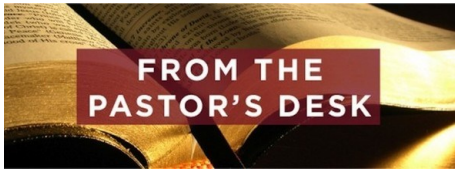

KOINONIA

“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

DECEMBER 2022



The birth of Jesus. *“I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people . . . the Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord.”*

So what has this Eternal Son of God, Baby Jesus, Risen Savior, King of kings, accomplished all these years?

- ◆ He has directed every moment in history and in your personal history so that nothing comes to pass unless it passes through Jesus.
- ◆ By 33 AD there were up to 10,000 men, women, and children who trusted Jesus and were following Him (Acts 4:4)
- ◆ By 60 AD there were Christians in Rome, Greece, Ethiopia, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Libya, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and most likely Spain, besides additional nations.
- ◆ Today approximately 2 billion people trust and follow Jesus, who was born in the little town of Bethlehem.
- ◆ Every nation on earth has believers in Jesus.
- ◆ In addition, hundreds of hospitals, hundred of colleges, and hundreds of Christian schools were founded to praise the name of Jesus.
- ◆ Besides this, millions of people have been given food or medical help with Jesus' love.
- ◆ Jesus no doubt has changed your life too. The One in the manger sure has accomplished a lot!



EVENTS

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| Nov. 27 | First Sunday of Advent |
| Dec. 4 | Second Sunday of Advent |
| Dec. 10 | Christmas Cantata ~ "Let There Be Light" ~ 6:30 pm |
| Dec. 11 | Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Cantata ~ "Let There Be Light" ~ 10:45am |
| Dec. 14 | AWANA Family Christmas 6:45 pm |
| Dec. 18 | Fourth Sunday of Advent
Advent Luncheon Noon |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 25 | Merry Christmas! |

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

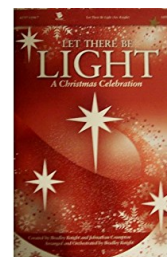
Saturday, December 10th

6:00 pm

AND

Sunday, December 11th

10:45 am



Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to hear our Adult Choir as they present their Christmas Cantata, "LET THERE BE LIGHT" on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. May the music touch your hearts, and may the message fill you with hope, joy, and the blessing of Christmas.

Norwin Alliance Church Preschool



This school year is flying past! In November we talked about all the things that we are thankful for. The boys and girls loved grocery shopping in our preschool grocery store and they took turns shopping and working as the cashier.

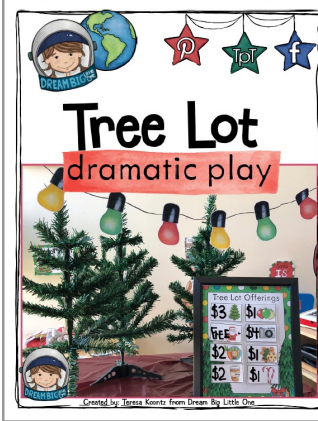
Each child decorated a feather for our class turkey and he looks great with all his fancy feathers!



We had our first party of the school year and it was wonderful getting to have parents join us for our Thanksgiving Feast. They played games, did crafts, and enjoyed some snacks.

In December, we will be spending the whole month focusing on Christmas. We will be working on special gifts for our families and prayer buddies. We will also be having lots of fun days like Candy Cane Day, Christmas PJ Day and Santa Hat Day leading up to our Christmas party. We will be turning our dramatic play area into a bakery and there will also be a tree lot and toy workshop in the room.

The Preschool wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!



Help is needed to furnish our TREE LOT dramatic play area.

Preschool is looking for 2 or 3 foot Christmas Trees for their Dramatic Play Tree Lot.

If you are able/willing to donate a tree, please let the church office know.



The Preschool is also looking for mini ornaments to decorate the mini trees. Again, if you can help, please bring in your donation and leave in the church office.



Each month the preschool children collect specific food items for the Irwin Area Food Pantry. If you would like to contribute, a box is available in the narthex. December's collection item: **CANNED PASTAS** (SPAGHETTI O'S, RAVIOLI, BEEFARONI, SPAGHETTI and MEATBALLS etc.)

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.

