



Norwood
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

315 Chester Pike

Norwood, PA 19074-1401

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Our Mission:

“Introducing people to Jesus Christ and strengthening lives through Him”

Worship Info

10:00 am in-person Worship Service
and live streamed on [YouTube](#)

Sunday School Classes

September-May
Cornerstone Adult Bible class - 9:00a-9:45a
Children's Bible classes - 10:00a-11:00a
ages 0-12 years

Contact Info

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Office Hours: Mon – Fri 10am – 2pm

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United Methodist Church](#)



The Pastor's Pen

Learning the Unforced Rhythms of Grace

My Dear Friends of Norwood Church,

As 2026 gets underway and we journey together into this new year, I find myself reflecting once again on just how good God truly is in our lives. Winter is upon us, the Christmas decorations have been carefully stored away for another season, and our attention is already turning toward Valentine's Day and the hope of a year filled with God's provision and grace.

From time to time, the Lord gently reminds us of how simply He desires us to live as followers of Christ. You may remember that old Staples commercial with the button that declared, "That was easy." In many ways, I believe that is what the Holy Spirit longs to teach us more and more as we await our Savior's return. In The Message translation of Matthew 11:29, Jesus invites us to "learn the unforced rhythms of grace." I have often said that life was never meant to be as heavy and exhausting as we sometimes make it. With the Holy Spirit as our guide, we are invited to take Christ's yoke upon us, rather than carrying the burdens of frustration and anxiety on our own.

An old colleague once said to me, "When you're yoked to Jesus, how hard can it really be?" That statement is not meant to minimize life's struggles or oversimplify our pain. Life can indeed be trying, overwhelming, and even miserable at times. Yet Jesus desires to lift the load from our shoulders and carry our burdens with us. We are invited simply to cry out to Him for help and deliverance in the midst of our daily trials.

Just the other day, as I was praying, I found myself thanking the Lord for how easily He resolved a particular situation in my life. In that moment, I sensed God's presence surrounding me. When Jesus tells us, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10), He is pointing us toward a better way of living. It is difficult to fully explain, but life in

the Spirit is often far lighter than we imagine. Too often, we attempt to navigate life's challenges in our own strength. Perhaps if we paused more frequently to "be still, and know that [He] is God" (Psalm 46:10), the Lord would reveal to us the freedom that is already ours in Christ. God is always with us, and He desires to walk with us throughout each day.

Recently, I read a devotion titled True Humility and Wisdom on the YouVersion Bible app that beautifully expresses this truth. It references Proverbs 1:7: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." True wisdom begins with a holy reverence for our Lord and Savior. We are invited to seek God's wisdom and knowledge daily. The Apostle Paul prayed this powerful prayer in Ephesians 1:17-19:

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."

My friends, when we humble ourselves before God and His Word, He graciously grants us divine wisdom and understanding. As we place our faith and trust in Him, our eyes are opened to the hope, riches, and power available to us even now and eventually the promises that will one day be fully realized when Christ returns.

When two disciples asked Jesus where He was staying, He simply replied, "Come, and you will see" (John 1:39). That same invitation is extended to us today. In the midst of life's chaos and responsibilities, the Holy Spirit remains near, helping us sense God's presence and gently reminding us that life with Christ does not have to be burdensome. My prayer is that each of us would "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8) and discover the joy of walking in His grace.

Amen.

In Christ, Pastor Scott Dorn
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*"I sought the Lord, and He delivered me, and delivered me from all my fears."
Psalm 34:4*

Ongoing Prayer Needs

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| All those affected by violence & war, and for peace between world governments | Miriam Martin |
| Russell & Bethany Alexander | Janice MacBride |
| Bob Arrants | Mary (Gina Dukes) |
| Brooke & Natalie (Maggie McCans) | Liz Murray (Lynn Seidel) |
| Bonnie (John Jones) | Rev. Bill Neff |
| Jim Chambers (Sally Vickers) | Donna Riegel |
| Michael Fletcher (Lynn Seidel) | Linda Sams |
| Eugene Holt (John Venafr) | Lynn Seidel |
| Tina Kadri (Judy Arrants) | Ruth Schenkenberger |
| Robin Kim | Sandra Shanahan |
| Gary Leranian (Madeline Deane) | Bernie, Bobbie & Katie Shimkus (Laura Welch) |
| | Sue (Mary Thompson) |
| | Michael Tate |
| | Jacob Tercha (Bobbi Blum) |
| | Joan Touhill (Lynn Seidel) |
| | Toya (Gina Dukes) |

Need a loved one added or deleted from the On-Going Prayer list? Simply call or email the church and we'll make the changes.

