



Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2020

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Welcome and Family News

Pastor Debbie Watson

Call to Worship

Psalm 37:1-6

The Hoffman Family

Hymn #2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Sherry Beebe

Nicaea

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 5:22,23, 6:7-10

Pastor Deborah Watson

Children's Message

Danielle Kauffman

Youth Message

John Chaffee

Worship Song

God Is So Good
Claire Vesper

Bethel Music

Sermon

The Fruit of The Spirit
Reclaiming The Power of Goodness

Pastor Steve

Worship Song

Good and Loved
Sarah & Colin Comstock

Greene

Pastoral Prayer and Benediction

Pastor Debbie

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship of God, equip and renew them for their tasks in the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and the session of those persons and structures that may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places that are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order*)

Deacons

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order*)

Recommendations for Elder and Deacon

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin in January 2021. In light of the descriptions above, if you have individuals to suggest for Elder or Deacon, please email the committee with

1. Name being suggested
2. For what office
3. Reason for recommendation

Send emails to Linda Behmke of the Nominating Committee at lrbehmke@yahoo.com or to Jack Comstock at comstockjack@gmail.com

You may also mail your suggestions to the church, attention: Nominating Committee.

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

New Fellowship Opportunity

Looking to connect with other NPC people you haven't seen in a while? Or maybe even to meet some NPC people you don't know – yet?

Then join Gaby Anik and Naveen Daniel Thursday nights from 7pm – 8pm on Zoom! This is a friendly “chat room” where you come when you can, and leave when you need.

Have a friend outside the church that may be homebound, feeling a little isolated, and needs some socializing? Invite them to our Zoom chat.

All are welcomed.

Come with your coffee, iced tea, or joke of the day! Just come. Join in. Re-connect.

To join, send your email to the office at kpappas@narberthpres.org You'll get an invite to the Thursday night Zoom meeting. And don't worry if you're new to Zoom. It's easy, it's fun, and we'll guide you through the few steps to get on board.

Outdoor Book Study

Pastor Steve is finishing his book study on *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey. The good Lord and weather permitting, we are meeting OUTDOORS on 4 Friday nights - July 31, August 7,14,21 from **7:15 - 8:30pm** in the Parking Lot.

Even if you were not previously a part of the Book Study (which last met on Wednesday March 11) you may attend. We will cover the last 4 chapters on the grand topics of the resurrection, ascension, kingdom of God, and the difference Jesus makes today.

Because of our distance from one another, there will probably be less discussion than a normal book study. Pastor Steve will be miked. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide childcare at this time. In case of rain, we will postpone our gathering until the next week. An email will be sent by 6:15 pm to make that decision.

If you would like to attend, please email or call Karen Pappas (610-664-4880 x119) in order to register, or if you have any questions.

Looking forward to actually SEEING you! Pastor Steve

Sunday School Class: Romans *Paul's Letter to the Romans:*

This is an in-depth study of what, in Martin Luther's view, is truly “the chief part of the New Testament.” Every Christian should know it word for word, by heart.”

Similarly, John Calvin wrote that “if we have gained a true understanding of this epistle, we have an open door to all the most profound treasures of Scripture.” During July and August, 2020, every Sunday from 11:00am to noon, we will have an engaging, thought-provoking, interactive session on Zoom. Join any or all sessions as you are able. Email markfwenger@yahoo.com to get the Zoom link. Led by Mark Wenger.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Resource List for Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Dear NPC family,

We are excited to share with you four Christ-centered, Scripturally-based resources that address the issues of racial justice and reconciliation. The first three are videos from speakers who address racial issues with great wisdom and encouragement, including some moving testimonies. The fourth is a comprehensive, 40-day devotional called “An American Lament” that is structured around prayer, Scripture, reflection, and response. It is an educational and deeply Spirit-filled resource that you can work through alone or with others. You can download the entire devotional at the website below. We pray that you will find these resources as helpful to you as they have been for us.

With Love and Blessings,
The Adult Discipleship Committee

1. Grace, Justice, and Mercy - 30 minute talk by Tim Keller, 40 minute talk by Bryan Stevenson: <https://vimeo.com/168964644>
2. Racial Reconciliation: Dana Allin, ECO leader, interview with David Bailey of Arrabon Ministry: <https://eco-pres.org/event/the-church-and-racial-reconciliation-webinar/>
3. "The Dream King" William Ford and Matt Lockett - Open Church <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=william+ford+and+matt+lockett+open+church&docid=608045349025285282&mid=C48796D8CE17EE4664F2C48796D8CE17EE4664F2&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>
4. 40-Day Devotional – “An American Lament”
<https://repentanceproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/An-American-Lament.pdf>

FAMILY MINISTRY

NEW Virtual and In Person Activities for Children

Sunday, August 16th at 11:00am is Bible Story Time with Miss Danielle!

