



Norwood
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

315 Chester Pike
Norwood, PA 19074-1401
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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

610-532-0982

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Office Hours: Mon – Fri 10am – 2pm

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The Pastor's Pen

No Greater Love

Greetings friends,

During the Lenten season, we were invited to slow down and reflect on the depth of Christ's love for us. In John 15, after teaching that we are the branches called to abide in the vine, Jesus says, "*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.*" (John 15:9). He then gives this life-shaping command: "*Love each other as I have loved you.*" (John 15:12).

Those words remind me of a childhood memory. I was captivated by the 1961 film *King of Kings*, where Jeffrey Hunter portrayed Jesus. I remember watching in awe and imagining what it would be like to walk beside Him as one of the disciples, especially Peter, who stepped out of the boat and walked on the water. When the film ended with the triumphant music celebrating the resurrection, I knelt down and gave my life to Jesus. Even as a child, I was deeply moved by the realization that Christ died for my sins. That moment planted a seed of faith that has stayed with me throughout my life.

Jesus said, "*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" (John 15:13). The writer of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus endured the cross "*for the joy set before him.*" (Hebrews 12:2). That joy included the redemption and restoration of all who would turn to Him. Even knowing our weaknesses and our struggles, Christ willingly gave Himself so that we could be forgiven and restored to God.

Because of Christ's sacrifice, we are no longer bound by sin or defined by our failures. Instead, we are invited to live in the freedom of His grace, loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37), and finding refuge in His presence (Psalm

91:1). When we stumble, we are not abandoned. The same Savior who called Peter out of the boat is the One who reaches out His hand to steady us when our faith wavers.

Jesus held nothing back. He gave His life so that we might be free from the sin that so easily entangles us (Hebrews 12:1). And when we feel overwhelmed or discouraged, we can remember that our hope does not rest in our strength but in His unfailing love.

There is truly no greater love than the love of Christ—the One who died for our sins and rose again so that we might have new life and eternal hope.

Praise God for the One who has set us free. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! And because He lives, we can face tomorrow with confidence and peace.

From my family to yours, have a blessed and joyful Easter.

Pastor Scott

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CHURCH STAFF

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

[Melanie Passarella](#), Administrative Assistant

[Kurt Schaefer, Sr](#), Treasurer

[Lynda Stine](#), Financial Secretary



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


Ongoing Prayer Needs

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

**January 18 ~ February 8
Prayer Requests**

Felicia Moyer	Pastor Bill
Nick & Meg	Lynn Seidel
Kurt Schaefer	Blondell & sister
Owen	Family of Ruth Pearce in her passing

Sally Vickers	12
John Venaфра, Jr	18
Christy Melrose.....	20
Laura Welch	24
Glenn Goldsborough	25
Joyce Anderson	27
Gabrielle Thompson.....	28
Jim Vickers	28
Judy Arrants.....	29



Trustee Meeting Wednesday April 15 at 7pm

with purpose, not with panic. Hebrews 12:11 (NIV) says, “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” That’s the goal—not just stopping the behavior, but producing a harvest of righteousness. When you become a strategic parent, you stop reacting to each misstep and start investing in the person your child is becoming. You create routines, action plans, and heart-based tools that move your child forward. You stop trying to control behavior and start shaping character.

What Strategy Looks Like in Real Life

Let’s say you have a 13-year-old daughter who explodes in anger every time she’s told no. You’ve tried ignoring her, sending her to her room, even taking privileges away. Nothing changes. Strategy says: it’s time for a new approach.

First, you recognize the pattern. This isn’t about the particular request—it’s about emotional regulation and entitlement. So, you create a strategy: you build in practice sessions where she hears no in a controlled setting and learns how to respond. You role-play situations. You memorize and discuss Bible verses on anger and self-control. You praise every moment of progress, even small ones. You invite her into the process—asking her what helps her stay calm, and giving her tools like deep breathing, walking away, or journaling her emotions. This takes effort—but it builds maturity. It grows her heart. And it changes the tone of your home. Of course, strategy doesn’t mean perfection. You’ll still have hard days. But when you’re working a plan, you have direction. You feel empowered instead of helpless. You become less like a firefighter and more like a builder—constructing a strong, biblical foundation in your child’s life.

A Better Way Forward

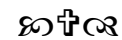
If parenting your challenging child has left you feeling discouraged or depleted, maybe it’s time to stop putting out fires and start building a strategy. You don’t have to figure it out alone. God is with you. His Word is full of wisdom. And the heart-based approach offers practical tools to help you implement that wisdom in your family.

You don’t need to yell louder. You need to think longer. Pray harder. Plan better. That’s what strategic parenting is all about.

If you’re ready to move from frustration to confidence in your parenting, check out our course: [How a Heart-Based Approach Changes Everything](#) This course is packed with practical solutions, biblical wisdom, and encouragement to help you build a strategy that transforms your child’s heart—and your home.

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Give your child or yourself the gift of Bible knowledge. Norwood United Methodist Church offers Sunday morning programs for all ages that is Bible content centered. These programs help not only children, but adults to 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.



“How do Easter lilies know what date to open up their flowers?”

Grades 6 to 12 are invited to

Youth Group

EVERY FRIDAY 6-8
315 CHESTER PIKE



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Please enter group name LITTLE BLESSINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Children’s Bible Classes Schedule		
Date	Little Sprouts	Bible Bunch
	SSV= Safe Sanctuary Volunteer	
April 5	Teacher: Rochelle A. SSV: Randy G.	Teacher: Sally V. SSV: Carol H.
April 12	<i>No Little Sprouts this week</i>	<i>No Bible Bunch this week</i>
April 19	Teacher: Rochelle A. SSV: Bill S.	Teacher: Sally V. SSV: Nicole D.
April 26	Teacher: Rochelle A. SSV: Holly G.	<i>No Bible Bunch this week</i>

New Addresses!

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

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

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

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

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

Men's Breakfast is Saturday April 4 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 April 11 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 **April 20 at 1:00pm**
We meet every 3rd Monday every month.
More info contact [Randy Gibbs](#), or [Lynda Stine](#).



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT NIGHT

Sunday April 12
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm Event: Comedy Night!



Bring your best jokes and your funny bone!
Come for free dinner! Stay for the laughs!

<i>Worship Ministry</i>				
Mo.	Liturgist	Joys	Ushers	
April 5	Ashley	Ashley	Bill F	Bob G
April 12	Kelli	Sally	Lynda S	Bill F
April 19	Jeremiah	Anna	Jim V	Lynda S
April 26	Blondell	Sally	Tom G	Bob G



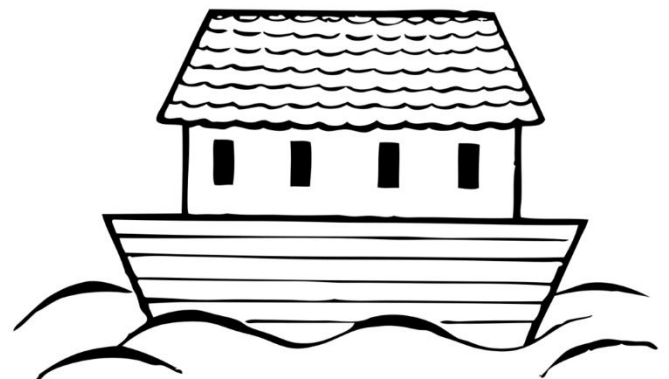
Noah and the Ark



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Word list:

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| ANIMALS | LAND |
| ARK | MOUNTAIN |
| BELIEVE | NOAH |
| BUILD | PAIRS |
| CREATURES | PROMISE |
| DOVE | RAIN |
| EVIL | RAINBOW |
| FLOOD | TWO |
| FORTY | WATER |
| GOOD | WOOD |



April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	2 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting	3 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting	4 8:00am Men's Breakfast 11:00am N.A. Meeting
5 10:00am Worship Service EASTER SUNDAY	6	7 10:00am Prayer Hour	8 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	9 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting	10 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting	11 8:30am Women's Breakfast 11:00am N.A. Meeting
12 10:00am Worship Service 5:30pm Community Event Night - FREE Dinner & Comedy Night	13	14 10:00am Prayer Hour	15 7:00pm Trustee Meeting 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	16 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting	17 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting	18 11:00am N.A. Meeting
19 10:00am Worship Service	20 1:00pm Handy Hands	21 10:00am Prayer Hour	22 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	23 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting	24 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting	25 11:00am N.A. Meeting
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