
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 2019



Easter Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 14th

Palm Sunday

8:30 & 10:45 ~

Worship with
International
Speaker



6:30 pm *Connection Service* ~ Jeff Ewing,
speaker

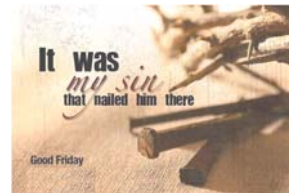
Wednesday, April 17th

6:30 pm Discipleship Training Seminar

Friday, April 19th

Good Friday

7:00 pm Good Friday Service at NAC



Sunday, April 21st

Easter Sunday

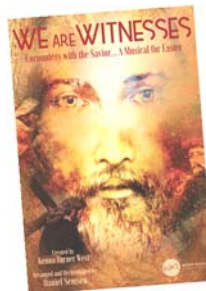
7:00 am Sunrise Service

7:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:30 am Morning Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am Cantata ~ *“WE ARE WITNESSES”*



*“God raised this Jesus to life,
And we are all witnesses of it.”*

Acts 2:32

Jesus is Risen! The Christian singer Don Francisco wrote an old song about Jesus' resurrection. The words were to depict what the Apostle Peter might have felt when he met the risen Lord.

*“Every fear I ever had
Just melted into peace.
He's alive, He's alive, He's alive,
And I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide.”*

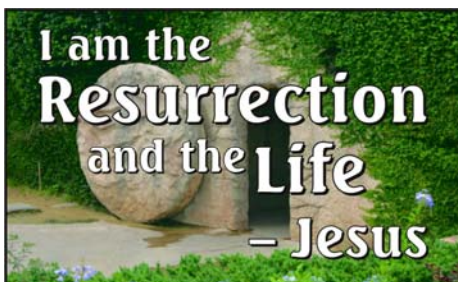
We have a lot of fears. God understands these but fear does not need to control us. We fear:

- ~ the weather; bad news
- ~ the fallen world; Muslims
- ~ the anti-Christ; strangers
- ~ bad health; being poor
- ~ taking responsibility for our own walk with Christ.
- ~ sharing the good news of the Lord

If Jesus has already risen victorious over all these challenges, whom then shall we fear?

He said, “I am the resurrection and the life.” The risen Lord brings “life, life, eternal life!” to every moment His children encounter.

You are sent to bring life and not death. His resurrection power lives in you. Get ready for Jesus to revive people and culture as the Lord has brought life forever to you.





The following were discussed and/or approved at the Elder and Ministry Board meetings in March:

1. The Elders met with Jen Burkholder from Coalition for Christian Outreach.
2. On the 5th Sunday of March, June, September and December, there will be a time in the service for people to pray out loud - giving thanks and asking for help.
3. A wedding for July 2020 pending counseling with Pastor Bob.
4. Youth to attend *Breakaway* April 28-29.
5. The Alldrin Family Music group ministering on a Sunday morning and evening. This will be open to the public.
6. Preschool Feasibility Committee approved moving forward with presenting plans for the preschool to the Elder & Ministry Board.
7. We were \$490 short of our projected budget for February.
8. Superior Lawn Care will treat our front lawn this year.
9. Chairs in the International Classroom will be removed and replaced with padded, folding chairs.

If you have concerns regarding the church, please see Brian Denney or Ken Sherman, our Board Members at Large. They will bring the concerns before the board for discussion.

Pastor David Lauffer's 8 Signs of a Vital Church:

1. Be a soul-winning church
2. Be a worshipping, prayerful, serving church
3. Be an innovative church
4. Be an empowering church
5. Be a teaching church
6. Be a generous church
7. Be a missionary church
8. Be a Spirit-led church

Listen to his sermon from March 10 on the church web-site for details.



APRIL IS  PENNY MONTH

AWANA clubs all over America are collecting pennies for a special purpose. Our area Missionary, Marlin Fuller, has a mission program with Angola Prison in Louisiana. The pennies will be donated to "Returning Hearts Celebration". This program helps unite children with parents in Angola Prison.

Our collection will also help the Fullers raise money for a new vehicle.

A container will be available on the shelf in narthex by the Sanctuary during the month of April for you to leave your coins.

We THANK YOU for any and all contributions.



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

Jesus said to her,
 "I am the resurrection
 and the life. Whoever
 believes in me,
 though he die, yet
 shall he live,

John 11:25



APRIL 28 at 6 PM - Please mark your calendars!

We are SO EXCITED! We are moving forward with plans for our Sunday Evening **MUSIC AND ART SHOWCASE**. The letters are out to the Norwin and McKeesport School districts; and we are already in contact with the teachers - anxiously awaiting commitments.

This outreach is to try to pull students and families from our 2 major districts (represented in our congregation) to the church. Our goal is to have a mix of McKeesport and Norwin High School students in the music and art departments involved in the evening, blended together with music and art from our own church.

The music will be a concert setting in the sanctuary followed by the art showcase in the fellowship hall while we enjoy refreshments.

