
KOINONIA

“That the communication (Koinonia) (pronounced: coy no nee a) of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.” Philemon 1:6

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

APRIL 2014



Happy Easter to everyone. Our Loving Lord of heaven and earth has risen from the dead! The comments below on Jesus' cross and resurrection are from John Piper, R.C. Sproul, Charles Wesley, and Philip Yancy.

- † The cross shows the infinite love of God.
- † The cross shows the infinite wrath of God.
- † The cross shows God's righteousness, heaven, and forgiveness as a gift.
- † The cross stands against man's righteousness and self-salvation.
- † The cross shows the terrible reality of our sin.
- † The cross is more powerful than wisdom or miraculous signs.
- † The cross is God's glory in the work of our salvation.

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- † The resurrection shows Jesus is Lord of all.
 - † The resurrection shows Jesus victory over sin, death, and hell.
 - † The resurrection shows God redeems the physical world.
 - † The resurrection shows God gets all the credit for man's salvation.
 - † The resurrection shows man gets no credit for his own salvation.
 - † The resurrection shows Jesus is the giver of eternal life.
 - † The resurrection shows our life with Christ has no end.

Heaven and hell are at stake every day. Are you right with God?

Passion Week Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 13th

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 6:30 pm Community *Connection* Service and Ham Giveaway



Wednesday, April 16th

- Noon Community Mid-Week Lenten Service at the First United Church of Christ, on Main Street in Irwin - **Shelly Denney - special music**
- 6:30 pm Youth
- 6:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal for *"The Agape League"*
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday

- 7:30 am Community Good Friday Breakfast
- 12:15 pm *"Walk of the Cross"*
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Service at NAC

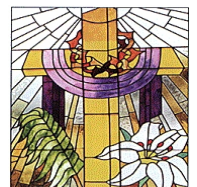


Saturday, April 19th

- 3:30 pm Cantata Rehearsal
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Easter Sunday Activities

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service
- 7:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 am Morning Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:45 am Adult Choir presents their Cantata ~ ***"Mercy Came Running - God's Promise"***



GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**Friday, April 18, 2014****7:30 am**

At: Norwin Christian Church
 9610 Barnes Lake Road
 N. Huntingdon, PA 15642
 724-863-2141

Cost: \$11.00

Menu: Scrambled Eggs
 French Toast
 Home Fries
 Coffee Cakes
 Orange Juice
 Coffee & Tea

The message will be by *"The Good News Blues"*

Please contact Norwin Christian Church for more information and/or tickets.



**Lenten
Community
Services**

First United Church of Christ
 Downtown Irwin

Music and Singing - 11:30 am
 Service - Noon

Continues each Wednesday of Lent

Theme: *Questions Asked of Jesus the Last Week*

April 9 Speaker: **Shelli Prindle**
 Topic: *"What Think Ye of Christ?"*
 Scripture: Matthew 22:41-42

**GOOD FRIDAY
"WALK OF THE CROSS"****FRIDAY, April 18, 2014****THEME: *Luke: Prophecy and Fulfillment***

12:15PM *"An Orderly Account"*
 Luke 1:1-4

First United Church of Christ
 400 Main Street
 724-863-0430

12:45PM *"A Great Reversal in Progress"*
 Luke 1:46-55

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 502 Main Street
 724-863-7350

1:15PM *"Baptized to do the Father's Will"*
 Luke 3:21-22

First Presbyterian Church
 617 Main Street
 724-863-5910

1:45PM *"Metamorphosis"*
 Luke 9:28-36

First Assembly of God Church
 501 Oak Street
 724-863-2500

2:15PM *"Innocent Killed"*
 Luke 23:44-49

Bethel AME Church
 304 Walnut Street
 724-863-5254

2:45PM *"Everything Written – Must be
 Fulfilled"*

Luke 24:44-49

First United Methodist Church
 310 Oak Street
 724-863-6858



"Community Connections"

Sunday April 13th 6:30-8:00 pm

Message – Shelli Prindle

NEEDED: **15 Host Families or Individuals**

NAC is offering an Easter experience to folks in our community. Take this opportunity to fellowship and spread Easter joy. We will share refreshments at 6:30 followed by the service with a message by Shelli Prindle and music by the NAC Worship Team. Our registered guests will then leave with an Easter ham.

