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

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Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Pastor's Pen

Give A Little More

Greetings Friends,

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, our hearts are naturally drawn toward gratitude. We pause to remember the many blessings God has given us; our families, our friends, our church, our communities, and most importantly, the gift of Jesus Christ.

But as I considered what I would write for this Thanksgiving season, my thoughts turned to November 19th. Did you know that November 19, 2026, marks the 163rd anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address? On that day in 1863, Lincoln delivered one of the most memorable speeches in American history. In just a few short minutes, he captured the meaning of sacrifice, devotion, freedom, and the unfinished work that remained before the nation.

Several years ago, our family took a day trip to Gettysburg National Military Park. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting the battlefield and museum. We took a bus tour through the battlefield and were immersed in history and, more importantly, our American heritage. We probably should have made it a two-day trip, but we were able to visit the Utz chip factory on our way home!

As I prepared this article, I reread the Gettysburg Address and was struck by Lincoln's ability to summarize in just a few sentences the meaning and purpose of the nation. One particular phrase caught my attention: "The last full measure of devotion." Lincoln was speaking about the men and women who had sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our nation. Their sacrifice was not in vain. Their devotion called upon those who remained to continue the work that had been entrusted to them.

That idea of giving our "full measure of devotion" also speaks to us as people of faith. The prophet Isaiah gives us a beautiful picture of God's future, a day when God will remove the shroud of sin and death, wipe away every tear, and bring salvation to His people: "It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. (Isaiah 25:9) Isaiah reminds us that our hope is ultimately found in God. Because of that hope, we can look toward the future with faith, thanksgiving, and confidence.

Perhaps, the Lord is calling each of us to give a little more of our measure of devotion to Him. Maybe that means giving a little more of our time to prayer, spending a little more time encouraging someone who is struggling, serving when we would rather remain comfortable, forgiving someone who has hurt us, reaching out to someone who feels forgotten or alone.

Or perhaps it means praying for a new birth of faith in our church, our community, and in the lives of those around us. As we celebrate All Saints Day this month, we are reminded of people who have gone before us who faithfully served the Lord, prayed, sacrificed, and gave of themselves so that the ministries of the church could continue. Their devotion was not in vain. Now the responsibility is ours.

Just as Lincoln reminded the nation that those who remained had an "unfinished work" before them, we too have an unfinished work as followers of Jesus Christ. There are people who still

need to hear the good news. There are people who need to experience the love of Christ. There are people who need someone to pray with them, encourage them, forgive them, and walk beside them. We don't have to do something extraordinary. Sometimes we simply need to give a little more; a little more love, a little more grace, kindness and encouragement or a little more prayer.

Out of the terrible battle at Gettysburg came a renewed commitment to a "new birth of freedom." In our own lives, God offers us something even greater, a new birth of freedom through Jesus Christ. Because of Christ, we can experience freedom from sin, freedom from guilt, freedom from fear, and the hope of eternal life.

So, as we gather around our Thanksgiving tables this year, may we not only count our blessings but also ask ourselves: "Lord, what are You calling me to give? Perhaps, the answer will be simple: Give a little more. Give a little more of your time. Give a little more of your love. Give a little more of your devotion. Give a little more of yourself to Christ and to others.

For when we give ourselves to God, our lives can become instruments through which His love reaches someone else.

May we never forget those who have gone before us. May we never take their sacrifices for granted. And may we faithfully continue the work God has placed before us, trusting that our efforts, our prayers, and our devotion will never be in vain.

From my family to yours, have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

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Blue underlined text is a link to SAFE websites / forms. Click & explore!



Church Council meeting November 10th 7:00 pm

Worship meeting November 17th 7:00 pm

Trustee meeting November 18th 7:00 pm



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

All those affected by violence & war, and for peace between world governments
Russell & Bethany Alexander
Bob Arrants
Brooke & Natalie (Maggie McCans)
Bonnie (John Jones)
Jim Chambers (Sally Vickers)
Michael Fletcher (Lynn Seidel)
Eugene Holt (John Venafra)
Tina Kadri (Judy Arrants)
Robin Kim
Gary Leranian (Madeline Deane)
Miriam Martin
Janice MacBride
Mary (Gina Dukes)
Liz Murray (Lynn Seidel)
Rev. Bill Neff
Donna Riegel
Linda Sams
Lynn Seidel
Ruth Schenkenberger
Sandra Shanahan
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.

