



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

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### Worship

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

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# NUMC NEWSLETTER

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2024



**7 "Look, he is coming with the clouds,"<sup>[b]</sup>  
and "every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him";  
and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of  
him."<sup>[c]</sup>  
So shall it be! Amen. Revelation 1:7 (NIV)**

Dear Norwood United Methodist Community,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I hope this finds you and the families well!

Dear siblings in Christ, as we enter December, a season of celebration and reflection, let us fix our eyes on the hope and joy found in Jesus Christ. This month reminds us that the eternal God, who "is, who was, and who is to come," stepped into time and history to bring us grace, peace, and redemption. In the busyness of the season, let us not lose sight of His love, which transforms and sustains us as individuals and as a church.

December celebrates the first coming of Christ, born as a Savior for the world, and it anticipates His return in glory. As a Christian community, let us embody the hope of Advent by sharing His light, serving others, and living with a heart ready for His coming.

Please take time to reflect on God's faithfulness in the past year and commit to shining His light in your own family, community, and the world in general as a testimony to the One who is, who was, and who is to come.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Domingos Francisco Fernando

*Prayers with the Pastor are available in person or over the phone. Just call his cell at 973-597-8577*

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


December 9, 1908 church#2 laid on foundation at Chester pike & Ridley ave
December 13, 1908 cornerstone placed
December 18, 1955 Educational Building consecrated
December 3, 1968 old church demo & new church motion approved



**“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	Eleanor Luther
Russell & Bethany Alexander	Miriam Martin
Bob Arrants	Janice MacBride
Joe Bradford	Brooke & Natalie (Maggie McCans)
Brooke & Natalie (Maggie McCans)	Mary (Gina Dukes)
Jim Chambers (Sally Vickers)	Liz Murray (Lynn Seidel)
Jerry Chreiman	Rev. Bill Neff
Michael Fletcher (Lynn Seidel)	Donna Riegel
Bill Gibbs	Ruth Schenkenberger
Eugene Holt (John Venafr)	Sandra Shanahan
Tina Kadri (Judy Arrants)	Bernie, Bobbie & Katie Shimkus (Laura Welch)
Robin Kim	Sue (Mary Thompson)
Jamie King (Lynda Stine)	Michael Tate
Carol Luther Lauria (Sally Vickers)	Jacob Tercha (Bobbi Blum)
Gary Leranian (Madeline Deane)	Joan Touhill (Lynn Seidel)
	Toya (Gina Dukes)

**Need a loved one added or deleted from the On-Going Prayer list? Please inform the church of any updates.**

### Current Prayer Needs

Oct 20 to Nov 10 Prayer Requests	
Pagent Allen	Matthew
Kurt Schaefer	Anna & Tom
Scotty, Leigh, Rosebud	Nick & Sam
Mallory	Renee
John	Kurt & Joan Schaefer



**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.*



**HOT CEREALS OATMEAL GRITS  
CREAM OF WHEAT CAN SOUPS  
CHEF BOYARDEE CAN MEATS**



### Annual Christmas Outreaches

**Fair Acres Geriatric Center “Giving Tree”**, on bulletin board across from the Chapel, we have five (5) gift tag requests from seniors. Please place gifts under narthex Missions table; **follow instructions on tags and DO NOT WRAP. DEADLINE DECEMBER 8**

**Community Action Agency Of Delaware County (CAADC) Wesley House Shelter** in Chester requests toys/clothes for children ages infant up to 17. Please **DO NOT WRAP**. Place gifts in green tote under narthex Literature table. **DEADLINE DECEMBER 19**

**Christmas Poinsettias** [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 December 1**. Sorry, no exceptions. Only large red poinsettias (\$7.70) will be offered.





