
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

FEBRUARY 2015



I have been helped greatly by the book, “God is Closer Than You Think”, by John Ortberg. The book applies the bible truth of God’s Omnipresence to everyday life. Here are some life changers:

- ◆ God is always present and active in my life whether I notice Him or not.
- ◆ God is always my best friend whether I acknowledge this or not.
- ◆ My calling is to meet God in THIS MOMENT, and trust Him when I cannot find Him.
- ◆ My desire for God ebbs and flows, but His desire for me is constant.
- ◆ I will not notice God’s Presence or feel close to Him all the time until I get to heaven. I can drop this expectation. It is a golden calf.
- ◆ Knowing God is RIGHT HERE inspires me to love others more genuinely. God cures self pre-occupation.
- ◆ Know God is RIGHT HERE make this present life a holy gift: relationships, work, play, economics, music, government, science, art, church.
- ◆ God reveals His Presence to me as much in bad times as in good times according to God’s providential plan.
- ◆ My uncertainty about God’s Presence is normal and can bring confident faith not just anxiety.
- ◆ When I expect life to be hard, I notice God a lot.

MEN’S DINNER

Friday, February 20, 2015

6:30 pm

Speaker: Rev. Jeff Norris
W.PA District Superintendent

Please sign the sheet in the narthex by February 17th if you plan to attend. Seating will be limited to 150 so sign-up early.

If you have any “wild” game to share, please let the church office know.

If you are able/willing to help with set-up and tear-down, please sign the sheet in the narthex.

LADIES ~ help is needed in the kitchen (setting tables, cooking, serving, clean-up), if you are able, please sign the sheet in the narthex. Also, cakes will be needed. A sign-up sheet is available on the shelf. Foil pans will be made available in the kitchen for you to bake your cake in.

THANK YOU in advance for your help with this very popular dinner.

CONNECTION SERVICE

Sunday, February 8

6:30 pm

**“BEYOND
JOHN 3:16”**

Speaker:
Joe Cox

Worship:
**“Glorified
Train Wreck”**



CONGREGATION MEETING**Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

The Annual Congregation Meeting of the Norwin Alliance Church was held Wednesday, January 21st. The meeting was opened with prayer and singing.

2 Timothy 4:7-10 ~ *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."*

Reports from the past year were reviewed. Because we did not have a quorum, voting of officers was not able to be done. We will have a very brief meeting following Communion on **Sunday, February 1st** to vote on the 2015 Officers.

Some highlights from the meeting:

1. There are 36 ministries present at Norwin Alliance.
2. There were 7 outreach events in 2014 which used only 3% of the budget finances. Rejoice in that ~ don't be nervous that too much money is being spent on outreach events.
3. How can we improve the ministries we have?
4. Appreciate the other ministries in the church besides the one you are involved in.
5. One new ministry idea ~ members came up with 10 new ministry ideas for 2015. Housecleaning/maintenance/yard work for our elderly topped the list of new ideas. This will go before the Elders at their February meeting for approval.

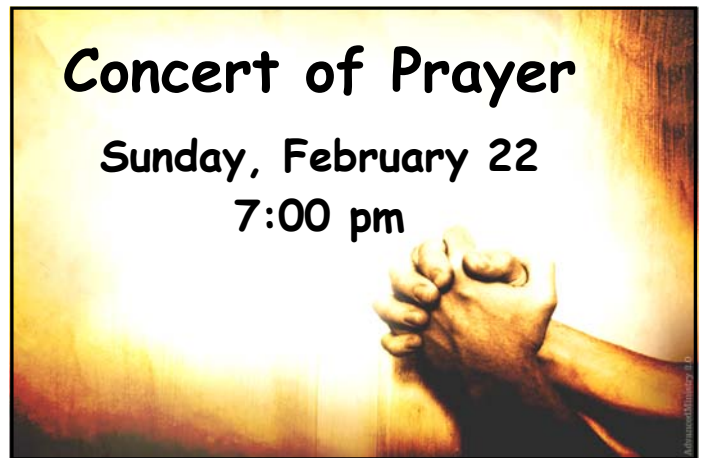
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Extra Annual Reports are available on the shelf in the narthex. If you would like to read more about the ministries of the church in 2014, please pick up a copy of the report.



