
KOINONIA

“That the communication (Koinonia)(pronounced:coy no nee a) of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.” Philemon 1:6

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

October 2016



Praise and Thank God in Prayer

C.S. Lewis once wrote that when we praise God we “*have entered the real world*”. When we praise and thank God, we taste the joy and gladness of heaven. Jesus is properly seen as Lord of each moment of world history and our personal history.

Here is a paraphrased sample of praising God to make your own from a Matthew Henry book called, “*A Method for Prayer*”.

“Lord, you are infinitely bright and beautiful. All things are dependent on You. You have absolute glory and importance. Your presence is everywhere, Your knowledge is perfect, Your power is sovereign and irresistible.

You are not only our King but our Friend and Spouse. Thank you for giving and sustaining our life with You. Thank you for Jesus’ life and death on our behalf, paying for our sin, fulfilling all the requirements for our salvation. You alone make life good and everlasting. As You conform us to Christ’s character, Your love motivates us to repentance, glad obedience and a growing love for You and all people. May Jesus Christ be praised!”



The following items were approved at the Elder’s and Ministry Board meetings in September:

1. Elected Lori Nelson and Frank Kolar to serve on the Nominating Committee.
2. Approved the following DMC recommendations: Leaders to attend a “Group” Conference in Irwin; Petting Zoo on October 5 for AWANA, Youth, Adults; Youth to attend “Corn Maze Adventure” at Lonesome Valley Farms and then to King’s to eat; Hosting Bible Quiz Meet on February 4, 2017; approved a helper in the nursery.
3. A Turkey Giveaway pending date and finding a leader.
4. Pastor Appreciation on Sunday, October 30th
5. Discussed communion stewards and worship assistant candidates
6. The budget receipts in August exceeded the budget expenses.
7. Vikkel came out and cleaned out flow lines in the restroom off the narthex.
8. New LED lights were purchased to light the steeple.
9. THANK YOU to Gail for cleaning the church while Donna and Ken were on vacation.

The following items were approved at the September Congregation Meeting:

1. 2017 Budget.
2. Cindy and Katie were elected to the Nominating Committee.

If you, are someone you know, would like to serve in the church as usher, kitchen committee, or as a trustee, please let Lori, Frank, Katie, Cindy, or Pastor Bob know.

Concert of Prayer

**Sunday, October 30th
7:00 pm**



CONNECTION Service

Sunday, October 9, 2016

6:30 pm

Deadly Deception

A Call for True Disciples to Stay Awake

A message by Shelli Prindle

Jesus said it would happen . . . and grow worse. It is. Are you spiritually aware? Do you see it? Do you need awakened to the deadly deception?

Come to Norwin Alliance Church on Sunday, October 9th at 6:30 pm and hear what God's Word has to say.

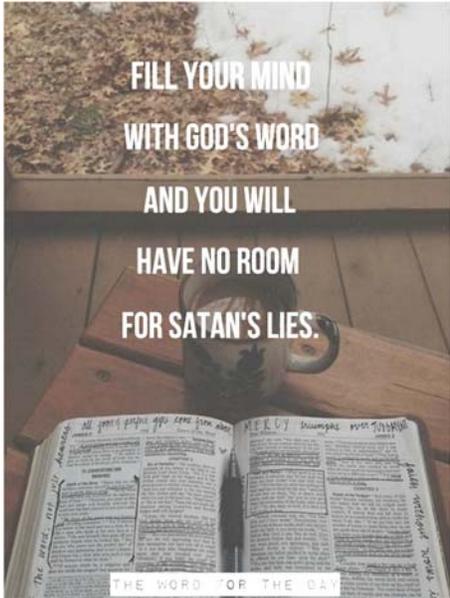
The service is opened with praising God through music led by the NAC Worship/Praise Band.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the service.

PETTING ZOO
A Family Event!
 October 5, 2016
 6:30 pm



This event is for all the church.
 There will not be separate youth or adult studies this night.



October 2nd - 16th

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

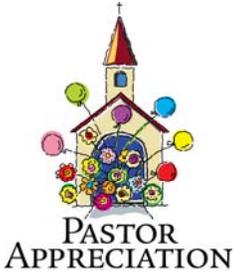


NAC can help to reduce the number of abortions in the U.S.A. The Woman's Choice Network is an outreach ministry of Jesus Christ

through His church. WCN is committed to presenting the gospel of our Lord to women with crisis pregnancies-both in word and deed. You can help by being a prayer partner and contributing to the Baby Bottle Campaign at NAC from Oct. 2 - 16, 2016.

