

# Norwood United Methodist Church

315 Chester Pike

Norwood, PA 19074-1401

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## 2024 MARCH Newsletter

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### Worship

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

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

**Rev. Domingos  
Fernando**

**March 2024  
Newsletter**



**<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples,  
“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny  
themselves  
and take up their cross and follow me.  
Matthew 16:24 (NIV)**

Dear Norwood Family,

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, let us be reminded of the profound opportunity it presents for reflection, renewal, and spiritual growth. Lent is a journey of introspection, a time to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. In these 40 days, let us emulate Christ's sacrifice and selflessness in our own lives. As we deny ourselves certain comforts, let it be a reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made on our behalf. May our fasting be more than a physical discipline but a heartfelt offering, drawing us into a deeper communion with our Lord.

Let us use this time to reflect on the significance of the cross and the immense love demonstrated through Christ's passion. Let it stir within us a spirit of repentance and gratitude, leading

to a transformation of our hearts. Remember, Lent is not merely a season of giving up but also a season of taking on - taking on more prayer, more compassion, more acts of love. Reach out to those in need, be a source of encouragement to one another, and let our actions reflect the grace we have received.

May this Lenten season be a time of spiritual growth, drawing us nearer to the cross and preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter. As we walk this journey together, let our collective prayers and efforts resonate with the promise of redemption and the hope found in Christ's resurrection.

Blessings to you all during this sacred season of Lent.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Domingos Francisco Fernando

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*"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)
Jim Chambers (Sally Vickers)	Mary (Gina Dukes)
Jerry & Barbara Chreiman	Liz Murray (Lynn Seidel)
Michael Fletcher (Lynn Seidel)	Rev. Bill Neff
Bill Gibbs	Donna Riegel
Joan Glisson (Anna Glisson)	Ruth Schenkenberger
Tommy Glisson	Sandra Shanahan
Eugene Holt (John Venafr)	Bernie, Bobbie & Katie Shimkus (Laura Welch)
Marla Hsu (Anna Glisson)	Sue (Mary Thompson)
John & Terri Jones	Michael Tate
Miriam Martin	Jacob Tercha (Bobbi Blum)
	Joan Touhill (Lynn Seidel)
	Toya (Gina Dukes)
	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

Bobbie Blum	Bill Warner
Barbara	John Jones
all military	Cheryl Kane
Le family of East Lansdowne	Sister & Brother-in-law
Kester-Behan family	Nathan
Lisa, Bill, Billy, Nick	Joyce McKay
Janice	Bobbie Blum
I95 car accident	Barbara
Petransky Family	Terri
Jones family	all military
Norman	Joan Schaefer
Maryanne	Carson
Delano Anderson	Mark & Kathy Sagowitz
Bevalaqua family	Barbara Venafr

### Residing in Retirement Care & Nursing Homes

Bob Nelson – Broomall Rehab & Nursing Ctr



Lonnie Estes .....	3
Dave Bradley.....	4
Andrew Vickers.....	9
John Dryer, Jr.....	10
Jevon Amanfu.....	12
Kyrie Drummond.....	14
Marissa Hews .....	18
Lynn Seidel .....	18
Michelle Hews .....	23
Benjy Agudzi-Baidoo .....	26
Bernyce Agudzi-Baidoo .....	27



If severe winter weather makes travel to the church unsafe, services and events may be canceled or rescheduled. If the church has your email address, you will be informed of any cancellations or changes using that media. We also will use our "robo" calling system, "Dial My Calls", which will call your home/cell, again, only if we have that information. If your phone is set up to not show your caller ID, the "robo" calls will not be accepted

### LITTLE BLESSINGS NEW PROGRAM! / TerraCycle.com



Save these Entenmann labels (bags) and Dunkin coffee bags send them into school.



