
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

September 2018



Dr. Ron Walborn once preached a powerful message at District Conference on the theme of "Fighting the Right Battle." The Scripture was on Jesus and the woman caught in adultery in John 8:1-11. Ron made the following applications which I think are life changing:

1. Listen before you lecture. Jesus modeled this to both the Pharisees and the guilty sinner. Who will hear the voices of dead religion and dead pagan behavior? God does and God's people do.
2. Allow people to belong before they believe. Jesus meets people where they are and then gives them the power to change. The church can too.
3. Exercise more compassion than control. This is a difficult one for us little popes. If you just fight the battle for behavior, you will lose the battle for the heart. Jesus understood if you win the heart, then behavior follows.

Dr. Walborn closed with a quote from Brennan Manning: "The Lord meets us just as we are not as we should be, because we are never where we should be."

Let's go and do likewise.

From His grace we have
all received one blessing
after another."

John 1:16

NEIGHBOR DAY 2018



Sunday, September 9, 2018

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

COME

INVITE your friends, family, and neighbors

SIGN-UP to help

PRAY

The service begins at 10:00 am on the front lawn followed by lunch and activities.

Please sign the sheet in the narthex and mark the area you are able to help.

Yard signs are available - please take one and display in your yard.

HELP US spread the Good News
to our Community!

NEIGHBOR DAY
Norwin Alliance Church

Sun SEPT 9th 10am - 2pm

10585 Farview Drive
724-864-1570

Worship Service • Free Food • Games

Connection Service
 Sunday, September 16, 2018
 6:30 pm

David Daniels will come and speak with us about a ministry he is involved with in Chicago, GRIP.

GRIP Outreach for Youth is a non-profit in Chicago whose mission is to break the fatherless cycle through Christ-centered, life-on-life relationship. By pairing Christian adults with Chicago teens in mentorship relationship, GRIP facilitates discipleship for students who have never walked alongside a devoted Christian or witnessed a healthy marriage.

Each letter in the word GRIP represents one of our pillars:

G – GOSPEL

Sharing the Life-Changing Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

R – RELATIONSHIPS

Building Life-on-Life, God-Glorifying, Disciples-Making Relationships. Building biblical relationships based on honesty, trust, and love is vitally important to accomplishing our mission. We believe that the real impact of GRIP's ministry takes place outside the walls of our programs, when our youth and adult volunteers are walking life together.

I – IMMERSION

Plugging Youth into the Word of God & into the Community of God. We believe that the Word of God is essential for the sustenance and growth of our faith and the faith of our youth. We aspire to see our youth become vibrant, growing participants with the local church body, where solid teaching and the support of many God-honoring men and women will surround them.

P – PRAYER & PREPARATION

Praying as Our First Call of Action



Winter Boots

(Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love this)

Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her pupils put on his boots? He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling, and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat.

She almost cried when the little boy said, 'Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.' She looked, and sure enough, they were. Unfortunately, it wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as, together, they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the correct feet.

He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.' She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to.

Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they got the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots. But my Mom made me wear 'em today.'

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots BACK onto his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens?' He said, 'I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots.'



Can you relate? We all can sometimes because life gets frustrating and difficult. What do you do to release your stress? **I SING PRAISES!** Nothing calms my spirit more or brings me more quickly into God's calming presence than to sing. So isn't it just amazing that we have a **free** outlet for you - twice a week. **YOU** are invited Thursdays at 7 to join the **CHOIR**. We sing most Sunday mornings at 10:45 from September through May. If you are unsure about the commitment or whether this is for you - try us out! We will start our first rehearsal on August 30 at 7 PM. Just come to the choir room, we'll get you all set up! Hope to see you there.



KEEN-AGERS

If you are age 50 or over, this is your special invitation to attend the September meeting of Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers on Thursday, September 21st beginning at 11:30 am.

Our menu will be heritage foods, we can't wait to see what heritage side dishes and desserts everyone will bring.

Our program will be the showing of NOAH from Sight and Sound.

Invite and bring a friend and remember to bring your personal table place settings.

*Joe and Pat Beyer
Co-Presidents of Keen-Agers*



CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

It's time to start thinking about the Children's Choir Christmas Program! We invite all children ages 4 - 13 to join us! Please encourage your children to participate in this ministry. If your child is interested in participating, please let us know as soon as possible. More details about what kind of program we will be working on will be available once we have a better idea of our group size. We usually rehearse weekly on Sunday mornings during the 10:45 AM service. Please stay tuned for more details about our start date! Please also feel free to invite other family members and friends to join us! If you have any questions, contact Shelly Denney (shelly_denney@msn.com) or Chris Lochiatto (chrissymomof4@gmail.com).



**Saturday, September 29, 2018
9:00 – 11:00 am**

*"Let's not just give of our stuff,
but let's give of our friendship and time!"*

Collection Times ~ Thurs., Sept. 27 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Fri., Sept. 28 9:30 am - 8:30 pm

Please NO clothing, footwear, TVs. We are accepting gently worn coats, hats, scarves, and gloves.

