
KOINONIA

“That the communication (Koinonia)(pronounced:coy no nee a) of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.” Philemon 1:6

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2010



Jesus said, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ~ Mark 1:17

“Follow me” means to join with Him, to be in fellowships and joint participation. Lloyd Ogilvie comments on Jesus’ words: “Being a fisher of men does not require superior spirituality. Our own needs and the discovery of what God can do with them is the point of contact with others.”

Participate in *The Andrew Ministry* as outlined below.

1. **LOOK-UP** ~ because prayer changes us and others. Christ will give you His heart for specific people. ~ Luke 10:2
2. **LOOK AROUND** ~ because your mission field is right where you live, work, or go to school. God will give you natural opportunities to share His love with people in your life. ~ John 4:35
3. **LOOK OUT** ~ for times to build bridges to show and tell the Good News. Set a plan of action. Do acts of kindness for others. Anticipate inviting them to church or to an event at which the gospel will be shared. ~ John 3:16; Galatians 6:10
4. **LOOK AFTER** ~ those who receive Christ, and those who labor with you in supportive prayer. Continue to love and pray for them whether they respond to Christ or not. ~ Acts 2:46-47

(adopted from Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

With God’s help, pray daily for five people who need the Lord.

Billy Graham says: “I challenge you to get involved in the *Andrew Ministry* today. It is a simple process in which any Christian can participate.”

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PRAYER CHAIN

New Prayer Chains are in the process of being put together.

What is the Prayer Chain and what does it do?

Those members and adherents of Norwin Alliance Church who wish to be prayer intercessors for the church family are placed on Deaconess’ lists. When the intensive prayer chain is activated (for emergency or critical needs of our immediate church family), your Deaconess will call you for your prayers. This chain is also activated to inform of service closings. All other prayer requests are circulated through the Deaconesses and Elder for prayer.

Not all prayer requests go through the intensive prayer chain. As stated above, only emergency or critical needs of our immediate church family are placed on the intensive chain ~ unless the family specifically requests that the full chain be activated. Some prayer requests are of a personal nature and only the Elders and Deaconesses are contacted for prayers.

When calling in prayer requests, if you want the intensive prayer chain activated, please indicate this when calling. In the same manner, not all requests are printed on the Praise and Petition sheet. We try very hard to honor everyone’s privacy. If you would like your request printed on the Praise and Petition sheet, please state this when calling in for prayer.

When called to prayer ~ pray as though the need was for a member of your own family ~ we are all a part of God’s family.

If you are not already a part of the Norwin Alliance Prayer Chain and would like to pray for the needs of your church family, please see Judy Himler, Lead Deaconess, so she can add you to a list. Also, if you have any questions about the Prayer Chain, please contact Judy or Pastor Bob.





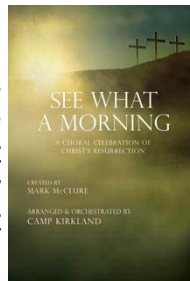
ARE YOU A FINGER OR A TOE?



Have you ever broken a finger or toe? You probably did not give that digit much thought before the injury, but suddenly you just can't forget it. Every time you need to accomplish something, you realize how much you relied on that once-neglected part. The scripture describes the church as one body. Each member has a function; and if one member is missing or out of commission, it does not function properly.

The choir is a family inside the church family. Though we function well on a regular basis, there are times that we really struggle because we need more voices. Are you the missing part? You don't have to be a soloist, the greatest singer, or even able to read music. We need people who want to worship God and love music. We'll find the right part for you and a buddy to help you if you need it.

The choir is just about to begin rehearsals for our Easter cantata, "See What A Morning". The music is not demanding, in fact the whole program is only 32 minutes from start to end, but very meaningful. So why not give it a try? This is the perfect time to see what this ministry is all about.



We rehearse on Thursday nights from 7:30-8:45 PM, no need to call – just come to the choir room! (Babysitting is provided for those with young children.) If you are only interested in singing for the cantata, arrive around 8:15.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki at musicdirector@norwinalliance.org. We hope to see you there!

The choir is in **desperate** need of a babysitter. We are looking for someone who is willing to be here weekly during rehearsals. They must be dependable and able to handle 2-7 kids each week ranging from 20 months to 7 years old. If you are high school age (or older) and willing to take on this ministry, please contact Vicki Booher this week.



It seems that we can't talk about the Youth these days without talking about *LIFE 2010*. We are very excited about the opportunity to grow closer in our Christian walk. We are in the process of finalizing our "lineup" for the trip. The details are coming together. We have launched our support programs and we are humbled by the level of participation. We would like to thank you for your prayerful and financial support. We will be presenting during Sunday services for two more weeks and then we look forward to starting our prayer meetings. *LIFE* is a unique event that presents the congregation with the opportunity to draw together. We are amazed and anxious to see the Spirit's work among us.