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

### COMMUNITY EVENT NIGHT March 10!



5:30p Dinner  
6:30p Sunday Night Sing-Along!  
Bring your family and friends! Anyone who would

like to perform or has a favorite they would like included in the sing-along, contact Jim Vickers at [jimsallyvickers@verizon.net](mailto:jimsallyvickers@verizon.net)

# PARENTS' CORNER

## An Empty Tomb and a Risen Christ

**Doug March 31, 2011**

In Old Testament times, God required animal sacrifices to provide temporary forgiveness of sins. This also foreshadowed the perfect and complete sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Leviticus 4:35, 5:10). The sacrifice of animals is an important theme found throughout Scripture because “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (Hebrews 9:22). When Adam and Eve sinned, God Himself clothed them with skins of sacrificed animals (Genesis 3:21, Gen. 15:10). God commanded the nation of Israel to perform sacrifices, too. When done in faith, this sacrifice provided temporary relief to man’s guilt and demonstrated God’s justice. These sacrifices had to be repeated once each year at the tabernacle in the wilderness and, later on, at the Temple in Jerusalem.

However, Jesus Christ entered into history as the eternal Priest to offer an eternal sacrifice for sin. The shedding of His blood provided a permanent sacrifice and a permanent covenant between God and man. Jesus did no wrong – He never sinned! He gave Himself willingly to die for the sins of mankind (1 Timothy 2:6). Jesus took our sin upon Himself and died in our place. “God made him [Jesus] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

*The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the greatest and most important event in the history of the world.*

Why did God raise Jesus from the dead? One reason was to prove that Jesus was who He said He was: the divine Son of God, sent from heaven to save us from our sins. The Bible says that He “was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 1:4). The resurrection sets Jesus apart from every other person who has ever lived. Jesus is alive, and He wants to come into your life today. God created us to have everlasting life. When we choose to disobey God and go our own way instead of His, this is sin, and results in separation from God. Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people. We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and invite Him into our life.

*Do you believe that Jesus died for you?*

The Bible tells us, “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, ‘Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame’.” (Romans 10:9-11).

*Dear Lord Jesus,*

*I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I invite You right now to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

For further study look at:

Luke 24:1-12

Acts 1:1-11

Hebrews chapter 9

Leviticus chapter 4

Isaiah chapter 53

A risen Christ is what makes Christianity unique and different from other religions.

Christ died and rose again; no other religion can say that their god died for them and rose again from the dead to live forever. **John 14:6 says, “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** Only the victory over death allows Christ to make this claim of eternal life and the only way to heaven.



### Bible Classes for Children and Adults

#### **Adult Bible class - 9:00-9:45 am:**

The Cornerstone Bible class meets in the Chapel

#### **Children’s Bible classes - 10:00-11:00 am**

For parents attending 10am worship service, we offer two children’s classes:

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

**Bible Bunch for Kids** / ages 6-12 yrs

*The children’s classes meet during worship service. Children will be dismissed from the Sanctuary with their teachers for a Bible lesson.*

*Please note that the children’s Bible classes will **not** meet on the first Sundays of the month (1/7, 2/4/, 3/3, 4/7, and 5/5).*

*The children are invited to wave the palms at the beginning of the worship service on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024. Please have your children in the Narthex at 9:45AM if they wish to participate. ~ NUMC Commission on Education*



We will have the Men's Breakfast **Saturday, March 2 at 8:00 am.** We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, October to

May. It is a time for fellowship and to build a relationship with one another. Please join us. Contact Bob Gibbs [rwgibbs@comcast.net](mailto:rwgibbs@comcast.net)

The Women's Breakfast is **Saturday, March 9 at 8:30 am.** Faith-building friendship, fun, food, and fellowship. We meet

on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, October to May contact Sally Vickers 610-565-0924 or [JimSallyVickers@verizon.net](mailto:JimSallyVickers@verizon.net).



### Handy Hands

Do you like to knit, crochet or do other types of hand work? If so, please join us **Monday March 18 at 1:00 pm** in the Parlor. Questions?

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

### Holy Thursday Service March 28 at 7:00 pm



Guests and friends are always welcome. Please come and leave in silence in observance of this service. Held in the Social Hall.

