
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

October 2019



Great Truths in the Bible - Book by Book

Here are some favorite verses in God's Word to build your faith in Him. Make your list to pass on to people.

Genesis *“God saw all He had made, and it was very good.” (1:31)*

Exodus *“The Lord said, ‘My Presence will go with you and I will give you rest.’” (33:15)*

Leviticus *“Treat the foreigner as any other citizen. Love him as yourself.” (19:34)*

Numbers *“The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you.” (6:24)*

Deuteronomy *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your strength.” (6:5)*

Joshua *“Have I not commanded you. Be strong and courageous, for the Lord will be with you wherever you go.” (1:9)*

Judges *“The land had peace for forty years.” (5:31)*

Ruth *“Your people will be my people and your God will be my God.” (1:16)*

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

1. Discussed potential people to serve on the Nominating Committee.
2. Baptismal Service to be scheduled.
3. Patrick has taken a Director of Youth & Children's Ministries position at the Third Presbyterian Church of Uniontown. Due to the time commitment to this new position, he is resigning from the Elder Board.
4. Discussed and prayed for the needs of our church family.
5. A proposed 2020 Budget was approved by the Ministry Board. It is a 4.62% decrease from the 2019 budget. This budget will go before the congregation for final approval at the Sept. 29th Congregation Meeting.
6. Weekly Chapel with the preschoolers will begin September 18th.
7. A new copier (Canon ~ Multiscope) was installed Aug. 27th and is working well.
8. We were behind the asking budget in August, however, our receipts exceeded our spending. We are in the black YTD (rec. vs. exp).
9. New shelves will be built in the Board Room to accommodate some library books for handicap access.



Missions Conference

Saturday, October 12
 Sunday, October 13



called to
**REGIONS
 BEYOND**

“. . . I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd”

John 10:16, ESV

COME JOIN OUR MISSION CONFERENCE WEEKEND!
 Attend both days and learn about Mike Davis serving our Lord in Portugal.

Mike is the team leader for the Project Portugal Team. He is also the head coach for the lumberjacks, an American football team made up of Portugal players.

Schedule:

Saturday, Oct. 12 ~ 11:00 am

Mike will speak in the Sanctuary; then we will have our “Souper” luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

“Souper” Luncheon - If you are able to contribute soup, bread, and/or cookies, please sign the sheet in the narthex. HOWEVER, please plan to come even if you are unable to provide a luncheon item. We will have plenty.

Sunday, Oct. 13

8:30 & 10:45 am ~ Mike will speak during both Morning Worship Services.

9:45 am ~ Combined Sunday School class for all ages with Mike in the Fellowship Hall.

Please plan to attend these special meetings and bring your favorite soup on Saturday to share.

Young people - bring your footballs.

Don't forget to sign-up ☺



PASTOR APPRECIATION

Sunday

October 20, 2019

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 20th 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 20th.

“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

GAME NIGHT

We are planning another dinner with homemade meatballs by the fabulous LoChiatto's!!

The cost is \$5.00 per person and will include meatballs, pasta, chicken parmesan, and salad. Anyone who would like can provide a dessert to share.

Sign-ups will begin October 10.

*So much fun . . . don't miss out ~ come **Friday, October 18 at 6:30 PM** in the youth area. (Only the youth door will be open.) This will be a great night of food, fellowship, and FUN!*



VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA

Missions is the most important ministry of our denomination. Note the history of the CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE churches. Thousands of people in many unknown countries are introduced to Jesus and the gift of salvation during the 'hundreds' of years of missionary service.

When we think about how different ministry is today than when Jesus began His life over 2000 years ago, we must be thankful for continual blessings we have all the time. So many persons around the world are still willing to sacrifice their lives because he/she LOVE THE LORD. Can you believe that in our time with a populations of 7.5 billion people, over 2 billion have not even heard the name of Jesus. That is a definite reason and calling that a 'missionary' receives to spread God's Word. Another notation is to the persons living in the United States - - even S.W. PA - - that many residents in our area have no interest or knowledge of Jesus. You are aware of the various religious communities in our vicinities. What is taught in that belief can be inconsistent from God's Word.

We are responsible to tell others of God's love and to serve as opportunities come our way. God promises to always be with us. We are the light that is given to us by Jesus. We are to shine with a very important message (Matthew 5:14-16).

What are your personal commitments to serving God? Or more individual, your 'missionary' action? A person does not need to leave PA for service. Every time you go somewhere, you may meet another person in some kind of respect (grocery shopping, post office, doctor's office, child at school etc., etc., You can name several in minutes). Maybe that person needs to ask for prayer support. Remember that brief moment of ministry and invite him/her to church for fellowship, worship, music, or whatever he/she needs at this time.