Help is needed for collection days and day of event. Please sign the sheet in the narthex.



BACK to SCHOOL

B e still, and know I am God.	Psalm 46:10
A ll things God works for the good.	Romans 8:28
C ast all my anxiety on Him.	I Peter 5:7
K now whose I am!	I John 3:1
T rust in the Lord with all my heart.	Proverbs 3:5
O pen my eyes to see the truth.	Psalm 119:18
S how me your ways, Lord.	Psalm 25:4
C reate in me a clean heart.	Psalm 51:10
H e who is in me is greater.	I John 4:4
O bey the Lord my God.	Deut. 27:10
O h Lord, you are my strength & shield.	Psalm 28:1
L et love and faithfulness never leave me.	Proverbs 3:4

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“See You at the Pole”

Wednesday, September 26, 2018



“See You at the Pole” (SYATP) is an annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at a flagpole in front of their local school for prayer, scripture-reading and hymn-singing, during the early morning before school starts. The American SYATP events occur on every fourth Wednesday of September.



Dan Boal



Illusionist, Comedian, Communicator

The Youth will be attending
IGNITION
 on
 Saturday, September 22, 2018
 6:00 pm

at Cornerstone Ministries
 Murrysville, PA

See one of the youth leaders for more information.

What Is Ignition? *Ignition* is an annual school year kick-off for High School/Middle School youth in the Pittsburgh region. Our mission is to challenge students to share God’s love and truth with the students in their schools beginning with *See You at the Pole*.

Did you know you can find Norwin Alliance Church on Facebook?



Norwin Alliance Church has a new, more formal Facebook page! Our new page includes church contact information, directions to our location with a map, links to our website and email address, our mission statement, service times, ministry groups, and special events & services. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to search for "Norwin Alliance Church" (look for the logo shown above) and hit "like" to stay up-to-date on current church events. Also, please share the page with your family and friends! This is a great tool to better communicate and connect with our community and church family!

We also currently have a Facebook group, which many of you may be members of already. We will continue to use this page for more informal communications. Please continue to post photos of events and special announcements to share with the group. If you are not yet a member of the group, please consider joining!

If you have any questions about the Facebook page, please contact Shelly Denney.

We also have a website, www.norwinalliance.org. Here you can find our Statement of Faith, upcoming events, ministry information, contact information and history of Norwin Alliance Church, and audio files of the services. If you are the leader of a ministry group, and you do not see your group listed under the "ministry" tab, please consider including your ministry group's information. Also, if your group is already included, you can update your ministry page with information and pictures at any time. Please contact Roy Koch for any additions or updates to the website.

Let's make our online presence as current and useful as possible to show our community what we believe and invite them in to worship with us!

VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA

Magnificent, snow-covered Cascade Mountains with thousands of various kinds of trees everywhere you look. Turn another direction to envision the Pacific Ocean, that drifts toward land in the evening. The water was too cold for swimming, but perfect for wading.

Try to imagine the beauties in nature that God has around us everywhere. Of course it is different in PA than on the West Coast. Driving up and down the Cascade Mountain range/Mt. Rainier consisted of many, many curvy miles and higher than the Laurels in our area. Maybe this might be the same for you: drinking LAMB'S milk, instead of cow's milk? Beef and dairy cattle roam on enormous farms allowing herd growth. Another huge availability is LOTS of fruits and vegetables, fish, crab, oysters and other seafood (salmon is delicious). And trees by the 'zillions' grow all around for the lumbering business in Washington. It is so amazing watching NUMEROUS lumber trucks passing by on the highways. What used to be coal mines is now wheat fields. Silver was also stripped from the land. Industries needing hard coal now depend on neighbor state Montana to bring it over.

A note to mention, the growth in the Seattle area is interesting because a few well-known person live here: musicians Ray Charles, Quincy Jones and Ernestine Anderson for the two dozen 'jazz' nightclubs. The wealth of Amazon and other computer/software/internet companies thrive at this coastal vicinity. Microsoft founder Bill Gates is a Seattle resident. Alaska Airlines, founded in 1932, has over 21,500 employees.

Personal comment: It has been such a blessing, joy, and privilege to return to the Seattle/Tacoma, WA area to visit cousins, see historical places, and fantastic Mt. Rainier again. I was a teenager the last time I visited there with my family. Of course things definitely have changed a lot as time moves on. Still thousands of TREES and the gorgeous PACIFIC OCEAN! God gives His love to mankind no matter where we are. Psalm 31:24 says: *"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart All you who hope in the Lord."* (NKJV) It was my 'travel verse'. And imagine this: I met a guy from PA who went out to the Mr. Rainier National Park to work for the summer. The park closes sooner than we realize for public camping, hiking, etc. Only an average of 640 inches of snow falls in the mountain area yearly. WOW! You can vision snow all the time. Have snowball fights in the summer ☺

Remember to be thankful WHEREVER you are for the glorious beauty God gives to everyone, all year long. Begin reading Genesis 1:1. Enjoy the elegance of creation.