# Parents Corner

## PARENTS' CORNER

In December our focus turns towards the birth of Jesus. This month we look at two important people in Jesus' life: His parents. Like all parents, Jesus' earthly parents focused on raising their firstborn Jesus and later His siblings in a spiritual and godly household. Although Jesus was perfect, He still needed to have parents that would raise their family in accordance to the Scriptures and would give not only Jesus, but His siblings balance and growth in their lives. Read and learn from the following article of how you can follow Joseph and Mary's parenting skills to balance aspects of growth in your child's life.

## Balance Your Growth

By Mark Steiner

DiscipleLand Staff October 20, 2017

Just for fun, put yourself in the sandals of Joseph or Mary, Jesus' earthly parents. What unique challenges did they face raising a child who never lied, never talked back, never undermined their authority, and always obeyed? A solitary verse summarizes Joseph and Mary's parenting efforts: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52). However easy or difficult raising Jesus may have been, His parents achieved a remarkable balance with their remarkable Son. His formation progressed intellectually (wisdom), physically (stature), spiritually (favor with God), and relationally (favor with men).

### *Twenty-first Century Parenting*

Now replace those first century sandals with your favorite 21st century footwear. Educators today use different terms (cognitive, affective, and sensory-motor) to identify ways that children develop.

Christian educators explore how these interdependent dimensions contribute to a person's spiritual formation. Discipleship is the ongoing process whereby believers grow in Biblical knowledge, Christlike character, and faithful conduct—to the glory of God. Your goal in discipling children to be like Jesus is to effectively

interweave all three dimensions: knowledge + character + conduct.

Every child is inclined to favor either knowledge or character or conduct. One of those three dimensions is an area of natural strength. Each child also shows reluctance in one dimension. Strengths have corresponding weaknesses. Balanced discipleship training encourages children to grow in their natural strengths and to reinforce areas that are prone to weakness.

### *Seven Growth Paths*

#### *One-Dimensional Growth Paths*

Children who favor only one dimension show significant promise in that area. But over time, they will be greatly limited unless parents counterbalance natural strengths with effective training that props up weaker areas.

1. **THINKERS** (Knowledge): Thinkers love to analyze and reflect. These students naturally gravitate to knowledge. They like to learn new things and usually do well in school. However, as their intellects grow, these same children need to develop strong friendships, and the ability to get things done.
2. **RELATERS** (Character): Relaters love to be with people. These children are often sensitive to the Lord and skilled with people. They have tender spirits and are careful not to offend others. Friendships come easily, but these kids must push themselves to learn academic subjects, and to become dutiful workers.
3. **DOERS** (Conduct): Doers love to get things done. These kids like to be involved doing projects. It is second nature for them to accomplish things quickly. But these children need to think before they act, and to develop interpersonal skills.

#### *Two-Dimensional Growth Paths*

Kids who favor two dimensions display great potential. Their strengths are readily apparent, but if parents aren't proactive to reinforce the weak area, these children will eventually show disappointing signs.

4. **PLANNERS** (Knowledge + Character): Planners love to strategize and prepare. These children think clearly and carefully weigh how their ideas will affect themselves and others. But they have trouble implementing their plans, rarely completing tasks on time.
5. **DIRECTORS** (Knowledge + Conduct): Directors love to be in charge. These students evaluate options and move ahead with well-conceived efforts. But children who neglect the feelings of others or who lack personal integrity tend to alienate their friends.
6. **MOTIVATORS** (Character + Conduct): Motivators love to energize people. These kids work well in groups and are good at encouraging others to get involved. But they don't always think about long-term consequences, leading to poor results or broken relationships.

### Three-Dimensional Growth Path

Jesus is our model for balanced growth. As a boy, He developed in all three dimensions (Luke 2:52). Christ calls His children to follow in His footsteps so they reach their full potential.