Ladies Night Out

Friday, December 16, 2022
5:00 pm

Rodney's ~ North Huntingdon

Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you would like to join the ladies for a night of food and friendship. With a large group, Rodney's will only accept CASH.

YEAR END REPORTS

ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS.....from KEEN-AGERS, DMC, LEAD ELDER, LEAD TRUSTEE, TREASURER, ASST. TREASURER, YOUTH...your End-of-Year reports are due to Cindy Barnhart no later than Sunday, January 15th. Please make sure that your report includes a financial report (if applicable).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the congregation on **SUNDAY, January 29th at 11:30 AM.**

Even though only members are permitted to vote, everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Come hear how NAC did in 2022.

FREE Christmas Trees

A neighbor has 2 artificial Christmas trees they are willing to give away to someone who needs one. If you would like one or both of these trees, please contact the church office.



Each of us is an Innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus
-Neal A. Maxwell



On Sunday, December 18th, the DMC will be hosting our annual Advent Luncheon after the second service. Hartsek Family Catering will be presenting a Pasta Bar for all who attend. Your entire family is invited to attend. BE SURE to sign up how many will be coming so we can give an accurate count and have enough food for everyone.

You will be able to select red or white sauce, chicken or meatballs, mushrooms, roasted red peppers, or California veggies. Salad, bread and butter will also be served. Cupcakes will be the dessert.

Be sure to sign up - We look forward to seeing you all for lunch that day.

Please contact a DMC member if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



The window in the small narthex will be covered with paper so you can display Christmas cards to the congregation. You may sign one card to the entire church family and tape it to the "window".



SAVE YOUR CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS

Used, canceled stamps (trimmed with a 1/4" border, please) are collected and sold to help fund Christian literature into Spanish for Central and South America.

Please save your stamps and deposit them in the box located in the narthex (on shelf above the coat rack).

VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA

Most of us are AMAZED as we:

CELEBRATE

HOLIDAYS of the Advent season

REMINDERS are given to us by the

INDIVIDUALS chosen who became the first witness of the Messiah

SON OF GOD who came to earth.

TOWN of Bethlehem became more active with special visitors for introduction to baby Jesus. Shepherds terrified in the beginning ran to meet the new family.

MESSIAH the infant rested in a manger, His first bed. Shepherd spread the Good News to everyone they met as they returned to their flock.

ANNOUNCEMENT by the angel encouraged the men to praise and glorify God.

SINGING angels rejoiced: *“Glory to God in the highest.”*

STAR in the eastern sky signaled a band of scholars about Jesus’ birth.

TREASURES were carried by the Magi who paid homage to the King of the Jews.

AWARENESS of the special time every year, until Jesus comes again, be ready!! Celebrate His birthday. Be aware of why He came to earth. Be aware of His relationship with His personal family, His disciples, His nationality, the enemies, and especially why he came to earth in the beginning. Jesus loves each and everyone of us.

REDEEMER Jesus came to earth as a baby. The holiday of Christmas is to be celebrated because of our need to be aware of the special meaning of Jesus’ life. As He grew into adulthood, He became a teacher, a friend, a miracle-giver. But most important a REDEEMER as He gave His life for us. And rose from death. Some day, may sooner that we can imagine, He is coming back to earth to rescue the believers. R U Ready to meet Jesus—the Messiah, the Redeemer. JESUS IS LOVE!!

Read Matthew 1 and 2;
Luke 2



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For
God so
loved the
world He gave
His one and only
Son that whoever
believes in Him shall not
perish but have eternal life
John
3:16

SENIOR ADULTS **Keen-Agers**
MINISTRY

For all those in the community
50 years of age and older

JOY **Thursday, December 15, 2022**
11:00 am

Keen-Agers will meet one week early in December.

This is a catered meal by reservation only. Please see Cindy Barnhart if you would like to attend but have not reserved your spot.

Cheryl Dobrowolski will be our special program for the day.

Officers for 2023 were elected at our November meeting and will be installed at our December meeting. The 2023 Officers are as follows:

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| President | Cindy Barnhart |
| Vice President | Harold Lawhorne |
| Secretary | Ruth Minto |
| Treasurer | Georgia Conley |
| Asst. Treasurer | Bill Swope |
| Kitchen Head | Lori Deliman |

