



Norwalk Christian News

Norwalk Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) November 15, 2011

Everyone is invited to an evening of warmth and joy. Young and old alike will enjoy making Christmas crafts, decorating Christmas cookies, playing Christmas games, singing Christmas carols, AND eating supper together. It's like coming home for Christmas!

Guests are encouraged!



COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6-8 PM

Mark your calendars for December 5th and come share food and fun with our Church Family. We need volunteers to assist with recreation, carols, crafts, food preparation, etc. Please contact Deb Phipps if you would like to help. Her email address is deb.phipps@aol.com or you may contact the church office at 981-0176 or norwalkcc1@gmail.com.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

NCC Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving is only a few days away. There is still time to decide if you'd like to join us at the church for Thanksgiving dinner at 1:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office by this Sunday, November 18. It's time to buy groceries and we want to be sure we buy enough of everything.

From Dayna...

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all
circumstances;*

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

I memorized this verse at Bible camp in 1975 and it stuck. The problem is that it pops into my head at the most inappropriate times. I was involved in a fatal car/motorcycle accident at age 15 and sure enough, this was the only verse I could remember. I got my heart broken by a guy in college and instead of words of comfort this verse stepped forward. I moved to the mountains but experienced valleys and this verse moved with me. This verse has haunted me in my darkest moments; seminary, divorce, death of loved ones, financial ruin.

Rejoicing seems ludicrous when life stinks. Prayers don't come easy when your uncertain God is listening. Giving thanks in all circumstances, that's just nuts! Who comes up with this stuff?

And yet, as counterintuitive as it sounds, there is tremendous wisdom contained in this passage. It is an invitation for God to enter into our darkest hour and it comes with the realization that there is always something for which to give thanks. When we look for that something, we lift up our eyes and begin to see so much more – we start to see God.

Give it a try – even if you have to do so through clinched teeth and teary eyes. Rejoice, pray, give thanks. Trust God to pick up the pieces and fashion them into something beautiful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, NOV. 18

Casual Worship 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

Comm. Thanksgiving 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 19

Senior Exercise 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 20

Coffee Time 10:00 a.m.

*Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.**

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

NCC Offices Closed

Thanksgiving Dinner 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

NCC Offices Closed

SUNDAY, NOV. 25

Casual Worship 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

Gathering 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 26

Senior Exercise 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

Coffee Time 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

JYF 3:30 p.m.

CYF 6:00 p.m.

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV 29

Senior Exercise 10:00 a.m.

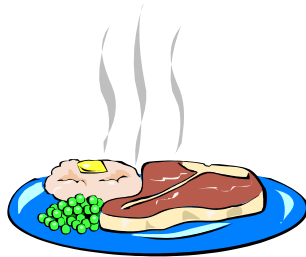
SATURDAY, DEC. 1

30 & 1 6:00 p.m.

** Note change in day for week of
Thanksgiving*

30 & 1

The 30 & 1 group will meet at Cal's II in Norwalk at 5:30 PM on Saturday, December 1 for dinner . Later they will meet at the church for games and fellowship. If you wish to join the group at Cal's, please sign up for dinner reservations on the sheet that has been placed in the Fellowship Hall.



Special Thanksgiving Offering

Vision, Voice, Vocation

Envelopes will be with the bulletins on November 18. The Thanksgiving Offering provides direct support to Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 14 [colleges or universities](#), 3 [seminaries](#) and 4 seminary foundations/divinity houses. Gifts from the Disciples Mission Fund Thanksgiving offering continue a Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the church. You may learn more about this offering by clicking on the highlighted words or going to [disciples.org](#)

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Norwalk Clergy Association is once again hosting a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 6:00pm. The service will be held at the Norwalk United Methodist Church.

The guest speaker is Steve Laman, a man from our community who was born with cerebral palsy. The theme is thankfulness despite hardship.

Coffee Time - White Elephant Gift

We will be doing a White Elephant gift giving Tuesday, Dec. 18th, during coffee time. Bring an item from home to exchange as a gift. See you there!



Three adult learning opportunities have begun!

What DID Jesus Do?

Learning to follow.....

Sundays, 9:30 AM, in the Parlor

November 18 – December 23

This class is designed for people who want to learn what it means to follow Jesus and will examine what Jesus taught, did, and valued. The following topics will be covered:

Following vs. Believing

The Greatest Commandment

The Kingdom of God

Forgiveness

Salvation – Healing - Wholeness

Non-violence

Disciplined Prayer

Everyone is welcome to this class taught by Pastor Dayna.

A Different Kind of Christmas

This series of lessons helps us learn to live and give like Jesus, starting with the Christmas season and continuing through the year. This five-week study helps participants see the traps and discontentment of consumerism and the call of God to live generously to fulfill God's mission in the world. Each lesson begins with a short video presentation by Mike Slaughter, a United Methodist minister that has been named one of the top fifty most influential Christians in America.

Sunday Evening, 5:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall

(childcare is available)

November 18 – No class due to ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

November 25 – Giving Up on Perfect

December 2 – Scandalous Love

December 9 – Jesus' Wish List

December 16 – By a Different Road

Everyone is welcome!

Sunday School Topics (Cont.)

Where Faith Intersects With Life

Sundays, 9:30 AM

Sanctuary

This class shows a Ted Talk video on a relevant current subject and Pastor Diana facilitates

a discussion on how it relates to faith. This class is designed offers a comfortable setting for individuals who are reluctant to participate in discussion classes. You can come and not say a word if you choose. No pressure! If you are not familiar with Ted Talks you may visit their website at <http://www.ted.com/talks> and watch twenty minute or less presentations by experts on a variety of subjects. The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

Teach every child about food

Nov. 18 - Brené Brown

The power of vulnerability

Nov. 25 - Sheryl WuDunn

Our Century's greatest injustice

Dec. 2 - Brené Brown

Listening to shame

Dec. 9 - Scilla Elworthy

Fighting with non-violence

Dec. 16

Christmas program rehearsal

Dec. 23 - Ali Carr-Chellman

Gaming to re-engage boys in learning

ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree time is here again. The angels will be out on December 2. 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. Instructions will be provided when you pick up your angel.



Holiday Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be purchased from Bedwell Gardens.

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.

Please have these orders in by December 2nd.



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: _____

Please take your plant home on December 30.

(Your Name)

LOOKING AHEAD AT NCC

Mark Your Calendars!

- December 5 Come Home for Christmas 6 - 8 PM
- December 11 Dinky Disciples Christmas Party 3 PM
- December 12 JYF Christmas Party 3:30 PM
- December 12 CYF Christmas Party 6 PM
- December 16 Christmas Program during 10:30 Service
- December 18 White Elephant Gift Exchange at
10 AM Coffee
- December 19 Chi Rho Christmas Party 6PM
- December 24 Christmas Eve Services
5 PM Family Service
7 PM & 11 PM Traditional Candlelight and
Communion Services
- December 30 Combined Services - 10 AM

Bring left-over Christmas Goodies to share !



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OFFICE HOURS

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Informal worship 8:30 AM

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Traditional Worship 10:30 AM

Coffee Fellowship follows each service.

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