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# 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

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**NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**JULY 2015**

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## **Strongest Judgment . . . Strongest Salvation**



When I was growing up, the strongest judgments and strongest rescues in my life came from my father. Everyone respected dad so no one wanted to face his righteous anger and everyone loved when he helped. Isaiah tells us we are to fear our Father in heaven in the same manner. The Lord judges and saves. Jesus speaks these words to Christians today.

### Judgments:

“Ah sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt . . . they parade their sin like Sodom. They have forsaken the Lord and turned their back on Him. Even if they offer many prayers, I will not listen . . . What more could have been done for you than I have done? . . . They have no regard for the deeds of the Lord, no respect for the work of His hands . . . Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil . . . Who are wise in their own eyes.” Isaiah chapters 1, 3, 5

### Salvation:

“Holy , holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty, . . . the whole earth is filled with His glory. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace . . . Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid . . . Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is the Rock eternal . . . All men are like grass . . . The grass withers but the word of our God stands forever . . . The poor and needy search for water . . . But I, the Lord, will answer them. I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them . . . A bruised reed he will not break . . . Turn to me and be saved all you ends of the earth, for I am God and there is no other.” Isaiah chapters 6, 9, 12, 26, 40-42, 45

Trust in the Lord to strengthen your soul this summer. Follow Jesus daily, all the way to heaven.



The following were discussed/approved by the Elder/Ministry Boards at their June meetings:

- † The 2016 Church Budget was discussed. If you are a Ministry Leader, please turn in your budget request to Roy Koch asap.
- † Approved various DMC recommendations
- † The Backpack/Diaper Giveaway will be Saturday, August 8th. Carrie and Stacy will lead this ministry.
- † Promotion Sunday will be Sunday, August 23rd with the new AWANA and Youth programs to begin Wednesday, August 26th.
- † The July Ministry Board meeting will be canceled
- † Pastor Bob will be off June 20-27. Joe Cox will preach Sunday, June 20th and the youth will handle the 28th.
- † It was approved to purchase gravel for the lower parking lot.

If you ever have any concerns to be brought before the boards, please contact Harold, our Board Members-at-large.

## **CONNECTION SERVICE**

**Sunday, July 12, 2015**

**6:30 pm**

**Message ~ THE ABOMINATION  
Connie Niedermeyer**

**Worship:  
Mike & Rachel Beckstrom**

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## MAHAFFEY CAMP

*“A Christian Center for Spiritual Growth”*

**July 17-26, 2015**

Opening Service begins	Friday, July 17 7:00 pm
Ride for Freedom Service	Sunday, July 19 2:30 pm
Gospel Concert Featuring the Stevens Family	Sunday, July 19 evening
Missionary Day Great Commission Women's Rally	Thursday, July 23 1:15 pm

Brochures are available on the shelf in the narthex with times and speakers. There are services and activities for all ages. Pick up a brochure today and plan to attend Mahaffey Camp July 17-26, 2015.

### BACKPACK/DIAPER GIVEAWAY



*“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature, God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”* Philippians 2:5-7

Christ served us with the ultimate sacrifice of death on a cross. Likewise, we are called to serve others to further His kingdom. Join us as we reach out to the community with a **Backpack and Diaper Giveaway** planned for Saturday, August 8, 2015. We are in need of donations, volunteers, and prayer partners. Please be thinking and praying about how you can help. Watch your bulletins or check the Norwin Alliance Facebook page for a link to our Backpack/Diaper Ministry group, which will provide a forum for questions and details/updates. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carrie or Stacy.



### **KEEN-AGERS' Meeting**

Due to our District Church Camp being in progress at Mahaffey, PA, there will not be a Keen-Ager's meeting in July.

The next meeting will be August 27th. The menu will be a hamburger/hotdog/corn (if available) roast, side dishes, cupcakes and fruit.

The speaker will be Brittany McQuire.

More information will be given in the August Koinonia and upcoming bulletins.



### NAC WIDOW'S MINISTRY

This Small Group will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:30 am - Noon at NAC (except July when they will meet the 3rd Thursday).

If you are a widow, please join us for support, encouragement, and fellowship.

Please contact Ruth or Betty if you have any questions.



### **God Bless America**

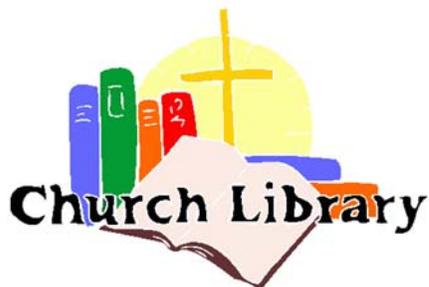
God Bless America,  
Land that I love,

Stand beside her, and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam,

God bless America,  
My home, sweet home.

--Irving Berlin



### To Teachers and Class Leaders:

*Would it help to have the library organized a certain way? For example: there are books about PRAYER, would it help to have them all on one shelf or mix them in with everything else (alphabetical)?*

### Favorite Book Lists:

*If anyone has a list of their favorite books, or wants to create a list for one subject area, please drop it off in the church office marked LIBRARY. The books do not need to be in the library currently.*

*This could be by subject, for example: BIBLE HISTORY or by purpose, for example: to gain CONFIDENCE*

Please contact Sara if you have any questions or suggestions for the library.



Does anyone have the DVD:  
**PASSION OF THE CHRIST**  
they would be willing to  
lend out?

Please contact the church  
office if you do.

*Thank You!*

### Vignettes by Virginia

Confession: This writer loves to read!! This month's column features a quick summary of a few books that she has read so far this year.

1. God's Smuggler, by Brother Andrew with John and Elizabeth Sherrill, is the story of Brother Andrew's adventures as he and his team traveled undercover into Iron Curtain and other closed countries to deliver Bibles. His work was financed by faith, supported by miracles and filled with danger. The ministry now focuses on the "closed" societies of Islam/Muslim.
2. Women to Women, by Eugenia Price, was written to encourage, and also to admonish women to listen to the teachings of God's Word. It is important to have close "sisters of the faith." Whether married or single, young or old, God has a special place for you to minister to others. "God is a God of wholeness."
3. The Language of Love and Respect, by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs, is an excellent group study book. Written especially for married couples, there are also principles/ideas that can be used in working with children and friendships. Use of Scripture is predominant.
4. Unfinished Believing is Only the Beginning, by Richard Stearns, president of World Vision, is an excellent, thought-provoking book. Mr. Stearns deals with the nitty-gritty, poverty-stricken people in his work/ministry of World Vision. He left a position of CEO of Lenox (china) and follows the prayer of founder of World Vision, Bob Pierce, who said, "Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God." Our marching orders are found in Matthew 28:18-20. "Meaning, purpose and significance are found only by aligning our lives with God's purposes. He chooses us for a mission, and He chooses a mission for us." Dealing with the tragedies of the world and daily life has reminded Mr. Stearns, repeatedly, that his position and ministry at World Vision is not the work that brings purpose to his life. It is Jesus that brings purpose. (John 10:10)
5. The PAPA Prayer. The Prayer You've Never Prayed, by Larry Crabb, introduces us to praying and knowing Christ/God so well that His life actually becomes our life. Praying a "PAPA Prayer" is relational prayer. In understanding this type of prayer, it takes time to change our attitudes and reasons for praying. We should not pray to "manipulate" God, or to become more spiritual. "Bow before God in brokenness, which is the proper position for listening. Develop confidence that every empty space in your soul will be filled and depend on that confidence as your sustaining hope through every trial."

These books can be found in the church library.

