



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 22, 2023



Scripture Reading	Acts 20:17-21,27,28,32-25	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	A Heartfelt Family Talk	Pastor Steve
Hymn	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	Arr. Payne
Prayer Ministry		Nina O'Connor

**Explorers' Class** – Pastors Steve and Debbie are leading a new 3-week Explorers' Class on Sundays, October 8, 15, & 22. Today's class will meet from 1:00 – 3:00 in the Parlor.

**Women's Spiritual Formation Group** meets on Sundays, 4:00-5:30 p.m., October 8<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>. See page 7 for more information.

**New! Men's and Women's bible studies on the book of James.** See page 7 for details.

**Pastor Steve's retirement dinner! You're invited! Save the Date!** We are excited to invite you to celebrate this exciting event! On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Steve's 32 years of ministry at NPC and blessing him and Teri into retirement. Email invitations were sent with more details and a link to RSVP. The dinner will be at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill, reception starting at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:45pm. This is an all-ages event! If you have questions please reach out to Linda Behmke, Ashley Reed, Katie Kennedy, Michelle Phillips, or Jennifer Fisher.

**Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30** am is Pastor Steve's final Sunday Worship Service as our Senior Pastor. Those attending are encouraged to arrive early for a full and resounding service.

There are copies of Pastor Steve's **Top 40 Lessons of Faith and Life** and **60 Most Influential Scripture Verses** available in the chapel.

**We need your help!** Following the email blast with information about specific needs and ministries on the Parkway, Jennifer Bonovitz will be handing out flyers prior to today's service with further details. Pick up a flyer or speak with Jennifer to find out how you can get involved.

# INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Pumpkin Parables** – Sunday School children (K-5<sup>th</sup>) will look closer at parables that Jesus told to teach us big lessons. We will also enjoy pumpkin crafts and treats!

**NPC Nursery** – Infants through PreK are welcomed in room 107 each Sunday! Miss Sharon and our faithful volunteers lead creative Bible lessons that help children interact with God’s Word. Please reach out to Sharon Shallow (sbshallow55@gmail.com) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions or to volunteer.

**Kids Praise** – Join us on Wednesday Nights for music fun! Mrs. Pilacik, NPC’s Minister of Music, will be joining us each week for an exciting time of music. Get ready to make a joyful noise! We will meet in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. This program is best for PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Kickball with Pastor Steve** - Join Pastor Steve in the church gym from 4:00 – 5:00pm for a lively kickball game on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade** – Looking forward to this weekend of service with our children! Please keep us in your prayers.

**Children’s Christmas Pageant** - Save the date for Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>! Our pageant will take place at the end of worship in the sanctuary.

**Save the Date for the 2024 All-Church Retreat!** Get out your calendar and mark the dates for the All-Church Retreat taking place on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD. Many more details soon.

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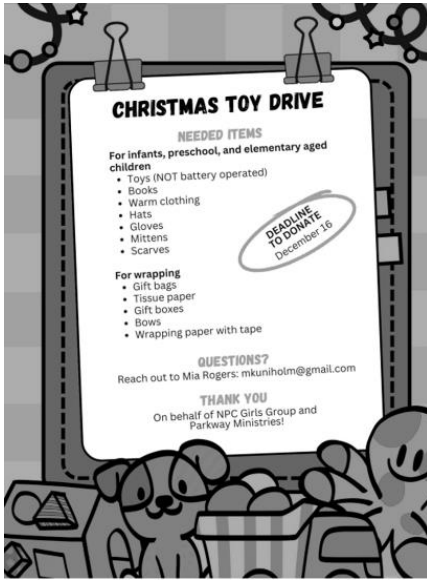
**The Philadelphia Project Benefit Dinner!** Please consider joining us for this wonderful event to celebrate the great things the Lord has done in and through The Philadelphia Project. TPP is a well-loved mission cause of NPC and our children, youth, and adults have enjoyed meaningful service with them each year. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Dave Bellamy (dbellamy@narberthpres.org) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). We hope to see you there!

*Please Join Us*  
**BENEFIT DINNER**  
SUPPORTING  
THE PHILADELPHIA PROJECT  
NOVEMBER  
SUNDAY | **12** | AT 4 PM  
2023

Flourtown Country Club

# INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

**Teen Girls' Ministry** – Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Teen Girls will meet in the church gym directly following the service and walk to the McGrew's home for discipleship and fellowship. Our time will conclude at 12:30pm and girls can be picked up from the house. All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls are encouraged to attend! You can reach out to Danielle Kauffman ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) or Lisa Hoffman ([Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net](mailto:Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net)) with any questions.



