# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 15, 2017

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 Air, Bourée And Coro from "The Water Music" Handel

Sherry Beebe, Organist

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn #701 God Is Here! Beecher

**Prayer of Invocation** 

**Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:24-28 (p.1227, 1345)

9:00am Ruth Ellen Patterson 10:45am Chuck Lewis

Reader: This is the word of the Lord All the people: Thanks be to God!

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you grant us life abundant in Jesus Christ, and you pour out your Holy Spirit upon the church. We confess that we forget your promises, and become discouraged by the world around us. We live as if we were still under the law, instead of grace. We become guarded instead of generous, and we grow tired. Please forgive us through Christ. Increase our faith and hope, and especially our love. We will not be perfect this side of heaven, but help us to press on as pilgrims who are on the way, honest about ourselves, and helping one another to find strength in you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song No Longer Slaves Bethel Music

Worship Song One Thing Remains Johnson/Gifford/Riddle

During the 9:00am service, children up to grade 5 may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School. 6th grade and up meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School

During the 10:45 am 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

**Deborah Watson,**Pastoral Associate

# Passing of Friendship Pads Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Panis Angelicus Franck

Pam Fleming, Violin Sherry Beebe, Piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Acts 2:41-47 (p.1694)

Sermon Acts 29

Vital Signs of The Church Steve Weed,

Pastor

Hymn #700 We Are God's People Symphony

**Benediction** 

Prayer Ministry 9:00am Greg Hein 10:45am Linda Behmke

**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 <a href="www.narberthpres.org">www.narberthpres.org</a> or podcast through iTunes.

## Prayer for Healing (Pastor Steve's Office)

Sunday mornings, 10:15-10:45am, prayer for healing is offered in a confidential, quiet and welcoming environment.

## Assignment for this week:

- Monday through Friday, read one chapter per day in the Book of Acts.
- Saturday, or any days you are led, meditate more deeply on next week's passage: Acts 2:41-47; Acts 3:1-10

## TONIGHT! Open Mic Night at NPC for All Ages

On Sunday, **Oct. 15th** from 7:00 to 8:30pm NPC is hosting our first Open Mic Night! Our goals for the evening are as follow: to celebrate the talent within our own church family and friends; to raise funds for the Deacons' Assistance Fund and their ministry in our community, and to simply enjoy an all-church evening together! Bring a dessert to share – we'll provide cold drinks and coffee. This event is open to everyone, so why not invite a friend or two? There is no charge to attend, or perform. Donations for the Deacons' Assistance Fund will be gratefully accepted. Questions?: <a href="mailto:jchaffee@narberthpres.org">jchaffee@narberthpres.org</a> Location: Gym

# 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

## \*\*\*Summer Schedule: 2-3's join 4-5's in Red door room\*\*\*

- 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:**

- 9:30 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
- 6:45pm Wednesdays: Middle School YG
- 4:00pm Sunday HS Youth Group

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Open Mic Night for all Oct 15th 7:00-8:30pm
- Fall Festival party \$ cookout, Sunday, October 29 4-6pm
- High School Reality Retreat Nov 3-5

For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112 <a href="mailto:jchaffee@narberthpres.org">jchaffee@narberthpres.org</a>

# FALL GROUPS AND CLASSES AT NPC

## **Monday**

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mon.

**7:00pm MBR** (Men Being /Becoming Real) Bible study, prayer and support in a safe and friendly setting. Music Office. All men welcome.

7:00pm Prayer Group, meets in Steve's Office. All are welcome.

7:30pm Men's Bible Study—Galatians Meets in the copy room. All men welcome.

## **Tuesday**

11:00am Prayer and Study, Parlor. All are welcome.