Please pick-up a bottle from the round table, fill it with your extra change, and bring back to the church by October 16th.

Questions? Contact Connie Niedermeyer.



Sunday
October 30, 2016

Pastor Appreciation Month is a special time that is set aside each year to honor pastors and their families for their hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided to their congregation.

Sunday, October 18th has been designated "Pastor Appreciation Sunday" by our Elders. There will be a special luncheon following the 10:45 service to honor Pastor Bob and his family. If you would like to "shower" Pastor Bob and Regina with cards of thanks and appreciation ~ there will be a box available on the 30h.

"And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love."

I Thessalonians 5:12-13
The Message Bible

Ladies Night Out



Tuesday, October 18, 2016

DeNunzio's Restaurant
700 Lowry Ave.
Jeannette

6:00 pm

Please sign the sheet in the narthex by Oct. 16th and join the ladies for an evening of food and fellowship!

NAC Youth Group

is doing the



When:

Friday, October 22

Where:

Lonesome Valley Farms
(next to Westmoreland Fairgrounds)

Start Time:

Meet at church at 5:00 pm

End Time:

After our time at Lonesome Valley Farms, we will go to King's Restaurant for snacks. Estimated parent pick-up time at church is 10:15 pm, but we will call when leaving King's.

Cost:

\$10 for the corn maze/transportation and \$ for King's.
Bring \$ for snacks at the farm if you want them, too.

Remember:

YOU MUST BRING A FLASHLIGHT FOR THE MAZE!

Dress appropriately to be outdoors; boots are recommended as the maze could be muddy.

* * Your up-to-date medical release / permission form must be on file. * *

JOLT 2016

Junior Youth Retreat (Grades 6-8)



Speaker: Alex Ehly
Worship: Jake Furman



October 28-30

Laurelville Christian Retreat Center
Mt. Pleasant, PA



MISSIONS CONFERENCE

October 22 & 23, 2016



Renee Valach ~ GABON

At Bongolo Hospital, Renee is responsible for inpatient and outpatient medicine (which includes TB and leprosy programs), the emergency department, the lab, the HIV Clinic and planning weekly medical education programs.

Renee also teaches Sunday School at the Bongolo Church ~ one Sunday in June there were over 200 children in Sunday School!

Saturday

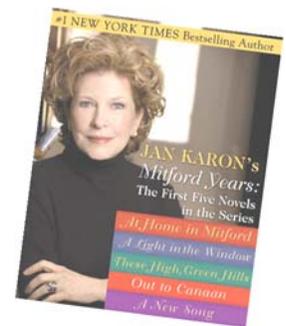
11:00 am Mission presentation by Renee

Noon "Souper" Luncheon ~ please sign-up to bring SOUP, BREAD, and/or COOKIES

Sunday

8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services with Renee

9:45 am Sunday School with Renee for EVERYONE



A collection of 10 books called "The Mitford Series", by Jan Karon, may be an enjoyable and inspiring read for people who like novels interspersed with God's hands working in the lives of ordinary people like ourselves.

Each book contains stories about the lives of an Episcopal Priest, Father Tim, who marries in his later years to a woman that he calls his best deacon.

Together they live with, work and minister to the

people of the town. When situations go beyond their control, they look at each other and say, "Let's pray the prayer that never fails . . . 'Thy Will be done.'"

Whether you are looking for something to read for enjoyment or something to help you during a stressful time, we believe "The Mitford Series" will fill either of those needs.

