



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 9, 2022

Sermon

7 Ways To Know God's Will

Pastor Steve

Hymn #519

It Is Well with My Soul

Ville Du Havre

Testimony

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Menuet Gothique

Boellmann

Prayer Ministry

Isabel Lally

New 6-week Explorers' Class has started, meets in Parlor. We will meet from 11:00 to 12:45, light brunch and childcare provided. Last week to join until next Explorers' Class in January.

Choir Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Choir Rehearsals have begun! The time is 11:00am or directly following our church service. We have room for you! Hoping to see you upstairs in the choir room. Linda Pilacik

Missions Luncheon: Please join us for lunch in the gym on October 23 at 11:15. Sakinah Love will be sharing her ministry to women who have been victims of human trafficking right here in our area. Lunch is free and child care will be provided. Please let Danielle know if you need childcare dkauffman@narberthpres.org

Pastor Steve's book study on Mere Christianity continues tomorrow night, 7:15 – 8:30. Please sign up or be in touch with Steve. Last week to join.

Financial Update

Through August, your giving totals \$606,749 which equals 55% of our 2022 budget of \$1,099,000, and is \$15, 972 above giving at the same time in 2021.

Total expenses in budgeted areas equal \$741,840, which exceeds year to date offerings by \$135,091. A higher percentage of giving is normally received during the fourth quarter, so it is not unusual to have expenses exceeding giving at this point of the year. To date, we have been able to cover this difference with cash on hand from our strong finish to 2021.

However, we anticipate our spending going above budget this year due to the necessary property projects. We have made a down payment for new boilers to replace our struggling, aging units, with a total installation cost of approx. \$88,000. Along with the front step repairs and various smaller projects, we will significantly exceed our budget in the area of property this year, after being below budget in recent years. As we start the fourth quarter, we ask for your help in finishing the year well and covering our expenses.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY CLASS: Colossians and Philemon at 11:15 am. Join us for a close look at these two fascinating letters from Paul and Timothy while Paul was imprisoned. Colossians talks about Christ as the center of all reality, and as John Barclay puts it, offers us “a comprehensive vision of truth”. This nine-week class will have some teaching but mostly engaging discussion. We will meet in the Youth Room and have a Zoom option for those who can't be there in person. Led by Mark Wenger and Charlie Hurst. Please contact Mark at markfwenger@yahoo.com for the Zoom link.

CLASS: *Mere Christianity* Book Study with Pastor Steve as of Sept 26. In 2000, *Christianity Today* voted *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis as the "most important Christian book of the 20th century." Pastor Steve is leading an 11-week study of this classic book. We meet from 7:15 to 8:30pm. Last week to join.

GriefShare Meets weekly from 6:30 - 8pm in the Parlor (in person), and will continue on into December (you can join at any time). Register here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/155054/registrations/new>. Please feel free to email Alice Antonelli at arichardson1@gmail.com for more information about the group.

The Road to Emmaus With Jesus is a series of three five-hour days set aside on NPC's 2022-2023 calendar for us to pray and reflect on our journey with God. In solitude and in community, we will slow down and let the Holy Spirit draw our attention to his recollecting, renewing, and redeeming work in us. Through guided spiritual practices, we will make space for God in our hearts and in our lives, inviting the Holy Spirit to speak personally to us through Scripture, prayer, nature, solitude, and community. The remaining dates and times are Saturday January 21, and Wednesday March 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. Each day will have its stand-alone theme and will take place in a local and accessible site, so come to one or all, as your schedules allow. No prior experience is needed for participation. To sign up, please contact Linda DiLullo at 610-453-3420 or ldilullo3@gmail.com.

Cold Weather is Coming!

Our friends along the Parkway and in Kensington are in need of hoodies, coats, gloves, hats, boots and sneakers. You can put them in the bin outside the Windsor Ave door or connect with Jennifer Bonovitz (484-802-2773) or Marilyn Reed (215-776-3598) to arrange a drop off.

We are very thankful for your financial participation with NPC. Your gifts allow our ministry to flourish, helping us to reach out and support missions locally and around the world, teach our children and youth, and maintain our church building.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Pumpkin Parables Sunday School (K-5th)! Join us for small stories with BIG lessons this October. Each week we will enjoy a new pumpkin craft too!