## **Wednesday**

6:45pm Making Room for God: Living by the Rhythms of Grace --learning more about keeping company with Jesus every day in ways that transform us. From the beginning the church linked the desire for more of God to intentional practices, relationships and experiences that gave people space in their lives to keep company with Jesus. Discipleship and spiritual disciplines complement each other. Come and learn. Led by Dave Fraser Location: Chapel

## 6:45pm Learning To Love The Psalms

The rich variety of the Psalms calls us back to the centrality of worship, and the rediscovery of God's greatness and goodness. Each class includes a brief video message, followed by discussion. Come and be refreshed in the presence of God. Led by Norm Johanson Location: Parlor

## **Thursday**

## 7:00-8:30pm Freedom in Christ

Thursday evenings 8-weeks: Sept. 28th-Nov 16th, meets in the Parlor Join us on Thursday evenings for 8 weeks to learn about and practice the Unbound prayer model. Thousands of Christians around the world have found that Unbound prayer is an extraordinary gift from God, providing deliverance from issues that have plagued them for years, and bringing new vibrancy to their spiritual lives

## 7:30pm Young Adults

Please note the new day, and a new book study on life together, by D. Bonhoffer. This Thursday there will be an introduction and books given out to begin reading the following week.

## **Friday**

**9:30am Moms' Group** meets every other Friday in the Parlor. Come take a much needed break, every other Friday, next meeting Oct 13, 9:30-11:30 am. We talk, pray and read the Bible in a casual environment over coffee and snacks. All moms are welcome. Free childcare.

**10:00am Women's Bible Study** meets every Friday, location varies between Parlor and Chapel. All ladies are welcome.

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The Fellowship Café needs YOU! In this exciting season of Wednesday Night learning opportunities, we want to continue our tradition of providing a meal for everyone at 5:45pm. We have a willing leader/point person. We still need folks to join a once-a-month team to help with the simple meal preparation, serving, and clean-upPlease sign-up in the Chapel, and if you want to talk about the possibilities (or your hesitations), contact Debbie Watson at <a href="mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org">dwatson@narberthpres.org</a> or 610-664-4880 (x114).

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## † Director of Children's Ministry Update

As Pastor Terry prepares for retirement at the end of December, the Personnel Committee has been in full swing searching for our next amazing ministry leader. So far we have held three focus groups with parents and staff and posted the position on several national job boards. If you know our next amazing ministry leader, please tell Linda Behmke at <a href="mailto:lrbehmke@yahoo.com">lrbehmke@yahoo.com</a>. Our search committee includes: Linda Behmke, Charlene McGrew, John Kennedy, John Chaffee, Melinda Groeneveld, Lisa Hoffman, Sarah Comstock, Dave Bellamy.

# † Open Administrative Commission Meeting Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel

Members of the Commission will be available to meet with members of the congregation to respond to any questions members may have about the dismissal process. The Administrative Commission was formed by the Presbytery in response to Session's request for gracious dismissal, with property, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. If you have questions, please contact Dave Bellamy at 610-520-9382 or dbellamy@narberthpres.org.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Sunday Morning Curbside Cafe** Do you wish to share Christ's blessings with others more boldly? Join us, outside in lawn area on Windsor Ave. during the 10:45 a.m. service TODAY, in stepping outside the walls of the church and greeting our neighbors and passers-by with Christ's love through free coffee, goodies, a friendly conversation, and prayer. And you will not be doing it alone. If such a desire is "percolating" in your spirit, contact Debbie Watson or email Clara Louie at <a href="mailto:claralouie@yahoo.com">claralouie@yahoo.com</a>.)
- **†** For those who like to sing! On an occasional basis, prior to the worship services, our musicians will be offering an "extended prelude" of music and praise. The praise team will kick it off next Sunday, Oct. 22 from 8:45-9:00am. On other Sundays, Sherry will play the organ for a hymn sing.
- † Special Offering for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief
  We continue to collect a special offering for disaster relief to be sent through
  The Salvation Army.
- What: Q Commons simulcast national event "Healing Our Divided Land"
   Where: Host church is Liberti Church Center City
   When: Thursday, October 26th, 7-9pm
   How: purchase tickets online.....you can do so via their website page for this Philly event host <a href="http://qcommons.com/philadelphia">http://qcommons.com/philadelphia</a>
   There are different ticket prices for individuals, couples, groups 8+, and students.
- † Please join The Philadelphia Project for our 7th Annual Silent Auction & Donor Dinner Silent auction starts at 5pm with dinner to follow. 5pm, Sat., October 28, 2017 at the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, PA. Questions// michelle@thephiladelphiaproject.com
- † For the last 75 years, Young Life has focused on introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Join us to celebrate & share about the work of Young Life in the lives of students across the Main Line. This year's event will be on Monday, October 30th at the Saturday Club in Wayne. 7:30pm: Arrive for lite fare & drinks, followed by an area update, entertainment, and an opportunity to invest in the lives of students.

