



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

**Pastor Brendan
Van Gorder
June 2022**



Summer Schedule

June 12 to September 4

Worship at 10 am to 11 am

Downstairs in the *air-conditioned* Social Hall



Conflict: Listening and Uniting

James 1:19 “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”

Listen to Each Other

When there is conflict there is a natural tendency to try to get your point across. You want to convince the person who is conflicting with you that your way is the better way. Have you ever been in a conversation and the person you were talking to got so excited that they started making a point before you even finished your sentence? It doesn't feel good. Cutting someone off is not in the righteousness of God. Listening to someone deeply, really trying to see, understand, and love the person; that is in the righteousness of God. If you find yourself in a discussion or in a conflict, you should keep coming back to this: “be quick to hear and slow to speak”. “Be quick to hear and slow to speak”. There's a lot of wisdom in this. After all, you know why you believe what you believe, but do you really understand why the other person believes what they believe? Try to hear them, or in other words, be slow to speak. Instead of focusing on winning the issue, focus on winning a closer relationship with the person you are in conflict with. And when you do speak, be slow about it, try to speak from a place of love and curiosity. Love your own experience and understanding, love their experience and

understanding, and curiously try to find a place of agreement or respect.

Ephesians 4:1-6: “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Unity: One Body

It is hard to bear with someone in love. Bearing with someone means putting up with them. It means swallowing your comfort and pride. Being willing to do life with them even though they are difficult to live with (as long as they are not hurting you of course). Why do we bear with each other? Because God has made us one. God has made us Christians through Jesus. God has given us a body, and God has given us the challenge to keep that body one. One body, one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, a whole lot of people with a whole lot of conflicting temperaments and understandings, but at the end of the day, one God and Father of all. We are all trying to figure out how to live this life with Jesus, and none of us has all the answers. Instead, God is asking that we bear with each other, struggle with each other, listen to each other, love each other, and at the end of the day, come together and declare that Jesus is Lord, and that Jesus is asking us to feed and love his sheep.

I pray for listening and unity.

Sincerely,
Pastor Brendan

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

Youth in Grades 5 to 12
are Invited to:



You **MUST REGISTER** for the event at
<https://numcyouth.eventbrite.com/>
Event is **100% FREE**

Check out the Promo Video at
<https://youtu.be/YJfKyhsvexM>

Join us at Norwood United Methodist Church for Pizza and Game Night, hosted by the Youth Ministry at Norwood UMC.

We will have an NFL Madden, NBA 2K tournament, and a host of other games for students to play. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided for students. This event will be limited to the first 50 students who register.

Event is 6:00pm-10:00pm. Please arrive @ 5:30pm to get checked in. **Bring with you your electronic E-ticket that was sent to your email when you registered in order to get check-in.**



Handy Hands

Do you like to knit, crochet or do other types of hand work? If so, please join us **Monday; June 20 at 1:00 pm** in the Parlor. Questions?

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



"I sought the Lord, and He delivered me, and delivered me from all my fears."

Psalm 34:4

Ongoing Prayer Needs

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| Bob Arrants | Carol Luther Lauria |
| Joe Bradford | Gary Leranian (Madeline Deane) |
| Brook & Natalie (Maggie McCans) | Eleanor Luther |
| Tracy Cangelosi | Janice MacBride |
| Jim Chambers | Susan Markow (John Jones) |
| Jerry & Barbara Chreiman | Liz Murray (Lynn Seidel) |
| Madeline Deane | Rev. Bill Neff |
| Ron Dixon | Donna Riegel |
| Michael Fletcher (Lynn Seidel) | Robin |
| Sam & Dolores Getty | Ruth Schenkenberger |
| Bill & Anne Gibbs | Sandra Shanahan |
| Joan Glisson (Anna Glisson) | Bernie, Bobbie & Katie Shimkus (Laura Welch) |
| Tommy Glisson | Michael Tate |
| Eugene Holt (John Venafr) | Jacob Tercha (Bobbi Blum) |
| Marla Hsu (Anna Glisson) | Joan Touhill (Lynn Seidel) |
| John & Terri Jones | The people of Ukraine and all those affected by war and conflict |
| Tina Kadri (Judy Arrants) | |
| Jamie King (Lynda Stine) | |

