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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

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2022



I wonder if Jesus voted this month, what people and issues would He vote for? Absolutely Jesus would be pro-love, pro-life, pro-marriage between a man and a woman, pro-peace vs. war, pro-Bible, pro-jobs, pro-caring for the poor and the stranger, pro-environment, pro-law and especially pro-church, *"I will build My church."*

In the Bible, voting often showed people's sin and their need for God:

- Adam and Eve voted for the devil and not for God.
- Cain voted for murder and not for repentance.
- Israel voted for King Saul and not for God as King.
- Israel voted for idols and not God's Word through the Prophets.
- Pilate voted for self-preservation and not for Jesus.
- The crowd voted to free the murderer Barabbas and to kill Jesus (of course, Jesus would have voted for Barabbas too, an old preacher wrote)

In God's mysterious providence, He seems to be electing or allowing goodness or sin in voting to let us know He is the Lord of the vote. When sin is voted for, we taste death all over again. We cry more fervently for the Savior. When good is voted for, we taste and see the Lord is good.

*"God changes time and seasons, God sets up kings and removes them."* Daniel 2:21

I guess Jesus will be voting after all in this month's election.



## WEDNESDAY PRAYER TIME

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

**Wednesday, November 2**

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



## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

NAC is a polling facility. Voting will be in the back youth area. Please do not enter the church through the back.

NO Preschool this day





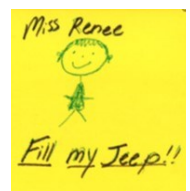
The following items were approved and discussed at the Elder's and Ministry Board meetings in October:

1. At our Congregation meeting in September, the 2023 budget was approved ~ \$326,131.49
2. The Nominating Committee consists of: Becky Cox, Elena Dornin, Denny Irwin,
3. Approved Deaconesses for 2023
4. New member testimonies were heard by the Elders. The following were approved for membership: Michael, Scott, Benjamin, Theresa.
5. It was approved to replace the air-conditioning unit outside that serviced the 3 offices as it quit working this summer.
6. A new toilet in the Toddler bathroom will be replaced as it has a crack in it.
7. It was approved to update the live-stream equipment.

If you have a question or concerns for these Boards, please see Janis Swope or Harold Lawhorne our Board Members-at-Large, or one of the Elders. They will bring the concerns to the appropriate Board.



**Operation Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE



All shoeboxes should be returned to the church  
**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Remember to:

~ ~ Enclose a check (made out to Samaritan's Purse \*note OCC on memo line) for **\$10.00** per box to cover shipping and handling cost.

~ ~ Attach the appropriate label (girl/boy) and mark the appropriate age category.

"Unmade" Boxes are available under the shelf in the narthex. Please take one, fill it up, and return by Nov. 6th.

**Let's fill Renee's jeep to overflowing!**



**SENIOR ADULTS**  
MINISTRY

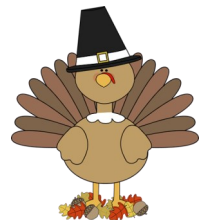
**Keen-Agers**

For all those in the community  
50 years of age and older

**NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

11:00 am

This is a catered meal by reservation only. The Sweet Adeline's will be our special program.



**DECEMBER 15, 2022**

11:00 am

**JOY**

Our December meeting is also a catered meal. Cheryl Dobrowolski will be our special program for that day.

Please contact Cindy at the church to reserve your spot.



Prayer Warriors are still needed for our Preschool students, families, and teachers.

A sign-up sheet is available on the shelf in the narthex with the names of our students and teachers. Please prayerfully consider being part of this ministry. There are 24 students and 3 teachers.

Prayer is one of the greatest support we can give to our preschool children but tangible encouragement is important as well. We ask that you periodically send in birthday cards, special holiday cards, notes of encouragement to your child. All correspondence needs to come through the church office. They will be given to the teachers who will then put all notes in the students' folders to go home.

You will be contacted with specific prayer needs as they arise.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Barnhart or Mardy Rogers.



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. November's collection item: **Paper Products and Canned Veggies**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



## Norwin Alliance Preschool News

In October we talked about pumpkins and fall. We used marbles to paint paper pumpkins in the four year old class and in the 3 year old class we used legos to paint pumpkins. The classroom pumpkin patch was a huge hit and the kids loved driving the tractor and playing in the "dirt pile".

The four year old class had its first "kids kitchen" of the year and made apple muffins. We also talked about nocturnal animals and community helpers. During our community helper week, the kids were able to dress up like their favorite community helper and we had members of the North Huntingdon Police Department come out to visit both classes. The four year old class got to meet one of the K9 officers.

In November, we will be talking about Thanksgiving and all the things we are thankful for! Our dramatic play area will be turning into a grocery store and the kids will get to "shop" for all the things needed for their Thanksgiving feasts.







### Thanksgiving Season

On Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pastor Bob will lead us in a Praise and Worship service at 7:00 pm at Norwin Alliance Church.

Invite your family and friends to join us as we give praise to God for the bountiful blessings He has given us this year!



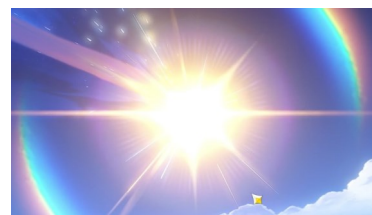
### Reflection on Psalm 104

(a poem by Emily Cox)

He wraps Himself in light as with a cloak.  
Behold, His raiment shines forth like the sun!

Oh, to be among the heavenly folk  
who make the garments for the Mighty One!

They must card rainbows from the beams,  
which, spun, all recombine into dazzling white  
threads, too fine to see if they were less bright.



### Turkey Giveaway

Saturday, November 19, 2022

9:00—11:00 am

We will once again be providing 30 families with a full turkey dinner on Saturday, November 19th.

If you are able to contribute to the dinner, or if you can help on the 19th, please sign the sheet in the narthex.

Call-ins for the turkeys is Tuesday, November 15th from 9:00—11:00 am ONLY. No reservations will be accepted from the answering machine or before the 15th.

Thank you in advance for any help and/or food donations you can give.

“ . . . I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40