

# Norwood United Methodist Church

315 Chester Pike

Norwood, PA 19074-1401

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## 2023 November Newsletter

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### Worship

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

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**Pastor Domingos  
Fernando  
November 2023  
Newsletter**

## **This November is our 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Nov 12!**

### THE CHURCH HISTORY

Methodism in Norwood began in March, 1888, in a mission established by the Prospect Park Methodist Church in the vacant old Norwood Hotel located on the south side of Ridley Avenue, between Welcome Avenue and Chester Pike. Out of this mission grew the desire to build a Norwood Methodist Church, and the Norwood Church Building Association was formed. Mrs. William Hazzard donated a plot of ground and lumber was purchased. The men worked at night and in two weeks completed building a temporary chapel. The Ladies Aid Society was organized June 15, 1888, the first Trustees were elected by the Prospect Park Quarterly Conference on June 17, and the first regular meeting of the properly constituted Board was held October 9.

Membership and services grew so rapidly that erection of a new church building was necessary. The corner stone was laid on November 14, 1888 and the building was dedicated on April 10, 1898. It was decided that a more central location would enable the church to better serve the community, so moving of the church building to the corner of Chester Pike and Ridley Avenue began on November 23, 1908, and the new corner stone was put in place on December 13, 1908.

During the succeeding years, the increase in church and Sunday school attendance made it necessary to provide much larger facilities. The hopes of years were realized when the members and friends gathered for ground breaking exercises on June 7, 1924 and construction started immediately. The corner stone was laid on August 17, 1924 and the building was dedicated on November 1, 1925.

Due to continued growth, a building program was presented for constructing a religious educational building and making certain alterations to the present church building. It was approved by the congregation and the corner stone was laid September 11, 1955. Consecration by Bishop Corson took place December 18. History goes on. As each day and year passes on, it leaves behind it some worthwhile service performed. The Christian service begun by the founders of Norwood Methodist Church is continued by each new generation of Christians who accept the challenge and contribute to the advancement of Christianity. Allow God to reveal your part in His plan for building a new tomorrow for our community and world. As God loves us and gives us life abundantly, let us continue to share it with others.

### Our Mission Statement

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

Scripture: <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:16)

A church anniversary celebration gives us many opportunities of:

**Spiritual Reflection:** Church anniversaries provide an opportunity for members of the congregation to reflect on the spiritual journey and growth of the church. It's a time to remember the church's founding principles and its mission.

**Community Building:** These celebrations often bring together current and former members of the church, fostering a sense of community and unity. It's a chance for people to reconnect and strengthen their bonds.

**Gratitude and Thanksgiving:** The church anniversary celebrations are a time to express gratitude to God for the blessings and guidance received throughout the church's history. It's a moment to give thanks for the growth of the congregation and the positive impact it has had on individuals and the community.

**Renewal and Rededication:** The church anniversaries serve as a call for renewal and rededication to the church's mission and values. It's an opportunity to recommit to the principles and goals of the church.

**Outreach and Evangelism:** we want also to have the church anniversary celebrations as an opportunities for outreach and evangelism. Churches may use these events to invite new members to join the congregation and share their faith with the wider community.

**Cultural and Social Celebrations:** as our UMC tradition we want the church anniversary celebrations to include cultural and social elements. These can include special religious services, musical performances, feasts, and community service projects.

**Fundraising:** We are also thinking of uses church anniversary celebrations as fundraising events to support the church's ongoing mission and maintenance. This can involve collecting donations or selling commemorative items.

We need your help! How would you like to celebrate? What are some things you'd like to see included in commemorating our anniversary? Please use the suggestion box or call 610-532-0982 or email Melanie (office admin) at [numcoffice315@gmail.com](mailto:numcoffice315@gmail.com).