Communion & Baptism Class! Beginning Sunday, October 9th a new Communion & Baptism Class will be offered to children (K-5th) who are interested. The class will take place October 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th during Sunday School time. Children will be Welcomed to the Lord's Table on Sunday, November 6th.

Snip & Tell Wednesday Night Program! Children (K-5th grade) are invited to a new program called "*Snip & Tell*"! Children will be captivated as we create simple paper cutouts that Unfold as the Bible story is Told!

EAGLES Football at NPC! Bring your favorite lawn chair, wear your favorite jersey, and bring your favorite football appetizer to share. NPC will be watching and cheering on the Eagles together on Sunday, October 30th in the gym! All are welcome beginning at 12:30pm.

Save the date: ALL Church Retreat! All ages are encouraged to attend the NPC All-Church Retreat taking place in Sandy Cove, MD on May 12th, 13th, and 14th! Details soon!

Save the date: The Philadelphia Blitz Weekend for 3rd, 4th, 5th graders will take place April 28th, 29th, 30th. Please let Danielle know if you are interested! Registration has already begun and it fills up fast.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Middle School Youth Group! Middle School Youth Groups meets each Wednesday evening from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Youth Room. Each week offers games, lesson, and fun! All 6th, 7th, 8th graders are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

High School Youth Group! Each Sunday, all 9th-12th graders are encouraged to come enjoy time together from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Youth Room. Join us for a time of community, theology, and an on opportunity to know, live, and share your faith!

Christian College Fair! Delaware County Christian School (Upper Campus in Newtown Square) is holding a Christian College Fair on **Wednesday, October 19th** beginning at 6:30pm. This event is open to the public and all juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend. Please visit findyourchristiancollege.com and register to attend the Suburban Philly Fair held at DCCS in advance. Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

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PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: Amnion Pregnancy Center offers counseling to those who have undergone an abortion, whether recently or long ago, and provides support to young people who choose to parent their babies. Pray for those who provide the counseling, that they will be both kind and competent in their interactions with those who seek their help. Pray also for the clients to have hearts and minds open to the Lord as he comes to them through the ministry of Amnion staff and volunteers.
<http://amnionpregnancycenter.com/>

Notes from Justice and Mercy: Modern slavery is happening in our communities and being able to spot the signs and know what to do could make a life-changing difference. Here are a few signs to look for: - homes with too many residents - one person speaking on behalf of many others who may avoid eye contact or conversation - people who seem scared, confused or have untreated injuries - people with no control over their own phone, mail or legal documents.

To report suspicions, call 911 in emergency situations or the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. Contact Sally Kapner for more information.

Neighborhood Crusades likes to give out **hygiene kits** to the homeless people they evangelize. Please donate personal size toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, wash clothes, razors, deodorant, shampoo or quart-size ziplock bags. Place them in the box under the bulletin board right outside the sanctuary doors on the Windsor side of the building. Contact Marilyn Reed if you have any questions. 215-776-3598 Thank you!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 9

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Explorers' Class, Parlor
11:15am **Sunday School:** Colossians and Philemon,
Youth Room (and Zoom)
7:00pm **High School Youth Group**

Monday, October 10

6:30-8:00pm GriefShare , Parlor
7:15-8:30pm *Mere Christianity* Book Study, Chapel

Tuesday, October 11

Wednesday, October 12

5:45 – 6:45pm **Church family supper** in the gym
7:00 – 8:00pm **Children's** class (K-5th) with Danielle
7:00 – 8:00pm **MS Youth** Group with Juwan
7:00 – 8:00pm **Bible Study**, Pastor Steve (Parlor)
“Practicing The Presence of God: Finding God
In All of Life”
7:00 – 8:00pm **Video Series**, Pastor Debbie (Chapel)
“Living As A Christian in A World That Is Not.” a 5
week series, filmed in Greece

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890 x118

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

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Thursday, October 13

10:00am Funeral Service for Minjian Wang
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, October 14

11:00am **Women's Bible Study** (In-person)

Saturday, October 15

Sunday, October 16

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Explorers' Class, Parlor
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Philemon, Youth Room (and Zoom)
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Stephen N. Weed, Pastor

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Juwan Williams, Intergenerational Ministry

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Colin & Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Ldrs

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator

Donya Perry, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

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Virginia Davis, Dir. of Pre-School

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Michael Ochal, Weekend Custodian