In the nearer future, we are also planning the details for our annual spring retreat, *BREAKAWAY*, in Erie. Our Senior High students are always energized for this great Alliance event.

One new event we are introducing this year is our Senior High Movie Night. One Saturday each month we will be hosting a themed movie and game night for our Senior High students. These nights will provide a great opportunity for fellowship and outreach. We had a "test-run" in October with great success and we look forward to spending these nights with the Youth.

After spending almost six months teaching on the foundations of prayer and worship, we are now focusing on the Scriptures themselves. We will be utilizing the Gospel of Mark to teach the students about the Bible and how to effectively study.

I would like to personally thank you for your support of our Youth. We are truly blessed at Norwin Alliance Church.

Bob Pazehoski
Youth Superintendent



KEEN-AGERS



Do you have the mid-winter blahs? You have not tried coming to Keen-Agers have you? Try us!! There's time to talk and visit; we'll put a smile on your face, feed you, and send you home with lifted spirits.

Join us on Thursday, February 25th at 11:30 am. You will enjoy a lunch of Italian food, side dishes and cherry pie with ice-cream for dessert. Peggy Cook from the Area Agency on Aging will be our guest speaker.

Please contact Betty Kunkle or Ruth Long (Co-Presidents of the Keen-Agers) if you have any questions.

If you are 50 years of age and older, we'll be expecting you!

February 12 - Ruth Lauffer turns **90 years old**

February 22 - Rhoda Cooper Turns **95 years old**



Let's "**shower**" them with cards. You can send Ruth Lauffer's to: 421 Valley View Rd Eighty-four, PA 15330

And Rhoda's to: Briarcliff Pavilion 249 Maus Dr. N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

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Ruth Lauffer's daughter, Ruth Ann, is having a Birthday Open House on Friday, February 12th to celebrate Ruth's birthday. She would love you to come. If you would like more information, please contact the church office.

Hand Bell Choir



Weekly Bell Choir rehearsal will begin again on Thursday, February 11th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Please see Kevin Craycraft if you would like to be a part of this Ministry.



Club NAC/FaithWeaver Friends Service Project

The children of Club NAC/FaithWeaver Friends are opening a "Personal Care Products" drive to the congregation.

On Wednesday, February 24th the children will hear a devotional on service and giving and will then creatively package all "Personal Care Products" which will be donated to the Sunshine Kitchen in McKeesport.

Beginning Sunday, January 31st the following products will be collect:

For Men: razors, shaving cream, comb, deodorant and soap.

For Women: razors, shaving cream, comb, deodorant, soap, and hygiene products.

Boxes will be available under the shelf in the narthex for you to place your donations.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Megan Metzger
Superintendent of Wednesday Eve. Children

Too many try to get something from worship without putting anything into it.

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

When Bob Pazehoski introduced *LIFE 2010*, this writer immediately was reminded of her *LIFE* experience in 1967. I was privileged to attend the second conference offered to Alliance youth. AS A GROUP OF SEVERAL HUNDRED ALLIANCE YOUTH FROM OHIO, MICHIGAN, WEST VIRGINIA, and other places, we rode a TRAIN ACROSS THE U.S.A. to beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. The dates: July 8-14, 2967. What did we do in 1967? ? We san, hiked, played baseball, shuffleboard, volleyball, horseshoes, canoed, went horseback riding, rode the rapids of the Colorado River, swam, listened to some great Bible teachers, were inspired by missionaries, competed in Bible quizzing, music and sports, relaxed, made some new friends, became acquainted with musicians from the Alliance colleges - - probably some of the very same things that the youth do at *LIFE* now.

Our speakers were: Paul Edwardson, from Canada and Dr. Nathan Bailey, past President of the Alliance. The music was led by Sketch Erickson. *LIFE* Bible verse was John 17:3 ~ "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

What did we take home with us, besides dirty clothes? ? We returned to our homes all across the USA with a renewed zeal to serve God, and hopefully be a witness to the kids in school. Many of us went on to be missionaries, pastors, pastor's wives, teachers, medical personnel, musicians, and ministries in many other areas of service. To this writer is seems like only yesterday that I boarded the train and had the fantastic privilege of traveling across the USA, observing many of the sites that make America such a wonderful country. And the scenery - - WOW!!


Please help our Norwin Alliance youth attend *LIFE 2010*. It is a special time to renew, refresh, commit, serve, be a friend, pray, study God's Word, sing, have fun and let God take a hold of their young lives. PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH !!! Encourage them. Embrace them with God's love. Send them to *LIFE*. If this almost 60 year old remembers *LIFE 1967* so vividly, just think how it could impress our youth this summer.