Registration for the hams will be March 31 - April 4th.



CONCERT of PRAYER

Sunday, April 27th

7:00 pm



Sunday, April 27, 2014

10:45 am

If you would like to learn more about baptism, or would like to be baptized, please contact Pastor Bob.

Uganda Collection

Our next outreach event will be to reach out and fill specific needs of missionaries, Josh and Dr. Abby (McMillan) Rattin and family serving in Uganda.

As missionaries, their supplies and tools used are limited. They have expressed specific needs in which would help their ministry. Some of these items are:

used Breast pumps, unexpired Formula, Vitamins, Shoes, modest clothing for boys sizes 5/6-adult, modest dresses for girls sizes 5/6-adult (covering shoulders and below the knee), storage bins (specific ones were asked for), gift cards to 'The Medicine Shop', first aid supplies (band aids) and monetary donations.

We are all called to help further God's kingdom so please prayerfully consider donating some of the required items. All items should be in by the 1st week in May. If you have any questions, please contact Lindy Charney (412-996-8240).

"In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35 ASV)



Josh, Ana (5), Abby, Moses (7), Gracie (9), Micah Otim (1), and Noah (3) (clockwise)



High School Graduates

If you are graduating from High School this year, please submit the following to the church office asap:

1. School graduating from
2. High School picture
3. College you will be attending
4. Degree you are pursuing



The Elder Board:

1. A baptismal service is being planned for Sunday, April 27th.
2. Pastor Bob will be out of the office from April 2 - 6. Joe Cox will preach on Sunday, April 6th.
3. Approved Teacher Appreciation Sunday for June 29th. Youth and children will conduct the service.
4. Approved the youth to go to *Sight and Sound* Theatre in Lancaster on August 13th to see *Moses*.
5. Approved the use of the church for:
 - Stanton/Trachsel Wedding on October 4th
 - Mother's Day Luncheon on May 10th
 - Monthly "Ladies Night Out"
5. Voted against allowing an outside Christian Dance facility to use the church building for their recital

The Ministry Board:

1. Approved upgrading 3 computers (DMC, office, sound room) during 2014.
2. Approved Faust Landscaping to care for our lawn needs for 2014.
3. A new hot water tank was installed in the basement.
4. The Trustees will look into fixing the lower parking lot that received much damage over the winter.

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Fill out the questions below and give to Pastor Bob or turn into the church office.

"Encouraged by each other's faith"

Romans 1:12

1. Where in your life are you the most troubled?
2. I would like to hear a sermon on . . .



KEEN-AGERS

Seniors 50 and over ~ Come to the Keen-Agers meeting on Thursday, April 24th at 11:30 am for Good Food, Good Fun, and Good Fellowship.

"The Keen-Agers is an organization of the Norwin Alliance Church intended to provide opportunities for Christian-based fellowship to those who are fifty (50) years of age or older from both this congregation *and the community at large*." Invite your friends and join us.

Our menu this month is: baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad, and strawberry sundaes. Rachel Wilson will present the program.

We would love to see you at our meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kunkle, President of the Keen-Agers.



**Children's Choir Full Program
Rehearsal for
"THE AGAPE LEAGUE"**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WHEN: Wednesday, April 16 @ 6:30 PM

WHERE: Church Sanctuary

Please contact Chris LoChiatto or Shelly

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

Do you like to 'people-watch'? If you have even the slightest interest in the affairs of men, an interesting, educational and eye-opening experience occurs when you have the opportunity to study the comings and goings of the human race. Human nature kicks in and a person's curiosity might begin to ponder some questions. For example:

Who are these people?

Where is he/she going?

Where has he/she been? And with whom?

Why? Why not?