Dec 21, 2025 to Jan 11 2026 Prayer Requests

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| MaryAnne | Renee, Brandon, Amelia |
| Nick & Meg | Lynn Seidel |
| Youth Group | Rev Tony & Jackie Tilford |
| Stetson | Family of Tish Smith |
| Mary Colflesh | Ruth Pearce |
| Ken | Debbie |
| Anna Louise Buchanan | |



CHURCH STAFF

[Rev. Scott Dorn](#), Lead Pastor

[Melanie Passarella](#), Administrative Assistant

[Kurt Schaefer, Sr.](#), Treasurer

[Lynda Stine](#), Financial Secretary



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| Mackenzie Latorre | 4 |
| Maggie McCans..... | 5 |
| Barbara Venafr | 11 |
| Kelli Bradley | 14 |
| Dale Gibbs-Greer | 14 |
| Linda Sams | 17 |
| Jim McKay | 23 |
| Jennifer Tuttle Drummond | 28 |

Church Meetings

Worship Ministry Meeting Tuesday February 17 at 7pm

Trustee Meeting Wednesday February 18 at 7pm



Parents Corner

Teach Kids to Add Energy to Family Life

[DiscipleLand Staff](#) November 4, 2016

As children grow, they form patterns of relating to others that remain with them the rest of their lives. Dr. Scott Turansky, co-founder of the National Center for Biblical Parenting, suggests that “honor” is the key ingredient to building robust and spirited families.

Every child is unique and different. Inevitably some kids have significant challenges that seem to suck the energy right out of family life. These children can be demanding of your time, may need a lot of correction, and can be magnets for conflict. They may be emotionally explosive and even draw other family members into conflict. Unfortunately, these children can develop a negative view of themselves based on the high amount of negative feedback they receive.

You’re likely doing a number of things to help your child change, but here’s one that focuses on a positive quality needed instead of stopping the negative behaviors, and it pays off big time in a child’s life. It’s God’s solution called HONOR.

Honor teaches kids to add energy to family life. The term “honor” describes the process of thinking of others above yourself. In fact, God has hidden within honor the secret ingredients people need to be successful. In essence, it brings customer service into the home. Every form of selfishness has an honor-based solution.

Honor means to treat people as special, do more than what’s expected, and have a good attitude. Feel free to use this definition or make up your own.

Obedience gets the job done, but honor addresses the way people relate to one another. Once you define honor for your child, then it’s time to practice.

If Jack gets people riled up each afternoon before dinner, you might set an appointment with him at 4:00 pm for several days in a row and ask him to look for three things he can do to add to family life. He may decorate the dinner table, encourage his brother, or prepare something nice for Dad’s arrival home. Kids who tend to create tension in relationships need honor practice.

If Jack continually antagonizes his sister, you might tell him that he needs to think of three honoring things to do for her before he’s free to play. Remember, don’t tell him exactly what he needs to do. If you decide what Jack needs to do and tell him to do it, that’s obedience.

Honor requires initiative by adding something extra or doing a task that needs to be done. Many children wait for others to tell them what to do. It’s hard to teach kids to take initiative because the very act of telling them seems to take the initiative away. That’s why you may require your child to do something honoring but not tell him what to do. You want to help him to start seeing the need or solving a problem for himself. “Son, I’d like you to go into the bathroom and do an honor check.” Now he needs to see what needs to be done and do it.

Honor changes the way children think. Of course it takes practice but the training you do now adds a new dimension to your parenting. Instead of using correction all the time, now you’re doing honor training. Work on honor whether your kids are preschoolers or teens. It’ll change the way your family relates.

