
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 2023



Three Benedictions for the Church

"You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go . . . God is sending you. Wherever you are . . . God put you there. God has something He wants to do through you. Believe this, and go in His grace and love and power."

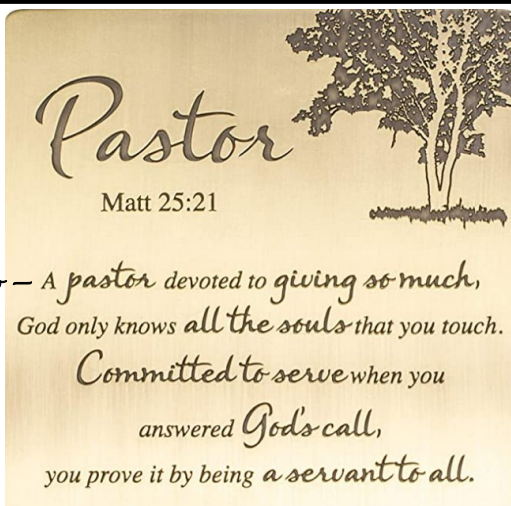
Richard Halverson

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near and at hand."

Matthew 4:17



*Pastor Bob — A pastor devoted to giving so much,
God only knows all the souls that you touch.
Committed to serve when you
answered God's call,
you prove it by being a servant to all.*

Pastor Bob will be retiring from his ministry at Norwin Alliance Church on Sunday, February 26th.

Please keep Pastor and Regina in your thoughts and prayers as they enter this new life journey.



Joe Cox's nephew and wife, Ian and Emma Cox, are both campus ministers for CRU (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). They both went to George Mason University in the Washington, DC area, where they first got involved with CRU and with campus ministry. After graduating, they spent a year in North Africa, learning Arabic and working with the Muslim population. After returning to the US, they were assigned to work with three more college campuses in the DC area.

On Sunday, February 19th, Ian and Emma will share some of their mission experiences with us during the service.

As CRU workers, they are required to raise their own support. Prayerfully consider partnering with Ian and Emma.

Following the service, we will fellowship over a soup luncheon. A sign-up sheet will be available in which you can sign-up to bring a soup.

Mark the 19th on your calendar and plan to attend services with Ian and Emma.

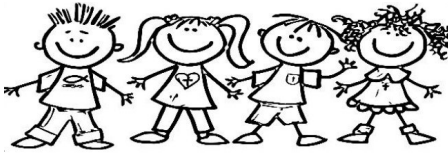


Music & Art Night

Sunday, March 19th
6:30 pm

Watch the bulletins and future Koinonia's for more information on how to be a part of our 3rd

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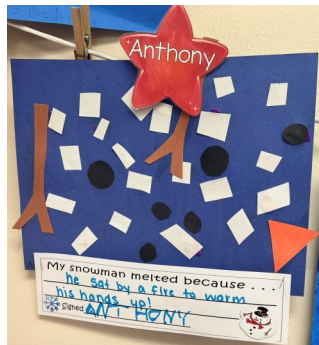


Norwin Alliance Preschool News

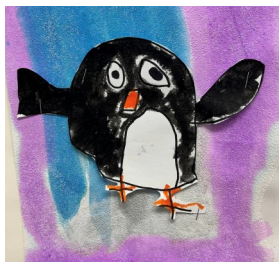
Another month has come and gone and it's February already! In January, we spent the month talking about polar animals, winter and snowmen. We spent hours "ice-skating" in our classroom and many books were read inside our igloo with our stuffed polar animals.

This month, we will be working on our addresses in the 4-year old class and we will have a post office in our art area for the boys and girls to practice their address. They will be able to make Valentine's Day cards for those they love too. We will also have a gift/flower shop where they can create their own flower arrangements.

LEARN



My snowman melted because . . .
"he sat by a fire to warm his hands up"



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. February's collection item: **SHAMPOO, SOAPS and DEODORANT**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



Norwin Alliance Preschool

NOW ENROLLING

3 year old class -
Tues and Thurs 9-11:30am
4 year old class -
Mon, Wed and Fri 9-11:30

Come learn and play with us! Sensory exploration, fine and gross motor activities, free play, art experiences and so much more!

Call us at 724-864-1570 to schedule a tour!

Please spread the word with anyone who may be looking for a preschool for the fall!



VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

Winter's reminder
Somewhat longer
Pictures of
Glimmering white snow
Shining icy frost.
Blowing wind
Ground items
Hats and scarves
Worn by the erected snowman family.

Spring around the corner
Eager to identify
Beauty of blossoms
Memories of creation.
Grass springs up
Puddles produced
Nests build
Gardens shoveled
Outdoor activities welcomed
Numerous season changes
Atmosphere differences
PAUSE
Observe newness of life.

Reference to seasons is
In God's Word,
The Old Testament.
To study creation
Begin in Genesis
Most important is
Salvation and redemption
Read John 3:16,
Romans 6:8-11.
Appreciate the gifts
Presented to mankind
By Jesus.
Enjoy the sunshine
The joy of life.
Most meaningful:
JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW
FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO!!



Thursday, February 23
11:00 am

Our first meeting of the new year will Thursday, February 23 at 11:00 am.

Our lunch menu will be Italian dishes and salads. Get out those Italian recipes, make your favorite dish, and share with the group 😊

Our program will be by Shelly Denney. You won't want to miss her singing.

If you are 50 years of age or older, and want some good fellowship, food, fun, and meeting new friends, this is the group for you.

Each month we will be collecting items for the Irwin Food Bank. At our February meeting, please bring in SHAMPOOS/SOAPS/DEODORANT.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 724-864-1570.

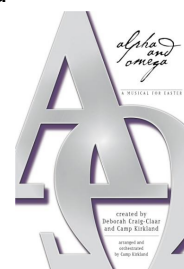
We look forward to seeing you February 23rd.

EASTER CANTATA

Practice for this year's Easter Cantata has begun. We meet every Thursdays at 7:45 pm in the Sanctuary.

There is always room for you, please join us.

We will present the Cantata on Saturday, April 8 at 6:30 pm and Easter Sunday at 10:45 am



2023 PRAYER CHAIN

New 2023 Prayer Chains are in the process of being put together.

What is the Prayer Chain and what does it do?

Those members and adherents of Norwin Alliance Church who wish to be prayer intercessors for the church family are placed on Deaconess' lists. You are called to pray only - you do not need to make any phone calls. When the intensive prayer chain is activated (for emergency or critical needs of our immediate church family), your Deaconess will call you to pray. This chain is also activated to inform of service closings. All other prayer requests are circulated through the Deaconesses and Elder only for prayer.

Not all prayer requests go through the intensive prayer chain. As stated above, only emergency or critical needs of our immediate church family are placed on the intensive chain ~ unless the family specifically requests that the full chain be activated. Some prayer requests are of a personal nature and only the Elders and Deaconesses are contacted for prayers.

When calling in prayer requests, if you want the intensive prayer chain activated, please indicate this when calling. In the same manner, not all requests are printed on the Praise and Petition sheet. We try very hard to honor everyone's privacy. If you would like your request printed on the Praise and Petition sheet, please state this when calling in for prayer.

When called to prayer ~ pray as though the need was for a member of your own family ~ we are all a part of God's family.

EVERYONE who would like to be part of the Prayer Chain needs to submit your name and phone number to the church office by **February 19th**.

If you have any questions about the Prayer Chain, please contact Karen Watkiss or Cindy Barnhart



Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I Thessalonians 5:17

PRAYER CHAIN

Yes, I would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain.

Please include my name.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Please turn this completed form into the church office by Sunday, February 19, 2023.