



Norwood
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

315 Chester Pike

Norwood, PA 19074-1401

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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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Amid the Storm Matthew 14:22–32

Greetings, friends,

As the month of May unfolds around us, with longer days, budding trees, and the gentle return of warmth after a brutal winter, I am reminded of how faithfully God brings us through seasons of both storm and sunshine. In my devotions recently, I was drawn again to the familiar account of Peter walking on the water. The disciples found themselves in the middle of a fierce storm. The wind was strong, the waves relentless, and they were struggling just to keep the boat afloat. In the early hours of the morning, they saw what appeared to be a ghostly figure walking toward them on the water and they were terrified. Honestly, who wouldn't be?

Then Peter recognized that it was Jesus. In a remarkable moment of faith, he called out, asking the Lord to invite him onto the water. At Jesus' command, Peter stepped out of the boat and began to walk toward Him. But as soon as Peter noticed the wind and the waves, fear took hold, and he began to sink. Crying out, "Lord, save me!" he was immediately met by Jesus, who reached down, took hold of him, and brought him safely back. When they climbed into the boat, the wind ceased.

At first glance, it seems like a simple sequence of events, but there is more here than we often notice. Before anything else, Jesus speaks words of comfort: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." One might think those words alone would have been enough to calm every fear. Yet Peter goes a step further. He asks for confirmation and asks to join Jesus on the water. What stands out is this: Peter's request comes in the middle of the storm, not after it has passed. The wind is still howling, the waves still crashing. And yet, in that moment, Peter's focus isn't on the storm, but on

the Savior. It's as if, for a time, he doesn't even see the storm at all.

We often focus on Peter sinking when he takes his eyes off Jesus, and rightly so, but we shouldn't overlook the incredible faith it took for him to step out of the boat in the first place. At Jesus' invitation, Peter trusted enough to walk into the impossible.

This speaks powerfully to our own lives. Storms will come. Seasons of uncertainty, unexpected hardships, difficult news, overwhelming responsibilities, and moments when we feel completely out of control. It may be a sudden phone call about a loved one, a burden we didn't see coming, or the quiet accumulation of daily pressures that weigh heavily on our hearts.

In those moments, it is so easy to focus on the wind and the waves, to fix our attention on the problem rather than the One who holds us. And when we do, like Peter, we begin to sink under the weight of fear and doubt.

Yet what a comfort it is to know how Jesus responds. Immediately, without hesitation He reaches out His hand. He does not wait for us to regain our footing; He meets us right where we are. Even in our doubt, even in our fear, His grace is immediate and His presence sure.

There are days when our faith feels strong, when our eyes are fixed firmly on Christ, and we walk forward with confidence and peace. But there are also days when life unsettles us, when distractions and worries pull our gaze away. Still, Jesus remains constant. He is always near, always ready to lift us up.

Perhaps, one of the most beautiful truths in this passage is that while the storm may still be raging around them, Peter's focus shifts once more as Jesus takes his hand. Walking back to the boat, what matters most is not the storm, but the Savior beside him.

I like to imagine that even before the wind ceased, Peter experienced peace simply by fixing his eyes on Jesus. In that sense, the calm began not in the weather, but in his heart. Amid our own storms, we too can experience that same peace. When our eyes

are fixed on Christ, the fears and distractions of this world begin to fade in the light of His presence and grace.

My prayer for each of us is this: that when storms arise, we would hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Take courage. Do not be afraid. I am here." That we would have the faith to step out, to trust Him fully, and to walk toward Him with confidence. And even if we falter, because at times we will, we can rest in the assurance that He is already reaching out His hand to lift us up.

In Christ, Pastor Scott
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 SAFE websites / forms. Click & explore!**



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SPRC: TUESDAY MAY 7

CHURCH COUNCIL: TUESDAY MAY 12

WORSHIP MINISTRIES: TUESDAY MAY 26

TRUSTEE: WEDNESDAY MAY 20



*"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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| <p>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 Venafr)
 Tina Kadri (Judy Arrants)
 Robin Kim
 Gary Leranian (Madeline Deane)</p> | <p>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)</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.

