
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

JUNE 2016

14 Great Reasons to Belong to Christ

(paraphrase of John
Piper)



1. God is the greatest reality in the universe. Christians swim in the sea of God's Presence.
2. Jesus is the greatest Savior, Lord, and Friend. Christians think of Him and promote Him every day.
3. The Holy Spirit is the greatest helper in the world. We desire His fullness constantly.
4. The bible is the greatest book there is. We delight to follow the Word day and night.
5. The gospel is the greatest news ever. We rejoice to believe it and tell it.
6. Corporate worship is the great overflow of our life together with Christ.
7. Faith is the great experience of being united with Christ. Small faith trusts in a big God.
8. Love is our greatest behavior. We make love our aim in all we do.
9. Holiness is Christ in us expressed to honor God and benefit others.
10. God's grace leads us to love God and people greatly. We are on a Great Commission to bless the nations.
11. Heaven is a great destiny. We aim to proclaim Jesus as the only way to heaven.
12. Hell is a great danger. We help people escape it through Christ alone.
13. Prayer is a great path to the Friendship and Power of God.
14. Servanthood is greatness. We rejoice to say: *Jesus must increase, we must decrease.*



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

1. Approved the following DMC items: the youth to go to Idlewild in June, the children will pass out items to military personnel in the service on 5/29, June 26 will be Graduate Sunday.
2. The Elders issued a modified usher attire policy.
3. Visitor packets should be passed out more often.
4. The budget giving was under the budget need for April. Spending in all budget categories is doing well with no overruns.
5. Replacements for deteriorated signs were purchased.
6. Steps will be taken to get WiFi in the basement.
7. Some wood is damaged on the shed and must be replaced. The Trustees will replace but would like volunteers to do subsequent painting.



Tuesday, June 14th

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GRADUATES!



High School Grads

Norwin High School

- ◆ Stephanie
- ◆ Peyton
- ◆ Jonathan

McKeesport High School

- ◆ Kyle

JEREMIAH 29:11
 "For I know the plans
I have for you,
 declares the LORD,
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
and not to harm you,
 plans to give you
HOPE and a FUTURE."

Ladies Night Out

Woody's
Piazza Ristorante

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Antonelli Event Center
100 Colony Drive
North Huntingdon

6:00 pm

Please sign the sheet in the narthex and join the ladies for an evening of food and fellowship!



JUNE 4-5, 2016
Norwin High School Stadium

Opening Ceremony: Sat., Jun. 4, 10:00 am

Survivors Lap: Sat., Jun. 4, 5:00 pm

Luminaria Ceremony: Sat., Jun 4, 9:00 pm

Sunday Service with Shelli Prindle speaking: Jun. 5, 8:00 am

Closing Ceremony: Sun., Jun. 4, 9:30 am

Come Celebrate
CHILDREN'S DAY

with us on Sunday, June 12, 2016

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm



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 Beginning July 5, 2016

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KEEN-AGERS/ SENIORS GROUP

Thursday, June 23rd
 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

LUNCH and ENTERTAINMENT

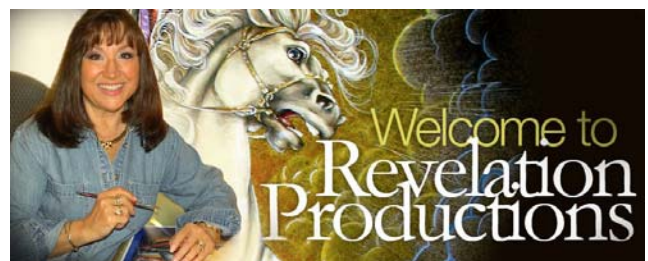
Thanks to everyone who worked to make our May meeting a success. The lunch was delicious, thanks to the kitchen committee. The tables were decorated beautifully by Phyllis Morgan. The entertainment was Chalk Artist - Gary Means. Sophie Orell did a wonderful devotion. Virginia Wilson played the piano for all our music. Terry and Yvonne Blair greeted us all as we came into the church.

Good old summertime is here. Time to shed the heavy winter clothes and relax outdoors. Keen-Agers lunch theme for June is chicken and picnic foods. Bring a covered dish or dessert to compliment the entree. Don't forget to bring your own favorite table service.

Our June entertainment is (Artist) Pat Marenko Smith on the Books of Revelation. June devotions will be presented by Elaine Holstine.