Sept 13 to Oct 11 Prayer Requests

Janice	Bill
Paul	Pastor Bill
Terry & Family	Tim Schubert
Mandy	Jim Miles
Marcus Hook	Christopher
Aden	Grandson
Mary Lee Colflesh	Nicole & Family
Rochelle	Isreal
Carol Hammes	John Jones
Melanie & Norman	Tom Glisson
Charlie Vickers	Bill Shanahan's mom



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



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." …

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).

4 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!

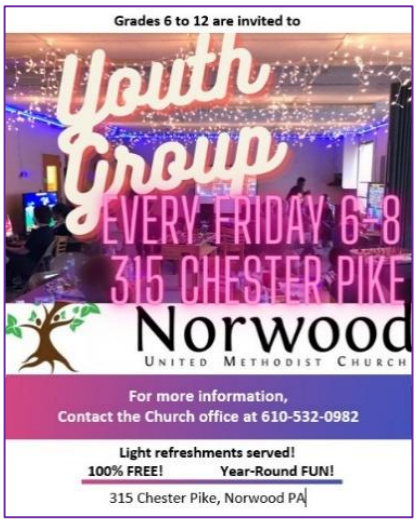
May God shower you and your family with His richest blessings this Thanksgiving!

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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.





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

Open all year Fundraisers: radafundraising.com **and** mableslabels.com .
Please enter group name LITTLE BLESSINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL



Men's Breakfast meets **Saturday November 7th at 8:00am.** We meet on the first Saturday of months October to May in the Social Hall. Please join us. More info contact Bob Gibbs

Women's Breakfast meets Saturday **November 14th at 8:30am**. We meet every second Saturday of months October to May in the Social Hall. More info contact Sally Vickers 610-565-0924 or jimsallyvickers@verizon.net.



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



Handy Hands meets
Tuesday November 10 at 1:00pm.
Do you like to knit, crochet or do other types of hand work?
If so, we meet every 3rd Monday every month in the Parlor.
More info contact Randy Gibbs, or Lynda Stine.



Worship Ministry				
Mo.	**Liturgist**	**Joys**	**Ushers**	
1-Nov	Joyce	Anna	Linda Sams	Bob G
8-Nov	Jeremiah	Sally	Bill F	Lynda S
15-Nov	Blondell	Anna	Linda Sams	Jim V
22-Nov	Kelli	Sally	Lynda S	Tom G
29-Nov	Brittany	Ashley	Holly G	Lynda S

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT NIGHT



Sunday, November 8.
Dinner starts at 5:30pm followed by Paint Night at 6:30pm. Instruction from our very own artist, Jim McKay, who will lead the group in creating their own masterpiece, which is yours for the keeping!!! Canvas and paint will be provided. Visit Jim's website: www.artworkbyjtm.com. It's a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors. Come & enjoy fellowship, meal & painting lesson!

Each month (Oct to May) we host a FREE Community Event Night downstairs in the Social Hall. It includes dinner served at 5:30 pm, followed by various events that begin at 6:30 pm.

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: canned beans; cereal; oatmeal; boxed or bagged pasta; tomato products (plastic or cans); canned beef stew; canned chili; 100% Juice; Hamburger Helper; sides-all varieties.

Amazon wish list: **https://a.co/03zcnZln**

Jackie Shanahan 1



Arlene Pentimall.....2
Tom Welch 13
Mitchell Greer 19
John Dreyer, Sr 21
Bob Gibbs 27
Crist'o Drummond.....29

Christian Thanksgiving Word Search



Autumn
Blessings
Christian
Gratitude
Prayers
Gobble
Pumpkin
Friends
Gathering
Respect
Grateful
Holiday
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Turkey
Feast
Cranberry
Tradition
Worship
Colonist
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November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **10:00am Worship Service** 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion	2	3 11:00am Prayer Hour	4 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	5 3:30pm 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 - Harvest Home - Financial Gifts Form** 5:30pm Community Event Night	9	10 11:00am Prayer Hour 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	11 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	12 3:30pm 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 - Church Anniversary**	16 **1:00pm Handy Hands**	17 11:00am Prayer Hour 7:00pm Worship Ministries Meeting	18 **7:00pm Trustee Meeting** 7:30pm N.A. Meeting **7:00pm Knights of the Felt Table**	19 3:30pm 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 11:00am Prayer Hour	25 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	26 3:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting	27 Pastor's Day Off **6:00pm Youth Group** 10:00pm N.A. Meeting	28 9:00am Decorate Church for Christmas 11:00am N.A. Meeting
29 **10:00am Worship Service**	30					