



Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 30, 2020

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Welcome and Family News		Pastor Debbie Watson
Testimony		Jack Comstock
Call to Worship	Matthew 11:25-30	Gerri Wismer and Liam Roykouff
Hymn	<i>What A Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	
Scripture Reading	1 Thessalonians 2:4-12	Pastor Debbie
Children's Message		Danielle Kauffman
Youth Message		John Chaffee
Worship Song	<i>Cornerstone</i> Sarah and Colin Comstock	
Sermon	The Fruit of The Spirit The Disarming Strength of Gentleness	Pastor Steve Weed
Pastoral Prayer and 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

Sunday, September 13 - Blessing of the Children, Drive Through!

On Sunday, September 13th there will be a “*Blessing of the Children - Drive Through*”. Because we are not yet able to gather safely, with all the MANY children and youth to bless them before their new school year, inside the church, we will take our blessing outdoors! From **1:00pm - 2:00pm** families are invited to drive past the church on Windsor Avenue and receive a blessing from pastoral staff, elders, or leaders in children and youth ministry. You do not need to RSVP. We hope to see many of you there.

Wacky Wednesday begins on Wednesday, September 16th!

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! Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy adult company while children play, but are not required to stay. 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 to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

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

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

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 Night Group on Zoom

Starting September 14th

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

Resource List for Racial Justice and Reconciliation

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

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATED INFORMATION

Worship Services. Over the past two weeks, the staff, ministry leaders, and many others have been working closely with the Safety & Security team in coordinating implementation efforts related to NPC's approved Plan to Restart Worship Services. Together, we are hopeful that our preparation activities and a continuation of stable health conditions in our local area afford us an opportunity to commence in-person worship services in the fall.

The Worship Committee has been meeting regularly to adapt the services so that safety protocols are met. We are also developing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, and will begin sharing with ministry leaders next week with the aim to share and refine this document in the coming weeks with our Congregation to inform you of implementation details as they are finalized.

Next week is the deadline for responding to surveys sent out last week to support our Youth, Children, and Greeter and Usher ministries. If you received a survey, we are relying on your feedback and would greatly appreciate your response by Sunday night Aug. 30. It will take less than 5 minutes and will greatly inform crucial aspects of the NPC implementation plans. We also welcome your questions related to practical issues and hot topics regarding "new" worship service safety measures that will be addressed in the FAQ document noted above. Please submit your worship service questions to Tim Roykouff (troykouff@narberthpres.org). Please pray for NPC's leadership as we continue to make good progress on our preparation activities. Finally, also pray for an outpouring of volunteers to support in-person worship services that hopefully resume in the not-too-distant future.

Small Groups. More group leaders have been scheduling in-person meetings indoors and out. There are now 8 locations available for gathering, with 5 open to all NPC small group leaders (see below) as well as 3 locations for Youth Group, Counseling, and AA groups. Out of love for our neighbor, all NPC gatherings, whether indoors or outdoors, will require mask-wearing, appropriate 6 foot social distancing and frequent hand washing. Please contact Karen Pappas (kpappas@narberthpres.org) to schedule your small group meetings and obtain guidance for room setup and health safety protocols.

Location	Parlor	Chapel	Gym	Parking Lot	Courtyard
Limit (*)	16	24	40	40	20

(*) Current gathering limits based on meeting space, social distancing, and local COVID trends.

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:

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