

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Deborah Watson

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory

Amazing Grace
Praise Team

New Britain

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Psalm 133; Acts 2:42-47

(p.970, 1694)

Sermon

The Presence of God in His People

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #20

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ode to Joy

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Jack Comstock
10:45am Linda Behmke

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, by Carol and Harold Heller.

Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers at the front entrance.

CDs of today's sermon are available in the Chapel within 15 minutes after the service. Previous Sundays' sermons are available by date in the bin on the small table. Sermons are also available online at our website www.narberthpres.org or podcast through iTunes.

Today we have the joy of anointing and blessing our children and teachers as they go back to school. All children, pre-school through 12th grade, along with teachers, are invited to come forward to be anointed and blessed in prayer. In

Scripture, anointing with oil is often symbolic of the presence and peace of the Holy Spirit.

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SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Prayer meeting in Steve's office each Sunday morning 8:00-9:00am.

Sunday School Classes:

8am – Coffee, Cake, and Conversation with Debbie Watson

This class reads and discusses the scriptures chosen for that day's worship service. Some people attend regularly, while others come intermittently. All are welcome!

10:30am New 12-week video series on **The Sermon on the Mount**, by Sinclair Ferguson. Led by Norm Johanson, meets in the parlor.

MONDAY

6:30-9pm – The Marriage Course (September 26th – November 14th)

This course provides husbands and wives tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. Each Monday, a maximum of 5 couples enjoy a nice dinner at a table for two, watch a brief video presentation by Nicky and Sila Lee, and talk with each other about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life. This is **not** a large group activity; rather, you and your spouse work only with each other. The cost for 7 weeks of dinner and the course materials is \$100 per couple. It's a bargain! So, whether you have been married a short time, or for many years, this course is a great investment in your relationship! (Childcare provided). Questions? Contact Debbie (dwatson@narberthpres.org or 610-664-4880 ext.114) to sign up, and check it out at

http://us.alphausa.org/Groups/1000056818/The_Marriage_Course.aspx#.Vq-iLLrLcs

7:00-9:00pm – MBR (Men Being/Becoming Real) (Music Room, NPC)

We are varied in age, background, and life situation. What we have in common is the need to be accepted, loved, encouraged and held accountable as we face trials of various sorts as fathers, husbands, employees, citizens, leaders, etc. Underneath our challenges is our faith in Christ and in the Father's provision for us to be part of a community of brothers so that we never need to walk alone. We listen to, honor and pray for one another. Every man is welcome. Questions? Contact Gene McGee at amazedbygrace@verizon.net or 267-446-9598.

7:30-9:00pm – Men's Bible Study – Led by Chuck Lewis and John Purring, we are studying the book of Galatians, using a guide by Tim Keller. All men are welcome to join at any time. We meet in the Resource Room (next to Steve's Office) every Monday evening. Questions? Contact Chuck Lewis at siwelc2@yahoo.com or 610-645-0691.

7:00-8:00pm – Prayer Group This group meets for prayer in Steve's Office, open to all. Contact Dana Kaminstein at dkamin@wharton.upenn.edu or 610-664-2016.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY

7:00-8:10am Men's Sermon Discussion & Prayer Group welcomes all men for friendly conversation based on the previous Sunday's sermon, and prayer. We will meet in the Resource Room next to Steve's Office. (David Fraser)

11:00am-12:00noon Prayer Group An opportunity for prayer each Tuesday morning, led by Faithe Hornung, open to all, starts on Sept. 13 and meets in the Parlor. The Lord encourages us to walk and talk with God in a very personal way. Learn to pray specifically for yourself, your children, your families, and in your jobs.

WEDNESDAY (Childcare is provided for all Wednesday night groups)

5:45-8:00pm Beginning Wednesday, September 14, dinner and classes for all ages will resume. Come see for the first time or return after many times. Good food, friendly conversation, excellent teaching for all ages.

Adult class: 7-8pm: Follow-up Bible Study and prayer on movie "War Room", led by Gene and Becky McGee. (Chapel)

FRIDAY

9:30-11:30am Starting September 16th, the **Friday Morning Moms' Group** returns! Join us from 9:30 to 11:30 am every other Friday in the Parlor for coffee, prayer, and Bible study. Whether you're looking for encouragement in parenting, fellowship with a group of faithful women, or free childcare and coffee to combat a tough morning, we've got what you need. Contact Jo-Anne Kaplan (jrgarrid@yahoo.com) or Jess Gaffga (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com) with any questions.

10-11:30am Women's Bible Study (In the Parlor/Chapel)

Each week we sing and pray, and then study a passage from the Bible. This Fall we will be studying the Psalms. Newcomers are always welcome! Questions? Contact Isabel Lally at aberdeenbell@msn.com or 610-659-6663.

6:30 – 9pm Young Adults (September 23rd – November 11th, in the Gym)

Are you in college, grad school, or working? Are you single, married – with or without children? You're all invited to enjoy dinner, a video, and discussion based on *All the Places to Go*, by John Ortberg. The theme is learning to discover open doors, and how to respond to the options set before us. Guidance, discernment, knowing and doing God's will in the everyday. After the video, we will have the opportunity to engage in discussion in small groups. Meet new friends and be inspired. (Dinner & childcare provided) Questions? Contact Debbie Watson at dwatson@narberthpres.org or 610-664-4880 (x114)

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Sunday Morning Schedule

Infants and Toddlers

- 9:00am-12:15pm: *Nursery* provided in the *Nursery Room* downstairs near the restrooms, and a separate crying/changing room is directly across from the bottom of the stairs.

