



*We exist to introduce people to  
Jesus Christ  
and strengthen lives through Him!*

**Pastor Brendan  
Van Gorder  
October 2022**



## **Call out!**

**'Call to me and I will  
answer you  
and tell you great**

**and unsearchable things you do not know.'**

*~ Jeremiah 33:3*

Reflecting on the parable of the lost sheep in Luke 15 I felt very much like a lost sheep myself. We often think about this parable as only about sinners, or people who do not know Jesus, but if we take a closer look, the sheep is from the shepherd's own flock. Meaning, it could be us. If we're honest, we all get lost. What gets you off track? What keeps you from experiencing the very real and near presence of God? None of us are perfect, after all. We all get lost.

For me, anxiety gets me lost. I feel it creeping in sometimes and I'm not even sure where it's coming from. I know that Jesus loves me, I know that Jesus will get me through, but it still feels like I'm in the weeds. Lost. Stuck. Do you ever feel this way? Knowing that you have every reason to thank Jesus, but you feel like you're going through something difficult and don't know at what turn Jesus's peaceful presence left your mind and life? You and I get lost. We all get lost. God is searching out the lost, like a shepherd who has lost a sheep, but if we want to get found quickly, we need to call out!

In the lost sheep parable, calling out is called repentance. The sheep doesn't do much of anything in the story, the shepherd is really the one doing all the work. But I know that God sees our heart, and I believe the sheep wants to be found in the sheep's heart of hearts. When you don't admit you're lost, then you're really in trouble. But once you admit

you're lost, and you want to be found, you don't have to wait anymore. Call out! Cry out with all your soul! Recently as I battled a bit of anxiety, it wasn't until I started playing worship music on my phone and singing along, that I began to feel sheltered from the storm that was raging inside me. Although I felt paralyzed and alone in it, I finally fought back all the barriers and called someone on the phone and honestly told them how I was feeling and asked for prayer. We can go a long way in our lostness, or we can cry out, bear our soul, and be put on the shoulders of the Good Shepherd.

I choose crying out. Will you cry out with me? Everything may not be fixed immediately, but when we are crying out for God to save us, when we are crying out to be found again by God, we will experience the presence of God. I need that presence. Even if I am not through the storm yet, I need to be on the shoulders of God, hearing God rejoice and celebrate that I chose to get God's help. In Jeremiah's scripture it tells us to call to God, and God will answer. Who knows what the final answer will be, but I know that feeling God's nearness and presence is all I need to keep going forward.

Are you lost? Will you cry out in prayer or worship right now?

*~ Pastor Brendan*

***Send me a text or call, and let me know what makes you feel lost. We can pray together. 267-210-5232***

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**Blue underlined text in the newsletter is a link to SAFE websites/forms. Click and explore!**

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We will have the Men's Breakfast **Saturday, October 1 at 8:00 am.** We meet once a month on the first Saturday of the month, October to June. It is a time for fellowship and to build a relationship with one another. Please join us.



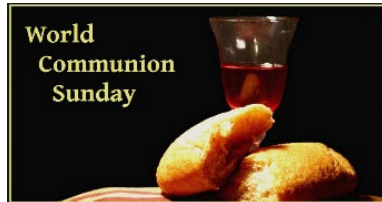
**Sunday  
October 9  
12:30 pm**

held at:

**Prospect UMC, 8<sup>th</sup> Ave and  
Rte. 420, Prospect Park**

## October 2

On this Sunday United Methodists observe **World Communion**



**Sunday.** We will be having Holy Communion and taking a special offering. Over the years, United Methodists have given generously to the World Communion Sunday offering. Our scholarship recipients are eternally grateful for this sacrifice. These gifts transform the lives of students who receive scholarships, but the scholarships also impact the communities they will serve. We trust that your celebration will be an exciting time of gratefulness to Christ, our Savior. Designated envelopes will be inserted in your bulletin, and on the literature table in the narthex for this special offering. You can also donate online for [World Communion Sunday](#), and our other five **UMC Special Sundays**.

***Please give as generously  
as your means will allow. Thank you!***

Lauren Brown .....	1	
EJ Choi.....	1	
John Jones .....	7	
Joan Schaefer .....	9	
Rick Brown.....	12	
Tom Glisson .....	12	
Maddy Brown.....	17	
Dorie Borrell .....	25	
George D. Weaver, Jr .....	27	
Bobbie Blum .....	29	
Vera Hanson .....	30	
Brendan Shanahan .....	30	




## Handy Hands

Do you like to knit, crochet or do other types of hand work? If so, please join us **Monday; October 17 at 1:00 pm** in the Parlor.