All seniors 50 and up our welcome to join us for lunch and entertainment. We would like to meet you and talk with you and share stories about our past and how you are spending your summer this year. We would like your input on new ideas for Keen-Agers at Norwin Alliance.

Hope to see you at our next Keen-Agers meeting at Norwin Alliance Church.



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 12th -
 Wednesday, June 15th
 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 Ages 2 - Grade 5



Joseph,
 more than a coat of many colors!

Vignettes by Virginia

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) was a musician from Worcestershire, England. Unfortunately she was not able to live a long life; but by age four she was able to read and at age seven she began to write verses. She learned Latin, Hebrew, memorized the Psalms and most of the New Testament. Her father, William Havergal, was also a musician/hymnist. Both of them wrote many hymns that have been sung for many years. Songs that may be familiar to us are: 1. *Truehearted, Wholehearted*; 2. *Take My Life and Let It Be*; 3. *Lord, Speak to Me*; 4. *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*; 5. *I Gave My Life for Thee*; 6. *Who Is On the Lord's Side?*; 7. *Like a River Glorious*; 8. *Golden Harps are Sounding*; and 9. *Standing at the Portal*. Out of curiosity, some Sunday or when you have a few extra minutes, check the hymnal at the pew to review the message of these hymns.

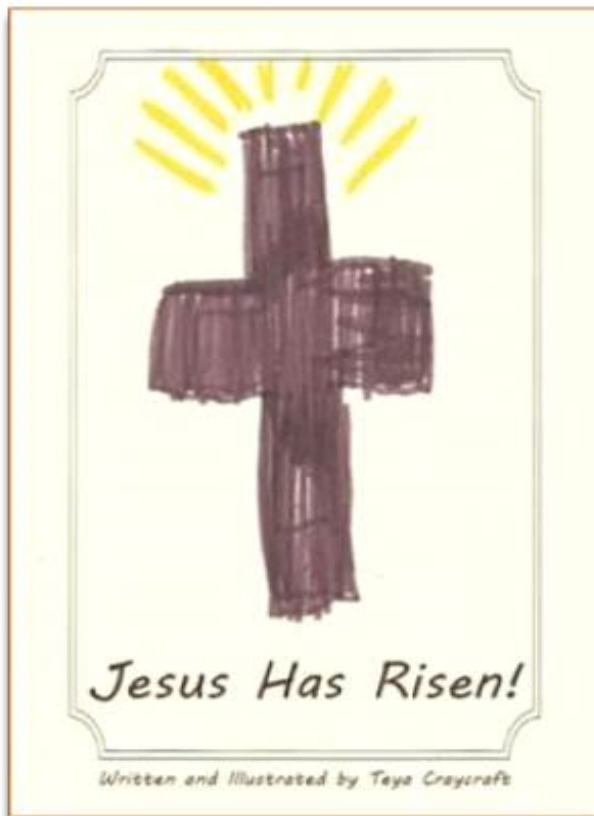
Frances is buried in England where she was born. Her tombstone has the inscription of I John 1:7.

The noteworthiness that is meaningful to this writer (and amateur musician) is the hymn that Frances wrote: **Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth**, from I Samuel 3:1-10 that give the account when Samuel,

as a young boy, was called by God. Samuel responded immediately. Words follow:

1. Master, speak, thy servant heareth, Waiting for thy gracious word, Longing for thy voice that cheereth; Master, let it now be heard. I am listening, Lord, for thee: What hast thou to say to me?
2. Speak to me by name, O Master, Let me know it is to me; Speak, that I may follow faster, With a step more firm and free, Where the Shepherd leads the flock, In the shadow of the rock.
3. Master, speak! Though least and lowest, Let me not unheard depart: Master, speak! For O, thou knowest All the yearning of my heart, Knowest all its truest need: Speak! And make me blest indeed.
4. Master, speak! And make me ready, When thy voice is truly heard, With obedience glad and steady Still to follow every word. I am listening, Lord, for thee: Master, speak! O, speak to me! AMEN.

