



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

September 20, 2020

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Welcome and Family News		Pastor Deborah Watson
Call to Worship	2 Timothy 3:14-17	Jessica Gaffga, Tabby and Shiloh
Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> Sherry Beebe	<i>Slane</i>
Scripture Reading	Luke 8:4-8, 11-15 Acts 2:42	Pastor Steve
Children's Message		Danielle Kauffman
Youth Message		John Chaffee
Worship Song	<i>Bless Your Name</i> Sarah & Colin Comstock	<i>Mission House</i>
Sermon	Is Anyone Listening To MY Word?	Pastor Steve Weed
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Benediction		Pastor Debbie

**Sermon Series: Essential Church: Reconnecting With God and One Another**

## **NPC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

Narberth Presbyterian Church Christian Preschool is excited to announce that we opened our doors for in-person instruction on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We have been implementing contactless drop-off and health screens as well as following the CDC guidelines for preschools. We have limited space available for children who are 18 months- PreK. For more information please email [preschool@narberthpres.org](mailto:preschool@narberthpres.org) or visit our website: [www.narberthpres.org/school](http://www.narberthpres.org/school).

**Christina Platt**

Preschool Director

School Office: 610-664-8890

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **4th & 5th grade Sandwich Making for Parkway Ministry this Sunday, Sept. 20th!**

All 4th & 5th graders are invited to NPC at 9:30am for a morning of service as we make lunches for Parkway Ministry. Please RSVP to Danielle!

### **Wacky Wednesday for Kindergarten - 5th grade!**

All elementary aged children are encouraged to attend "Wacky Wednesday" from 4:30pm - 5:30pm in the NPC parking lot! This week's theme is: **Frisbee Frenzy and Silly Socks!** Get ready for some fun frisbee games and crafts and please wear your silliest socks! Everyone wears a face covering (covering nose and mouth). Hope to see you there!

### **Day of Service with The Philadelphia Project!**

All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to join us for a Day of Service with The Philadelphia Project on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$35 per person. Please RSVP to Danielle - registration and fees must be turned in by October 17th.

**Save the Date for Trunk or Treat** taking place on Saturday, October 24th in the NPC parking lot!

## 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.

### **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.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## SUNDAY CLASSES

### 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 is 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](mailto:jchaffee@narberthpres.org)

## Wednesday Nights at the Church

### 7:00 pm - "Walking with God in the Desert"

Pastor Debbie is hosting 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.

**Led by Pastor Debbie Watson**

**Location: Chapel**

# SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

## UPDATE FROM SAFETY AND SECURITY

**Worship Services Preparation.** Safety and Security is pleased to confirm that if the way be clear, NPC intends to begin in-person worship on **October 18th** and adhere to all safety guidelines and procedures that the Session has approved.

We continue to monitor health conditions and key trends and metrics in our local community which remain stable.

At NPC, we will protect our members and friends at the “new” worship services by adhering to the Four Pillars of Health and Safety:

- Facility-Sanitizing
- Health-Screening
- Mask-Wearing
- Social Distancing

The “new” worship services will be different than they were before COVID, and will have to be adapted to ensure everyone’s protection. The balance of this article is intended to help you understand how in-person worship will be different and hopefully spark your interest in three of the ministries that will help make this happen:

### **Volunteers needed for these areas:**

**Greeter.** As before, greeters remain the smiling, first faces that friends and members see as they enter NPC. Greeters will also now assist with ensuring good traffic flow and social distancing when congregants enter and exit our church. Finally, greeters may also assist in verifying the names of members that have registered in advance to let NPC know they are attending. The registration process will be used to help make sure there are enough socially-distant seats for worship services. Registering also provides the support needed to perform contact tracing, if ever needed. You will hear more about pre-registering as we draw closer to our first Sunday in the Sanctuary.

**Health Screener.** Although those in the health field are welcomed and encouraged to serve in this ministry, anyone with a passion for keeping our friends and members healthy would be a great help in serving in this ministry. Health screeners will ask all who come to worship a few health and safety questions and administer an instant-read, touchless thermometer to help make sure that those who might be sick and not already aware of it can be forewarned, preventing possible spread of Covid-19 in worship. Health screeners and Greeters will also help to make sure that all who enter are wearing masks, which will be required to worship inside.

**Usher.** Ushers have been a cornerstone at NPC but their role will be different now. To reduce the likelihood of spreading sickness from pass-along materials, we will not be using a printed bulletin. All of that information will be shared via screens or the newsletter. But ushers have a very important role in seating friends and members in the Sanctuary and Balcony and making sure that all are socially distant from one-

another, unless they are members of the same household or family. Ushers will also assist in monitoring and directing traffic flow to help reduce bottlenecks and backups and encourage social distancing when congregants enter and exit our church.

*Please pray for NPC's leadership as we enter the next month of preparation activities and for stable health conditions in our local community. Also, pray for an outpouring of volunteers to support our ministries as we hopefully resume worship services in early October.*

*To learn more about the new volunteer roles and to participate in upcoming training, please contact the following ministry leaders:*

- Greeter: David Place ([davend84@hotmail.com](mailto:davend84@hotmail.com))
- Medical Screener: Nina O'Connor ([Nina.OConnor@penmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:Nina.OConnor@penmedicine.upenn.edu))
- Usher: Dee Knight ([deedleskni9@gmail.com](mailto:deedleskni9@gmail.com))

**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](mailto: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](http://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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Stephen N. Weed, Pastor  
Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor  
John Chaffee, Director of Youth Ministry  
Danielle Kauffman, Dir. of Children's Min.  
Colin & Sarah Comstock, Worship Bnd Ldrs  
Christina Platt, Dir. of Pre-School  
Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator  
Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Mgr.  
Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor  
Karen Pappas, Secretary  
Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper  
Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary  
Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian

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# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, September 20*

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class

Led by Debbie

9:00am Worship Service available online

at [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

9:30am 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet at church to make sandwiches

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was

Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity

Zoom Class led by John Chaffee

## *Monday, September 21*

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Group

## *Tuesday, September 22*

## *Wednesday, September 23*

4:30-5:30pm “Whacky Wednesday”, Children’s Ministry K-5th

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

7:00pm “Walking In the Desert With God” In-person video series, led by Debbie Watson,

Location: Chapel

## *Thursday, September 24*

## *Friday, September 25*

## *Saturday, September 26*

## *Sunday, September 27*

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class

Led by Debbie

9:00am Worship Service available online

at [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was

Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity

Zoom Class led by John Chaffee

To join any of the above listed Zoom meetings, please call the church office at 610-664-4880

## *Each Week*

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890

2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 12 noon & 12 noon to 3:00pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May

AA meets 12:30pm, Monday–Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm

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