We need **ALL HANDS ON DECK** for the evening! It is important when we do these outreach events to have a good representation of our church. Here's where you can help:

- There will be time after the concert to interact with the youth and families. Just be friendly and supportive of their arts. We want them to come back.
- **Bakers/shoppers/etc.** - We need cookies and/or brownies donated. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex.
- **Accomplished artists** to display on behalf of our church. (Sign-up sheet in the narthex as well)

Please prayerfully consider joining in for what should be a very enjoyable evening. If you have questions, please see Vicki Booher or Shelly Denney.



The church directory is now available for viewing online! It can be accessed through Apple and Android mobile devices as an App (search 'universal church directory' from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store), or on your home computer as a web-based Desktop Directory (www.directory.ucdir.com). It's free and easy to use!

If your contact information (address & phone number) are on file in the church office, you **WILL** be able to access the online directory. We have created personalized packets that include instructions and your Unique Identifier Code for access. Please be sure to see Cindy Barnhart or Shelly Denney if you have not picked up your packet yet.

If the church office does not have your contact information and you would like to be included in the online directory, please be sure to let the office know. Your contact information will then be added to the directory, and you will receive a packet that includes instructions and your Unique Identifier Code for access.

The directory also includes the photos that were taken last Spring for our directory photo book! If you do not have a photo in the directory, photos can be added or changed at any time. Just let the church office know.

If you have any additions/changes to your contact information or directory photo, please e-mail them to ncma@norwinalliance.org. Changes and additions can only be made by the online directory administrators. We want to try to keep this directory as up-to-date as possible. We hope you will give it a try and find it useful! If you have any questions, please ask Cindy Barnhart or Shelly Denney.



Discipleship

**“Making and Multiplying
Disciples”
Training**

Discipleship ~ When we read Matthew 28:18-20, we know we are commanded to do this, but does it **scare you**?

Do you feel **unequipped** to disciple the people around you? (Maybe even your own kids?)

Do you wish you had a **simple, easy format** to help you with discipleship?

Could you give up **3 Wednesday nights** in either April for **1 1/2 hours each week**?

If you **answered YES** to any of these questions, then **look no further!!**

“Making and Multiplying Disciples” Training is coming your way!!

April 10th, 17th and 24th. 6:30-8PM each week @ Norwin Alliance Church.

In just **3 weeks** you will have a chance to **observe, practice** and start to **multiply!**

Come check it out!

Any questions, contact the church office.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS!

The Children's Choir is beginning to prepare for their Spring Program. Children's Choir is for all kids age 4 - 13. We meet Sunday mornings during the 10:45 service in the room at the end of the hall, down the ramp past the Sanctuary. We learn about and worship God through song, choreography, and speaking/drama. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate!

Please let Shelly Denney or Chris LoChiatto know if you have any questions.

**FREE
Day-Long Training**

**Breakthrough
Trauma**

Led by Rachel Wilson
(SIMUSA Missionary)

**Learn How To Cope
With Trauma
In Your Life**

Saturday, April 6 • 9:00am-5:00pm
Register by March 29th

— OR —

Saturday, May 4 • 9:00am-5:00pm
Register by April 26th

— SNACKS & LUNCH PROVIDED —
CALL 724-864-1570 TO REGISTER

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TRAUMA ~ It affects **all of us**, no matter who we are.

Do you wish you had the **tools** to help cope with **your own trauma**? Do you wish you had **tools** to help **others** deal with their trauma?

Then come to **one** of these **powerful day-long, BREAKTHROUGH** trainings being hosted at: **Norwin Alliance Church**

Saturday, April 6th (9AM-5PM) OR Saturday, May 4th (9AM-5PM)

****Please call or email to register the church office before March 29th (for April training) or before April 26th (for May training)**

* Snacks and lunch will be provided

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

HOPE is an activity that needs to be considered. What does it really mean? How does it affect our daily life, and probably important decisions we have to apply?

A brief definition of HOPE is: to desire with an expectation of fulfillment; or to expect with desire; to trust, to have reliance, a longing, dream, wish, yearning or motivation. That sounds like work, or discipline. We are reminded over and over in God's Word of the heavenly Father's love and protection. One of the honorable privileges of the church is the encouragement and fellowship of believers because we hold each other UP through friendship, prayer, worship together, music, Bible study and many other blessings. "We are equipped to carry the Gospel to our individual contexts of friends, family, and co-workers. Obedience to Jesus and His Word must be centered to what we do." (Rick Wood, editor of Mission Frontier).

Some Scripture of encouragement with the message of HOPE follow:

Psalm 42:5, 6 ~ *Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, the heights of Hermon - from Mount Mizar.*

Psalm 62:5 ~ *Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him.*

Psalm 130:7 ~ *O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.*

Psalm 147:11 ~ *The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.*

Romans 5:5 ~ *And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.*

Romans 12:12 ~ *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

Romans 15:4 ~ *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

Colossians 1:27 ~ *To them God has chosen to make among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

I Thessalonians 5:8 ~ *But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.*

Other verses to consider are: Isaiah 40:31 and I Corinthians 13, the 'love' chapter.

God delights in us. It is a privilege to belong to Christ, and especially we know that the Holy Spirit is with us!! **HOPE = LEANING ON JESUS.**



KEEN-AGERS
Senior Group
Thursday, April 25
11:30 am

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 Rachel Wilson

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.

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.