  We hope to see you there! For questions, or to RSVP, please reach out to Trish & Greg Hein, <a href="mailto:trmm1211@msn.com">trmm1211@msn.com</a> or 6106082524.
- † Wednesday Supper menu this week: Mac and Cheese, salad, fruit, dessert.

## ACTS 2

## Application Questions – for individuals or small groups:

- What is your story with the church and Christian community? How important is the church in your relationship with Christ and your life of doing good in the world?
- We know from reading the rest of the book of Acts and the New Testament, that the church was not perfect. Acts 2:41-47, however, seems to be a template of the church at its best. From this description, what positive qualities do you observe? What qualities of NPC do you see in this passage? Where would you like to see our church grow? Where would you like to see yourself grow?
- In verse 42, the early church devoted itself to 4 practices: the apostles' teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. How would you describe each of these practices more specifically? Which of these practices are strongest or weakest for you?
- The radical generosity in verses 44,45 is not necessarily a command, but what would it look like for the church today to move more in this direction?
- The early church experienced both awe and great joy. Are these opposites, or somehow complementary? When have you most experienced either one in the context of worship and community?
- From verse 47, how would you describe the relationship of the church and the surrounding community? How could the last sentence in verse 47 be fulfilled in our day? What actions might God be calling us to take?



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## BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

#### Sunday, October 15

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

## 9:00am Worship Service 10:45am Worship Service

12:15pm Explorers' Class, Parlor 4:00pm High School Youth Group

7:00-8:30pm Open Mic Night

#### Monday, October 16

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office 7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office 7:30pm Men's Bible Study in Galatians, Copy Room

#### Tuesday, October 17

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room 7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner 11:00am Prayer group in Parlor 7:00pm Session, Parlor 7:30pm Praise Team rehearsal, Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, October 18 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor

5:45pm-8:00pm Wednesday Night supper, then classes for all ages Menu: Mac & Cheese, salad, fruit, dessert. (g-free/vegetarian, too)

6:45pm Adult Discipleship classes 6:45pm Middle School Youth Group

#### Thursday, October 19

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, gym 7:00-8:30pm Unbound: Freedom in Christ class, Chapel

7:30-9:00pm Young Adult Group, Parlor 7:30pm Adult Basketball in the gym, open to all

#### Friday, October 20

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel 1:00pm Sr. Slide Show (Greece), Parlor 7-9pm Pickleball, Gym (No PB next Friday)

#### Saturday, October 21

## Sunday, October 22

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office 8:00am Sunday School, Parlor 9:00am Worship Service 10:45am Worship Service 12:15pm Explorers' Class, Parlor 1:00pm Open meeting with Presbytery's Administrative Commission, Chapel 4:00pm High School Youth Group

#### Each Week

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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

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Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: <u>ilmpsych@hotmail.com</u>

### Planning ahead Information and calendar updates 24/7 at www.narberthpres.org

Oct 23	/:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor (Note different day)
Oct 26	9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Oct 26	6:30-8:30pm Private use – Fellowship of Chr. Ath. Meeting, Parlor
Oct 27	9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Oct 27	6:00pm Wedding rehearsal, Sanctuary
Oct 28	12:00pm Wedding and reception, Sanctuary & Parlor
Oct 30	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Nov 3-5	High School Reality Retreat
Nov 10	7-9pm Pickleball (2nd and 4th Fridays), Gym
Nov 14	7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor
Nov 19	12:00-2:00pm Gifts of Hope Gallery, Gym