Please register to join us for a special Bible Story Time with Miss Danielle in the courtyard of NPC. This activity is best for children ages 3 - 5 and their parent. Children and adults must wear a mask and we will be socially distant. We ask that older siblings do not attend. Space is limited so please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) to RSVP.

Sunday, August 16th at 1:00pm *VIRTUAL* Bible Story Time with Miss Danielle and Miss Sharon!

Please register for a special VIRTUAL Bible Story Time with Miss Danielle via ZOOM! This activity is best for children ages 3 - 5 and their parent. Children should be prepared to show/tell about their favorite FRUIT! Please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) to get the ZOOM link.

Special Service Project for Upper Elementary children on Thursday, August 20th beginning at 5:30pm!

3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to the church parking lot for a special time of fellowship and service. We will be creating "Love Baskets" for outreach visits. Please RSVP your child to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). All children and adults must wear face coverings out of love for each other. Parents are not required to stay.

Fruit of the Spirit BINGO! With PRIZES! Friday, August 21st at 6:30pm!

Families with young children are encouraged to RSVP for Virtual Fruit of the Spirit BINGO with Miss Danielle! Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) to receive your BINGO CARD. A Zoom link will be emailed to you. Hope to "see" you there!

All Church EVENT!

NPC's Got Talent! We know you do and we want to see it. Please send in a short clip with your featured talent that is no longer than one minute. Can you sing, play an instrument, pop a wheelie on your bike, do you have the best leap into the pool, can you rap? How about your pet? Does he/she have a special trick? As videos come in, Danielle and John will be putting them together to create the NPC Socially Distant Talent Show. The premier of this show will be announced soon! Until then get your talent ready! This is a church wide event so everyone is invited to send in a video! Come on NPC! You got Talent!

[Click Here](#) for the DropBox link for the NPC's Got Talent. I am asking all submissions are uploaded by Wednesday, August 26th and the DATE of the Talent Show is set for Friday, August 28th! I will send out the link for the show to everyone at 6:30pm that evening.

YOUTH

Theology/Spirituality - John Chaffee

Every so often throughout the summer, John will be using his at-home whiteboard to give another theology/spirituality talk for your encouragement. Feel free to treat these as if they were a Wednesday night class you might have attended. So sit back and enjoy learning about Christian orthodoxy and the faith journey, and how they are still far more relevant and helpful today as they ever were. [Click here](#) for the class called "[Understanding the Flow of God's Love in the World.](#)"

"**Hobbit Holes, Faith and You**" is a white board talk that has John using Lord of the Rings to help us understand the difference between theology and spirituality as well as how they support one another. [Click here to watch the 22 min video on Youtube.](#)

"**Job Pt. 1 - Wait, Job Got Set Up?**" is a 30 min podcast that has John reading through the first three chapters of the book of Job, chatting through it, and explaining how these chapters set the stage for the rest of the book. This is part 1 of 3. [Click here to listen to the 30 min audio.](#)

John Chaffee is hosting Zoom "gatherings" for NPC youth every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The link is emailed each Monday.

John also leads Youth Zoom meetings every Sunday night from 7-8:30 p.m. as well.

Youth can follow the podcasts that John has been recording for them.

Here is the

link: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ambushed/id1095090551>

John Chaffee (jchaffee@narberthpres.org)

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

NEW INFORMATION

Worship Services

On Tuesday, Aug 11th, Session reviewed the NPC Plan to Restart Worship Services. With a few modifications, Session has approved the plan with respect to the safety protocols (the “How”), providing authorization for NPC staff, ministry leaders, and others to begin implementing the preparation activities and recommendations in the Plan to enable a safe and healthy return to in-person worship services. The approved plan allows Session the flexibility to authorize implementation of in-person worship services at such time (the “When”) as health conditions improve sufficiently and other relevant considerations allow for it. Meanwhile, our team will be coordinating with the Worship Committee as they develop their Plan to ensure safety protocols are met. Our team has also begun supporting Youth, Children, Greeter, Usher and Medical Leadership in the form of surveys, to inquire about availability of volunteers, and duties needed to support modified in-person worship services.

Narberth Presbyterian Church Preschool

Most summers are comparatively quiet for the Preschool, but not Summer 2020. Leaders have been busy researching best practices for educating and protecting the littlest members of our community, drawing upon state resources and local health experts. The result is a plan to resume in-person instruction which was approved at the August Session meeting on Tuesday. Approving the plan is only the beginning of making it happen. Now in-depth presentations to parents and meetings with teachers take place to make sure all know how Preschool will look different this fall as we seek to keep both kids and adults healthy. If you are a parent, you will soon get information on how this year will be different. If you are a teacher, you will soon have the opportunity to become familiar with the changes planned for this fall. While plans can change if local health metrics deteriorate dramatically, the plan is now to begin Preschool on September 15.

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:

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