Questions? Please contact [Lynn Crump](#), [Randy Gibbs](#), or [Lynda Stine](#).

The Women's Breakfast is **Saturday, October 8 at 8:30 am.** Cost is only \$1. For reservations, please contact Sally Vickers 610-565-0924 or [jimsallyvickers@verizon.net](mailto:jimsallyvickers@verizon.net). Faith-building friendship, fun, food, and fellowship.





## Wednesday Night Bible Study

**at 7:00 pm** with Pastor Brendan. in the Parlor. Series title, "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality".

# “Community Event Night”

**FREE Event**

**Sunday, October 16**

**5:30 pm - Dinner**

**6:30 pm - Paint Night (12 yrs & older)**

Held at

**Norwood**

**United Methodist Church**

315 Chester Pike, Norwood

[www.norwoodumc.org](http://www.norwoodumc.org) / [norwoodumc@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodumc@gmail.com)



Our very own artist, Jim McKay, will lead the group in creating their own masterpiece, which is yours for the keeping!!! Canvas will be provided. Instruction will be given with painting a lighthouse.

[www.artworkbyjtm.com](http://www.artworkbyjtm.com)

## Kid's Stuff Consignment Sale and Christmas Corner

**Saturday, October 29, 9 am to 1 pm**

**½ price 12p-1p**

Proceeds benefit Little Blessings Christian Preschool.

Gently used baby gear, maternity apparel, kids' clothes (infant thru 18), shoes, toys, books, kids' movies, furniture, Christmas decorations & themed items, and so much more.

**Consignors Welcome!!!** Call 610-565-0924 or [jimsallyvickers@verizon.net](mailto:jimsallyvickers@verizon.net) to consign items.



## “Trunk” or Treat

**Saturday  
October 29  
6 to 6:30 pm**

Event will be held at Cavanagh's Funeral parking lot. Volunteers with cars are needed to hand out candy to the children. Donations for individually wrapped candies also requested. In case of rain, event will be canceled. If you are able to help, contact Sally Vickers at 610-565-0924 or [jimsallyvickers@verizon.net](mailto:jimsallyvickers@verizon.net)

## October Ministries Schedule

### Bible Bunch Time / Teacher Rochelle Amadio

Mo	Date	Helper	Helper
OCT	2	Joanie Schaefer	Joyce McKay
OCT	9	Bill Shanahan	Rochelle Amadio
OCT	16	Lynn Crump	Jim Vickers
OCT	23	Carol Hammes	Sally Vickers
OCT	30	Bill Shanahan	Rochelle Amadio

### Liturgist/Scripture Schedule

Mo	Date	Welcome &/or Liturgist-1st scripture	Offering &/or Liturgist 2nd scripture
OCT	2	Ashley Gibbs	Bill Shanahan
OCT	9	Pastor Brendan Delano Anderson	Jim Vickers Jeremiah Anderson
OCT	16	Pastor Brendan Cindy Tuttle	Joan Schaefer
OCT	23	Pastor Brendan Lauren Brown	Lynn Crump
OCT	30	Lynn Seidel	Bill Fisher

### Youth Group / Pastor Mike Nelson Lead

Mo	Date	Helper	Helper
OCT	2	Ashley Gibbs	Bill Fisher
OCT	9	Mary Lou Smith	Bill Shanahan
OCT	16	Ashley Gibbs	Pat Beckett
OCT	23	Sally Vickers	Jim Vickers
OCT	30	Ashley Gibbs	Bill Fisher

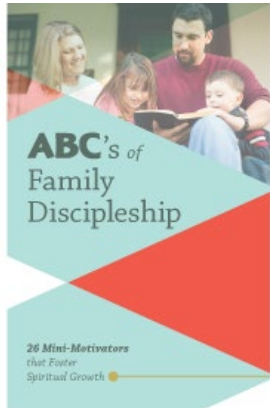
# Parent's Corner

## Families Abide in Christ

[DiscipleLand Staff](#) October 13, 2020 [ABCs of Family Discipleship](#), [Discipleship](#), [Family](#), [Parenting](#) [No Comments](#)

*Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.*

~ John 15:4, NLT



**Discipleship Truth:** Abiding in Christ is simply remaining in constant communion with Jesus. That concept is very basic, but it can also be quite challenging. Apart from staying connected to Jesus, all human efforts to become godly are useless and ineffective (John 15:5-6).