The Women's Corner

By Janis Swope

Summer! Where did it go? The neighborhood kids are back in school. Since July, Hobby Lobby has been selling Fall decorations for your home. Walmart started selling pumpkin pies in August. We had so much rain it caused flooding and landslides throughout the region. When it wasn't raining, the heat and humidity made it difficult to sit out on your porch. The rain also caused you to cut your grass more often. In August when you would normally mow your grass every two weeks, this year you had to cut it three times a week. On top of that the newspaper advised that a great thing is coming to your local shopping mall where teens hang out – a casino so you don't have to travel 25 miles to Pittsburgh to drink and gamble your money away! Never mind the fact that you will no longer have to worry about getting stuck in Pittsburgh traffic because some protesters have completely shut down the road to the Pittsburgh casino. And our own county seat made national news because a grand jury announced that in Pennsylvania at least 300 Catholic priests over a span of decades had taken advantage of their position to abuse possibly thousands of children with no consequence. Add to that the corruption of power that has taken place in our local, state and national political offices. Ah Summer! Where did it go?

Are you feeling better now? Or does all this stress you out and make you wonder what in the world is happening? Isn't there anyone in control of things? How are we to cope with all this mess that keeps happening every day. Can no one help us? Let me start by giving you some GOOD news. JESUS HAS IT ALL IN CONTROL!

Are you feeling any better yet? I hope so. First, I believe that the weirder and stranger and scarier the world becomes, the closer Jesus is to returning for his followers. Secondly, only Jesus can solve the problems of this present world. He solves them by coming into the hearts of those who love him and have decided to follow him. He is only delaying coming to take his believers to heaven because he loves all people and does not want anyone to perish. But eventually his patience will wear out and he will come for those of us who love him. Thirdly, Jesus taught his disciples that they were not to worry about anything because worry accomplishes nothing, and if God takes care of the birds, animals and flowers of the field, he will much more watch

over us who love Him. I urge you to grow in your faith regarding these matters. He wants us to keep doing what we are doing (working, going to school, keeping house, farming, etc.) until he decides to return. If we are taking care of these things and telling others about his love for us by living out our faith and speaking about our faith, we needn't worry about anything. Go, relax and live your life without fear knowing that he cares for us and has everything under his control. Besides, you don't want to miss the Christmas decorations at Joanne Fabrics because you're too stressed ☺

The Women's Sunday School Class has been looking at various psalms and learning how they help our prayer life by teaching us about ourselves. Please note: Beginning September 23rd we will begin a new study of the book of Ephesians. We will be using a book by Elizabeth George titled "Understanding Your Blessings in Christ: Ephesians." We hope to discover practical and fulfilling truths for our journey with Jesus. If you are interested, please join me and others in the Craft Room at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. New students are welcome!

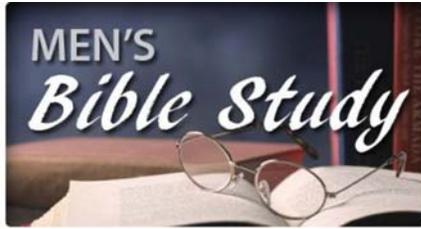
The Ladies Bible Study is in the midst of learning about "Twelve Extraordinary Women." As of this writing we are finishing our study of Ruth and look forward to learning about Hannah, Mary the mother of Jesus, Anna, The Samaritan Woman, Martha and Mary, Mary Magdalene and Lydia. If you would like to join us on this study, you are welcome! We will have coffee on and sometimes a treat.

The Last Word

Joy is the serious business of heaven.

~ C.S. Lewis





Begins Monday, September 24
10:30 am

This study will meet each Monday morning at the same time as the Ladies' Bible Study. The men will meet back in the youth area.

ALL men are welcome to attend. Come join them.

Leader: Bill Swope

Study: The Book of Genesis

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, September 21
7:00 pm



Join the fun! All ages are welcome.

Bring your favorite snack, dessert, or appetizer to share and come socialize with your church family and friends.

VISITING DAY

He was looking forward to this moment all day long ~ after 6 days of labor and it finally arrived, Visiting Day!

The man with the keys arrived to swing open the large heavy doors. The cold gray hall sprang to life in the warm glow of light. He could hardly control his emotions.

The families began to arrive. He peers from the corner of the room longing for a glimpse of His loved ones. He lives for the weekends. He lives for these visits. As the cars arrive, He watches intently.

Then finally, they arrive, for whom He would do anything. They embrace, eat a light lunch and reminisce how things used to be.

At one point they break into singing, with interruptions of laughter and applause. But all too soon it is over.

A tear comes to His eyes as they depart. Then the man with the keys closes the heavy doors. He hears the key turn in the lock marking the end of a special day.

There He stands alone again. He knows that most of His visitors will not contact Him again until next week.

As the last car pulls away from the parking lot, Jesus retreats into loneliness as He waits for next Sunday - Visiting Day.

Is the time we spend with Jesus an every day thing or do we just visit Him on Sunday? Think about it . . .

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Taken from the "Undercover Club" newsletter

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Please contact Barbara Pogue at
724-863-1608 if interested