How many others are involved in that person's life - giving experiences?

What is happening in his/her life now?

What has happened in the past to make his/her life what it is today?

Do they have another member of the human race who cares about them? AND walks beside him/her?

Is he/she alone? AND does he/she need to be alone every once in awhile to unclutter the NOISE of his/her life?

DOES HE/SHE KNOW JESUS?

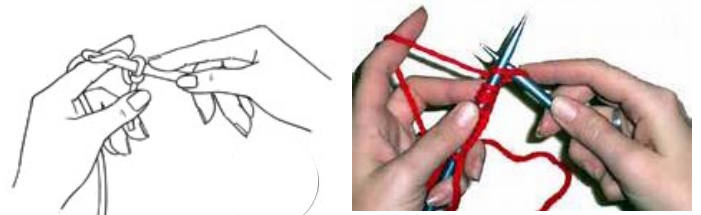
DOES HE/SHE KNOW THAT JESUS LOVES HIM/HER?

All of us are BUSY, BUSY, BUSY. Rightfully so, our families are #1 priority. God's Word also admonishes us to:

Care for the widow, the orphan, the prisoner, our neighbor, the sick, the hungry, the enemy; those who laugh, and struggle, and toil, and sing, and mourn, and weep - - as opposed to cry - - those who are angry (and maybe do not know why); and those who are just plain bone-tired.

**Learn to Crochet/Knit**

Several people have shown interest in learning to crochet or knit. The Prayer Shawl Ministry here at Norwin Alliance Church has members who are willing to teach these crafts. If you are interested in learning, please contact Mardy Rogers at 724-863-3210 or email at mardogers@verizon.net. We have reserved the Fellowship Hall for Saturday, April 26th between 9am and Noon for this event. We need to have an idea of how many want to participate so we can have enough teacher. We do have two members who are left handed and can help "lefties". So, come and have fun learning a new skill. Details about supplies you will need to bring will be given when you contact Mardy.

***The Women's Corner***

By Janis Swope

Sometimes you just need to get away and this time the Lord provided just what was needed. The weekend of March 14-16, I attended the Ladies Retreat at Penn-York Campground in northern Pennsylvania. This retreat was sponsored by the Coudersport Alliance and the Penn-York Campground. Shelli Prindle and Hope & Passion Ministries, Inc. took center stage at this retreat with Shelli speaking at three separate sessions. Shelli's messages were like life to my soul. Her message really ministered to me at a time when I needed it. Sadly, my friend and Ladies Bible Study member, Kathy Bourne, had just gone home to be with the Lord and that had really touched me in a way I had not expected. I was also going through a time of doubting myself. You know, doubting if I were doing a good enough job leading those dear women of the Bible Study and even wondering if I was doing anything right! When this mood hits me I just

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don't go half way, I jump in up to my bald eyebrows! I even wondered if I was supposed to be on the retreat! I believe these doubting times can happen every so often to all of us. If not, please let me know! All I know is that God is faithful and provided what I needed to hear at the right time. I came home with my spirit refreshed and a better outlook. Let me encourage you with the confidence that can only come from God – He is able to meet every need and will always be there when we turn to Him.

A big Thank You goes out to Shelli Prindle, Bria Craycraft and Karen Fulton for the work they had to do to make this retreat happen. Thank you to all the women who attended: those I knew and those I met there. We are blessed with a pretty amazing group of women at our church! Can you imagine that seven women shared a cabin with two bathrooms and we never had a disagreement!