**"UBUNTU"**  
**"I am because you are"**  
~ Pastor Domingos

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**in the newsletter is a link to  
SAFE websites / forms. Click & explore!**

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



**Ongoing Prayer Needs**

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

**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**

Joyce Anderson	Pat
John Jones	Kurt Shaefer
Tony	Lynn Seidel
Jim McKay	Bill Kozma Family

**Residing in Retirement Care & Nursing Homes**

Bob Nelson – Broomall Rehab & Nursing Ctr

**November Birthdays!!**



Jackie Shanahan .....	1
Arlene Pentimall .....	2
June Sams.....	7
Tom Welch.....	13
Sam Getty.....	18
Mitchell Greer .....	19
John Dreyer, Sr.....	21

Bob Nelson .....	25
Bob Gibbs .....	27
Crist'o Drummond .....	29



Linda Sams  
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Secane, PA 19018

**2024 Offering Envelopes**

... will be on the glass display cabinet in the Narthex soon. As each box of envelopes cost **\$5.10 to mail**, please pick up your envelopes, and perhaps you can take your neighbor's / friend's envelopes and give to them. ~ **Lynda M. Stine, Financial Secretary**

**LITTLE BLESSINGS NEW PROGRAM!**

**TerraCycle**



Save these Entenmann labels (bags) and

send them into school.

We'll receive \$\$\$ back, and we're helping the earth!!! ~ **Thank you**

# PARENTS' CORNER

## Teach Kids the Real Thanksgiving Story

DiscipleLand Staff November 4, 2011



Fresh baked pumpkin pie. Corn on the cob. Sweet potatoes. Green beans. Golden brown turkey. What a feast!

### *How did this wonderful tradition begin?*

#### **The Biblical Basis of Thanksgiving**

President Abraham Lincoln officially declared the last Thursday in November to be a national holiday for the purpose of giving thanks to God.

Thanksgiving remains one of the most popular family traditions in the United States.

#### **The Pilgrims Gave Thanks**

Nearly 400 years ago (long before Lincoln's 1863 declaration), devout Christians established the "feast of thanksgiving." This hardy band of English settlers invited Native Americans from the region to join them in Plymouth for several days of feasting and celebration. Why?

These Pilgrims wanted to thank God for helping them survive the first brutal winter in New England and for granting them a bountiful food crop during the summer. The initial Thanksgiving feast lasted three days and was attended by the remaining 53 pilgrims

and 90 Native Americans. The feast consisted of fowl, venison, fish, lobster, clams, berries, fruit, pumpkin, and squash.

Governor William Bradford wrote: "Thus they found the Lord to be with them in all their ways, and to bless their outgoings and incomings, for which let His holy name have the praise forever, to all posterity..." Of Plymouth Plantation

#### **The New Nation Gave Thanks**

President George Washington made the following Thanksgiving Day proclamation (October 3, 1789):

"Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor, and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks, for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation, for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us." ...

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## The War-torn Nation Gave Thanks

President Abraham Lincoln, while America was enmeshed in a great Civil War, proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day in 1863:

“The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God ... I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens ...”

## The Reason for Giving Thanks

[Tweet “The underlying motive that prompted the Pilgrims to celebrate Thanksgiving comes from the Scriptures.”] These new Americans realized that their situation was very similar to that of the Hebrew nation whom God had delivered from slavery. Moses spoke to the people: “Celebrate the Feast of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. Celebrate the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field” (Exodus 23:16).

The Apostle Paul commends the Church to follow a similar model: “...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20).

## Four Creative Thanksgiving Activities:

### 1. Tell a Story

Children love stories. Take advantage of their natural interest by telling a story (perhaps about a Thanksgiving from your childhood) that will reinforce the importance of showing genuine gratitude. Stories of God’s faithfulness (and your thankfulness) can encourage kids to do the same!

### 2. Act it Out

Read about the plight of ten lepers who came to Jesus (Luke 17:11-19). Reinforce to the children that Christ praised the one person who returned to thank Him.

### 3. Make a “Blessing Basket”

Place a pencil and pad of paper inside a fall basket. Encourage kids to jot down ways God has blessed them. Younger children can draw or cut pictures from magazines. Read these blessings aloud and thank God together.