2 to 3 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am: *Hands On Bible, Blue Door Room* downstairs.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Spinners!* class, *Red Door Room* downstairs.

4 to 5 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am Sunday School *Red door room* (Kindergarten students may attend *Lighthouse Kids*, see below)

Grades 1-3:

These children attend the first part of the worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through* to attend:

- 9:30-10:30am: *Rotation Sunday School, Brown Door Room* downstairs.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Lighthouse Kids*, downstairs in the *Gym*.

Grades 4-5:

These children attend the first part of the worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through* to attend:

- 9:30-10:30am: *Tweens Class*, downstairs in the *Gym*.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Lighthouse Kids*, downstairs in the *Gym*.

Grades 6-12: Register NOW for HS & MS Retreats at narberthpres.org

- 9:30-10:30am (Grade 6-8) *Youth Room* on second floor
- 9:30-10:30am: Youth Sunday School. (Grade 9-12) *Youth Lounge* on second floor. Find out the best filters to view who you are and what you do in our new #NoFilterSeries!
- 4-6pm High School Youth Group Kickoff today with Jess and Dave
- Wednesday 6-8pm Catch up over dinner then fellowship and discussion with Alice - Youth Room

Upcoming Youth Events:

9/16 6:30-8pm MS Fun Night with Scott & Kathy. Meet in parking lot.

9/30-10/2 *MS Breakaway Retreat* at NorthBay Adventure camp, NorthEast MD

11/4-6 *HS Reality Retreat* at NorthBay Adventure camp, NorthEast MD

For all youth-related questions, please contact Dave Bellamy or Jess Gaffga
610-664-4880 x112 youth@narberthpres.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **The Chuckwagon opens today at 745am!** Come down and visit!

Wed. night Fellowship Café is re-opening Sept. 14th! An open invitation to all is being extended, No reservations needed! Check bulletin weekly for the menu. Psalm 34:8 **Taste and see that the Lord is good**, blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Do you have some free time? We could use help in several areas, **Many hands make light work!** If you can help with shopping on occasion, food preparation, cooking or clean up and still enjoy fellowship with a good dinner. We actually have fun too when we cook, sometimes you can hear music playing and the cooking team singing!! Please contact Dee either by phone or email. Deedleskni9@gmail.com or 484-620-4157 for more details.

† **Menu this week:** pulled pork sandwiches, corn, fruit salad and green salad and Debbie's famous bread pudding with vanilla ice cream.

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† **This Fall**, young adults in their 20's through mid-40's will gather in the Gym each Friday night for 8 weeks (September 23 – November 11), to participate in a new video series with Pastor Steve and Debbie. We will provide childcare for those who need that, and a meal, so that no one will have to worry about dinner.

WHO we need → Teams of 4-6 people to cook, set up, serve, and clean up

WHAT we need → Salad + Main Dish + Dessert (we'll provide drinks and rolls) You don't have to be a gourmet chef – Pick something you like to make!

You don't *have* to cook – You can help with set-up, serving, or clean-up!

You don't have to do it all alone – Form a team – Pick a week and ask a few friends to help out!

If you would like to help feed some of Jesus' sheep this Fall, please sign up in the Chapel, and join a team. The Friday night "flock" will be most grateful!

† **Would you enjoy reading Scripture in the service?** Please sign up now in the chapel for the summer months. Anyone at least 7 years old up to 100! Please leave an email or phone # for us to contact you with the scripture reference. Thank you

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† **Divorce -- Someone you know is hurting**

Tell him or her about **DivorceCare**, our weekly seminar/support group. DivorceCare features biblical principles and practical wisdom for healing from a marriage breakup. We begin a 13-week series Wednesday October 5th. Contact Kate Layman or Dennis Gee at 610.664.1505, email divorcecare@narberthpres.org, or visit www.divorcecare.org on the web.
Find Help – Discover Hope – Experience Healing

† **Save the Date! The Annual Cream of the Crop Luncheon is October 16, 2016. Bring your appetite!**

† **Join NPC's Orphan Care Ministry on Saturday, October 8th**, for the annual Orphan Day 5K at Ridley Creek State Park. In conjunction with Orphan Sunday events taking place around the globe, Compassion Corps is hosting this fun event for the 6th year. Help us raise awareness and funding for school scholarships for orphans in Liberia and Uganda. Registration is at 9 am, start running or walking at 10. Contact Valerie Foley (valerie@vfoley.com) or Jess Gaffga (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com) with any questions.

† **Dr. Janet Moore has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for the past 10 years**, working with individuals struggling with a wide range of personal and psychological challenges. Dr. Moore's perspective is that addressing mental health issues is essential to opening our hearts and minds, thereby enabling a closer relationship with God that can sustain us in an imperfect world. You may reach Dr. Moore by leaving a message on her church extension, 610-664-4880 (ext. 121), or at 484-686-6630.

† **Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students-** **Narberth Presbyterian Christian Nursery School** admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.