March 16 ~ April 13 Prayer Requests	
Bob Arrants	Jerry
Will Fisher	Nicole Dorn father passing
Owen	Christopher
Justin (youth group)	Shari
Linda Sams	Larry Mathias
Bill S. Brother-in-law	Pastor Bill
Drew	Kelli's son Justin



FAMILY CORNER

Honoring Parents:

Why this command should not be ignored

DiscipleLand Staff January 31, 2013

The fifth commandment instructs us to honor our father and mother (Exodus 20:12). Paul's inspired words affirm this command: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3). Honoring our parents will result in God's blessing of a longer, more fruitful life.

Whether in the classroom or at home, the following practical tips from Dr. Scott Turansky will help children learn how to honor all people.

Honor comes when you recognize a person's worth or value. Respect focuses on behavior, doing the appropriate thing, whereas honor comes from the heart. Respect acknowledges a person's position, while honor attaches worth to that person. Respect teaches manners and proper behavior in the presence of others. Honor teaches something deeper, an appreciation of that person.

One of the parts of our honor definition is that we do more than what's expected. That means seeing what needs to be done and doing it. It means solving problems instead of leaving them for others. One family had a sign in their kitchen that read:

If it's broken, fix it.
If it's empty, fill it up.
If it's open, shut it.
If it's out, put it away.
If it's messy, clean it up.
If you can't, then report it.
That's honor.

Take time to teach kids that they don't have to wait for an instruction in order to do a job. Honor means that we're looking for what needs to be done and taking initiative. In fact, you may instruct a child to go around the house and look for one job that needs to be done and do it, and then report back to you.

These kinds of discussions and activities will help children think beyond themselves and discover that they have a responsibility to the family. They can contribute to family life by just seeing something that needs to be done and doing it on their own. Of course, that's what makes a successful student and a valuable employee too so you can teach your children something more important than just how to get along better in your family. You're preparing them to be outstanding students, employees, friends, teammates, and even spouses as they get older. [1]

Kids Need Respect

Kids ask, "Why should I show respect?" Some children resist showing courtesy or appreciation to others. This behavior is often a response to not feeling respected or valued themselves. Children who receive little esteem rarely respect other people or their property.

Respect is a critical ingredient in all human relationships—and a two-way street. God commands parents to treat their children with love and consideration. Similarly, God requires children to honor and respect their parents. Just as parents should insist on receiving respect from their children, they are obligated to model it in return. Above all, teach your child to respect and honor God. Reverence for God and His Word directly influences every person's self-concept and the way he or she treats others. Explain the "spiral principle"—the more respect your child shows to others, the more respect he or she will receive from others (Galatians 6:7-10). Live in such a way that you merit respect. Your child will treat you and other adults accordingly.

Dr. Bob Deffinbaugh aptly summarizes: "We honor our parents most when we obey and honor God in our lives. The highest goal of parents is to raise the child God has entrusted to them in such a way as to encourage and promote trust in God and obedience to His Word. Whenever a child trusts in God and obeys His Word, He honors his parents. Even an unbelieving parent is honored by a believing and obedient child." [2]

Kids who learn about "honor" change the way they relate to parents, siblings and others.

[1] Dr. Scott Turansky. [Biblical Parenting](#). Web. 2013.

[2] Bob Deffinbaugh. [Between Child and Parent – Honoring Father and Mother](#)

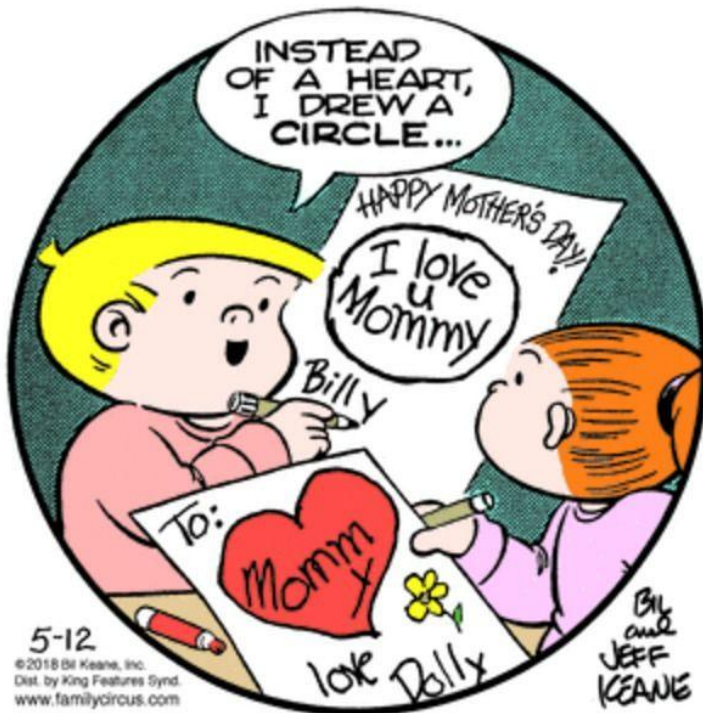
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Give your child or yourself the gift of Bible knowledge. Norwood United Methodist Church offers Sunday morning programs for all ages that is Bible content centered. These programs help not only children, but adults to be able to discern the truth of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