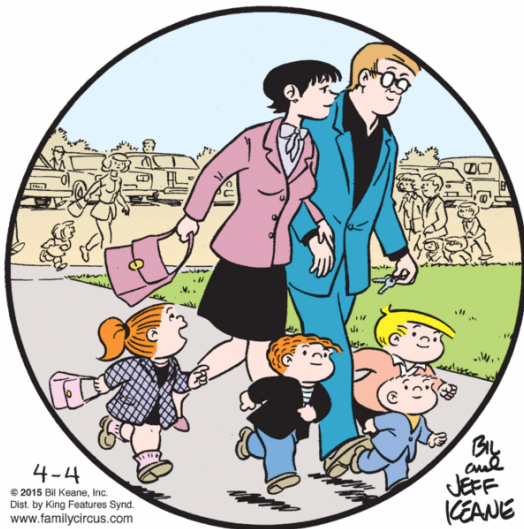
**7. SERVANT-LEADERS** (Knowledge + Character + Conduct): Servant-leaders love God and people. These individuals establish meaningful goals and influence others to make good choices. They seek God's wisdom to accomplish God's purposes God's way.



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**"I like it when everyone in church sings about that Ollie Louya guy."**

Calling all 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders!



Light refreshments served  
Event is 100% FREE!



### News

#### Little Blessing's Fall Fundraiser:

<https://radafundraising.com/>

Catalogs in narthex, but ALL SALES are done online. Closes May 2025.

Great items for Christmas!



#### Little Blessings Amazon Wish List:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IXNA3oAMJ9VH?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_7was8SSAKt37K](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IXNA3oAMJ9VH?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_7was8SSAKt37K)

### Sunday School Classes

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

Adult class meets in the Chapel

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

ages 0-12 years

**NO CLASSES on Sunday, December 29, 2024.**

**Classes will resume on January 5, 2025.**



Men's Breakfast  
is **Saturday  
December 7 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.

No Women's  
Breakfast for  
December. Will  
Resume in  
January 2025



## Handy Hands

Do you like to  
knit, crochet or  
do other types

of hand work? If so, please join us  
**Monday December 16 at 1:00 pm** in the  
Parlor. Questions? Please contact [Lynn  
Crump](#), [Randy Gibbs](#), or [Lynda Stine](#).



## December Birthdays!!

Karen Gutmaker .....	1
Marla Hsu .....	1
Nancy Evans .....	4
Nancy Pentimall .....	5
Mary Lou Smith .....	10
Norman Passarella .....	13
Joyce McKay .....	15
Aiden Dreyer .....	16
Brindy Gibbs Reiher.....	19
Lisa Phillips .....	24
Pat Beckett .....	30



	Liturgist	Joys	Ushers	
1-Dec	Ashley Gibbs	Ashley Gibbs	Bill Fisher	Bob Gibbs
8-Dec	Kelli Bradley	Anna Glisson	Lynda Stine	Jim Vickers
15-Dec	Jim Vickers	Sally Vickers	Bob Gibbs	Lynda Stine
22-Dec	Lynn Seidel	Anna Glisson	Bill Fisher	Tom Glisson
Eve 24	Lynn Crump		Tom Glisson	Jim Vickers
29-Dec	Bill Fisher	Sally Vickers	Holly G	Carol Hammes





## CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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ANGEL  
BABY  
BETHLEHEM  
BIRTH  
DONKEY

FRANKINCENSE  
GIFTS  
GOLD  
HAY  
HOLY

JESUS  
JOSEPH  
KING  
MANGER  
MARY

MYRRH  
SON  
STABLES  
STAR  
WISE MEN

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## December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship	<b>2</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>5</b> 5:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>7</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast 11:00am N.A.
<b>8</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship	<b>9</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>12</b> 5:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>14</b> 11:00am N.A.
<b>15</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship	<b>16</b> Pastor's Day Off 1:00pm Handy Hands	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>19</b> 5:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>21</b> 11:00am N.A.
<b>22</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship 5pm Christmas Caroling	<b>23</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>24</b> <b>7:00pm Christmas Eve Service</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>26</b> 5:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>28</b> 11:00am N.A.
<b>29</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship	<b>30</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>31</b>				