

During this season of Lent, the sermon series is “Learning To Love Well: The Defining Mark of a Christian.”

The messages are based on Jesus’ words in John 13:34,35; “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

- March 10 Becoming Holy Lovers
- March 17 God’s Love And The Fear of Rejection
- March 24 God’s Love And Self-condemnation
- March 31 The Practice of Love – How?
- April 7 The Perseverance of Love
- April 14 Cheers and Tears: The Humble Power of Love

Holy Week Services:

Sunday, April 14 9:00am and 10:45am Palm Sunday Services, with Palms

Wednesday, Apr 17 7:00pm A contemplative time of music and prayer, led by Sarah & Colin Comstock. An opportunity to lay down the burdens of life and receive prayer for refreshment and healing. Childcare provided infant to K in red door room.

Thursday, Apr 18 7:30pm Tenebrae Service with communion
A quiet service of gathering darkness as we mark the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Communion will be served. The service ends in darkness and silence. Childcare provided infant to K in red door room.

Friday, Apr 19 12:00pm Good Friday Community Service here at NPC

Sunday, April 21 Easter Morning:
7:30am Sunrise Service (on lawn, weather permitting),
Buffet Breakfast following in Gym
9:00am Service
10:45am Service
A joyful celebration of the resurrection in word, music, prayer and song.
He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!

EASTER FLOWERS 2019

On **Easter morning, April 21**, our sanctuary will again be filled with the beauty and fragrance of lovely spring flowers. If you wish to dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love, please fill out the form below. After both worship services on Easter, we are looking for people to deliver these plants to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here. You do not need to donate a plant in order to deliver one.

Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day. See below for further details.

If you want to donate a memorial plant for Easter, please make your check in the amount of \$12.00 payable to **Narberth Presbyterian Church** and mark it "Easter Plant." You may call the office with the info, or put it in the offering plate or mail it to be received in the church office by **Thursday, April 18**.

Name: _____

_____ I would like to give a plant as a memorial:

"Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

(Please print name clearly)

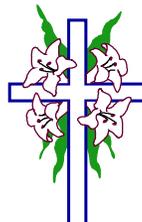
by:

or

_____ I would like to give a plant to express my joy for God's continuing love and grace.

WE NEED YOU to help deliver these plants and the warm greetings of the congregation after the 9:00am or 10:45am Easter service. If you are willing to help, please indicate below:

Name and phone number



FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

The Life of Jesus - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! Kids will discover that we can follow Jesus' example and live like he did. From the manger to the cross, children will study Jesus' life to get a better understanding of who Jesus is and why we can trust him as our Savior.

2 year olds & 3 year olds enjoy an age appropriate lesson in The Blue Door Room (RM #105) during the 9:00 service only and meet in The Red Door Rm (RM #107) at 10:45.

4 year olds through PreK meet in The Red Door Room (RM #107) during both the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

Our Nursery is available at the 9:00 and 10:45 worship services. This room is best for infants through 23 months.

****Please sign your child in and out of each classroom****

Children VS. Youth CHANGE WARS! This year we are turning our **Lenten Offering** into a competition with **CHANGE WARS - Children VS. Youth!** Who will bring in the biggest tithe?! You can help both teams by putting your loose change in the clear plastic bins marked "Children" OR "Youth". Bins are in the Narthex or downstairs. The winning team will enjoy an Ice-cream "Sunday" party!! All money will go to support The Philadelphia Project. May the best team win!

4th & 5th grade LOCK IN! RSVP today for an evening of fun at NPC. All 4th & 5th graders are invited to join us on **Friday, April 26th** from 6:00pm - 11:00pm for food, fun, fellowship, and a GAME TRUCK. The cost is \$20 per child to defer the cost. You won't want to miss this! RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) - hope to see many of you there!

NEW - VBC Registration is available online! Are you ready for this summer's MANE event?! Join us Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 22nd from 1:30pm-4:30pm for ROAR VBC – Life is Wild and God is Good! Online Registration is open as of March 17th. Please visit our church website to register your child or register to volunteer: www.narberthpres.org

Next Week

- **Sunday, April 21st** - Children's Easter Party 9:00 & 10:45 services.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Middle School Girls Group Upcoming dates: 4/28 and 5/19

Join us for lunch and a time to hang out! We meet every other Sunday from noon to 1:30pm at the Groenevelds', 509 Haverford Road, Narberth and spend time getting to know each other better and sharing and praying about what is going on in our lives. Contact Lisa Hoffman for more information at 610-804-7905.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Pastor Steve recently presented a paper** on prayer ministry to a minister's group entitled: "What About Presbyterian Altar Calls?" On **Monday, April 15, at 7:30**, for anyone who is interested, he would like to present the same paper to his church family at NPC. Following the presentation, there will be a time for discussion and brainstorming, and concluding with a time of prayer. (Parlor)
- † **Wednesday Night Book/Bible Study: Pastor Steve will lead a 5 week class** on Ordering Your Private World by Gordon MacDonald. In this modern Christian classic, the author explores the theme of bringing order to our inner and outer worlds, and living life from the inside out. Chapter titles include: "The Sinkhole Syndrome," "Living as a Called Person." "Has Anyone Seen My Time? I've Misplaced It," and "Rest Beyond Leisure."
This class will meet for **5 Wednesdays, April 24 - May 28, 7:00-8:15pm** in the Parlor. We will integrate Bible study with weekly readings from the book, and application assignments. Please sign up in the chapel. Books are available in the chapel for those who choose to participate in the class.
- † **Wednesday Night Bible Study: Philippians (April 24 to May 15, 7-8 pm)**
Led by Diane Chen
This is a 4-week series on Paul's letter to the Christians in Philippi, covering one chapter per week. While Philippians is often thought of as one of Paul's friendliest letters, peppered with mentions of joy, thanksgiving, and Christian fellowship, it also contains stern warnings against "dogs" and "evil workers." As we pay attention to Paul's circumstances and the letter's historical-cultural context, we will see the text come alive, from which we may glean valuable lessons for faith and discipleship in today's world.
- † **Sunday Morning Class 9:30 am, starting April 28th**
We will be continuing our study of **the Gospel of Luke** for nine sessions, covering chapters 10 – 18. Join us as we follow Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and learn about the way of discipleship. We will use an inductive Bible Study approach that emphasizes looking into the text for the facts, thinking about what they mean, and considering how they apply to our situation today. The study will be discussion-based and facilitated by various members of the class. We will use Diane Chen's commentary on Luke to supplement our discussions. Meets in the parlor. Questions? Please contact Sue Wenger at mswenger@yahoo.com.
- † **The Marriage Course** will be offered here at NPC starting April 26th for a 7-week video series that includes dinner.

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- † **Still time to sign up! April 27: Personal Retreat Day at St. Raphaela's Retreat House in Haverford, PA** Cost: \$25.00 Time: 9:30-3:30 Sign-up in Chapel. Any questions, contact Jean McIntire jean.mcintire49@gmail.com
- † **On Sunday, May 5, at 2:00pm, Avery Gagliano** will present a free piano recital in the Sanctuary. Avery is a gifted student at the Curtis School of Music, and part of our church family at NPC.
- † **Palmer Seminary Holy Land Study Tour (Dec 28, 2019 to Jan 10, 2020)**
Debbie Watson and Diane Chen will be leading Palmer Seminary students and alumni on a 14-day study tour of the Holy Land with the Jerusalem Center of Biblical Studies. We still have some spots available. If you are interested please email Diane Chen at dchen@eastern.edu for more information and a trip brochure. Both Debbie and Diane are available to answer any questions you may have.
- † **Opportunity to Serve: Jennifer Bonovitz has been faithfully serving** the homeless people of Philadelphia for many years. We need additional volunteers to come along side Jennifer in this ministry providing food and fellowship. Sandwiches and beverages are given to approximately 50 men at Logan Circle. There is a coordinator there to direct as you arrive. **If you want more information, can make sandwiches and/or give out the food, please sign up in the Chapel.**
- † **Transportation Ministry seeking volunteers**
The Deacons are looking for volunteers to provide transportation for those who need a ride to get to church on Sunday or other events. Each volunteer would only be called on at the most, once a month, hopefully less. If you are willing to help in this way, please contact **Kevin Cope** at kevindavidcope@gmail.com or 215-510-0459.
- † **Please visit the library table** – All new selections and Lenten devotionals, and books for children.
Also, Easter books on display in **Children's Library on 2nd floor.**
Contact person: Helen Moffa: helenmoffa@gmail.com



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service

4-6pm High School YG

Monday, April 15

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music room

7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

7:30pm Steve presents paper "What About Presbyterian Altar Calls?", Parlor

Tuesday, April 16

7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner

11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor

Session meeting re-scheduled to April 30

Wednesday, April 17

5:45-6:45 Dinner:

Mac & Cheese, green salad, rolls, dessert

7:00pm Contemplative Holy Week Service, led by Colin & Sarah Comstock, Sanctuary

Childcare provided ages infant to K.

Thursday, April 18

7:30pm Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

Childcare for ages infant to K.

Friday, April 19

12:00pm Community Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 20

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday

7:30am Sunrise Easter Service, on lawn, weather permitting, followed by breakfast in the gym

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office

9:00am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service

Each Week

Christian Nursery School – 610-664-8890

2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 11:30am & 11:30am to 3:30pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May

AA meets 12:30pm, Monday-Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

Planning Ahead-Information and calendar updates 24/7 www.narberthpres.org

Apr 22	Office Closed-Easter Monday
Apr 23	10:30-4:00 Sr. Adult trip to Pearl Buck House
Apr 24	9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
Apr 25	9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Apr 26	6-11pm Children's "Lock-in" for 4 th & 5 th graders
Apr 27	9:00-3:00pm Personal Retreat Day at St. Raphaela's in Haverford
Apr 28	6:00pm Private use of sanctuary space for recital
Apr 29	7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting, Youth Room
May 3	6:30pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
May 5	2:00pm Recital by Avery Gagliano, Sanctuary
May 10	7:00pm Private use of sanctuary for recital
May 10	6:30-9:00pm Pickleball, Gym