
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

May 2009



Growing season is here. Farmers and gardeners are ready to do work that pre-dates sin entering the world (Genesis 2:15). God's Word compares being a follower of Jesus to planting season. "A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." (Galatians 6:7-8)

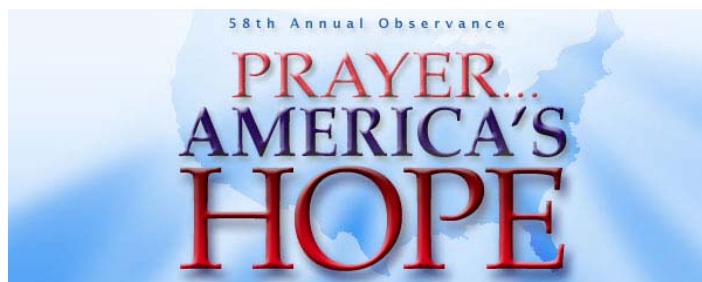
Chuck Swindoll says the garden listed below from the Lord is worth planting:

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| Four rows of peas: | Prayer
Praise
Perseverance
Politeness |
| Four rows of lettuce: | Let us be faithful
Let us be unselfish
Let us be loyal
Let us love one another
Let us be truthful |
| Five rows of turnips: | Turn up with a friend
Turn up with a helping hand
Turn up with determination
Turn up with a smile
Turn up with Christ's Great Commission |

Patiently watch the garden grow. "Harvest a crop of real life, eternal life." (Galatians 6:8 ~ The Message Bible)

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2009



2009 Prayer for the Nation
Beth Moore, Honorary Chairman,
National Day of Prayer Task Force

Father in Heaven, we lift our eyes toward
Your Throne, where You reign in
righteousness.
Your Word assures us that when Your people
cry out in sincerity and humility, You will
never turn a deaf ear to us.
We call upon You now, seeking Your
forgiveness and favor.
Look over this fevered landscape and heal us,
Lord.
Drop knees to the floor and raise eyes to the
sky, for we know where our help comes from.
Unite these States again in devotion to You,
and blur every dividing line.
Do not give us over to our sins. Give us,
instead, over to passionate prayer that moves
Your heart.
"May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,
even as we put our hope in You."
In the Name of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ.

Amen



The Sr. Youth Retreat, *Breakaway*, was at capacity the weekend of April 17th. Over 600 youth converged on the Family First Sport Park in Erie to enjoy a spiritual uplifting. Guest speaker was Christopher Brooks whose message was very inspiring for the youth. It challenged them to return home and to be a more committed Christian on Monday morning.

It was great having Bob Pazehoski join us this weekend. He did a great job with the youth and joined the boy's football team which finished in the quarter finals.

Everyone also participated in the soccer tournament.

The girls not only enjoyed an hour in the "Girls Only Spa", but also did some hitting in the batting cages.

Justin Himler and Mike Slafka participated in Karaoke, entertaining everyone by singing, "I'm Beautiful".

The weekend was very memorable. We had great worship and great fellowship. All are looking forward to returning again next year.

Upcoming Events:

May 9th ~ *Sonshine Kitchen*

June 14th ~ Youth Sunday



Keen-Agers


The Keen-Ager meeting for May will be held on Thursday, May 28th beginning at 11:30 am. The lunch will be a covered dish, and the program will be by our own Vicki Booher. You won't want to miss this meeting.

First time attendees are not asked to bring a covered dish, but we welcome all new comers. If you are age 50 or over, this is your special invitation to attend this meeting and all the ones to follow.



NEWS


"Vacation Bible School All Year"

Race to Club NAC's Family Pinewood Derby Day on Saturday, May 16th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Let's give the Club NAC kids our support by rooting for your favorite car. 

If you have any questions, please see Bria Craycraft or Becky Ewing.

Hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead:

 The Club NAC Awards Night/Closing Program is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th. This is for the entire congregation. Please be sure to come see the many achievements and activities in which the kids have participated this past year. Refreshments will follow the service.



*** * * If you graduate from H.S. this year, please submit a picture to the Secretary's office asap. Include your name and school you are graduating from on the back of the picture. All pictures will be returned.**
Thank you!

Vignettes by Virginia

This month's column will be "short & sweet", consisting of two poems. The first is a praise song written by a Muslim who became a Christian and is translated from Arabic into English. It comes from the Malaga Media Center, Malaga, Spain under Avant Ministries. They minister via radio and other technologies to Muslims across Europe, Asia, Africa, and numerous other countries.

"THE JOY OF MY HEART"

*Oh joy of my heart that was healed from its hurts
Through Christ my heart was healed and its
mourning taken out.*

*And today I am expressing the love of my Lord for
me.*

So I glorify His name and live in His goodness.