Current Prayer Needs

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| Bob Arrants | Aunt Mary |
| Brooke & Natalie | Staci McCans |
| Buffalo victims, families & community | Nicole |
| Jerry & Barbara Chreiman | Pat |
| Casey | June Sams |
| Beth Ford | Jim Stevenson |
| Fred | Sue |
| John & Pixie | Barbara Tursi |
| Joan Glisson | Terry |
| Judy | Cousin Toya |
| Karen | Uvalde TX victims, family & community |
| Robin Kim | Pastor Brendan, Gina, & Zoramya Van Gorder |
| Jamie King | Dot Weaver |
| Sue Markow | |
| Miriam Martin | |

Residing in Retirement Care & Nursing Homes

Bob Nelson – Broomall Rehab & Nursing Ctr

There will be **No Summer Adult Sunday School Class** this year. Adult Sunday School classes will resume September 11, 2022.

~ Commission on ED

Parents' Corner

Getting Kids to Own their Choices

[DiscipleLand Staff](#) April 15, 2015 [Responsibility](#) [No Comments](#)

Children need to learn to make good choices. How do we help them make good choices AND take ownership of their decisions? Dr. Scott Turansky, [National Center for Biblical Parenting](#), provides the following practical tips.

Isn't it amazing that some children seem to be able to see every factor that went into their current problem except their own part in it? Indeed, some kids have a problem blaming others and not taking responsibility for their part of the problem. In the child's mind, it's always someone else's fault. These children have the ability to see all kinds of reasons why an offense occurs, but can't see how their own actions contributed to it, or at least they don't want to admit it.

Children who blame, lie, or resist taking responsibility have a character weakness. It's not enough to just use authority to overpower a child or worse yet, to humiliate a child. Those techniques are counterproductive. It takes courage and confidence to admit fault. Coaching children to rise to the occasion and, at times, requiring that they do so, can be an excellent way to increase confidence levels in that child.

"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble" (James 4:6).

Talk about the difference between pride and humility by doing a few activities to encourage humility as an important success principle for life. Everyone can participate providing examples of what humility looks like.

You might simply ask, "What is a way you did or will demonstrate humility today?" Or brainstorm ideas of ways people demonstrate humility and why it's helpful. You could contrast humility with arrogance and describe how they are demonstrated and why people appreciate one and are annoyed by the other. This could be fun to role play as well, joking together but in doing so making a point.

Guard against approaches that actually encourage defensiveness in kids. Teachers and parents who tend to ask investigative questions about an offense make the error of encouraging kids to explain their defense. Asking "What happened here?" can cause children to focus on the faults of others. Asking the question, "What did you do wrong?" is often more productive.

The underlying problem in many children is the reluctance to admit fault for various reasons. Sometimes, it's fear of punishment or disapproval or the self-condemnation that

comes from admitting weakness. Those deeper issues must be met with a bigger approach involving teaching, coaching, and training.

The reality is that admitting fault isn't a sign of weakness but is a sign of strength. The person who responds well to correction learns faster and matures more rapidly. Taking time to dialogue about these truths can help kids resist the urge to blame problems on others.

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"The best resource to help teach kids the basics of God's Word."
-Dr. Scott Turansky
National Center for Biblical Parenting

The most important task for any teacher or parent is to help a child develop a strong faith and clear moral direction. Working faith out in life is a key element of a child's growth and development. But it's hard to work it out if we don't have some basic instruction about what God teaches. Pro2gé Summit helps kids discover how to live in Christ, live like Christ, and live for Christ. The first Guidebook "God's Greatness" is available now.

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Church Office 610-532-0982 Please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as possible	Sunday in-person 10:00 AM Worship and live-streamed on Facebook then posted on YouTube		1 10:15 Little Blessings End of Year Celebration 7:30 PM N.A.	2 7:00 PM Nar-Anon	3 Pastor's Day Off 6:00 PM Pizza & Game Night 10:00 PM N.A.	4
5 Holy Communion in Sanctuary 10:00 AM Worship	6	7	8 7:30 PM N.A.	9 7:00 PM Nar-Anon	10 Pastor's Day Off 10:00 PM N.A.	11
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19 Father's Day 10:00 AM Worship	20 1:00 PM Handy Hands	21	22 7:30 PM N.A.	23	24 Pastor's Day Off 10:00 PM N.A.	25
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Worship

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

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