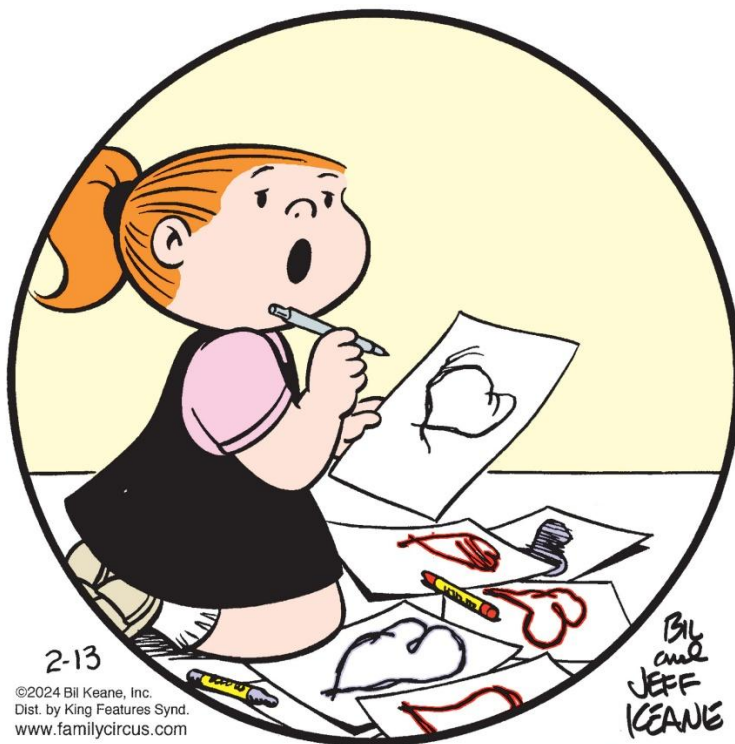
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Give your child or yourself the gift of Bible knowledge. Norwood United Methodist Church offers a Sunday morning program for all ages that is Bible content centered. This program helps not only children, but adults be able to discern the truth of God's Word from the deceptions of the world's shallow offerings of peace and love. Learning what God's Word has to say about living life to the fullest, helps us to become able to cope with problems that crop up in our lives. Come out and see how your life

will be improved by learning God's principles in the Bible.

Cornerstone Bible Class is for adults of all ages. We meet at 9:00AM in the Chapel. Little Sprouts Bible class is for ages 3 -5/6 years old and meets every Sunday during the worship service. Bible Bunch class is for 6 to 11 years old. Bible Bunch class meets the 1st and 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month during the worship service. All Bible classes meet from September through May. For questions please contact the NUMC church office at 610-532-0982.




**“Did God invent HEARTS
for Valentine’s Day or
was it Cupid?”**

Grades 6 to 12 are invited to

Youth Group

EVERY FRIDAY 6-8
315 CHESTER PIKE



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

For more information,
Contact the Church office at 610-532-0982

Light refreshments served!
100% FREE! Year-Round FUN!

315 Chester Pike, Norwood PA



[Little Blessings Christian Preschool](#)

Registration is open!

Call 610-583-4780 or email

norwoodlittleblessings@yahoo.com

for more information.

Little Blessings Amazon Wish List:

[LBCP WISH LIST](#)

Fundraisers: radafundraising.com and mableslabels.com .

Please enter group name LITTLE BLESSINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Most of you know that Little Blessings is a mission of Norwood UMC. However, you might not know that Little Blessings gets no financial support from Norwood UMC. All our operating funds come from tuition, congregational giving and fundraisers. Unfortunately, we have only eleven children enrolled at the end of November, so our tuition is low. This is causing a deficit in meeting our staff salaries. The Little Blessings Board would like to ask you to pray that more children enroll in Little Blessings. Also consider making a monetary donation to Little Blessings. You can mark Little Blessings on the mission line on the church envelopes. There is also a jar in the narthex marked Loose Change for Little Blessings. Consider emptying the loose change in your pockets and purses into the jar.

Our [Rada fundraiser](#) has started! They sell many different types of awesome products from knives, kitchen utensils, grilling utensils to mixings for making delicious soups, appetizers and desserts. Another fundraiser is [Mabel's Labels](#). Get your personalized waterproof name labels and tags for clothes, shoes, water bottles, backpacks and much more! Great for the kids, seniors and household items!

Please pray for Little Blessings that more children enroll to take advantage of our program.

New Addresses!

Wilma Jane Hutchinson
c/o Asbury Grace Park
1170 West Main Street
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
mail welcomed!