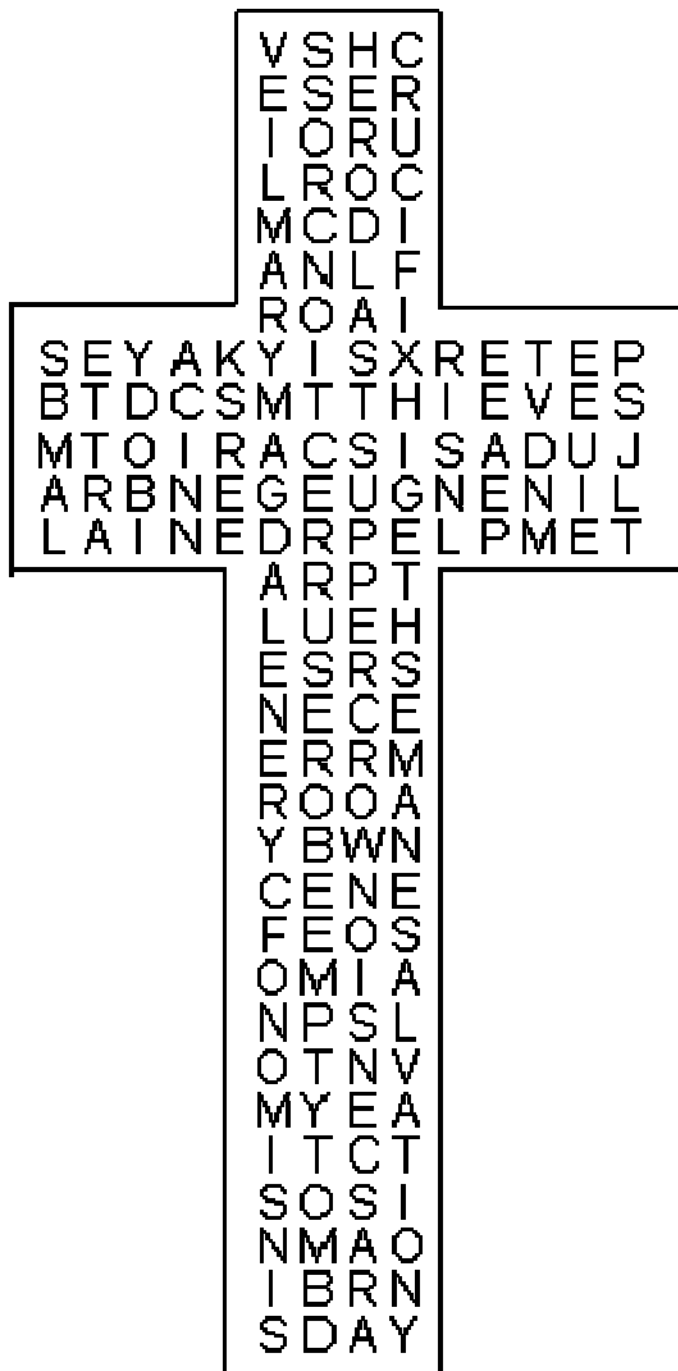
As I mentioned earlier, the Ladies Bible Study lost one of its beloved women, Kathy Bourne. We will all miss her laughter and insights she provided. We know that she is at rest and pain free in heaven with her heavenly Father. For this we rejoice.

The Ladies Bible Study has just finished discussing Jezebel. Here is one woman who was bad to the bone! As I write this our next Bad Girl will be Michal, David's first wife and Saul's daughter. Looking ahead to when this series is finished, we will be looking at some of the main doctrines of our faith and how we got our Bible. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you! We meet Monday mornings at 10:30 in the craft room. And as always, we'll have the coffee on!

The Last Word

"Since my heart was touched at 17, I believe I have never awakened from sleep, in sickness nor in health, by day or by night, without my first awakening thought being how best I might serve the Lord." Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845)

Elizabeth was an English Victorian prison reformer who began her great work by making baby clothes for unclothed babies of Newgate Prison. It was her moment of outrage and inspiration.



Find the following words in the puzzle above

ASCENSION	LAMB	SINS
BODY	LAST SUPPER	STONE
CROSS	LINEN	TEMPLE
CROWN	MARY MAGDALENE	THIEVES
CRUCIFIX	PETER	VEIL
DENIAL	RESURRECTION	
EMPTY TOMB	ROBE	
GETHSEMANE	ROCK	
HEROD	SALVATION	
JUDAS ISCARIOT	SIMON OF CYRENE	