**Teen Girls' Service Project** - Teen Girls' Ministry is helping to support the Parkway Christmas Shop and you can get involved by donating new or gently used toys for children and babies. Please see the flier around NPC for more details. Donations can be left in the Toy Drive box in the Chapel. Contact Mia Rogers ([mkuniholm@gmail.com](mailto:mkuniholm@gmail.com)) or Danielle Kauffman ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) to learn more.

**The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for Youth** – Join us for a meaningful weekend of service Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>! This weekend is open to current 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The cost is \$99 to participate, and scholarships are available. Please RSVP to Lisa Hoffman ([Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net](mailto:Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net)) or reach out with any questions.

**Youth Sunday School** – Middle School and High School meet in the Youth Room each Sunday. Together we are connecting to Jesus and learning to see the beauty in the gospel.

**Middle School Youth Group** – *Please note: There will not be Youth Group on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Then beginning Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Middle School Youth Group will meet on Wednesdays evenings from 7:00pm – 8:00pm.*

**High School Youth Group** - *Please note: There will not be Youth Group on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.* High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) will resume Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and meets in the Youth Room each Sunday evening from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Our time together will include interactive conversations about the Bible and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

## NPC Financial Update

We are 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.

Through September, your giving to NPC has totaled \$693,968, which is just ahead of last year at this time and represents 59% of our annual budget of \$1,178,400 for 2023.

Spending in budgeted areas is \$873,829.45, which is just below budget through three quarters.

It is a normal pattern to receive a large percentage of giving in the fourth quarter. Historically, this helps NPC to meet our budgeted giving number, but we do not take this for granted. \$484,432 is needed in Quarter 4 to reach budget.

We would ask that you prayerfully consider what you are able to give to help us meet budget, so we may fulfill God's purpose for NPC of building disciples in the love of Jesus Christ as we grow up in worship, grow together in community, and grow out in witness and service.

### Ways to Give to NPC:

- **Text** your gift to 610-624-4831 with the dollar amount you wish to donate and optionally, a keyword such as Easter (e.g., \$25 Easter), if you would like your gift directed to that cause. Gifts without a keyword will support the general fund.
- Visit **Give on the NPC Website** to make your gift securely online.
- **Mail** your gift to: Narberth Presbyterian Church, Attn: Financial Secretary, 205 Grayling Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072
- **Donation Plates** are passed weekly during worship.
- **Donation Boxes** at both entrances remain for anyone wishing to drop off their tithe or gift in this way.
- Give by the **transfer of appreciated stock** to NPC. Donating stock directly is one of the most tax-smart ways to give. By donating stock that has appreciated for more than a year, you are able to claim the full market value of the stock at the time of donation as a charitable deduction on your taxes, and avoid capital gains on the stock. Reach out to our Treasurer, Jim Hoffman at jimh@delval.com or 267-236-3559 for our brokerage account info, which is needed to initiate the transaction with your broker.

## CLASSES

**8:15am Sunday Class** – Please join us – in the NPC Parlor, or via Zoom – for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for the day's worship service. All are welcome! Contact Pastor Debbie for the Zoom link.

***An invitation to live into a deeper transformative friendship with Jesus.*** Join us for a spiritual formation group for women, exploring the following questions: What is Christian spiritual formation? What is my picture of God? Myself? The Gospel? How do people change? How do I follow Jesus? Through Biblical insights, experiential prayer, group discussion, and personal reflection & journaling, we will examine how our *default* answers to these questions have been forming (or deforming) us, and we will learn to attune our hearts to the invitations Jesus has for us. This group meets on **Sundays from 4:00 – 5:30pm, through November 12<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Heather Gallagher (minimeheather@gmail.com) or Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com).

***As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead – James 2:26.*** The book of James emphasizes the importance of living out one's faith through actions and practical wisdom. It teaches us how to be mature Christians. Join the Women's Bible Study as we explore the book of James on **5 Thursday nights from 7:00 – 8:15pm** in the Parlor, starting November 2<sup>nd</sup> (and skipping the week of Thanksgiving). Contact Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen100@gmail.com) or Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**NEW Men's Interactive 5-week Bible Study on the Book of James** starts on Thursday, November 2, from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in Pastor Steve's office. Please contact Ken Eng (k\_eng@msn.com) or Naveen Daniel (nav@drexel.edu) for questions. All men are welcome!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

**The New Testament in Its World** We will continue this 37-week, video-based study that looks at the entire New Testament. Each week, we will travel from the 21<sup>st</sup> century to the era of Jesus and the first Christians, where we will learn about how the message of the Gospel impacted them and their world. Following each video there will be a time of interactive conversation based on what we have just seen/heard. If you would like to understand the NT at a deeper level, here is an opportunity to do that.

**Most Influential Scripture Verses.** Along with his 40 Top Lessons of Faith and Life, Pastor Steve has put together his 60 most influential scripture verses. He will share these over his last 3 Wednesday nights.

**Kids Praise** – Join us for music fun! Mrs. Pilacik, NPC's Minister of Music, will be joining us each week for an exciting time of music. Get ready to make a joyful noise!

**Middle School Youth Group** – Beginning Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Middle School Youth Group will meet on Wednesdays evenings from 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



The journey of grief is a painful process; you do not need to walk it alone. We encourage you to come to the video and support group, GriefShare. The sessions address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. GriefShare meets weekly, the content is Christ-centered and biblical. You will find this to be a place with people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare sessions meet on **Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Chapel** into December (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website. Contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

**Men's Small Group** There is an open small group for men looking to connect in a more intimate setting. The Men's Small group **meets from 7:30 – 9:00am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month in the Parlor**. Donuts sometimes exist, but coffee is *always* guaranteed! The format of the group is designed to facilitate intimate sharing, prayer, and accountability. While the study of scripture helps to facilitate those conversations, education is not the primary goal of this group. Our purpose is to provide a place for men to deepen relationships with a small cohort of other men and experience what it looks like for "iron to sharpen iron." Contact Justin Crawford (me@JustinCrawford.com / 646.588.9042) for more information.

**Senior Adult "Slideshows" are back!** While these have, traditionally, been for people aged 60 and above, we welcome *everyone* (of any age) to these gatherings, which are interesting, informative, FREE, and offer a great opportunity to meet and get to know your NPC "neighbors" in-person! We also have snacks! We meet on Fridays at 1:30pm in the Parlor.

- November 17<sup>th</sup> Paris (2022/23) & Cambridge 2023 (Debbie Watson & Diane Chen)
- December 15<sup>th</sup> Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea (Save the date)

This year, **Amnion Pregnancy Care Medical Center** marks four decades of unwavering commitment to empowering women, supporting families, and ensuring that every child is given the opportunity to thrive. To commemorate this incredible journey, we will be gathering on November 2, 2023, at 6:00pm at Drexelbrook Event Center for a special fundraising banquet that promises to be joyful, memorable, and inspiring! The **Keynote Speaker will be Allie Beth Stuckey**, a pro-life voice for this generation, with a passion for speaking truth from a Biblical perspective. **Registration is easy and free** (note that a fundraising offering will be taken during the evening). To secure your spot, register by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. See the weekly newsletter for registration links or go to [www.friendsofamnion.org](http://www.friendsofamnion.org).

**One-Time Gathering – Again?** There was a good turn out for a one-time gathering led by Pastor Steve last week. The message was on fear, anxiety, and sleep challenges. If you would be interested in another opportunity, please be in touch with Pastor Steve (sweed@narberthpres.org).




**Save the Date for the Found Wandering Christmas Concert** Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in the evening at NPC!

**Music Ministry's 2023-2024 season:** We are seeking singers, bell ringers, musicians of all instruments, ages, and ability levels to participate in our Music Ministry programs. Rehearsals are on Monday nights for Bell Choir and on Thursday nights for the Sanctuary Choir. Contact Linda Pilacik (lpilacik@narberthpres.org) with questions or to sign up.

**Notes From Justice and Mercy:** Our Loving Our Neighbors ministry has been blessed with generous donations from two large stores in Lower Merion. As a result, we've been able to provide food and other household goods to families along Ridge Ave. in North Philly, as well as to immigrant families in Upper Darby. A new partnership with the Mitzvah Pantry in Bala Cynwyd allows us to send food to families in West Philadelphia and Northeast Philadelphia. The Kensington Ministry continues with the help of a Project Home staff member who picks up donations of clothing at Jennifer Bonovitz's home and takes them to The Inn of Amazing Mercy for distribution to residents battling drug addiction. Please pray for continued, fruitful connections between businesses and people in need. Also pray for new leadership for this ministry.

**Room For Restless Children** The presence of children is a gift to the church, and children are always welcome in our services. In addition to the NPC Nursery downstairs, the Parlor is available to parents who wish to keep their child with them, even when the child is restless, crying, etc. during worship. The Parlor is set up so parents can view the service while caring for their child. We invite you to make use of this room, when needed, so that all who are in attendance can pray and worship.

