



Norwalk Christian News

Norwalk Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) February 1, 2012

Go Green Team!

Maybe you haven't noticed but Norwalk Christian Church is starting to make changes that reflect better stewardship of our resources. Most recently, Arnie Becker replaced all of the florescent light fixtures to accommodate the new high efficiency bulbs. We also replaced more windows and recycle as much as we can. We no longer use foam cups or plastic utensils and we have saved paper and postage by electronically sending our newsletter. We put in a rain garden to receive run off from our parking lot and we have replaced numerous thermostats to programmable models. We have a new boiler and welcomed an energy audit.



We want to continue our efforts by forming a Green Team of individuals who would like to identify more ways we can improve our stewardship through changes and education. Gary Fox has agreed to head up the Green Team. If you are interested in serving on the Green Team contact the church and you will be notified of the first meeting.

Once we have a Green Team we will submit the paperwork to become a Green Chalice Congregation. This is recognition offered by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

“The purpose of the Green Chalice Congregation Program is to encourage and assist local congregations who wish to live out their faith by caring for creation. This program is designed to recognize congregations for being good stewards of God's creation. It also aims to empower congregations with ideas and resources to enable them to walk gently on the earth.” (from www.disciples.org)

Go Green!

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

Senior Exercise 10:00 a.m.
Jennie McAfee 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Sleepy Hollow Tubing 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

30 & 1 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

Casual Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.
Seed Exchange 11:30 a.m.
Gathering 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 6

Senior Exercise 10:00 a.m.
Volleyball 8:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

Coffee Time 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

CYF 6:00 p.m.
Yoga 6:00 p.m.
Trustees Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
Choir 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

Senior Exercise 10:00 a.m.
Education Mtg. 6:30pm

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

Women's Retreat 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

Casual Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.
Gathering 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 13

Senior Exercise 10:00 a.m.
Volleyball 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

Coffee Time 10:00 a.m.
Dinky Disciples 3:00 p.m.
Stewardship & Finance 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

JYF 3:00 p.m.
Chi Rho 6:00 p.m.
Yoga 6:00 p.m.
Choir 7:00 p.m.
Board Mtg. 8:00 p.m.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Davy Davison	12	Amber Johnson
1	Lauren Canby	14	Gene & Charlene Wheeler
3	Carolyn McKee	15	Fred & Susan Leverman
4	Emma Juhl	16	Lori Feikema
5	Erica Frye	18	Barb Desenberg
6	Carrie Wood	19	Rob & Stefanie Kritzler
7	Nathan Coonrod	21	Sarah Pratt
9	Cheryl Anderson	21	Maggie Wood
9	Dan Mundil	22	Amy Strong
9	MaKenzie Haskin	23	Kacci ClarkWilt
11	Steve Cortum	23	Bobbie Bishop
11	Linda Street	24	Diana Reed
11	Brian Sullivan	27	Luke Frieberg
11	Janine Tingwald	27	Jacob McClarnon
12	Mikayla Corder	29	Sophie Strong

Senior Exercise

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Monday and Thursday

10:00am to 10:30am

(led by Nancy Kuehl of Norwalk Parks and Rec)

FREE AND OPEN TO AREA SENIORS



2012 Women's Retreat

February 10th & 11th

Christian Conference Center at Newton

BODY & SOUL PAMPERING WITH YOUR GIRLFRIENDS

Arrive at 6:00pm on Friday

Depart at noon on Saturday

BRING: Please bring a snack or potato topping, comfy clothes, nightwear and toiletries - potatoes and beverages provided.

COST: \$40 due to the church office by February 5th.

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall – or you can email the church office (norwalkcc1@gmail.com), or call (981-0176). If you have any questions, are willing to drive or will need to carpool, please contact the church office 981-0176.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-80 east to Newton. At Exit 168, go south on Iowa Speedway Dr. to Lincoln St. You will then drive 2 miles to the Conference Center, 5064 Lincoln St.

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!

Youth Mission Retreat

Join us as we meet other youth from the region in a shared opportunity to do mission work together. NCC youth are invited to join in a youth mission retreat at Ankeny Christian Church the weekend of February 17-19. All middle school and high school youth and leaders are invited to attend. We will be participating in different projects working with inner city families in Des Moines. We will be leading youth in exploring our role as Christians in reaching out to the homeless and underprivileged families in our society.

Times: Meet at NCC at 4:30 Friday, Feb. 17 - return to NCC at noon on Sunday, Feb. 19

Place: We will stay at Ankeny Christian Church, sleeping in the church, showers available. Please bring your own bedding.

Activities: Education for youth on homelessness, with activities; work with Central Iowa Shelter and Services and/or Hope Ministries with the homeless; serve a meal at a homeless shelter; attend a youth led worship service.

Meals: 5 meals included plus snacks - Friday supper, all meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday

Cost: \$30/person (was \$40, but was reduced)

This is a great opportunity for youth, sixth grade and up, to get a taste of what mission trips are like while still staying close to home. Please talk to Diana if you are interested in participating.

Sponsors are still needed, so if you're interested in helping out, please let Diana know as soon as possible.

Ash Wednesday/Lent/Pastor's Class/Baptism

On Wednesday, February 22, we will begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 PM. During Lent, Pastor Dayna works with fifth graders in preparation for baptism. Baptisms will be held on Easter Sunday, April 8. If you want to learn more about baptism contact Pastor Dayna.

Week of Compassion Giving Boxes



Week of Compassion is a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

that responds to disasters and those in need of immediate relief. 100% of your Week of Compassion offering go directly to relief efforts in the United States and around the world.

This year Norwalk Christian Church is going to use an old-fashioned method of collecting for this special offering. Giving boxes are available for you to take home and fill during the month of February. Perhaps you could deposit your spare change at the end of each day and say a prayer for those who suffer. You could put in a certain amount for each blessing you can name each day. You could match what you spend on pop or coffee in a month and deposit it in the box. You could make it an opportunity to share about the needs of others with your family. However you choose to use it, fill it up in February and return it to the church on March 4 as we collect all the boxes and dedicate the offering. Boxes are available in fellowship hall. If you are not able to pick one up please request one and it will be delivered. If you want to know more about the work of Week of Compassion you can visit their website at: www.weekofcompassion.org.

TLC Open House Crafting Day

Next Saturday, Feb. 4th, will be a crafting day at NCC. The doors will be open from 8am-2pm for you to come and go as you like. This will be a time of fellowship as we work on projects together. If you don't have a project that you are working on, show up and we will have ideas to get you started. Laughs and snacks are welcome...

There is a notebook in the Fellowship Hall of ideas for projects to help stir your imagination.

Pastoral Partner Program

The Pastoral Partner Program is the name of the new ministry being launched at Norwalk Christian Church to create a congregational caregiving network. This ministry replaces the ministry formerly known as the Shepherding Elder ministry. To become a Pastoral Partner you DO NOT need to be an elected officer of the church or an Elder.

A Pastoral Partner receives training and support as he/she keeps a friendly eye out for an assigned group from our church family. Training will begin with an orientation to the program on Tuesday, March 6, at 2 PM or 7 PM. This first session will address your questions and provide the information you need about becoming a Pastoral Partner. After the orientation there are five more training sessions that will be held at 2 PM or 7 PM on March 13, March 27, April 3, April 10, and April 17. Darin Feikema is helping to coordinate this ministry and will partner with Pastor Dayna in the training sessions.

If you feel called to this ministry, or just want to know more, please contact Pastor Dayna or Darin Feikema. We also invite you to encourage individuals you think might make good Pastoral Partners to participate.

Note From Stewardship and Finance

What an amazing financial year we have had in 2011 – and all the thanks goes to you! As we start a new year, we ask you to not only be as faithful in your giving as this past year, but we ask you to prayerfully review your giving amounts and share with our recording secretary using the pledge card in the statement brochure.

If you need a giving pledge card, please contact the Church, and again THANK-YOU for a great financial year!

Faithfully – the Stewardship and Finance Committee

Lunch & a Movie

The Out To Lunch Bunch will be going to Jordan Creek Mall for lunch and a movie on Thursday, February 23rd. We will have to wait until that week to decide on an exact time based on the movie schedule, but we will plan on eating at the mall around 11:30 or noon and seeing what movies are scheduled for early afternoon. Please signup in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to go.



Think Spring!

Do you have leftover garden seeds from last year's garden? When you buy seeds, do you get more than you can use? Have you always wanted to try some unique vegetables but didn't need a hundred seeds of each? Join your fellow gardeners after church on February 5th, to trade seeds and place a combined order. Bring your seeds to share, envelopes to put them in, favorite garden catalogs, and your checkbook. Contact Brandon Burnett with questions.

NCC Men's Retreat

When: 7:30 pm Friday, Feb. 17th - 2:00 Saturday, Feb. 18th

Where: Christian Conference Center in Newton

Why: Fellowship, Devotion, Movie Discussion, Food, Snacks, Laughing, Belching and Other Guy Stuff

What to Bring: Bible, Snacks/drinks to share, overnight bag

Cost: \$37.50 (to cover the cost of meals and lodging)

Please join us! Contact the church office to sign-up Or Andy Pratt if you have questions.

Jennie McAfee Circle

Join the Jennie McAfee Circle on February 2nd at 7:00pm as they welcome Pasha Buck as the guest speaker. Pasha will speak about Heifer International and the places she has been as a part of Heifer.

Pasha Buck has had a varied career that included being a college English teacher, running a small business, being feature editor of a county newspaper, and designing/directing a program that brought older patients out of a state hospital (in PA) and helped reintegrate them into the community. Pasha has spent the last nearly 40 years teaching others how to pray in the silence, cope with stress, and how to use imagery in one's prayer life. She has been both a retreat leader and spiritual director, as well as serving in two denominations as a pastoral minister.

We are very excited to have Pasha speak about Heifer. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there...

New Cookbook Coming

We are going to start working on a new Norwalk Christian Church Cookbook and would love to have your recipes. If you have a favorite recipe or recipes that you would like put in the book, please turn them into the church office by April 1st.

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The 30 & 1 group will meet at the church Feb. 4th at 6 pm for snacks and games. Everyone is welcome.

Youth Meals

We are in need of folks to sign up to prepare and serve simple youth meals. Typically we begin the evening with dinner at 6pm, and expect approx. 25 youth & adults. If you're able to serve a meal on Wednesday evenings please contact the church office or signup in the Fellowship Hall.

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OFFICE HOURS

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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.

www.Norwalkcc.org

MISSION STATEMENT

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