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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**

October 2017



Missions is a big deal to God. David Livingstone, a famous missionary doctor, once said, "God had but one Son and He made that Son a missionary."

October 28 and 29 will be our once a year Alliance Missionary Conference. We are very blessed to have with us a young missionary who serves in a Middle East country where 96% of the people are Muslim. This gifted Christian works daily with Muslim people as a witness for Jesus. You will be greatly helped in your witness to the Muslim community in America as you learn from a humble servant.

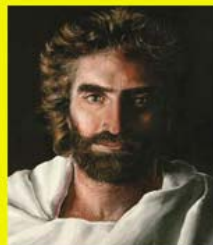
Don't miss any of the three messages that will be shared from Saturday morning, in Sunday School, and in Morning Worship. This will be a timely life-changing weekend.

Thank you for your faithful participation and attendance.



## What Others Have Said About Alliance Missions

1. I have the greatest respect for the C&MA. It is a wonderful movement that does great work all around the world. ~ Chuck Colson, Prison Fellowship Ministries
2. Passion for Christ and a love for lost souls . . . that's the heart of The Christian and Missionary Alliance! ~ Joni Erickson Tada, Joni and Friends
3. During more than 50 years of ministry, my contacts with believers in The Alliance have always been encouraging and enriching. The missions emphasis of The Alliance has encouraged all of us to keep our eyes on the fields and do our share in harvesting. ~ Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe, Back to the Bible
4. It has been a privilege to work with The Alliance around the world for many years. I commend the faithful commitment of the multitude of missionaries serving the Lord in difficult places and preaching the uncompromising gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Franklin Graham, Samaritan's Purse



## JESUS Radical Paradox

Connection Service  
October 8, 2017  
6:30 PM  
Connie Niedermeyer





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

1. Discussed potential Nominating Committee candidates.
2. Approved the following DMC recommendations: Youth Fall Festival (Capture the Flag) on 10/21 from 5:00 - 10:00 pm; Youth Progressive Dinner 11/4 at NAC in various rooms; Youth to go to an indoor water park at Upper St. Clair Community Rec Center on 12/9; Youth to use GROW curriculum from the Alliance Youth website; Bible Quiz Meets to be held at NAC on 1/6/18 & 3/3/18
3. Pastor Appreciation will be Sunday, October 15th
4. The proposed 2018 Budget was approved by the Ministry Board. The budget will go before the congregation for final approval at the Sept. 24 Congregation Meeting.



**Sunday**  
**October 15, 2017**

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 15th 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 15th.

"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

The **SHORE** Foundation's  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Murder Mystery  
Benefit Dinner  
November 4, 2017



THIS YEAR'S SHOW IS  
"STAR TREK: SET YOUR PHASERS  
TO MURDER"

Brochures are available in the literature holder on the shelf in the narthex or you can register online at:

[WWW.THESHOREFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.THESHOREFOUNDATION.ORG)

### Event Details

**Murder Mystery Dinner**  
**Saturday, November 4, 2017**  
6:30 PM to 10:00 PM  
doors open at 5:30 PM

**Stratigo's Banquet Center**  
131 Colonial Manor Road  
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

### Pricing\*

Individual: \$65 | Couple: \$110

Table of Ten: \$500.00 (\$50 / person)  
...and sit with your family & friends!

\*includes dinner, performance by  
Mystery's Most Wanted, live music,  
and door prizes

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
The SHORE Foundation**

## Disciplemaking Ministries Events

Please join us for our upcoming events:

### October 28 & 29 ~ Missions Conference

Missions Emphasis Theme:



Please come Saturday, October 28th for lunch and Krystal's information about her ministry in her Creative Access Country. We will have our "Souper" luncheon that day. If you like to make soup, and are willing to contribute, please do. We will also need bread and cookies for our lunch. You can sign-up on the sheet available on the narthex shelf.

Sunday, October 29th, Krystal will speak in both Worship Services and also during our Sunday School time (all ages will meet in the Fellowship Hall).

Watch your bulletins for times and more information.