***Please note if you send a card- Jane can no longer read or write due to her medical condition. You can write in the card and a staff member would probably read it to her. She likes dogs, lighthouses, flowers, gardening, sailing ships, golf, and dolls (she collected the lifelike Franklin Mint type dolls) if possible cards with these pictures would be greatly appreciated. Her birthday is August 2nd.**

Lynn Seidel
414 S. Hamilton St.
Telford, PA 18969
cell# 610-908-4401
mail & calls welcomed!

Pastor Domingos Fernando
1007 Ohio St Apt A
Pittsburg, KS 66762
cell# 973-597-8577
mail & calls welcomed!

Lynn Crump
c/o Emmajane VanVorce
7146 State Rte 17C
Endicott, NY 13760
mail welcomed!

Men's Breakfast is Saturday February 7 at 8:00 am. We meet on the first Saturday of months October to June. It is a time for fellowship and to build a relationship with one another. Please join us. More info contact Bob Gibbs



Women's Breakfast is February 14 at 8:30am. We meet every second Saturday of months October to May. More info contact Sally Vickers 610-565-0924 or jimsallyvickers@verizon.net.



Faith-building friendship, fun, food, and fellowship.



Handy Hands

gathers on February 9th at 1:00pm We meet every 3rd Monday every month.

More info contact [Randy Gibbs](#), or [Lynda Stine](#).



COMMUNITY EVENT NIGHT

FREE

Sunday February 15

5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Event: Paint Night with Jim McKay!

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry-our local food bank-a ministry of the Prospect Hill Baptist Church-needs donations for the upcoming fall and winter season. Please place donation in tote in narthex. *This is an opportunity to show our thankfulness for all God has given to us.*



needs: shelf sustainable
canned items: Chicken, Spam,
Tuna, Salmon, Sardines Chef
Boyardee, Soup

Worship Ministry

| Mo. | Liturgist | Joys | Ushers | |
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| 1-Feb | Ashley G. | Ashley G. | Tom G. | Jim V. |
| 8-Feb | Kelli B. | Sally V. | Holly G. | Carol H. |
| 15-Feb | Brittany S. | Anna G. | Lynda S. | Bob G. |
| 22-Feb | Joyce M. | Anna G. | Lynda S. | Bill F. |



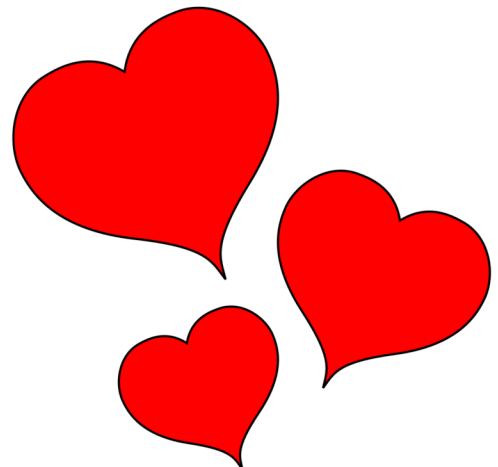
Love Thy Neighbor

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Word list:

BUILD
CARE
COMPASSIONATE
ENCOURAGE
FORGIVE
GOD
HEART
HELP

HUMBLE
KIND
LOVE
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NEIGHBOR
PRAY
SHARE
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FEBRUARY 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion | 2 | 3 | 4 7:30pm N.A. Meeting | 5 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting | 6 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting | 7 8:00am Men's Breakfast 11:00am N.A. Meeting |
| 8 10:00am Worship Service | 9 1:00pm Handy Hands | 10 | 11 7:30pm N.A. Meeting | 12 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting | 13 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting | 14 8:30am Women's Breakfast 11:00am N.A. Meeting |
| 15 10:00am Worship Service 5:30pm FREE Community Event Night- PAINT NIGHT WITH JIM MCKAY! | 16 | 17 7:00pm Worship Ministries Meeting | 18 7:00pm Trustee Meeting 7:30pm N.A. Meeting | 19 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting | 20 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting | 21 11:00am N.A. Meeting |
| 22 10:00am Worship Service | 23 | 24 | 25 7:30pm N.A. Meeting | 26 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting | 27 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting | 28 11:00am N.A. Meeting |