Believers who abide in Christ also bear fruit—the proof of

discipleship (15:8). As Christians allow Jesus to direct their lives, He provides daily energy and endurance. The Lord is the only One who can sustain, purify, empower, and guide people to gracefully navigate each challenge they encounter.

**True Story:** Dark vines with bright green leaves formed an intricate latticework across the colorful Galilee hillside. Clusters of purple grapes weighed the branches down. The old vines appeared to have graced this hillside for centuries! As our tourist group surveyed the vineyard, our teaching guide prompted us to open our Bibles to John 15. After reading the passage and listening to his comments, God reminded me of these truths about viticulture and abiding in Christ:

**Pruning is essential.** Pruning increases each plant's productivity. For new growth to take place, aging branches must be removed. Too much old wood creates unwieldy overgrowth. The process of clipping and pruning trains the younger branches to grow in the proper direction.

**"Rogue" branches are unwelcome.** When gazing at a long row of vines, it is hard to imagine a branch deciding to "go rogue." Each branch receives precious nutrients from the vine. For that reason, good-for-nothing shoots must either be dramatically pruned or completely removed.

**Stay connected.** The only way to grow and keep receiving rich nutrients is to remain attached to the vine. It's impossible to produce any fruit when disconnected from Jesus. Breaking free from the vine leads to certain death!

Amazingly, the Lord rewards faithful followers with the privilege of producing fruit! After surviving the travail of pruning and maturing, the branches bear delicious bunches of grapes. The Lord honors us with glorious fruit that brings life and nourishment to others.

### Action Step:

- As you read John 15:1-11 with your child, draw a picture of the scene that Jesus describes.
- Talk about the process of pruning and ways of abiding in Christ.
- Encourage your child to point out activities and attitudes that limit his or her ability to bear fruit.
- Examine your own walk with Jesus. Does anything need to be adjusted? Commit to cling wholeheartedly to Christ. He has already made that commitment to you—and He will remain faithful!

Portions of this article taken from the ABCs of Family Discipleship booklet, available for FREE [here](#).

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Dear Norwood UMC: Thank you for choosing Children's Hunger Fund for your VBS Mission Moment, and your donation of \$353.70. That's 1,414 meals! Please relay our gratitude to your VBS families. Those meals will make a real difference for children and families facing food insecurity, and will provide local pastors with an important tool to share the hope of the gospel. We are proud to recognize your group as "Amazing Ambassadors!". Your group will be listed on our website at:

*Thank you*



[www.childrenshungerfund.org/vbs-recognition](http://www.childrenshungerfund.org/vbs-recognition). Thank you for delivering hope with Children's Hunger Fund.

~ **Anthony Kasper, Director Donor Engagement**  
**Children's Hunger Fund**

**P.S.** - Delivering hope doesn't have to end when VBS does. Visit us online at: [www.ChildrensHungerFund.org/ProjectFoodPak](http://www.ChildrensHungerFund.org/ProjectFoodPak) for more information.



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

### Ongoing Prayer Needs

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Alex (Sally Vickers)  | Robin Kim                                    |
| All those affected by violence & war, and for peace between world governments | Jamie King (Lynda Stine)                     |
| Russell & Bethany Alexander   | Carol Luther Lauria (Sally Vickers)          |
| Bob Arrants   | Gary Leranian (Madeline Deane)               |
| Joe Bradford  | Eleanor Luther                               |
| Brook & Natalie (Maggie McCans)   | Janice MacBride                              |
| Tracy Cangelosi   | Susan Markow (John Jones)                    |
| Jim Chambers (Sally Vickers)  | Miriam Martin                                |
| Jerry & Barbara Chreiman  | Mary (Gina Dukes)                            |
| Madeline Deane  | Liz Murray (Lynn Seidel)                     |
| Michael Fletcher (Lynn Seidel)  | Rev. Bill Neff                               |
| Sam & Dolores Getty   | Donna Riegel                                 |
| Bill & Anne Gibbs   | Ruth Schenkenberger                          |
| Joan Glisson (Anna Glisson)   | Sandra Shanahan                              |
| Tommy Glisson   | Bernie, Bobbie & Katie Shimkus (Laura Welch) |
| Eugene Holt (John Venafra)  | Sue (Mary Thompson)                          |
| Marla Hsu (Anna Glisson)  | Michael Tate                                 |
| John & Terri Jones  | Jacob Tercha (Bobbi Blum)                    |
| Tina Kadri (Judy Arrants)   | Joan Touhill (Lynn Seidel)                   |
|   | Toya (Gina Dukes)                            |