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"A heart can be broken, but a circle goes on forever."

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Please enter group name LITTLE BLESSINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Men's Breakfast is Saturday May

2 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 May 9 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.

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: CLEANING SUPPLIES: Mr. Clean, Fantastic, Pledge, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels



Handy Hands

gathers on May 18 at 1:00pm
We meet every 3rd Monday every month.

More info contact [Randy Gibbs](#), or [Lynda Stine](#).

Happy May Birthdays!



- Gary Thompson 6
- Garrett Thompson..... 14
- Jim Miles..... 25
- Terri Boorse 27
- Jerry Chreiman 30
- Logan Greer 30
- Clare Gorbey.....31



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT NIGHT

Sunday May 17

5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Event: Painting with Jim McKay



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.

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

Worship Ministry				
Mo.	Liturgist	Joys	Ushers	
May 3	Joyce	Anna	Holly G	Carol H
May 10	Brittany	Sally	Bill F	Lynda S
May 17	Jim V	Anna	Bob G	Tom G
May 25	Bill F	Sally	Bill F	Lynda S
May 31	Jeremiah	Anna	Jim V	Lynda S

Children's Bible Classes Schedule		
Date	Little Sprouts	Bible Bunch
SSV= Safe Sanctuary Volunteer		
May 3	Teacher: Rochelle A. SSV: Ashley G.	Teacher: Sally V. SSV: Nicole D.
May 10	<i>No Little Sprouts this week</i>	<i>No Bible Bunch this week</i>
May 17	<i>No Little Sprouts this week</i>	Teacher: Sally V. SSV: Cindy T.
May 25	<i>No Little Sprouts this week</i>	<i>No Bible Bunch this week</i>
May 31	<i>No Little Sprouts this week</i>	Teacher: Sally V. SSV: Carol H.

Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

MERRY MONTH OF MAY

Word Search

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BASEBALL
BLOSSOM
BUMBLEBEE
BUTTERFLY
CINCO DE MAYO
FLOWERS

GARDEN	MOTHER'S DAY
GEMINI	PIÑATA
GREEN	PLANT
LADYBUG	SEEDS
LAWNMOWER	SPRING
MAYPOLE	SUNSHINE
MEMORIAL DAY	TAURUS
MOM	TEACHER

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting	2 8:00am Men's Breakfast 11:00am N.A. Meeting
3 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion	4	5 10:00am Prayer Hour	6 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	7 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting 7:00pm SPRC Meeting	8 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting	9 8:30am Women's Breakfast 11:00am N.A. Meeting
10 10:00am Worship Service	11	12 10:00am Prayer Hour 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	13 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	14 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting	15 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting	16 Private Party 11:00am N.A. Meeting
17 10:00am Worship Service 5:30pm FREE Community Event Night - Painting with Jim McKay	18 1:00pm Handy Hands	19 10:00am Prayer Hour	20 7:00pm Trustee Meeting 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	21 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting	22 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting	23 11:00am N.A. Meeting
24 10:00am Worship Service	25	26 10:00am Prayer Hour 7:00pm Worship Ministries Meeting	27 7:30pm N.A. Meeting	28 5:30pm N.A. Meeting 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting	29 Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A. Meeting	30 11:00am N.A. Meeting
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