

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 25, 2016

*In preparation for worship, please take time to silence all electronic devices, and quiet our thoughts, so that we all may focus our hearts and minds on the Lord.*

**Prelude** *Praise the Lord on High* **Sawyer**

**Welcome and Concerns of the Church**

**Hymn #62** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **St. Denio**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Scripture Reading** Mark 4:35-41 (p.1558)

9:00am Isabel Lally

10:45am Marie Nathanson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All the people: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you are a holy God, full of splendor, glory and majesty. You are light, in whom there is no darkness at all. We confess that even as believers we sometimes choose to live in darkness. In your light, we realize we have fallen short of your glory. We have sinned against you in our attitudes, our speech, and our deeds. We have not loved our neighbor with justice and mercy. Please forgive us through Jesus Christ, who embodies your holiness and love. By the Holy Spirit, revive us, and grant us the willingness to be changed. To the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**The Greeting**

**Worship Song** *God Is On the Move* **Williams**

*During the 9:00am service, children up to grade 5 may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School.*

*During the 10:45am service, children in K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades may be dismissed to the gym for Lighthouse Kids children's church after the hymn/worship song.*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** **Dr. Deborah Watson**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Passing of Friendship Pads**

**Offertory** *We Shall Behold Him* *Rambo*  
Linda Pilacik, Soprano

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 6:1-8 (p.1068)

**Sermon** *When Our God Is Too Small* **Steve Weed,**  
Pastor

**Hymn #2** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* *Nicaea*

**Worship Song** *Revelation Song* *Riddle*

**Benediction**

**Prayer Ministry** 9:00am John Kennedy  
10:45am Charlie Choi

**The altar flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her dad, Roy C. Brinton, by Joyce Nicolai.

*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](http://www.narberthpres.org) or podcast through iTunes.

**New opportunities starting this week:**

Monday 6:30-9:00 The Marriage Course (See p. 6)  
Friday 7:00-9:00 Young Adult Dinner/Fellowship (see p.5)

# YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

Dear Young Adults –

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

- To What?** Young Adult Community Gatherings
- When & Where?** Friday Nights at Narberth Presbyterian Church  
Starting September 30<sup>th</sup> –November 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:00-9:00pm (Gym, sometimes Parlor or Chapel)\
- Format:** Dinner is provided – Free! 7:00-8:00  
Video “All The Places To Go,”  
by John Ortberg 8:00-8:20 Discussion Groups  
8:20-9:00 Formal dismissal at 9:00, but hang out as long as you like
- Theme:** The video series addresses the topics of guidance, discernment, knowing God’s will & making good decisions. It’s outstanding!
- Purpose:** To build friendships & community among a variety of young adults at NPC and beyond.  
To be encouraged & challenged by biblical teaching that we can discuss in groups
- Questions:** What if I can’t make it back every week?  
Few folks are able to come for every single meeting.  
Come as you can.  
Arrive as you can.  
The accent is on a warm welcome.  
Feel free to invite friends.  
Am I a young adult?  
YES!  
No one will be carded... ☺
- [sweed@narberthpres.org](mailto:sweed@narberthpres.org) or [dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org)  
610-664-4880 (Steve: x116 or Debbie x 114)

# 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 26<sup>th</sup> – November 14<sup>th</sup>)

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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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, 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 night dinners and classes for all ages has resumed. 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 Friday Morning Moms' Group** (Next meeting Sept. 30). 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](mailto:jrgarrid@yahoo.com)) or Jess Gaffga ([jessicagaffga@yahoo.com](mailto: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 are studying the Psalms. Newcomers are always welcome! Questions? Contact Isabel Lally at [aberdeenbell@msn.com](mailto:aberdeenbell@msn.com) or 610-659-6663.

