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# Norwalk Christian News

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Norwalk Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) December 1, 2011

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## **Farewell Reception for Pastor Kara**

Please join us on Sunday, December 11th as we say goodbye to Pastor Kara. It will be her last Sunday with us. We will celebrate her time here with cake and fellowship together following both services. We invite you to join in a card shower for Kara. Feel free to mail or bring a card to the church office or better yet, join us on the 11th.

## **Christmas Special Day Offering**

Five times a year an envelope is placed in our bulletins to collect special day offerings for the larger church. Each offering goes to a different ministry in our denomination. The Christmas Offering is collected to support the ministries of our Regional Churches. 100% of the Christmas Offering will go to our Upper Midwest Region to support ministries like camp, retreats, training for pastors, and Search and Call. It also supports the communication needed to facilitate Disciples Together projects around the region. Please watch for these special envelopes in your bulletin on Dec. 11th or stop by the office to get one. If you would like to learn more about the ministries of our Region and our Regional Staff you can go to [www.uppermidwestcc.org](http://www.uppermidwestcc.org).

## **Food Drive at Come Home for Christmas**

One of our youth, Sam Riordan, would like to have a Canned/Non-perishable food drive at Come Home for Christmas. She is asking that you bring what you can that night to help support our local food banks so everyone can have enough to eat over the holidays.

## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, DEC. 1

Jennie McAfee 7:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 3

Pageant Practice 10:00 a.m.

30 & 1 6:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Casual Worship 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

Decorating for CHFC 1:00 p.m.

Gathering 5:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 6

Coffee Time 10:00 a.m.

Choir 7:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

Come Home for Christmas 6:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 8

NN&R 5:00 p.m.

Personnel Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Pageant Practice 9:30 a.m.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 11

Pastor Kara's Farewell

Casual Worship 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Cantata 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Pageant 3:00 p.m.

Gathering 5:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 13

Coffee Time 10:00 a.m.

Dinky's Disciples 3:00 p.m.

S & F Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

Education Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

JYF 3:00 p.m.

CYF 6:00 p.m.

Chi Rho 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

Yoga 6:00 p.m.

Choir 7:00 p.m.

Board Mtg. 8:00 p.m.

## December Birthdays

### & Anniversaries

4	Hannah Jameson
6	Duncan Burnett
10	Paul & Chris Bright
10	Tom Wood
11	Frank Thomas
12	Zane Turner
14	Caroline Bishop
16	Charlene Thomas
17	Chris Baack
17	Katie Garrison
19	Joe Hill
19	Amy Lester
19	Dewey McKee
20	Devin Webb
20	Rob Boyd
23	Kathy Raymond
23	Ada Zinke
24	Tom Reavely
26	Dayna Kinkade
26	Becky Darnell
26	Kim Ward
28	Mary Coon
28	Warren & Virgil Myer
29	Eric Johnson
30	Donna Ballard
31	Alexis Minson
31	Marcia VanDike

## *From Dayna...*

Last month, in preparation for our Annual Meeting, I wrote that 2012 will be a year of transition for Norwalk Christian Church. At the time, I was thinking about changes we are discerning for the role of elders and subsequent by-law changes. At our annual meeting we voted to suspend our by-laws regarding elders to give ourselves latitude to live into our changes.

Here we are a month later facing yet another transition in 2012. As Kara concludes her ministry with us we will need to address the vacancy of her position. A plan for transition will be proposed at our December board meeting by our personnel committee. You will hear more about this in our next newsletter.

That said I would like to take this opportunity to share a few words about the ministry we have shared with Kara. Over the past two years Kara has graciously allowed me to mentor her. In return, I have grown. She shared with me insights and perspectives I had not previously considered. She challenged me to examine my ministry and for that I am thankful.

I am also grateful for Kara's cooperative and collegial spirit. From the beginning, we have had an honest relationship and that has served us well as we have worked together. I am truly excited for Kara as she steps into the experience of a solo pastorate. I know how much she cares. I know she is called. I know she will do well.

As we share these last couple of weeks together I hope you will take a minute to write a card or visit with Kara. Encourage her and wish her well. Give thanks for the ways she has touched our lives. Pray for her as she takes these next steps.

It has been a joy and privilege to work with Kara. I wish her all the best. May God bless her in her ministry.

## Christmas Pageant

Yes you read this correctly! The Christmas Pageant is coming! We are practicing music during our Sunday School. We hope to utilize this time as much as possible – so do your best to be at Sunday School as much as possible the next few months. This year we are doing a program called “The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd.” We will have class and individual speaking parts, which will also be assigned soon. Practice dates are listed below – **Mark your calendars!**

This is a great **opportunity for parents to do some Christmas shopping.**

Practices will be fun filled times. The Pageant will be at 3pm on Sunday December 11, 2011 in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited! If you have any questions contact Pastor Kara or your Sunday School Teacher.



