
KOINONIA

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship (Koinonia) of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:14

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

APRIL 2018



Easter Schedule of Events

Wednesday, March 28th

Noon Community Mid-Week Lenten Service
at the First United Church of Christ, on
Main Street in Irwin

6:30 pm Youth

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Friday, March 30th

Good Friday

7:00 pm Good Friday Service
at NAC



Sunday, April 1st

Easter Sunday

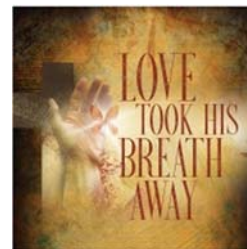
7:00 am Sunrise Service

7:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:30 am Morning Worship
Service

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am Cantata ~ “Love took His Breath Away”



“Since you have been raised with Christ” is a powerful truth showing the results of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. Colossians 3:1

Without the resurrection of Jesus there is no hope for humanity. And without the resurrection of Jesus we have no saving relationship with God. If you trust in the Lord, you have eternal life with Christ today. Rejoice in these truths.

You are risen from:

~ being dead in sin.

~ being a God-hater.

~ loving a sin rather than God.

~ being a hell-bound sinner.

Ephesians 2

Romans 1

2 Timothy 3

Matthew 7

You are risen with Christ to:

~ being alive with Christ.

~ sin not counted against you.

~ being a child of God.

~ being God’s workmanship.

Having a home in heaven.

~ being Jesus’ servant and friend.

~ not being taken from Jesus’ hand.’

Ephesians 2

Romans 4

1 John 3

Ephesians 2

John 14

John 15

John 10

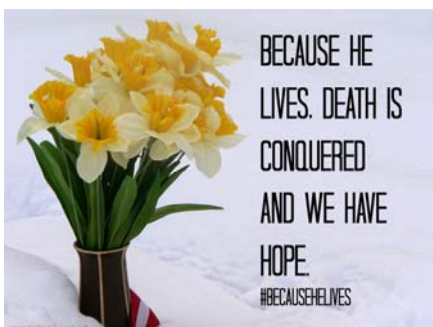
As an old hymn says:

“He lives and grants me daily breathe

He lives and I shall conquer death.

What joy the blessed assurance gives

I know that my Redeemer lives!



“This was love at its greatest moment . . . The love poured out on us with our Lord’s death on the cross was a love more powerful than anything our world has ever experienced before or since . . . it was LOVE that took His breath away; love so kind, love beyond all explanation and belief. It was His love for you and for me that held Him on that cross until his last breath was taken, until all sin had been washed away for the redemption of mankind.”



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 Cross In My Pocket

I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic
Nor is it a good luck charm.
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Savior and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or key
The Cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be.



3:00 AM

The Great Physician's Orders: *Sleepless Nights*

A good eight hours of sleep may be what the doctor prescribes for physical health, but the Great Physician tells us that sleepless nights are what is necessary for spiritual health! Come out to the **CONNECTION SERVICE** on **April 8th** at 6:30 pm and find out what Shelli has to say about *Sleepless Nights!*



CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

The Children's Choir will present their Spring Program, "God's Word, Our Hearts", on Sunday, April 29th in the 10:45 AM service.

The kids will share a Bible verse/passage that they have chosen, and tell what it means to them, in addition to singing songs. They will also present a special art project as a reflection of their thoughts.

APRIL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 1st (Easter Sunday) - During the 10:45 AM service

Sunday, April 8th - NO REHEARSAL, Adult Choir will present their Easter Cantata

Sunday, April 15th - During the 10:45 AM service

Sunday, April 22nd - During the 10:45 AM service

Friday, April 27th - FULL GROUP DRESS REHEARSAL

6:00 PM - Dinner will be provided for the kids

7:00 PM - We will begin our dress rehearsal

Please contact Shelly Denney or Chris LoChiatto with any questions.

KEEN-AGERS

Senior Group

Thursday, April 26

11:30 am



April is a very blessed month. We celebrate our Jesus's death for anyone who desires to accept Him as their Savior, and rejoice in Jesus' resurrection that we may have life everlasting with Him always. Happy Easter to all our Seniors that share a share a wonderful love of serving our Lord every day.

Lunch for this month is: baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salads and strawberry sundaes. Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to compliment our meal. First time attendees do not have to bring any dishes, just come and join us for a time to Praise the Lord together, share lunch and enjoy socializing with each other. Please remember to bring your own table service.

Program by Ed Neiman, singer.

All seniors 50 years of age and above are cordially invited to our Keen-Agers' meeting and luncheon. Please invite a friend or neighbor to our meeting.

If you have any questions about Keen-Agers, please call Joe and Pat Beyer (724-863-1441).

We are looking forward to having a great afternoon of Worship, Lunch, and Entertainment with everyone. Mark your calendars for Keen-Agers the 4th Thursday of each month at 11:30 am at Norwin Alliance Church.

Sincerely,

Joe and Pat Beyer, Co-Presidents

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

April 1 is All Fool's Day. And to our surprise it is one of the best celebration days - - EASTER!! Probably most of us do not remember Easter on that particular date. Calendars help to keep us on track; but this spring has different attractions.

Here is a little information about All Fool's Day that has been popular since the 19th century. Fake stories are spread in newspapers, magazines and published media. However it is not a holiday. People enjoy playing practical jokes and spreading a hoax. The positive outlook of April Fool's Day bring the benefits of laughter that relieves stress and reduces strain on the heart. Take a minute to see the responses of many persons' smiles and sparkling eyes. Enjoy the advantages of amusements, humor and 'wisecracks'.

The specialty of Easter brings our attend to God's Word with the best message of Jesus' resurrection. We look around to vision the importance of attending church on Easter Sunday. Many families join others on this very special day.

Rev. Billy Graham, who recently entered heaven at the age of 99, is the author of the following: "Jesus Christ was crucified between two thieves on a rugged cross on Calvary, just outside Jerusalem . . . He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. (Phil 2:8)

Jesus gave His head to the crown of thorns for us . . . He gave His side to the spear for us. He gave His hands and feet to the spikes for us. He gave His blood for us. Jesus Christ, dying in our place, taking our sins on that cross, is God's love in action.

But that's not the end of the story. He rose again and He is the living Christ. 'He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them. (Hebrew 7:25 NIV)" **Hope for Each Day**

The fantastic Easter story ! Up from the grave, He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain and He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose. He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose! (song written by Robert Lowry)