### **6:30 – 9pm Young Adults** (September 30th – November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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:

- MIDDLE SCHOOL – Register for NOW for Breakaway: [narberthpres.org](http://narberthpres.org)
- Youth Sunday School - Find out the best filters to view who you are and what you do in our new #NoFilterSeries! *Join us today!*
  - MS Sunday School – 9:30-10:30am (Grade 6-8) – Youth Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Flr)
  - HS Sunday School – 9:30-10:30am (Grade 9-12)– Youth Lounge (2<sup>nd</sup> Flr)
- High School Youth Group – Sundays 4-6pm – games, fellowship and a Bible study/teaching time
- Youth Fellowship - Wednesday 6-8pm - Catch up over dinner then fellowship and discussion with Alice - Youth Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Flr.)

### Upcoming Youth Events:

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

**Grades 6-12: Register NOW for MS and HS Retreat at [narberthpres.org](http://narberthpres.org)**  
For all youth-related questions, please contact Dave Bellamy or Jess Gaffga  
610-664-4880 x112 [youth@narberthpres.org](mailto:youth@narberthpres.org)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## † NPC Treasurer's Update:

Through the end of August, offerings have totaled \$672,952 which is \$71,048 behind our budgeted number YTD, and \$63,542 behind giving at this time last year.

Total spending in budgeted areas totals \$799,504, which is slightly below budget and last years' pace. The resulting shortfall of \$126,552 has been funded through cash on hand and our endowment.

Note that the bulk of the major building projects that have been completed this year were funded by special bequests and are not part of the numbers above.

A more detailed update will be issued after we complete the month of September. Thank you for your gifts to NPC which allow us to engage in ministry, support worthy mission causes, and share the good news of Jesus Christ with our community.

## † 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 5<sup>th</sup>](#). Contact Kate Layman or Dennis Gee at 610.664.1505, email

[divorcecare@narberthpres.org](mailto:divorcecare@narberthpres.org), or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://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](mailto:valerie@vfoley.com)) or Jess Gaffga ([jessicagaffga@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



**On the Web:**

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**BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST**

***Sunday, September 25***

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

**9:00am Worship Service**

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

**10:45am Worship Service**

4:00pm HS Youth Group

***Monday, September 26***

**6:30-9pm New Marriage Course begins**

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, this week,  
Pastor's Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office

7:30pm Men's Bible Study in Galatians,  
Resource Center

***Tuesday, September 27***

6:30am Men's small group

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

11-12noon Prayer group, led by Faithe  
Hornung, Parlor

7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting

7:30pm Praise Band rehearsal

***Wednesday, September 28***

**5:45pm Wednesday Night Dinner at the  
Fellowship Café (Gym) Menu:**

6:30pm Children's classes (up to grade 5)

7:00-8:00pm Adult class: "War Room"  
follow-up study

***Thursday, September 29***

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

***Friday, September 30***

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Parlor

**Middle School Breakaway Retreat, leaves  
5:00pm**

**7-9pm New Young Adult Fellowship -  
Dinner & Childcare provided!**

***Saturday, October 1***

9:00am Shepherds' Meeting, Parlor

***Sunday, October 2***

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

**9:00am Worship Service-Communion**

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

**10:45am Worship Service-Communion**

4:00pm HS Youth Group

***Each Week***

**Christian Nursery School** – Jennifer Addy, Director, 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–Friday. Also, Saturday at 12:30pm & Sunday at 4:30pm

**Counseling:** Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: [jlmpsych@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmpsych@hotmail.com)

***Planning ahead Information and calendar updates 24/7 at [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)***

Oct 4 7:00pm Knitters' Group, Resource Room

Oct 4 7:30pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Oct 6 1:00pm CNS Board Meeting, Parlor

Oct 7 6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym

Oct 8 9:00am **Annual Orphan Day 5K** at Ridley Creek State Park

Oct 13,27 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

**Oct 16 12:00pm Cream of the Crop Luncheon, Parlor**

Oct 18 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Oct 25 7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor

Nov 5 9:00am Shepherds' Meeting, Parlor