### **Practice Dates & Times:**

Saturday December 3 from 10am – 1:30pm (lunch provided)

Saturday December 10 from 9:30am-11:30am (dress rehearsal)

## **30 & 1**

The 30 & 1 group will meet for dinner at Cal's in Norwalk, Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 5:30 pm and later go back to the church for games. For dinner, please sign for reservations on the bulletin board. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner or later at the church.

## **Jennie McAfee Christmas Party**

You are invited to join Jennie McAfee at Myrna Barkley's house, 814 Pine, on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00. They will be celebrating the holiday season with a \$10 grab bag exchange. All are welcome.

## Christmas Week Schedule

### **Christmas Cantata**

Dec. 11th - 10:30 Worship

### **Children's Christmas Program**

Dec. 11th - 3:00 p.m.

### **Christmas Services - Dec. 24th**

**Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.**

Family Christmas Eve Worship

**Christmas Eve 7:00 & 11:00 p.m.**

Candlelight Communion Services

### **Sunday, December 25th, 10:00 a.m.**

Combined Worship Service - No Sunday School



## **Come Home For Christmas**

Join us Wednesday, December 7th for food and fun with our Church Family. The silent auction will continue through Sunday, December 4th, with the proceeds going to help families in need of assistance over the holidays. We still need volunteers to assist with recreation, carols, crafts, food preparation, etc. If you have a desire to help or donate items, sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.



## **Last Day To Order Poinsettia**

This Sunday is the last day to order poinsettias. Please make sure you place your form in the offering plate or turn it in along with payment to the church office.

## **Coffee Time - White Elephant**

We will be doing a White Elephant gift giving Tuesday, Dec. 20th, during coffee time. Bring an item from home to exchange as a gift.



## Items needed for Come Home for Christmas

The Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a Gingerbread House for the evening of

Come Home for Christmas. We are still in need of people to bring bread and desserts and the following craft items are still needed:

- Felt - (Brown)
- White Glue (several bottles)
- Tinsel Garland (various colors - used is fine) - 100 Feet

Please contact the church office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you can help out.

## Meals On Wheels Drivers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels for the Wednesday country route and the Friday town route. We are also looking for people who are willing to learn the route as on call drivers. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful ministry, please contact the church office.

## Alternative Giving With Heifer

If you are interested in alternative giving this year for Christmas, Heifer International is a great way to give a life changing gift. There are Heifer catalogs in the Fellowship Hall for anyone that is interested.



## Chi-Rho & CYF

On Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> we'll be having Come Home for Christmas instead of our regularly scheduled youth groups. There will be games, crafts, food, and fun for all ages, so everyone should plan on coming with the whole family!

On Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm we will have our holiday party! Bring a white elephant gift (\$5) or less. The party will go from 6-7:30pm and dinner will be provided. We will not meet on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you all there!

### Angel Tree

Angel Tree time is here again. Our church works through the Norwalk school system to identify families with financial needs during the holidays. By taking an angel, you adopt a family or a child to buy gifts for. The suggested gift allotment per child is \$25-\$30 and for a family is whatever amount you choose to spend. The angels are numbered and there is a sign up sheet to write your name and the angel code. Gifts will need to be wrapped with a large tag placed securely on the gift with the angel's code on it. **The gifts need to be brought to the church to be distributed by 10am Dec.11th.**



### Coffee Fellowship

We are in need of people to sign-up for coffee fellowship time starting in January after both services. Baking is not necessary – store bought items are fine. Please contact the church office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in helping.

# *Holiday Poinsettias*

*Poinsettias will be purchased from Bedwell Garden's.  
6" pot with 1 plant for **\$9.50**, and  
8" pot with 3 plants for **\$17.00**.*

Please fill in the order form below and return it to the  
church office with the amount due made payable  
to the Norwalk Christian Church.

**We MUST have these orders by December 4th.**



I am purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia for **\$9.50** each = \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_

I am purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia for **\$17.00** each = \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my poinsettia home after Christmas

\_\_\_\_\_ My poinsettia can be given to a home-bound member

\_\_\_\_\_

(Your Name)

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## OFFICE HOURS

Minister ~ Tuesday - Friday 9 AM-5 PM

Associate Minister ~ Monday - Thursday 9 AM-5 PM

Ministry Assistant ~ Monday - Friday 9 AM-3 PM

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Informal worship 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

*Coffee Fellowship follows each service.*

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Disciples of Christ -  
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