
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 2021



Minor Prophets, Major Anger, Major Mercy

Hear God's voice on His Anger and His Mercy in the 12 Minor Prophets of the Bible.

"Let us return to the Lord, He has torn us to pieces but He will heal us." Hosea 6:1

"Return to me with all your heart . . . praise the name of the Lord who has worked wonders for you." Joel 2:12, 26

"I will not turn back my wrath . . ." Amos 2 & 3

"Though you soar like an eagle . . . I will bring you down." Obadiah 1:4

"Salvation comes from the Lord." Jonah 2:9

"Walk humbly with your God." Micah 7:8

"The Lord takes vengeance and is filled with wrath." Nahum 1:2

"I waited for the day of calamity . . . yet I will rejoice in the Lord." Habakkuk 3:16-17

"See, I have taken away your sin." Zechariah 3:4

"My name is to be feared among the nations." Malachi 1:14



WEDNESDAY PRAYER TIME

1st Wednesday of each month

Wednesday, September 7

7:00 pm

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for a time to pray for: one another; our church family; the mission, purpose, staff, and leaders of Norwin Alliance Church; the church universal; our community; our nation; and the world. If you have a specific prayer request, please join us for this time of prayer, or if you cannot attend, please contact the church office with your prayer request. We pray that this special time of monthly prayer together will help us see what God wants us to do as a church and build unity in and through our church members.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

- Matthew 18:19-20



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. Jessica Ewing will be working with the youth on Wednesday nights.
3. Pastor Appreciation is Sunday, October 23. A

luncheon will following the 10:45 service.

4. Preschool is going well. Each class has 12 students. Monthly coffee for the parents resumed as well as weekly Chapel for the 4yr old class.
5. It was approved to have Empire lay flooring in the Toddler Room, Youth Class Room, and Craft Room. (the Toddler Room/Bathroom was completed Sept. 20th - the other rooms need to be painted first)

If you ever have any concerns to be brought before the boards, please contact Janis Swope or Harold Lawhorne, our Board Members-at-large.



Our first few weeks of preschool have been great! It has been wonderful getting to know our new friends and seeing old friends again!

In September, we did lots of playing and activities to get to know each other. We also enjoyed some time outside, which the kids absolutely love! Our 4-year old class began meeting with Pastor Daniels on Wednesdays for Chapel time and this is something they always look forward to each week.

This month, we will be learning about pumpkins and fall. We have lots of activities planned with pumpkins and leaves! Our dramatic play area will be transforming again and this time it will be turning into a pumpkin patch. We also have a family hayride scheduled at The Goodman Family Farm, it's always such a nice evening!



Sunday
October 23, 2022

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 23rd has been designated "Pastor Appreciation Sunday" by our Elders. There will be a special luncheon following the 10:45 service to honor Pastor Bob/Regina and Joe/Becky Cox. If you would like to "shower" Pastor Bob and Joe with cards of thanks and appreciation ~ there will be a box available on the 23rd.

"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



Prayer Warriors are needed for our Preschool students, families, and teachers.

A sign-up sheet will be available on the shelf in the narthex with the names of our students and teachers. Please prayerfully consider being part of this ministry. There are 24 students and 3 teachers.

Prayer is one of the greatest support we can give to our preschool children but tangible encouragement is important as well. We ask that you periodically send in birthday cards, special holiday cards, notes of encouragement to your child. All correspondence needs to come through the church office. They will be given to the teachers who will then put all notes in the students' folders to go home.

You will be contacted with specific prayer needs as they arise.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Barnhart or Mardy Rogers.



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 is available in the narthex. October's collection item: **Macaroni & Cheese.**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.





The October meeting of Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will be on Thursday, October 27 at **11:00 am**.

The meal will be Soups and Stews, Salads, Cheese Tray, Pumpkin dessert.

Cathie Rhodes will minister to us with music.

* * Food Pantry item is: Paper Products/Canned Vegetables.

Reminder: Money for the November and December Catered lunches is due at the October meeting. \$12.00/person per month.

Everyone age 50 and over is invited to join us for lunch and fellowship.

Hope to see you on October 27th ~ we are looking forward to having a great afternoon together.



October 28-30, 2022
Laurelville Camp, Mt Pleasant, PA

JOLT 22 is a fall retreat designed for middle school students in grades 6-8 to experience God together and be challenged to walk in greater intimacy with Him.



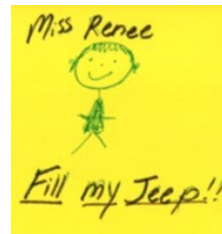
Speaker: Joel Repic
*Director of
Church Planting for the WPA
District.*



Worship Leader: Jake Furman
*Jake is on staff at Aliquippa
Gospel Tabernacle, Crestmont
Campus.*



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE



Operation Christmas Child

2021 News

The boxes from the Mid-Atlantic Region (PA and New Jersey) went to the Ukraine. They confirmed distribution prior to the war. 610,234 boxes! 12,473 boxes just from Westmoreland County plus 191 "Build a Box" which is online.

2022

The goal for Westmoreland County for 2022 is 15,000.

Boxes are available in the narthex outside the Sanctuary.

Please be sure to pick up a pamphlet with the labels. 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 6th. 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.



VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA

Associate Pastor, Billy Barnes of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee has shared this message that “the love of God is not meant to make us a storehouse but a distribution center.” God has poured His love into our hearts so that we will resonate like instruments of praise (Romans 5:5). God resounds His purposes. We have been shaped with great intentions, made to one day resonate His glory in perfect wholeness (Hebrews 12:12, 13).

The grain of truth grows slowly. There is a grain written in our design, and we have a skillful designer who first made us and is now forming us into who we are meant to be. Songwriter/Singer/Author Sandra McCracken shares in her emotional music and spiritual expressions, how God works in our life over time ~ a hardship, an adventure, a quiet moment, stopping at a red light, special ‘kiss’ for a special child, saying good-bye at a funeral, graduation day, when a grandchild gets married, our veterans - the list goes on and on and on. God gives each of us the energy, strength, wisdom, love, obedience we need to face the world around us as we just lift up our voices to Him in prayers and singing. We also need to just observe a quiet time. In the autumn, it is a reminder of the beauty of the

leaves changing colors and what we will experience very soon as we celebrate Christmas.

John 8:31-32, Jesus therefore was saying to those who had believed Him, “If you abide in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

God’s Word has such a wonderful example of humanity and friendship. David and Solomon remind us repeatedly of two designated young men, despite dangers in their immediate families, depending on each other for encouragement, safety and basic protection. It was a very proper love relationship. Today we need a similar friendship. A believer needs another believer! Just think about it as you read David and Solomon in First Kings.

Zechariah 8:14-17 (The Message Bible) A message from God-of-the-Angel-Armies: “In the same way that I decided to punish you when your ancestors made me angry and didn’t pull my punches, at this time I’ve decided to bless Jerusalem and the country of Judah. Don’t be afraid. And now here’s what I want you to do. Tell the truth, the whole truth, when you speak. Do the right thing by one another, both personally and in your courts. Don’t cook up plans to take unfair advantage of others. Don’t do or say what isn’t so. I hate all that stuff. Keep your lives simple and honest.” Decree of God.



Fill a Bottle, Save a Life!

Norwin Alliance Church is once again partnering with Women’s Choice Network by participating in their Baby Bottle Campaign.

Please consider donating during this year’s Baby Bottle Campaign! You can pick up a bottle from the shelf in the narthex, fill with cash or a check and return the bottle to the church by October 30.

**All proceeds directly benefit programs
at Women’s Choice Network**