### Usher/Joy Schedule

Date	Ushers		Joy & Concerns
Mar 3	Tom G	Bob G	Sally
Mar 10	Bill S	Jim V	Anna
Mar 17	Lynda S	Carol H	Bill S
Mar 24	Bill F	Kurt S	Anna
Mar 31	Tom G	Bob G	Sally

### Liturgist Schedule

Mar 3	Bill Fisher
Mar 10	Jeremiah Anderson
Mar 17	Jim Vickers
Mar 24	Delano Anderson
Mar 31	Lynn Seidel

### Children's Bible Classes Schedule

Date	Little Sprouts	Bible Bunch
SSV= Safe Sanctuary Volunteer		
Mar 3	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
Mar 10	Teacher: Rochelle Amadio SSV: Mike Nelson	Teacher: Sally Vickers SSV: Bill Shanahan
Mar 17	Teacher: Rochelle Amadio SSV: Ashley Gibbs	Teacher: Lynn Crump SSV: Cindy Tuttle
Mar 24	Teacher: Rochelle Amadio SSV: Randy Gibbs	Teacher: Sally Vickers SSV: Mary Lou Smith
Mar 31	Teacher: Rochelle Amadio SSV: Holly Goldsborough	Teacher: Lynn Crump SSV: Randy Gibbs



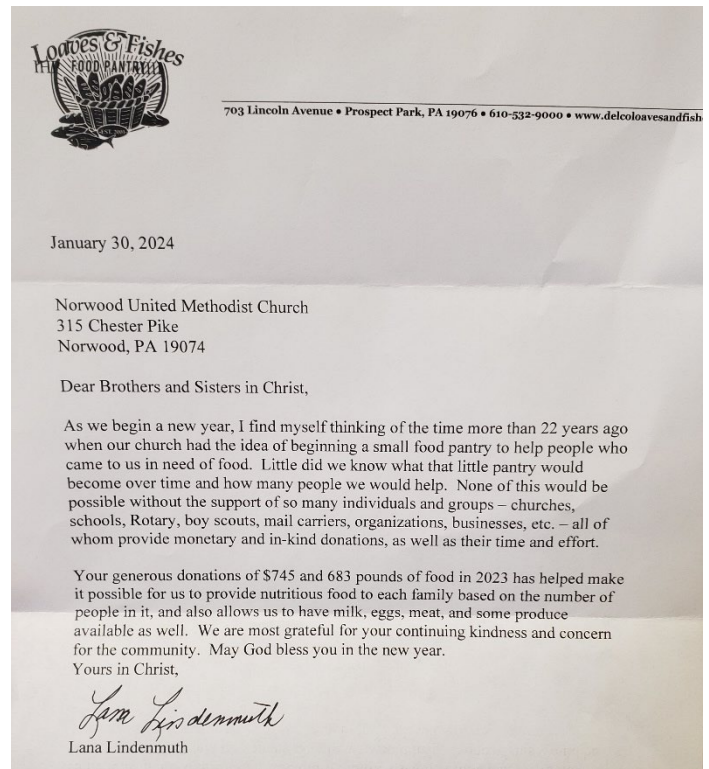
## A Loaves and Fishes Update:

I would like to take this time to thank the congregation for all of the food donations you have brought in. I have been overwhelmed. Our church has donated more food on a regular basis than any other local church. Job well done.

Our clientele has increased this past year and I have enclosed a few facts for all to look at.

With God's Blessing,  
Joanie Schaefer

Family Size	Households		Individuals	
	July-Dec 22	July-Dec 23	July-Dec 22	July-Dec 23
1	124	155	124	155
2	110	145	220	290
3	99	126	297	378
4	134	184	536	736
5	117	134	585	670
6	97	126	582	756
7	70	71	490	497
8	50	46	400	368
9	10	12	90	108
10	8	5	80	50
11	4	3	44	33
12	0	0	0	0
13	1	0	13	0
	130	129	980	973
			137	83



## March 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>2</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast
<b>3</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship	<b>4</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>9</b> 8:30am Women's Breakfast
<b>10</b> <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time begins</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>UMCOR Sunday (special offering)</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship <b>5:30pm Community Event Night</b>	<b>11</b> Pastor's Day Off 7:00pm SPRC mtg	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Church Council mtg	<b>13</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>5th Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship	<b>18</b> Pastor's Day Off 1:00pm Handy Hands	<b>19</b> <b>1st Day of Spring</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Trustees mtg 7:30pm N.A.	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>23</b> <b>9:00am Kids' Stuff</b> <b>Consignment Sale</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Passion/Palm Sunday</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship	<b>25</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>28</b> <b>7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service</b> 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>29</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Resurrection Sunday!</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship						