



Narberth Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2020

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 13, 2020

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve Weed

Call to Worship

Ephesians 2:19-22

Peter & Michelle Phillips
and family

Hymn

Sherry Beebe

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:37-47

Pastor Debbie

Children's Message

Danielle Kauffman

Youth Message

John Chaffee

Worship Song

Sarah & Colin Comstock

Sermon

Essential Church:
Reconnecting With God and One Another

Pastor Steve Weed

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

NPC's Got Talent - UPDATE!

We have extended the time to upload your "talent" video - so please upload your one minute talent this week or next. Remember, talent is a variety of things! Juggling, Singing, Hopping on one foot, Standing on your head, Reciting a favorite poem! What are you really great at? Show us! Please stay tuned with a NEW release DATE of the NPC's Got Talent Show. And get those videos in! :) We can't wait to "see" you!

[Click Here](#) for the DropBox link for the NPC's Got Talent.

FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN is this Sunday, September 13th from

1:00pm - 2:00pm!

Rain or Shine, it's blessing time! School age children and their parents are invited to a Drive By Blessing on Windsor Avenue. Our prayer team will be lined up and ready to greet your family, as you comfortably stay inside your car, we will pray a special blessing for the new school year ahead! Out of love for each other, we ask that you have your mask on and we will too. We hope to see many of you there!

4th & 5th grade Sandwich Making for Parkway Ministry on Sunday, September 20th!

All 4th & 5th graders are invited to NPC at 9:30am for a morning of service as we make lunches for Parkway Ministry. Please RSVP to Danielle!

Wacky Wednesday for children!

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to the NPC parking lot each Wednesday (beginning September 16th) from 4:30pm - 5:30pm for some Wacky Wednesday fun! We will have some wacky energetic games and activities and we will take time to talk about some of the weirdest and strangest stories in the Bible! AND week one we will enjoy a DUNK TANK - with John Chaffee as the target! Everyone attending is asked to wear a face covering out of love for each other. Please RSVP your child with Danielle

[\(dkauffman@narberthpres.org\)](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group and Small Group Gatherings This Fall

This fall the NPC Youth Min will be pivoting toward more small group gatherings on Wednesdays. Our hope is that with a network of congregants and volunteers we can have alternating larger gatherings and small group gatherings each week for MS and HS youth. Our preference is to meet in people's back or side yards rather than at the church property. AND, we would like to know if you would be willing to host a gathering this fall even if you are not a parent of a MS or HS youth. We would hope to foster more relationships across our church's demographic and see what can happen. If you are interested in attending this fall then just set aside your Wednesday evenings for NPC.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY CLASSES

8:00 am - Scripture Discussion

All are invited to Debbie's class focused on discussing the Scripture passage for each week's worship service and sermon. Come join us via Zoom for what is always a rich time of fellowship and learning. Led by Pastor Debbie Watson

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity Starting Sunday September 13

John Chaffee will be leading a Zoom class for people of all ages (youth and all the way up) on the book of Hebrews. In the New Testament, Hebrews is an often overlooked book that is rich with Old Testament references and imagery. As a follow-up to Mark Wenger's course on Romans, Hebrews makes a lot of sense, because together, these books present different angles on the same Jesus and Christian faith. At a time in the first century when believers were experiencing a lot of push-back/harassment for their faith, and some were tempted to leave it, and return to traditional Judaism, the writer of Hebrews sought to show how Jesus represented the core of biblical Jewish tradition, even as he transcended it. Our plan is to focus on one chapter each week, discussing where Hebrews makes unique statements in the New Testament, and chatting about how our ancient faith still is miles ahead of us today. Contact John Chaffee for the Zoom link at jchaffee@narberthpres.org

Monday and Thursday Night Groups on Zoom Starting September 14th and September 17th

7:00 pm - "An American Lament" – Discussion Group on Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Join us as we journey together through the 40-day devotional, "An American Lament", a study of racial justice and reconciliation. Each day, you will be drawn into a time of prayer, Scripture reading, reflection, and response led by various Black and white pastors and leaders. Learn more about the history of slavery and Jim Crow in America and the challenges that still exist today in areas such as criminal justice, drug sentencing, housing, education, and health. Consider how God may be calling you to respond both as an individual and as part of the greater Church. Enjoy an opportunity to come together with fellow Christians to hear one another's thoughts and reflections on the readings. This small group opportunity will be offered on Monday nights via Zoom for 8 weeks. Each discussion section will be limited to 10 people. Depending on the level of interest, discussion groups may also be offered on additional days. If you are interested, please contact Sue Wenger at mswenger@yahoo.com . Led by Dave Bellamy and Marilyn Reed

Wednesday Nights at the Church

Starting September 16th

7:00 pm - “Walking with God in the Desert”

Pastor Debbie will host a 7-week Bible Study focused on how God taught (and still teaches) his people in the desert. This in-person study, which has a video component, is open to everyone above Middle School age. Join us in the Chapel, where we will meet – wearing masks and safely distanced – for a new opportunity to learn for ourselves what it is to walk with God in our own “deserts.” In accordance with current safety precautions, there will be no childcare for this gathering. Please contact the Church Office to sign up, so that we can plan for an appropriate number of chairs.

Led by Pastor Debbie Watson

Location: Chapel

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATE FROM SAFETY AND SECURITY

Worship Services Preparation. Safety and Security is pleased to confirm that if the way be clear, NPC intends to begin in-person worship on October 18th and adhere to all safety guidelines and procedures that the Session has approved. At NPC, we will protect our members and friends at the “new” worship services by adhering to the *Four Pillars of Health and Safety*:

- Facility-Sanitizing
- Health-Screening
- Mask-Wearing
- Social Distancing

The “new” worship services will be different than they were before COVID and will have to be adapted to ensure everyone’s protection.

Please pray for NPC’s leadership as we enter the next month of preparation activities and for stable health conditions in our local community.

Worship Services Volunteers. Integral to our efforts to resume in-person worship services is to have a robust number of volunteers to serve and ensure the four pillars of health and safety. We are blessed to have the commitment of three ministry leaders noted below. We are hopeful to spark your interest to serve in one the three of the ministries as described below to make this happen.

Please pray for an outpouring of volunteers to support our ministries as we hopefully resume worship services in mid-October. To learn more about the new volunteer roles and to participate in upcoming training, please contact the following ministry leaders:

- **Greeter:** David Place (davend84@hotmail.com)
- **Health Screener:** Nina O’Connor (Nina.OConnor@pennmedicine.upenn.edu)
- **Usher:** Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com)

The balance of this article is intended to help our members and friends understand the duties of volunteers needed and hopefully spark your interest in three of the ministries as follows:

Greeter. As before, greeters remain the smiling, first faces that friends and members see as they enter NPC. Greeters will also now assist with ensuring good traffic flow and social distancing when congregants enter and exit our church. Finally, greeters may also assist in verifying the names of members that have registered in advance to let NPC know they are attending. The registration process will be used to help make sure there are enough socially-distant seats for worship services. Registering also

provides the support needed to perform contact tracing, if ever needed. You will hear more about pre-registering as we draw closer to our first Sunday in the Sanctuary.

Health Screener. Although those in the health field are welcomed and encouraged to serve in this ministry, anyone with a passion for keeping our friends and members healthy would be a great help in serving in this ministry. Health screeners will ask all who come to worship a few health and safety questions and administer an instant-read, touchless thermometer to help make sure that those who might be sick and not already aware of it can be forewarned, preventing possible spread of Covid-19 in worship. Health screeners and Greeters will also help to make sure that all who enter are wearing masks, which will be required to worship inside.

Usher. Ushers have been a cornerstone at NPC but their role will be different now. To reduce the likelihood of spreading sickness from pass-along materials, we will not be using a printed bulletin. All of that information will be shared via screens or the newsletter. But ushers have a very important role in seating friends and members in the Sanctuary and Balcony and making sure that all are socially distant from one-another, unless they are members of the same household or family. Ushers will also assist in monitoring and directing traffic flow to help reduce bottlenecks and backups and encourage social distancing when congregants enter and exit our church.

Please remember, there is no pressure for friends and members to resume in-person activities, as virtual options continue as vibrant and safe options at NPC for everyone. We welcome suggestions and feedback that can be directed to Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator, troykouff@narberthpres.org.

The Safety & Security Committee: Curt Haring, Jimmy Hornung, Nina O'Connor; Tim Roykouff; Eric Simpson (Chair); Scott Todd

COMMUNICATIONS

Prayer

Requests for prayer can be made anytime by calling the church office or emailing to prayer@narberthpres.org. Requests will be posted as quickly as possible for immediate prayer by the Prayer Team.

Small group leaders are encouraged to reach out to the Church office if any meeting resource (voice conference calling or video conference calling) is needed. Small group members are encouraged to remain in contact with each other. Some small groups may continue, others may take a break in this time. Small group leaders are encouraged to communicate with their group as to what you will be doing in this time.

Office: The church office may be contacted by phone at 610-664-4880 from 9 am to 4 pm Monday - Friday with questions, concerns, prayer requests, etc. Messages may also be left at any other time. We love to hear from you.

Giving: Your gifts and tithes make this ministry possible and keep our church strong. Giving may be done at: www.narberthpres.org/give. Giving may be done by texting your gift to 610-642-4831. Gifts and tithes may also be mailed to the church office:

Narberth Presbyterian Church Attention: Financial Secretary
205 Grayling Ave. Narberth PA 19072

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Post Office Box 414
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Office hours 9:00am to 4:30pm Mon-Th.
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Sunday, September 13

8:00am Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:00am Worship Service available online
11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity Zoom Class
1:00pm-2:00pm Blessing of the Children and Youth, Drive-by (Windsor Ave.)

Monday, September 14

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Group
7:00-8:00pm **NEW Zoom Discussion Group:**
“An American Lament”

Tuesday, September 15

NPC Christian Pre-School resumes

Wednesday, September 16

4:30-5:30pm “Whacky Wednesday” begins,
Children’s Ministry K-5th
7:00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting
7:00pm “Walking In the Desert With God” In-person video series, led by Debbie Watson,
Location: Chapel

To join any of the above listed Zoom meetings,
please call the church office at 610-664-4880

Thursday, September 17

7:00-8:00pm **NEW Zoom Discussion Group:** “An American Lament”

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

8:00am Zoom prayer meeting
9:00am Worship Service available online
at www.narberthpres.org
11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity Zoom Class

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890

2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 12 noon & 12 noon to 3:00pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May

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

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: ilmpsy@hotmai.com