Study 1 Peter 2:9 for encouragement. Pray for the missionaries who actually enter a 'foreign' country to serve and reach out in villages, share God's Word, and minister to families who have never heard of Jesus. Pray for safety, medical care, decent vehicles, housing, God's direction and guidance, etc. THANK YOU!!

Join us for our MISSIONS CONFERENCE October 12 and 13. *Called to Regions Beyond.* Visit the country of PORTUGAL.



KEEN-AGERS

The October meeting of Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will be on Thursday, October 24th. A Billy Graham video will be shown.

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 2020.

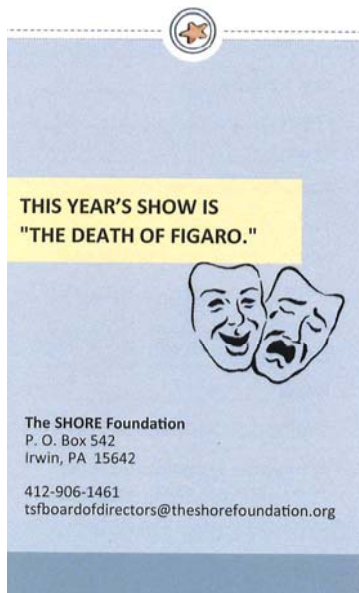
Everyone age 50 and over is cordially invited to attend Keen-Agers.

The SHORE Foundation's
 10th Annual Murder Mystery Benefit Dinner
 November 2, 2019

The SHORE Foundation was founded by Brian and Janis West to assist organ recipients who are burdened by unending medical debt.

Event Details:
Murder Mystery Dinner
 Saturday, November 2
 6:30 - 10:00 pm
 Stratigo's Banquet Hall

Brochures, including registration details, are available on the shelf in the narthex. Pick one up today - Registration and payments are due by October 26th.





JOLT - Junior High Youth Retreat - for youth in grades 6-8

October 25-27, 2019

Laurelville Camp

Speaker: Pastor Lu (James Llewellyn)

Band: Brandon Fox Worship

Please see one of the youth leaders for more information or to register.

A.C.T. Service
October 13, 2019
at 6:00 pm

Acknowledging
Christ
Together

“Flywheel”, a Sherwood Pictures DVD, will be shown.
 Following the DVD, please stay for snacks and fellowship



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 will be available in the narthex. Here are the monthly items:

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| October | Macaroni and Cheese |
| November | Paper Products |
| December | Canned meats, tuna, chicken, spam, etc. |
| January | Soups |
| February | Shampoos and Soaps |
| March | Boxed Cereal |
| April | Condiments |
| May | Laundry or Dish Soaps |

Please no used or outdated products.

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then He washes all of the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. (Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)

He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE



NOVEMBER 10 "FILL RENEE'S JEEP"

Operation Christmas Child

Delivering Good News and Great Joy to children around the world is what Samaritan's Purse through a project known as Operation Christmas Child (OCC) does.

Fill your shoebox(es) and return to Norwin Alliance Church by November 10, 2019. Help to "Fill Renee's Jeep!" and make the best Christmas, ever, for children around the globe.

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Please:

Pick up a decorative box and fill it with a variety of gifts and small toys.

Include a check for \$9.00 to help cover cost of shipping

Secure lid with a rubber band

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

Do Not Include:

Any type of candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Items to include:

* A quality "WOW" Item that will capture the child's attention the instant he/she opens the box:

Doll

Soccer ball/football/kickball (make sure to include a manual air pump so the ball can be re-inflated)

Stuffed animal

Clothing (loose fitting sundresses for girls - shirts, pants, underwear, socks, shoes, flip-flops (cros) etc.

Toy truck, cars, or boats

Small musical instrument (harmonica or woodwind recorder)

Backpack

* Personal Care Items (comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap - wrapped, colorful adhesive bandages, non-liquid lip balm, stick deodorant, nail clipper/file)

* Reusable plastic containers (cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils)

* Hair bows, elastic hair bands, clips, hair ribbons, bracelets, sunglasses, wrist watches

* Flashlight with batteries

* Small toys (foam ball, small Frisbee, small kite, etch-a-sketch, kaleidoscope, marbles, etc)

* Craft and school supplies

* A personal note (you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group.

Go to: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child> for so many more gift ideas and information on packing, "follow your box", and \$9 donation cost.