

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



If I had a favorite verse or passage, it would probably be Philippians 2:1-11.

"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Over the years, these words have encouragement in times of difficulty and even a warning in the good times. Paul illuminates the life of Jesus, fully God and yet fully man, yet being a perfect suffering servant even to the point of death. If the perfect Son of God would be a servant and give his life for me, can anything that God would ask of me be too much?

When life seems unfair, I am encouraged that Jesus experienced the ultimate "unfairness." They also are a guard against feelings of entitlement. As those who have the mind of Christ, these verses are

a reminder to fix our eyes on him. It's always easier to fix our eyes on our own situations, struggles, and desires. But when we fix our eyes on Jesus, who he is, and the example he gave us in the flesh, his light shines on our situations, struggles, and desires.

Much of the struggle we have in our spiritual growth is not because we fail to think through our motivations and about our own behavior. When we look inward and not to Christ, we become numb to our own spiritual need. But when our eyes are fixed on Christ, we not only understand him better, but we understand ourselves better too. Even more, we are reminded that our spiritual growth will only occur when we are following him.



NOVEMBER PRAYER TIMES

Wednesday, November 5
7:00 pm

Thursday, November 6
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 Men's and Women's Bible studies meet each Monday morning at 10:30 am.

The men meet in the back youth area and the women meet in the Craft Room.



The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Monday, November 10th at 7:00 pm in the back Youth Area. We meet once a month. There will be a short devotion before working on any project you might bring.

All crocheters and knitters are welcome to attend. If anyone is interested in learning to crochet or knit, please attend and we can make plans for a workshop.

Mardy Rogers

MISSIONS "SOUPER" LUNCH

With International Workers
Saturday, November 1, 2025
Noon



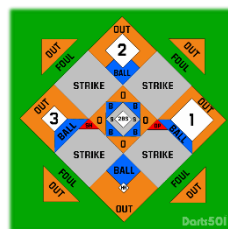
Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you are able to make a SOUP for the luncheon. Please also sign-up if you will be attending. THANK YOU!



Donations benefit the
Irwin Food Bank

November's collection item is: **Paper Products and Canned Goods**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



DARTBALL FELLOWSHIP

Games are held on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at various, local churches.

If you are 12 years old and older, there is room for you. Girls, you can join also.



Keen-Agers

Keen-Agers is for everyone age 50 and over.

NOVEMBER 20, 2025 ~ 11:00 am

This is a catered meal by reservation only.

Kate Groop is our special program for the day.



DECEMBER 18, 2025 ~ 11:00 am



Our December meeting is also a catered meal.

Cher Chamberlin is our special program for December.

Money and RSVP's are due now.
Please contact Cindy at the church to reserve your spot.



Set your clocks **BACK** 1hr before going to bed on Saturday, November 1

Tuesday, November 4th



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



Boxes are available in the narthex outside the Sanctuary for you to personally pack. Please return boxes by **November 2nd**. **Please note date change for when boxes are due.** They will be dedicated on Sunday, November 9th. Gabriella, a woman who received a shoebox at the age of 9 years old in El Salvador, will share how her “shoebox” completely changed her life. You will not want to miss hearing her on Sunday, November 9th.

There is no limit to the number of boxes you can fill.

Cost for each box is \$10.00. You may give on-line or mail a check in the postage paid envelope attached to the pamphlet.

You may also “Build a Box” on-line: samaritanspurse.org/operation-Christmas-child/buildonline. Once on the page, click on “create a goal page” and then type in Norwin Alliance Church. You can then start “building/filling” your box. The cost is \$25.00 which includes the \$10.00 postage fee.

Please have your boxes back to the church by Sunday, November 2nd. Don’t forget to put a band around your box and put a label on. Also, please don’t forget to send in your \$10.00 postage.

All boxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 9th.

Let’s fill Renee’s jeep and make a difference in a child’s life that they will remember for a life-time.



Cozy home for rent

2-bedroom, ranch style home on Warren Ave., Irwin. Has a large level, fenced yard and an integral garage. \$1,200.00 plus utilities. Please contact Bethany (Deborah DeClaudio’s daughter) at 412-328-7220 if you are interested.



Turkey Giveaway

Saturday, November 22, 2025

9:00 – 11:00 am

We will once again be providing 30 families with a full turkey dinner (one per family) on Saturday, November 22nd.

If you are able to contribute to the dinner, or if you can help on the 23rd, please sign the sheet in the narthex. *Please note – each line is for 5 items with the exception of green beans (which are 10 items each line) and pies (which are 3 pies each line). If you wish to donate extra, please sign your name on 2 or more lines.

Call-ins for the turkeys is Tuesday, November 18th from 9:00 – 9:45 am ONLY. No reservations will be accepted from the answering machine or before 9:00 am on the 18th.

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