### 4. Count Your Blessings

Adopt this tradition suggested by Dr. James Dobson. Place several kernels of corn at each plate. At the start of the meal, drop the kernels in a basket as you each give thanks for God’s goodness in the previous year—one word of thanksgiving for each kernel. Candy corn works well for this, too!

May God shower you and your family with His richest blessings this Thanksgiving!

## Free Thanksgiving Card

Use this free downloadable Thanksgiving card to express appreciation! [Click here for an immediate download.](#) (digital newsletter only)



We will have the Men’s Breakfast **Saturday, November 4 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.

The Women’s Breakfast is **Saturday, Nov 11 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.





## Handy Hands

Do you like to knit, crochet or do other types of hand work? If so, please join us

**Monday; November 20 at 1:00 pm** in the Parlor. Questions? Please contact [Lynn Crump](#), [Randy Gibbs](#), or [Lynda Stine](#).

## Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettia [order forms](#) are available in the narthex, on the glass display case, or click on the blue link above. Deadline for orders, accompanied with payment, must be received by **Sunday November**

**26**. Sorry, no exceptions. Only **large red poinsettias** (\$7.50) will be offered.



## Saturday, November 25 9 am to 2 pm



It's time to decorate the church for the Christmas season. If you are unable to come for the

entire time, come for some of it. We have a lot of fun so hope to see you there. If you've never joined us before, now is the time to come together and fellowship, while beautifying the Lord's House!

## Liturgist / Scripture Schedule

Date	Scripture Reading
Nov-5	Bill Shanahan
Nov-12	Delano Anderson
Nov-19	Lynn Crump
Nov 26	Bill Fisher

## Sunday Children's Bible Classes

Date	Little Sprouts	Bible Bunch
SSV= Safe Sanctuary Volunteer		
Nov 5	Rochelle Amadio & Sharon Neff Krystal Bells Practice	
Nov 12	Rochelle Amadio Mike Nelson SSV	Sally Vickers/Teacher Mary Lou Smith/SSV
Nov 19	Rochelle Amadio Holly Goldsborough SSV	Lynn Crump/Teacher Cindy Tuttle SSV
Nov 26	Rochelle Amadio Randy Gibbs SSV	Sally Vickers/Teacher Carol Hammes SSV

## Sunday Bible Classes

**Cornerstone Bible class - 9:00-9:45 am**

Adult class meets in the Chapel

**Children's Bible classes - 10:00-11:00 am**

Little Sprouts Bible Time / ages 0 -5 yrs; and

Bible Bunch for Kids / ages 6-12 yrs

Both classes will have a Bible lesson every Sunday except for the Sundays designated for Krystal Bell practice. We encourage you to have your children participate in all the classes. The Krystal Bell practices are October 1st, 29th November 5th , December 3rd, and December 24<sup>th</sup>. The children will be playing the Krystal Bells in the Christmas Eve candlelight service on December 24, 2023.

~ NUMC Commission on Education

## November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7:30pm N.A.	2 7:00pm Nar-Anon	3 Pastor's Day Off  6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	4 8:00am Men's Breakfast
5 <b>All Saints Service</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Memorial Dedication</b> <b>Sunday</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship	6 7:00pm SPRC mtg	7 7:00pm Worship mtg	8 7:30pm N.A.	9 7:00pm Nar-Anon	10 Pastor's Day Off  6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b>  8:30am Women's Breakfast
12 <b>Harvest Home Sunday - please bring in some canned items for Loaves &amp; Fishes food pantry Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>NUMC's 135th Anniversary Celebration</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship	13	14 7:00pm Church Council mtg	15 7:00pm Trustees mtg 7:30pm N.A.	16 7:00pm Nar-Anon	17 Pastor's Day Off  6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	18
19 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship	20 1:00pm Handy Hands	21	22 7:30pm N.A.	23 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 7:00pm Nar-Anon	24 Pastor's Day Off 10:00pm N.A.	25
26 <b>United Methodist Student Day (special offering)</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship	27	28	29 7:30pm N.A.	30 7:00pm Nar-Anon		

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