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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

March 2024



Luke 21:1-4 *“Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, <sup>2</sup>and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. <sup>3</sup>And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. <sup>4</sup>For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”*

This familiar parable reminds us that it is not the size of the gift that matters, but the heart behind it. Jesus, knowing the hearts of all, praised this widow for her sacrifice. Though small in terms of money, it was great in the sight of Jesus. As the LORD accepted and had regard for Abel’s offering in Genesis 4, so Jesus accepted and had regard for her gift.

I believe the principle taught by Jesus can be applied beyond financial gifts. If all we have belongs to God, this extends to our time and talent as well. It extends to the open doors that God places uniquely before each of us.

Just as there are those with more financial means to bless, there are others who may have more time, more skill, or more spiritual gifts. Yet, in 1 Corinthians 12, Paul indicates that all believers have received a spiritual gift from the Holy Spirit, who decides what we receive.

Isn’t a relief to know that we are called to be faithful with what He has put in our hands? This frees us from comparison to others, including those we think have more to offer, whether in service or time. We can freely celebrate what God does through the lives of others while being thankful and obedient to use what is in our hands to bless others and glorify him. If we do that, even if we think we have little to offer, we know that our gifts are acceptable to Jesus! What open doors of ministry is the Holy Spirit calling you to?



## WEDNESDAY PRAYER TIME

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

7:00 pm

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for a time to pray for: one another; our church family; the mission, purpose, staff, and leaders of Norwin Alliance Church; the church universal; our community; our nation; and the world. If you have a specific prayer request, please join us for this time of prayer, or if you cannot attend, please contact the church office with your prayer request. We pray that this special time of monthly prayer together will help us see what God wants us to do as a church and build unity in and through our church members.

*“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”*

- Matthew 18:19-20

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### Daylight Savings Time

Please be sure to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before retiring for the night on Saturday, **March 10th**. Daylight Savings will begin at 2:00 am Sunday, **March 11th**.





### KEEN-AGERS

The March meeting of Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will be on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at **11:00 am**.

The meal will be Chicken and Biscuits (provided). Please bring a side dish to share and/or a GREEN dessert.

Our program will be by Andy Blenko.

**\*\* Food Pantry item is: BOXED CEREAL**

We invite everyone aged 50 and over to join us.

Hope to see you on March 28<sup>th</sup>!

### Mid-Week Lenten Services



Norwin Ministerium and  
New Hope Presbyterian Church  
12727 Lincoln Way  
N. Huntingdon

Wednesdays during the Lenten Season  
Starting Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am — 12:30 pm

The day begins at 11:30 am with a Hymn Sing.  
A luncheon will be served at 12:30 pm  
(free will offering accepted)



### Norwin Alliance Preschool News

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. March's collection item: **Boxed Cereal**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



## Norwin Alliance Church Preschool



### The Norwin Alliance Preschool

is accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year.

The **3yr old class** meets Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00—11:30 am OR 12:30—3:00 pm. Child must be potty trained and be 3yrs old by September 1st.

The **4yr old class** meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00—11:30 am OR 12:30—3:00 pm. Child must be 4yrs old by September 1st.

You may contact the church office to register or fill out the form below and return to the office.

A \$75.00 registration fee is required to reserve your spot.

### Norwin Alliance Church Preschool

#### REGISTRATION

**2023-2024**

724-864-1570



Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register my child in the: 3 year old class \_\_\_\_\_

4 year old class \_\_\_\_\_

Class time preference: AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Class preference will be decided by the date the registration form AND the \$75 registration fee are received. You will be notified if your preference cannot be granted.\*\***

**\*\*Checks may be made payable to:  
Norwin Alliance Church\*\***

**EUREKA!**

Let's celebrate PI  $\pi$  Day (3.14)

Friday, March 15, 2024

6:30 pm

$\pi$  Day is the global celebration of the constant Pi (3.14) founded in 1988 by Larry Shaw, physicist, who chose the date representing the first three digits.

Mathematical constants are important as we will learn, however, no life will be complete without knowing The Constant, Christ (3:16).

Plan to **Attend, Invite** (another version of AI) and bring your appetite for all things Pi(e).

Please sign up: online or in the narthex so we know IF we need 30 pizzas or 5 pizzas!

Time to get our GEEK on!



### Personal Summits

National Geographic aired a show on rock climbing called Arctic Ascent with Alex Honnold. It was very interesting watching the team over many days choosing carefully where to place their toes and hands. Finally, they arrived at the summit, as they took the last step a quietness came as they looked at the view. Recalling the son, *"I Can Only Imagine"*. Then celebration.

Afterwards, Alex in his reflections moved me to tears. "A successful outcome, just staying in the moment, focusing about each task at hand, not thinking about the scale of the wall in front of us. Not thinking about what might happen. One move at a time, all the way to the top, to the summit, our Saviour."

Rock climbing, Spiritual ascent, a beautiful parallel.

Blessings

Deborah D.

### Words of Wisdom

**"The final test of love is obedience. Not sweet emotions, not willingness to sacrifice, not zeal, but obedience to the commandments of Christ. Our Lord drew a line plain and tight for everyone to see."**

From A.W. Tozer - A Man of God,  
excerpt from The Alliance Weekly/Witness 1960

## Easter Cantata

THE HOPE  
of the Cross

An Easter Worship Experience

Saturday, March 30

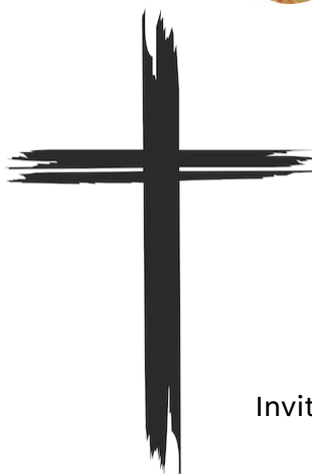
6:30 pm

Sunday, March 31

10:45 am

**FREE TO ALL!**

Invite your family, friends and neighbors



**Ham  
Giveaway**



We will be handing out 30 hams and a complete Easter dinner on **SATURDAY, MARCH 23.**

Your help is needed - a sign-up sheet is in the narthex for food items we would like donated for the dinner. Please sign-up under the food item you would like to donate.

There is also a sheet to sign if you are able to help the day of by either visiting with our guests or helping them to their cars

All food items need to be back to the church by Sunday, March 17.