

## 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



Exodus 5:22-23 says "Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, 'O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.'" If we know the context, it's easy to identify with the way Moses feels.

Moses had been sent by God to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. He did as God had commanded him by going Pharaoh. Not only did Pharaoh not release the people, he made their slavery harder by forcing them to collect the straw needed to make their quota of bricks. Maybe you've had experiences in your faith that Moses' account reminds you of?

After a time of seeking the Lord, you took a step of faith. Maybe you gave generously of your time, talent and treasure to a church or ministry that later closed its doors? Maybe you had a difficult but necessary conversation that you had been putting off that didn't go the way you hoped? Maybe you finally shared your faith with that unbelieving friend, only to be rejected?

Sometimes, when things don't seem to work out, we second guess whether God was truly leading us. Other times we question how faithful we truly were in our obedience and any wrong steps we might have taken along the journey of obedience. Thankfully, we have the bird's eye view of Moses story and many other heroes of the faith.

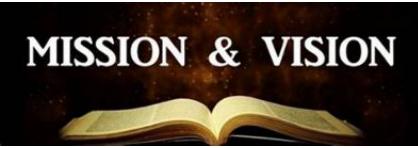
In His own timeframe and means, God delivered His people from slavery following many displays of His power. In the midst of it, Moses' faith was strengthened as he continued to obey and put his faith in God. The Lord's amazing work in freeing His people would strengthen countless generations afterwards. Might God be doing something beyond your understanding in the situations that feel like He let you down?



### FEBRUARY PRAYER TIMES

**Wednesday, February 4**  
7:00 pm

**Thursday, January 5**  
11:00 am



### MISSION & VISION

**Norwin Alliance's Mission:**  
Making disciples who grow, serve, and witness through word and action.

**Our Vision:**  
To see a Spirit-empowered church of all generations making disciples who make disciples.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will not be meeting in the months of January, and February. We will resume our meetings on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

*Mardy Rogers*



February's collection item is:  
**SHAMPOOS & SOAPS**

Donations benefit the Irwin Food Bank.

## 2026 PRAYER CHAIN

New 2026 Prayer Chains will soon be 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 a Deaconess list. 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. When called to pray ~ pray as though the need was for a member of your own family ~ we are all a part of God's family.

This chain is also activated to inform of service closings. All other prayer requests are circulated through the Deaconesses and Elders only, for prayer.

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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 3:17

### 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 15, 2026.



## Keen-Agers

Keen-Agers is for those at NAC and in the community 50 years of age and older

Our first meeting of the new year is **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

Please watch your bulletins for menu and Program for February's meeting.

Each month we collect items for the Irwin Food Bank. February's collection is **SHAMPOOS AND SOAPS**. Please donate what you can.

If you are 50 or over, plan to include Keen-Agers in your 2026 calendar. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December when we meet the third Thursday for our Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

We look forward to seeing you February 26<sup>th</sup> for a time of good food and fellowship.

## **Pastor APPRECIATION DAY**

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

Due to several conflicts in October, and following months, we were unable to host Pastor Appreciation for Pastor Mike and Pastor Joe.

We will celebrate and honor both Pastor Mike and Pastor Joe on February 15<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon following the 10:45 service.

**EVERYONE** is invited to stay.

A box will be available for cards the day of the lunch. Let's shower them with notes of appreciation and encouragement.