**Flower Dedication:**  Each week beautiful flowers grace the altar of the church. They remind us of the Lord's goodness and are a way to honor Him. You may provide 1 week's flowers with a donation of \$25. Flowers may be given in memory/honor of someone or simply to God's glory; your dedication will be acknowledged in the weekly bulletin. If you would like to dedicate flowers, please call Sara in the church office.

**Dr. Janet Moore** is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients' lives, she can provide spiritually integrated psychotherapy. Janet offers counseling to adults and couples experiencing such struggles as depression and anxiety, relationship issues, life crisis, grief, and personal adjustment problems. Contact Dr. Moore at 610-664-4880 Ext 121, or 484-686-6630, jlmpsych910@gmail.com.

# 2023 CHURCH OFFICERS

## THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator

### Class of 2023

\*Jo-Anne Kaplan – Clerk of Session, Children’s Ministry

\*Sue Wenger – Adult Discipleship, Co-Chair of PNC

Brint Nicolai – Chair of Worship Committee

Jie Cai – Finance Committee

### Class of 2024

\*Linda DiLullo - Prayer

\*Pam Fleming – Children’s Ministry

\*Clara Louie – Spiritual Formation

Jim Hornung – Property, Safety and Security

### Class of 2025

Linda Behmke – Chair of Personnel

\*Jack Comstock – Personnel, Chair of PNC

\*Jan Kennedy – Liaison to Youth

Nina O’Connor – Safety and Security

## THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

### Class of 2023

Gaby Anik – Treasurer, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Gwen Blessing – Homebound Communications

\*Godfrey Louie – Moderator, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Gerri Wismer – Bereavement Care/GriefShare

### Class of 2024

Ray Bellamy – Transportation

Katie Kennedy – Deacons’ Assistance Fund, College Age Communications

\*Dee Knight – Ushering

Donald Vangore – Ushering

### Class of 2025

\*Mike Boccasini – Clerk, Youth Ministry

Ann Sattel – Missions

Rashmi Vyas – College Age Communications

\* Sandi Wray – Deacons’ Pantry/Meal Train, Visitation

\* serving second term

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Please pray** for patience and discernment for the PNC. Please also pray for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

**Pray for Pastor Steve**, for energy, wisdom, and grace to prepare for retirement and to bless NPC.

**Missions: Servant Partners (Dan and Denise Anderson)** “Seeking Jesus together by living and serving among the world’s urban poor; transforming communities with the urban poor.” Dan and Denise Anderson live in the poorest zip code in Philadelphia, engaging in holistic ministry and incarnational living which engages their neighbors, and minister to them as the Lord leads, through hospitality, community events and teaching of life skills. Please pray for Dan and Denise, and for the people with and whom they serve, as, always sharing the love of Christ, they train and empower people to transform their own communities in ways that will continue long after the Servant Partners are gone. <https://www.servantpartners.org/>

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, October 22*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor  
8:30 – 9:15am Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve's Office  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
11:00am Teen Girls Group, meet in the Gym  
1:00 – 3:00pm Explorers' Class, Parlor  
4:00 – 5:15 Women's' Spiritual Formation, Parlor

## *Monday, October 23*

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel

## *Tuesday, October 24*

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, October 25*

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym  
7:00 – 8:00pm The New Testament in Its World,  
Pastor Debbie, Chapel  
7:00 – 8:00pm Most Influential Bible Verses, Pastor  
Steve, Parlor.  
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Miss Danielle, Choir Room  
7:00 – 8:00pm Middle School Youth Group, Youth  
Room **Note: New day and time**

## *Thursday, October 26*

4:00 – 5:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym  
6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

## *Friday, October 27*

10:00 – 12:00pm Ladies' Bible Study, Parlor  
Open to new women!

## *Saturday, October 28*

7:30am Men's Small Group, Parlor  
Open to newcomers!

## *Sunday, October 29*

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)  
8:30 – 9:15am Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve's  
Office  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-  
stream  
4:00 – 5:30pm Women's Spiritual Formation  
Group, Parlor  
7:00 – 8:00pm High School YG, Youth  
Room

## *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: [jlmpsych910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsych910@gmail.com)

## **Narberth Presbyterian Church**

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**Post Office Box 414**

**Narberth, PA 19072**

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**Mon-Thurs. 9:00am to 4:00pm**

**Friday 9:00 am - 3:00pm**

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Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music  
Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator  
Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator  
Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant  
Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager  
Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper  
Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary  
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