**If you have requested a Loved One be added to the On-Going Prayer list, please inform the church of any updates.**

### Current Prayer Needs

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|---|---------------------------|
| Alex  | Sue Hartunian             |
| Bob Arrants                                     | Bill Hutchinson           |
| Judy Arrants                                    | Tricia Miles              |
| Jim Chamber's wife                              | Linda North               |
| comfort for Marion Davis' family in her passing | Pat & Shirley             |
| comfort for Dawn's family in her passing        | Alice & Ed Sabre          |
| Gina's neighbors                                | Sandy                     |
| Erin and her children                           | Joanie Schaefer           |
|   | All Students and Teachers |
|   | Chris Van Gorder          |

### Residing in Retirement Care & Nursing Homes

- Myda Curcio - Maris Grove
- Bob Nelson – Broomall Rehab & Nursing Ctr

## Harvest Home November 13

On Sunday, November 13, we will once again celebrate Harvest Home. All **much-needed** food items collected will go to the **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry** (Prospect Baptist Church) on Lincoln Avenue in Prospect Park.



Their funding from the government has been cut, and they are trying to raise money for Thanksgiving dinners for some of their clients. They also need Christmas dinners. As **Harvest Home Sunday** approaches, they request the following donations: canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, and soup.



***This is an opportunity to show our thankfulness for all God has given to us***

No Matter Who You Are  
or What You've Done . . .  
**Jesus Loves You**  
*this I know*

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.  
1 John 4:16

Dear Lord, I am so blessed to be loved by you and cared for by you. Even when I get frustrated by life events you are always there for me to talk to.

You guide my steps.  
I love you so much.



[The Peace of Heaven](#)

# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>REMOTE Office Schedule</b>  <b>Monday to Friday</b> <b>10a to 2p</b>	<b>Church Office</b>  <b>610-532-0982</b>  <b>Please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as possible</b>				6:00p Youth Group 10:00p N.A.	1 8:00a Men's Breakfast
2 <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>World Communion SUN</b> 10:00a Worship 10:00a "Bible Bunch" Children's Church	3 7:15p Little Blessings Board mtg	4	5 7:30p N.A.	6 7:00p Nar-Anon	7 6:00p Youth Group 10:00p N.A.	8 8:30a Women's Breakfast
9 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 10:00a Worship 10:00a "Bible Bunch" Children's Church	10 <b>Columbus Day</b>	11	12 7:30p N.A.	13 7:00p Nar-Anon	14 6:00p Youth Group 10:00p N.A.	15
16 10:00a Worship 10:00a "Bible Bunch" Children's Church	17 1:00a Handy Hands	18	19 7:00p Trustee mtg 7:30p N.A.	20 7:00p Nar-Anon	21 6:00p Youth Group 10:00p N.A.	22
23 10:00a Worship 10:00a "Bible Bunch" Children's Church	24	25	26 7:30p N.A.	27 7:00p Nar-Anon	28 6:00p Youth Group 10:00p N.A.	29 9:00a-1:00p Kids' Stuff & Christmas Corner Sale  6:00p-6:30p Trunk or Treat
30 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 10:00a Worship 10:00a "Bible Bunch" Children's Church	31 <b>Reformation Day</b>  <b>Happy Halloween</b> 	Visit us at <a href="http://www.NorwoodUMC.org">www.NorwoodUMC.org</a> Like us on <a href="https://bit.ly/FacebookNUMC">bit.ly/FacebookNUMC</a> Follow us on <a href="https://bit.ly/InstagramNUMC">bit.ly/InstagramNUMC</a> Subscribe to us on <a href="https://bit.ly/YouTubeNUMC">bit.ly/YouTubeNUMC</a>  Contact us at <a href="mailto:NorwoodUMC@gmail.com">NorwoodUMC@gmail.com</a> to join our email list			<b>Sunday in-person</b>  <b>10:00a Worship</b>  <b>and live-streamed</b>  <b>on <a href="https://www.facebook.com">Facebook</a></b>	

# Norwood United Methodist Church

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### Worship

10:00 am in-person Worship,  
and live-streamed on Facebook

### Contact Info

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