### November 5 ~ Shoeboxes due

Please be sure to bring your packed shoeboxes to the church by November 5th ~ Pastor Bob will pray over them ~ let's **Fill Renee's Jeep!**

### December 17 ~ Advent Luncheon

Everyone is cordially invited to our annual Advent Luncheon. Come and enjoy a special lunch with the congregation.



### KEEN-AGERS

The October meeting of Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will be on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, and the program will be by Peggy Fisher ~ *Story on Bataan Death March*.

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

\* \* Items for the Irwin Food Bank will be collected at this meeting.

Business: Selection of a Nominating Committee. Please be in prayer concerning officers for 2018.

Everyone age 50 and over are cordially invited to attend Keen-Agers.

### PETTING ZOO

### A Family Event!

October 4, 2017

6:30 pm



This event is for all the church.

There will not be separate youth or adult studies this night.



**VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA**

The months of autumn zoom by us so quickly. Families plan special trips to visualize the dazzling foliage. Most of us admire the gorgeous, colorful leaves - - except the raking J Jump into a huge pile of leaves with a bunch of "kids". That can be A LOT of fun and exercise. Then you get to help clean the mess you made. Gather the yard furniture, water hoses, lawnmowers that will not be needed for months. It is time to clean the garden and plant the bulbs so they have the winter and spring to rest, grow, and get ready to bloom again. One of these mornings we will awake to see and feel the FROST; remember your gloves, boots, warm jackets and a scarf that someone special knitted or crocheted for you. Remember to insert a new furnace filter also.

God's Word reminds us that times change often; God our Father is always with us. We become busy and forget. Looking around and listening to the news, we must be very thankful for the many blessing God gives to us even if we do not recognize a particular blessing immediately. Start with your family and personal blessings. That is only one short-term idea. See the colors of the autumn leaves that drift by the window. (Remember a song of many years ago with that theme?) Creation - children - education - pastors - God's Word - families - hospitals - protection - military - houses - just to mention an extremely short list of blessings!!

Closing with a hymn to remind us of the gorgeous wonders of creations around us: "For the Beauty of the Earth" by Folliott S. Pierpoint and Conrad Kocher (written in 1864 and originated with eight verses)

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
2. For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree, and flow'r. Sun and moon and stars of light,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight, For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight,
4. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,
5. For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely giv'n, Graces human and divine, Flowers of earth and buds of heav'n.

CHORUS: Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise. AMEN



This year, celebrate Christmas at  
**JINGLE BELL BEACH**  
 with the Children's Choir!!

*"Musical singing groups from all over the country have traveled to JINGLE BELL BEACH to compete in this year's 'Jingle Sing' competition. The three finalists, the Starfish, Snowflakes, and Electrons, prepare and rehearse on the beach stage. When a storm ruins the contestants' plans for getting home in time for Christmas, things heat up to tidal wave proportions! The result? The announcement of a rare 'Reindeer Rumble'...a spontaneous, on-the-spot song competition to determine the winner of this year's event. In their eagerness to win the contest, it becomes clear that one of the contestants is struggling with his understanding of the meaning of Christmas. As the others share the story of Jesus, the spirit of competition quickly transforms into the wonderful spirit of Christmas! We are reminded that Christmas is about Emmanuel - God with us - and the Good News that Jesus came to be our Savior."*

~ The Children's Choir will present **JINGLE BELL BEACH** on Sunday, December 3rd in the 10:45 AM service.

~ Weekly rehearsals have begun, but it's not too late to join! Rehearsals are every Sunday during the 10:45 AM service. All children ages 4 - 13 are welcomed to participate!





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 5th**.



~ 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 **\$9.00 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.

~ OCC boxes are 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, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, deodorant, washcloth, etc., non liquid lip balm
- ✓ **Other:** sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, blanket, adhesive bandages (colorful), reusable plastic containers (cup, water bottle, plate/bowl, blunt-edged utensils), Christian books/Bibles etc.
- ✓ **Letter and/or picture from you** ~ add USA at the end

### 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)
- ✗ **Any Candy:** taffy, soft or hard candy, candy bars, M&M's, tootsie rolls, etc.
- ✗ **Chocolate or food:** 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, toothpaste, 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