Sara and Janice

The Women's Corner
By Janis Swope

We need to grow. Oh, I'm not talking about gardens. Our growing season is pretty much over. I'm not talking about getting taller. I'm tall enough, thank you. Nor am I talking about growing wider. Let's not even go there, girlfriend! Well, I'll get to the point. I'm talking about maturing and growing in Christ. Do you ever think about how old you are in Christ? I do. I gave my heart to the Lord as a young girl in elementary school. As soon as I started to read, I asked my mom for books. I had lots of those little "Golden Books." How many of you remember them? Maybe I'm showing my age. But I remember specifically asking my mom for books that were like the ones she and my sisters read, meaning books that had lots of pages and not so many pictures. The first book she gave me was a hardback edition of The Bobbsey Twins. I loved it. And I still love reading. Anyway, getting back on track, reading a "grown up" book led me to my mom's Bible. When things were quiet in the house, I would slip into my parents' bedroom and get the Bible from the shelf behind their bed. I loved opening it to see if there was something in it I could read and understand. You know what? There was always something I could read in the Bible, even if I was only in the second or third grade. That is just one of the amazing things about the Bible. So I came to read God's word at a young age and as I grew I was able to understand more a bit at a time, reading bigger passages. By the time I was in 6th grade I was able to read whole chapters and books. Therefore, just as we grow and develop from infancy to childhood to adulthood able to learn and understand more, we are to grow in our spiritual life as well. In John 15 Jesus tells us that we are to abide in him and be a branch of the true vine (a reference to himself). What does a vine do? It grows and produces fruit. We can't stay a little sprout forever. We have to grow and produce leaves and fruit. Jesus also tells us in this same chapter that if we don't abide in him (meaning profess him as Lord, but don't grow in him and produce fruit), then he casts us off like a withered branch. The question is, how do we grow in Christ? The best place to start is by attending worship service and Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Seek out communion with God by setting time aside to pray. Seek out fellowship with other Christians. Read the Bible and then start to write down what you think God wants you to learn from what you've read. Attend a good Bible study (by the way, I can tell you about a good one I know about!). Look for ways in which you can serve God. Grow in the likeness of Jesus. 2 Peter 2:5-7 (NIV) tells us "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness, and to

godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love." Growing in Christ is a life-long experience. You never stop growing in Him in this lifetime. Won't you join with me and others as we strive to be more like Jesus and grow up?

Sunday, October 2, the Women's Sunday School Class will be back with a study in the book of James. If you are interested, please join me and others in the Craft Room at 9:45 a.m. The Ladies Bible Study is almost finished studying the plagues that befell Egypt. Please join us as we journey through the book of Exodus. 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

"No other book of any kind ever written in English – perhaps no other book ever written in any other tongue – has ever so affected the whole life of a people as this authorized version of the Scriptures has affected the life of the English-speaking peoples." – Theodore Roosevelt in 1911 on the 300th anniversary of the King James Version's first printing



KEEN-AGERS

The October meeting of Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will be on Thursday, October 27th, and the program will be *Rivers of Steel*. It should prove to be very interesting!

The meal will be soup or stew, salads, cheese try and ice cream sundaes. Please bring you own table service. First-time attendees do not need to bring a covered dish.

* * Items for the Irwin Food Bank should be brought to the meeting.

A nominating committee will be selected at this meeting to propose names for offices for the coming year. Election will take place at the November meeting, and officers for 2017 will be installed in the December meeting.

Please be in prayer concerning officers for 2017.

Remember, all persons age 50 and over are cordially invited to attend Keen-Agers.



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas ~ Jesus Christ.

Boxes will be available in the narthex or you can contact the church office.

* * All shoeboxes should be returned to the church by **November 6th**.



~ Fill a decorative shoebox or a **standard size shoe box** (men's size 10) or a **6-quart plastic box ONLY** with a variety of gifts and small toys. (Please refrain from using larger boxes or containers ~ consider packing several boxes instead).

~ Enclose a check (made out to Samaritan's Purse ~ note OCC on memo line) for **\$7.00 per box** to cover shipping and handling cost.

~ If you would like to wrap the box, please wrap the lid separately and secure the lid to the box with a rubber band.

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

~ Brochures and OCC boxes will be available on the round table in the narthex.

~ First ingredient to pack in your shoe box is **PRAYER** (1 John 5:14)

SUGGESTED GIFTS:

- √ **Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.
- √ **School supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- √ **Hygiene items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, deodorant, washcloth, etc.
- √ **Other:** hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum (please **DOUBLE BAG** all candies), sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, Christian books/Bibles etc.
- √ **Letter from you** ~ add USA at the end
- √ **Picture of yourself**

DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- × **Used or damaged items**
- × **War-related items:** toy guns, knives, military figures, cowboy/Indians, violent books, any figure holding a weapon (remove the weapon)
- × **Chocolate or food:** taffy, soft candy, candy bars, M&M's, tootsie rolls, and perishable food, canned foods, Kool-Aid, powder Jell-O, fruit (including raisins), crackers/cookies, peanuts or peanut butter
- × **Liquids, lotions, or spillables:** glue, bubbles/bubble bath, shampoo, liquid soap, lotion, shaving cream, Vaseline (it melts!)
- × **Medications or vitamins:** Tylenol, baby formula, vitamins, cough drops, etc.
- × **Breakable items:** snow globes, glass containers
- × **Other:** aerosol cans, shaving razors, snakes, seeds, Pokeman, Harry Potter items, money, coin collections, play money