The Women's Corner

by Janis Swope

Welcome to the column that is for and about women of all ages. The goal of this column is to let you know what ministry opportunities are available for women in our church and maybe throw in a little bit of information that will help you in your daily walk. If you have any ideas of things you would like me to include, just let me know.

Ladies Bible Study ~ *If you are able, please join us on Monday mornings at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We have been studying Henry Blackaby's "Experiencing God" workbook. We have just finished Unit 2 in which we discussed God-centered living and God's plans versus our plans. We also discussed the importance of maintaining a close relationship with God so that we will be ready when He gives us assignments. Maybe you've felt impressed to tell that store clerk about what a great friend Jesus is to you, but hesitated and decided now wasn't the time. When God gives us assignments we must be ready to respond immediately. God is in charge and it is His timing and not ours that matters. I hope you find this intriguing enough to want to join us. Our verse for this unit is Psalm 20:7, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."*

 **Norwin Alliance Women** ~ *We are looking forward to an exciting and event-filled year ahead. This year we are hosting AW Prayer Walks in the church to be held quarterly. The women will gather in the church and in an orderly fashion will walk the inside of the church praying for each area of ministry. The first of these prayer walks is Friday, February 26th from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. A light refreshment will be provided afterward. I hope all of you praying ladies will turn out for our first prayer walk!*

Looking Ahead to March ~ *our annual Tea will be held on Saturday, March 20th. Plans for a speaker have not been firmed up yet, mark the date on your calendar to celebrate the arrival of Spring!*

In the Narthex you will find some baskets. Won't you please help us fill these up with goodies for two missionaries? Tina uses the "Color Me Beautiful" program to present to the women she works with and has requested donations of small items she can use in her ministry. Here is her list of requested items: lipsticks, lip gloss, blush, hand sanitizer, foot cream, body lotion, body sprays, body wash, scarves, compact mirrors, earrings, perfumes, manicure sets,

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pedicure sets, bobby pins, bath salts, nail polish, sponges, hair items of all kinds. Debbie would also like some small items to use for her literacy school, Sunday School, English and youth ministries in the city and Marriage Encounter ministries. Here is her list of requested items: Sewing kits, first-aid kits, crayons, markers, disposable pencils, small prized for children, small scented lotions and candles, key rings, reading glasses (lower#'s—Dollar Store is fine), and Kool-Aid packets. The baskets will be designated for each ministry. You will have from January 31st—March 28th to donate these items.

What a wonderful group of ladies we have! At our January meeting, it was agreed to send \$355.00 to CAMA for help in Haiti. Yeah Ladies!!!

The next regular meeting of the Norwin Alliance Women will be on Monday, February 15th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. This month let us pray for the people of Haiti as they struggle to rebuild their lives after the earthquakes.

The Last Word . . .

"God not only orders our steps but he orders our stops."
~ Anonymous



Missions Moment

by: Janis Swope

Our mission focus for February is Jordan. Although many of you may know someone called Jordan, it is also a small country in the Middle East that shares its western border with Israel. It is about the size of Indiana. Ninety-five percent of the people are Arab and ninety-two percent are Muslim. Did you know that Jordan is considered a Creative Access Country? Hey, what's that you may be asking! Well, a quick definition of a Creative Access Country is one in which International Workers (missionaries) are not always welcome, so they enter the country with working visas, get secular jobs, learn the culture and become living witnesses to their neighbors. Because of the sensitive nature of their ministry, I can't even give you a name of one International Worker there. The International Workers in Jordan seek to reach the people of Jordan by meeting practical needs in their lives, like learning English. By seeking to meet their needs, we share the love of Christ establishing a relationship with them which will win us a hearing. We need to be willing to meet people where they are. How can Norwin Alliance help meet those needs? Let's begin to love people both in word and deed. Let them see Christ's compassion flowing through us as we make everyday connections.

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"CHILI SUPPER"

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MOVIE

Sunday, February 21st

5:00 pm

Please come out for an evening of food and fellowship. The movie will be "The Ultimate Gift" a Hallmark Presentation. Please sign the sheet in the narthex so we have a count of how many will be attending. If you are able to bring a crock-pot of chili or pan of brownies, please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee plans and coordinates the major social events of the church. In order for events to be scheduled, congregation members are asked to fill out a Fellowship Committee Request form to identify the specific needs of your event.

This form will help the Committee plan and carry out your event efficiently.

Forms can be found in the Fellowship Committee mail slot in the Ushers Room. You can return the completed form to that slot or slip under the Secretary's office door. All forms should be turned in 3-4 weeks prior to your event.

Elena Dornin is the Fellowship Committee Chair. You may contact her with any ideas, suggestions, or questions regarding the Fellowship Committee.