mar 21st

No School Serendipity- Spring Break

Sun, Mar 16th- during Service

Choir Sings

Sun, Mar 23rd @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

High School Youth Group

Sat, Mar 29th @ 8:00 am

Men's Group

Sun, Mar 30th- during Service

"Noisy Can" Offering

Sun, Mar 30th- after Service

Church Spring Clean-Up



Norwalk United Methodist Church

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

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MARCH 2025

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

John 14:1-3

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.'

Imagine the following two scenarios. In both scenarios you are going to have dinner guests. In one scenario your best friends or your family members are coming. You clean and prepare a nice meal because you want them to have a nice evening. But would you be nervous? Probably not, after all you have done something like this many times, you are familiar with them. And if we are being honest, we know that at some point the guests will go home.

Now imagine Jesus is coming to dinner. I suspect that many of us would clean more, prepare an extra special meal, and I suspect we would be very nervous for Jesus' arrival. We would even be thinking throughout the night, "I hope tonight never ends!"

In the scripture above, Jesus tells us that he is preparing a place for us and that we are so important to Jesus that he will get everything ready, and it will all be perfect, and every detail will be attended to, all for our arrival. Then the reality begins to set in...this will be the perfect place forever. We are each so important to Jesus, he offers us the perfect home for all of eternity.

The season of Lent is a time of preparation. We are preparing ourselves, through once again hearing the stories from scripture, of a promise for the future. We are preparing ourselves to receive a perfect love that we cannot fully comprehend. Yet, as we hear the stories that lead to the resurrection, we can begin to see a glimpse of this perfect love.

I want to encourage you to be prepared for the gift you are about to receive. Get ready...it's perfect!

Peace to All,
Mike

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Sugar Buzz

Save the date! The United Women of Faith will host their annual "Sugar Buzz" event on Sunday, April 13th. Get ready for an incredible treat for your taste buds! We will be accepting donations of assorted goodies.

Action Update Gathering

We are thrilled to present our "Action Update" to everyone. We have discussed our future plans for the church and conducted meetings to gather your feedback. Now, we want to explore the paths we can take action on together. Please join us on Sunday, March 9th at 5:30 PM to learn more about these plans. The United Women of Faith will be providing dinner, and childcare will also be available. We can't wait to see you there!

Spring Clean-Up

On Sunday, March 30th, following the church service, we will hold a spring clean-up event. A list of tasks that need to be completed will be provided the week prior. These tasks can be tackled that day or at your convenience throughout the week. Let's work together to make our church shine for Easter

Warrior Giving

Please bring the asked for supplies to the church and leave in marked bin

March 1- March 19

Cleaning Supplies

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

March 20 - April 16

Household Paper

Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins

Easter Scavenger Hunt Around Norwalk

Our church will be hosting our 5th Easter Scavenger Hunt around Norwalk. Participants come to our church between 9-12 on Saturday, April 12th for a set of clues that will lead them around Norwalk to find Easter eggs and prizes. It is a great opportunity to spread Christ's love throughout Norwalk. Ways to help:

- Volunteer your house for a prize location
- Donate candy
- Donate prizes (list provided by Beth)

Camp Sunday

On Sunday, March 9th, we will celebrate Camp Sunday. Former campers will share their experiences and discuss summer camp opportunities. It will be a wonderful chance for youth to learn about what camp entails and how they can register. Additionally, the church will be involved in a fundraising campaign that day to support camper scholarships.

Ash Wed. and Holy Week

- **Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday, March 5th @ 7:00- Guest Pastor, Rev. Tom Carver will give the message
- **Maundy Thursday Service:** Thursday, April 17th @ 7:00 at our church- In partnership with Carlisle UMC and Norwalk Christian Church
- **Good Friday Service:** Friday, April 18th @ 7:00. You are invited to attend at either Carlisle UMC with Pastor Mike or Norwalk Christian Church with Pastor Travis.

March

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Natalie & Steve Grant- 6th
Brenda & Tim Stephany - 28th

Linda Shearer- 1st
Lynn Karnatz- 2nd
Deb Hobbs- 6th
Mick Fouts- 7th
Drew Rosonke- 9th
Tim Patava- 10th

Nancy Jacobson- 17th
Kendal Bierstedt- 23rd
Dylan Spurr- 24th
Lauren Fick- 27th
Jacob Potratz- 30th