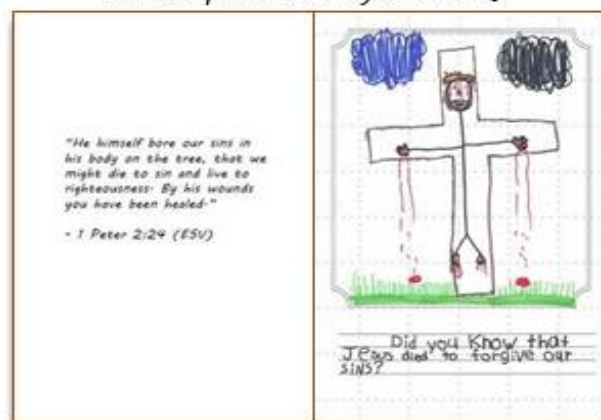
REMINDER: If you happen to have a favorite hymn/chorus/Christian song that you would like the congregation to sing during the worship, please let Vicki Booher know. Thank you!!



Child author, Teya Craycraft, has written and illustrated her first book: *"Jesus Has Risen!"*

Her book is currently for sale at the price of \$10.00 each. Please see Bria Craycraft (724-552-3122) if you are interested in purchasing a copy!

Sneak peek at Pages 1 & 2:



The Women's Corner

By Janis Swope

Have you noticed that everything seems upside down lately? I never thought I would live to see the day when the whole country would be arguing over bathrooms! What's right (and has always been right) is now wrong. Absolute truth no longer exists. Logic has been thrown out the window. The world seems to be in big state of confusion. Because I need to get away from all the craziness in the culture and in the news and because I am not a big sports person, to wind down in the evening I will listen to BBN radio on my iPad while I do jigsaw puzzles or watch a TV channel called "Create TV." For those of you who have Comcast, it is channel 200. WQED has a small cluster of channels around this channel that they use to repeat past programming. I watch "Create TV" because there are no commercials and all of the programs are about cooking, traveling, gardening, photography, sewing, and various other hobbies. These shows offer no drama, violence, and no controversy. I am sure many of you would say no excitement! If you go up one channel to 201 you have WQED's channel reserved for reruns of NOVA and Nature and other odd assorted shows often with a liberal bent. This channel is called "World TV." During the promotion for its programming various people around the globe are shown extoling the virtues of the shows. One person says that this world is all there is so we should take care of it and then seize the day! I find that statement to be so sad. With all the chaos and craziness going on today I feel sorry for those who

believe that this world is all there is; that there is nothing else. No wonder there is so much confusion and chaos in the world. How sad for these folks who don't know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Because I believe that Jesus died to save me from my sins and that He is the Son of the Living God, I know that there is more than this world we live in. I know that one day I will be living in Heaven with Jesus and that God has so much more in store for us. One day there will be a new Heaven and a New Earth! Don't you think it is sad that there are people right now that don't know this; that think that this is all there is? We all need to work to spread the Word to the unsaved whose only hope is this world. Pray to see how God can use you to tell others about His precious Son, Jesus.

The Ladies Bible Study would like to invite you to join us. We have begun our study of Exodus. If you would like to join us we would be happy to have you. We meet Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the craft room and end at noon. And as usual, we'll have the coffee on!

The Last Word

"It is only as we see the cross that we become willing to deny ourselves and follow Christ. Our little crosses are far eclipsed by his. Once we catch a glimpse of the greatness of his love in willingly suffering such shame and pain for us we who deserved nothing but judgment, only one course of action will be open to us. How can we deny or reject such a lover?"

- John Stott, from his classic book, Basic Christianity.

LIBRARY NEWS



Thank you for the new books, CDs, DVDs, and tapes donated library.

Here is a review of one of the new books . . .

Another Valley, Another Victory based on **Thrice Through the Valley** by missionary Valetta Steel Crumly with Ed Erny, c. 1997 (Ed Erny is also a missionary).

Valetta faced 4 tragedies and depended on God to help her in deciding on how to serve Him and minister in the best way. Her husband Henry died of cancer at age 38; their son Danny died of leukemia at age 3; and the other two teenagers died in a car accident in winter weather. When Valetta went to Taiwan, she had a criminal attack and was raped. I am very positive that she had a very serious time deciding just HOW to serve God. She has written: *"Every time you criticize someone, you condemn yourself. In kindness He takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life-change. Embrace the way God does things. Doing, not hearing, is what make a difference with God."*

Vacation Bible School

Registration Form

(one per child)

June 12-15, 2016

6:30 - 8:30 pm

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Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Church: _____

MEDICAL:



Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

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