The following items were discussed at the Elder and Ministry Board meetings in January:

1. Membership Classes will be offered in February (8, 15, 22)
2. Approved Deaconesses to serve for 2015-2018
3. Approved AWANA's to collect pennies the month of March.
4. Approved 2 weddings—1 in July and 1 in Nov.
5. Approved Men's Ministry - will utilize Crown Ministries Curriculum. Target start date is after the Men's Game Dinner
6. The installation of the bathroom flooring is complete.
7. Looking to purchase new toilets for the small narthex bathrooms to match the ones installed in the back youth area.
8. *Thank You* to Renee, Dave, and Brian for their service on the Ministry Board.

***What Valentine Can I Give Him?***

*What can I give to Jesus
On this special Valentine's Day?
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
And follow Him, come what may?*

*How can I show I need Him?
Should I send a red heart, with lace?
How can I thank Him enough*



For his sacrifice, love and grace?

*What Valentine can I give Him,
My adoration to impart?
I'll give to Him what He wants most;
I'll yield to Him my heart.*

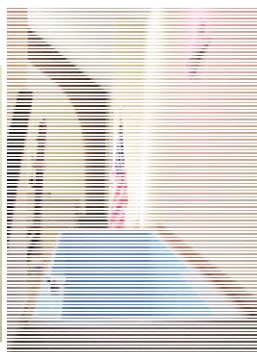
by Joanna Fuchs

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA
“Hidden Treasures at NAC”

In a recent conversation with one of the lovely ladies at Norwin Alliance Church, this writer became aware that we have hidden ‘treasures’ at 10585 Farview Drive. You may ask WHY? ? This lady did not know that we have a LIBRARY in the church AND I (this writer) want to brag on the library because many excellent selections for boys, girls, and adults can be found there. Depending on your particular reading habits, or study needs, check out the library on the lower floor of the church. (Go down the ramp, past the choir room, and turn right down the steps.) You will find several books of various titles and subjects to fill the long winter hours.

The second hidden treasure at NAC is in the front of the Sanctuary - - the baptistery. Two or three times a year we are privileged to witness a service when individuals choose to be baptized by immersion and share his/her testimony with us. It is a very special time of worship. A word of encouragement to you: if you have given your heart and life to Jesus and are serious in your commitment to Him, consider being baptized if you have not done so. Maybe you were dedicated/baptized as an infant. That was your parents’ decision. Immersion is your personal testimony. Talk to the pastor. He would be excited to schedule another baptismal service.

Remember these two HIDDEN TREASURES at Norwin Alliance Church.



KEEN-AGERS



Do you have the mid-winter blahs? You have not tried coming to Keen-Agers have you? Try us!! There’s time to talk and visit; we’ll put a smile on your face, feed you, and send you home with lifted spirits.

Join us on Thursday, February 26th at 11:30 am. Our meetings consist of lunch, devotions, business, and a program. Karen Ernette, Wellness Ambassador for Rite Aid, will be our guest.

Why not start the New Year with us!

Please contact Donna Kunkle (President of the Keen-Agers) if you have any questions.

If you are 50 years of age and older, we’ll be expecting you!

CHOIR ~ CANTATA

We are ready to begin our preparations for the Easter Cantata. This year’s musical is called “Christ is Risen Indeed” and will be presented at the 10:45 am service Easter Sunday.

We always have room for new folks to join in and though you are not obligated to be at the rehearsals for the weekly songs, you are definitely welcome there too.

We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm for weekly songs and at 7:45 pm for cantata practice. I try to have everyone out before 9:00 pm.

There are NO auditions, just show up at the next rehearsal and we’ll get you set up! We look forward to seeing you soon.

