
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 2023



Congregation Meeting
SUNDAY, October 8, 2023
11:30 am

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Some items of business that will be discussed are:

1. Nominating Committee members will be chosen.
2. The 2024 Church Budget will be presented and voted on.

Don't be left in the dark ~ stay and hear what is happening at Norwin Alliance Church and let your voice be heard. * * A quorum is needed to approve the 2024 budget.

All are encouraged to attend ~ but only members can vote.

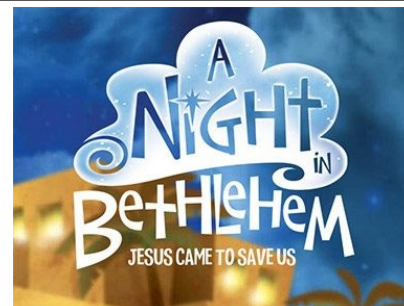
Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee:

~ Nominate Officers of Norwin Alliance Church (Ministry Board Secretary, Church Treasurer, Asst. Church Treasurer, Board Members at Large) to be elected at the January Congregation Meeting.

~ Nominate "positions of serving" to be appointed by the Elder Board.

~ Consider nominees from the Elder Board for the position of Elder and if desired, make Elder nominations to the Elder Board.

If you have any questions, or would like to suggest a person for an office, please contact the Board Members-at-Large (Janis Swope or Harold Lawhorne) or Lead Elder (Jeff Ewing)



Saturday, December 16, 2023

Join us for this unique Christmas event for families of our church and community. Attendees will be transported to the city of Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth.

In order for this event to be successful, we need everyone's help - young and old alike.

Please be thinking of how YOU can help with this exciting event. Then sign the sheet in the narthex under the area you would like to help.

We are still in need of:

TOWNSPEOPLE to float through the church assisting our guests in finding rooms and activities.

REGISTRATION people.

PUBLICITY people.

DECORATING helpers. We will start decorating on Thursday, December 14 after 2:00 pm and then all day Friday, December 15 as needed.

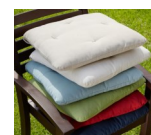
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Items needed for the Experiences and Decorating

Decorative Lanterns

Large Floor Pillows

Old Sheets/Blankets
(tans and browns)



If you are able to lend or donate any of these items, please drop them off at the church office (please put your names on the items).

Please contact Cindy Barnhart or Mardy Rogers with any questions you may have.

THANK YOU!



WEDNESDAY PRAYER TIME

This month's Prayer Time will be one week later (2nd Wednesday)

October 11th

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



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

A sign-up sheet is 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 28 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.



The first month of school has flown by already. We have two full classes with a total of 28 little ones.

In September, we focused on getting to know each other with an "All About Me" theme and then we moved onto Apples. We measured apples, saw if they would sink or float in water and did apple taste testing.

This month, we will learn about fall, pumpkins, and nocturnal animals. We will also have our annual evening hayride at the Goodman Family Farm.

The preschool has purchased a "mud" kitchen for outside play. They are looking for old metal pots/pans (small sized) and any spoons, whisks, etc. If you have anything laying around that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the church office. The children will be encouraged to get messy and creative while playing with the kitchen ~ think water play mixed with some mud ☺

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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-n-Cheese**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.





The October meeting of Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will be on Thursday, October 26 at **11:00 am**.

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

Someone from the Hahntown Fire Department will come to speak to us.

* * Food Pantry item is: Macaroni and Cheese.

Reminder: Money for the November and December Catered lunches is due at the October meeting. If you are only attending one month, the cost is \$13.00/person. If you are attending both months, the cost is \$25.00/person.

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



Fill a Bottle, Save a Life!

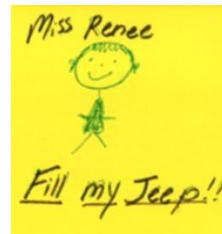
Norwin Alliance Church is once again partnering with Women's Choice Network by participating in their Baby Bottle Campaign.

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 November 5th.

All proceeds directly benefit programs at Women's Choice Network



Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE



In July, boxes were packed for the Shoebox Ministry during the packing party. There is still an opportunity to participate in this ministry. 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 5th. 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.

All boxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 5th and then taken to the collection center.



VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA

It is a privilege and a joy to attend a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. To be aware that God's Word is taught on a continuous basis is a special blessing; and to know someone in a local community or a country in a different part of the world who shares the Gospel in many languages, cultures and customs.

That is why it is important to uphold a "missionary" in prayer in the following reminders:

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| 1. Open Doors | Colossians 4:2-3 |
| 2. Boldness | Ephesians 6:19 |
| 3. God's Word will Spread | II Thessalonians 3:1 |
| 4. Protection | II Thessalonians 3:2 |
| 5. Effective Ministry | John 15:5 |
| 6. Travel | Mark 16:15 |
| 7. Refreshment | Matthew 11:28-30 |

Thank you for encouragement to the "missionaries" you encourage and support financially, with PRAYER, attendance at meetings where they are speaking; or just upholding in friendships.

As Rachel Wilson returns to the country of Ecuador the beginning of October 2023, thank you for the love and support you give to her while in the U.S.A. and especially in South America!

Ladies
Night Out

Saturday, October 14th
5:00 pm



Please sign the sheet in the narthex by Oct. 8th and join the ladies for an evening of food and fellowship!



Cantata practices have just started. Even if you are not a regular choir attender, there is room for you in the Christmas Cantata.

Cantata practices begin at 7:45 pm every Thursday and concludes by 8:30 pm.

You do not have to audition, read music, or be a soloist. You don't sing but would like to take part ~ please see Vicki Booher about a speaking role.

The Cantata will be presented on Saturday night, December 9th at 6:30 pm and also Sunday morning, December 10th at 10:45 am.



TO THE HARD PLACES

**MISSIONS ENGAGEMENT
2023-2024**

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29

Mark your calendars and watch your bulletins for more information on our Missions Conference with Eric.