Christ is my healer.

He treats my heart and His treatment is enough.

He suffered for me and His love is pure.

*My heart overflows with Him and will not stay
hidden.*

*Oh you whose heart is still hurting
Who spend sleepless nights suffering and mourning.
Come today my Lord will heal you.
Jesus' heart is open to you.*

The second poem was written by missionary Amy Carmichael. Amy was born in Ireland in 1867, the oldest of seven children. She served 54 years in India without a furlough. (This writer personally would have to A LOT of soul-searching IF her daughter Rachel went to Ethiopia and she knew she may not see her again on furlough). Amy founded Dohnavur Fellowship in 1901 to save girls from a life of prostitution. Amy became so engrossed in her ministry and respect to the Indian culture that she wore Indian dress and dyed her skin with dark coffee. As a child she longed for blue eyes; but realized the Indian people responded to her dark eyes. She was called "AMMA" from the Tamil language meaning mother. Amy had a serious fall and died at age 83 from complications of that fall. She was buried in India. Amy wrote many songs, poems and books. Her life was an inspiration to many, including missionaries Jim and Elizabeth Eliot. Her poem "Quiet Place" follows.

*O Lord my heart is all a prayer
But it is silent unto Thee;
I am too tired to look for words,
I rest upon Thy sympathy
To understand when I am dumb;
And well I know Thou hearest me.*

*I know Thou hearest me because
A quiet peace comes down to me,
And fills the places where before
Weak thoughts were wondering wearily;
And deep within me it is calm,
Though waves are tossing outwardly.*

Alliance Women's Retreat

June 19-20, 2009

University of Pittsburgh
Johnstown, PA

Freshly Brewed 24/7

Guest Speaker: Cherri Fuller



Mother's Dinner
Friday, May 8, 2009
6:30 pm

Shirley Christopher will give a dramatic presentation of "Hannah". The men of the church will serve:

Fruit Compote

BEEF

Parsley Potatoes

Green Beans

Lemon Cake for dessert

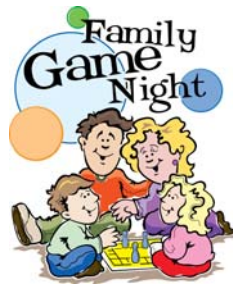
Invite your mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, daughters, etc. to an evening of fun and fellowship and then sign the sheet in the narthex with the number of people attending.

Family Game Night

Now that we are passing through the craze of the blessed Easter season, the first ever Family Game Night at Norwin Alliance Church is finally scheduled for Saturday, May 30th! The evening will be held from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and feature games and snacks for all ages.

If you are interested in helping plan this fun-filled evening, please let Megan Metzger know ASAP!

Please look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex coming soon!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22 - June 26

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Registration begins **May 3rd**.

Please note the change: VBS will begin on **Monday** and conclude on Friday. **NO CLOSING DINNER THIS YEAR.** The fifth day is the fifth day of the lesson.


A Special
THANK YOU


Dear DMC teachers, assistants, and helpers;

Thank you very much for all your efforts to carry out the Great Commission in our church and to the world.

I greatly appreciate your teaching, your substituting, your assisting in all areas with children, youth, and adults.

Thank you for your leadership and devotion to our Lord.

In Christian Service,

Carole Sarber



DAY 1 ~ God Is With Us (Exodus 3:1-4:17)

God speaks to Moses in the Burning Bush

Verse: "God answered, 'I will be with you' "
Exodus 3:12

DAY 2 ~ God Is Powerful (Exodus 7:1-10:29)

God sends plagues on Egypt.

Verse: "I will show You that I am Lord"
Exodus 7:17

**DAY 3 ~ God Does What He Says He Will Do
(Exodus 11:1-12:42)**

God spares the Israelites at Passover

Verse: "The Lord will always keep His promises"
Psalm 145:136

DAY 4 ~ God Gives Us Life (Matthew 27:11-28:10)

Jesus dies and comes back to life

Verse: "He is risen from the dead"
Matthew 28:5-6

DAY 5 ~ God Cares For Us (Exodus 14:1-15:21)

Verse: "Don't be afraid"
Exodus 14:13



2009
VBS Registration Form

Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26, 2009
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers:

Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail: _____

Age Information:

Birth date (for preschoolers) or last grade completed in school _____

Medical Information:

Medical or other information we need to know. (Please include any food allergies.)

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Phone number _____

Name _____ Phone number _____

Dismissal Information:

Other Information:

Do you attend Sunday School? If so where?

If you are visiting our church, who are you a guest of?

