# **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 2020



## What John the Baptist might say to our Presidential Candidates

John the Baptist was a straight shooter preacher for God. He confronted Herod and would have confronted our leaders and us with these truths:

- t You are God's servant. Drop your agenda and do His will. (Romans 13:4)
- † Punish the wrongdoer. Support the police, and police the police. (Romans 13:4)
- t Help the poor. Work with God not against Him by doing this. (Proverbs 19:17)
- + Fight prejudice. God is pro-minority. (Exodus 22:21)
- t Help everyone work. Work is God's gift. (Ecclesiastes 3:13)
- t Respect all people. Thy are created in God's image. (Psalm 8)
- † Protect the unborn. They are loved by God. (Psalm 139)
- t Marriage is between a man and a woman. Gay pride is sin pride. (Matthew 19:4-5)
- t Receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. You are not the Lord. (Romans 10:9)
- t Don't overtax and over-spend. Don't be like Rehoboam. (I Kings 12)
- t Go to church. It's what real Christians do. (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- t Pray for wisdom or you will be foolish. (James 1:5)
- t Love your enemies. It's what real Christians do. (Matthew 5:44)
- † Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Complete submission to the living Lord Jesus is what He asks of you, without compromise. (Proverbs 3:5)

Pray for Trump, Biden, and us to repent in all our ways during election season.



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. A new "directional" banner has been purchased to assist people when they enter the church.
- 3. The Decorating Committee will be focusing on establishing a Welcome Center in the church.
- 4. It was approved to sponsor a collection of men's clothing items for Light of Life Ministries.
- Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be held on Nov. 1. No meal will be served.
- 6. A Craft Day was approved for October.
- Keen-Ager leadership has decided to cancel all meetings until February 2021 due to concerns related to COVID.
- 8. The proposed 2021 Budget was approved by the Ministry Board. This is a 0.91% increase over the 2020 budget. This budget will go before the congregation for final approval at the Sept. 27th Congregation Meeting.
- 9. We had a very good month of August financially. We met our asking budget and we spent than we received. Thank you all for your faithful giving.



#### **CRAFT DAY!**

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Whether you like to quilt, crochet, knit, scrapbook, or create cards, bring your latest craft projects and join us for a day of fellowship at a no-frills craft day. Come for an hour or plan to stay the day. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet in the narthex or contact the church office so a table can be set-up for you. *Hope to see you on Oct. 17th!* 

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## **Missions Conference**

Thursday, October 22 - Sunday, October 25

The Alliance Missions Emphasis for 2020-2021 is:

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". . . being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:6

Darrell will speak at our Missions Conference this year.

Darrell has been an International Worker with the Alliance for 35 years. He served in the Middle East, North Africa and most recently, working with Syrian refugees in Berlin, Germany. He has been involved in teaching, church planting, and evangelism.

Please join us Oct. 22—Oct. 25. Come meet Darrell and hear how he is working toward finishing the work of the Great Commission.

Please watch for more detailed information in upcoming bulletins.



"We need to finish our UNFINISHED work.

We need to do the things that
we have thought of doing,
intended to do,
talked about doing,
and are abundantly able to do."

~ A.B. Simpson, August 1890

#### **VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA**

"Indian Summer"
Autumn leaves
Thousands raked
Becoming a huge pile
Then jumped into
With a playful laugh.
Enjoying the fun
Memories of childhood mischief.

Necessity to rake again
While admiring brilliance
Of colors from lavish trees.
Leaves waving
From individual yards
With rain and breezes.

Extra work including a reminder
Another season
Somewhat cooler and nippy
Frost on the grass.
Deer chasing each other
Squirrels grabbing nutrition
Turkeys singing a warning
Enjoying the creatures of nature
Before they scamper from snow.

Sunrise and sunsets
Gather your attention.
Busy time for harvest
Fall festivals about to begin
Family, friends gather
Special events and activities
To celebrate!!
Take an extra walk to greet
The house-bound neighbors
During this memorial time of year.



