
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

APRIL 2012



"Christ has indeed been raised from the dead . . . because He lives you will live also. "

I Corinthians 15, John 14

You can visit the tombs of Buddha, Mohammed, Darwin, and Einstein and their remains would still be there. Jesus tomb is empty.

Man's religion and science cannot defeat death. Only Jesus can. Jesus resurrection has cataclysmic implications for daily living and for your future.

JESUS DEFEATS SIN. Sin is ugly. Sin's wages, sin's power, and sin's penalty are conquered by Christ. That means you are free from condemnation, fear, and a defeated life. Holy and happy obedience are now your birthright from Jesus' resurrection power.

JESUS DEFEATS DEATH. We get more than a new body someday. Our Lord said, "whoever lives and believes in me will never die". (John 11:26)

Who you are with Christ, (your soul and spirit) will never actually die at all. That's an amazing accomplishment by our Lord. Man's dream of immortality is offered as a gift only by our Creator-Redeemer. Think about that you Ponce de Leon worshippers of youth!

JESUS PREPARES HEAVEN FOR YOU. Where He is, you will be also. Hell is not your home because heaven is your secure inheritance. You can look forward to trillions of years with the Lord and your loved ones in Him as just the start of your future. You've never seen, heard, or thought of, what God has prepared for you. (I Cor. 2)

Thank the Lord everyday He is your risen Savior.

Passion Week Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 1st ~ Palm Sunday

- 8:30 am Communion Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Communion Service



Wednesday, April 4th

- Noon Community Mid-Week Lenten Service at the First United Church of Christ, on Main Street in Irwin.
- 6:30 pm Club NAC Easter party
- 6:30 pm Youth
- 6:30 pm First Place 4 Health
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Friday, 6th ~ Good Friday

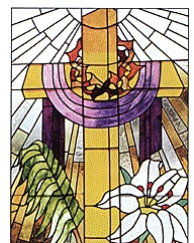
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Service at NAC

Watch your bulletins for more information about the Good Friday Breakfast and also the annual "Walk of the Cross" through downtown Irwin.



Easter Sunday Activities

- 6:45 am Sunrise Service
- 7:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 am Morning Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:45 am CANTATA ~ "The Lion Became A Lamb"





1. The Elders approved youth to work with our children's programs
2. Approved a Craft afternoon for Sunday, March 18th
3. Approved the Ladies Bible study curriculum "A Woman of Balance"
4. Approved collecting of shoes for "Soles for Souls"
5. Approved Neighbor Day to be held in September with Vicki Booher as chair.
6. Elders will be assigned new family lists
7. From the Trustees: The walls and ceiling in the Sanctuary have been painted; the thermostat in the Sanctuary has been replaced; the core in the downstairs furnace has been replaced; new brakes were put on the church van (it passed inspection), some shingles blew off the back of the roof during high winds—we need to wait for some warm days for the shingles to adhere to the roof; bids are being received for lawn care of the church
8. Bids are being received for a new church sign out front.

Elder and Ministry Boards

If you ever have any questions or concerns about what is happening at the church, please contact Pastor Bob or one of the Board Members:

Elders ~ Jeff Ewing (Lead Elder), Fred Angiolieri (Elder-in-Training), Kevin Craycraft, Ron Dornin, Wes Hughes, Denny Irwin, Frank Kolar Charlie Metzger, Bill Sarber

Ministry Board Members-at-Large ~ Justin Metzger, Bill Freise

Ministry Board ~ Cindy Barnhart, Jeff Ewing, Roy Koch, Charlie Metzger, Justin Metzger, Bill Freise, Carole Sarber, Bill Sarber, Ken Simmons, Bob Tierney

"This Is My Story"

Have you turned in your testimony for our "This Is My Story" book yet? If not, please write your story of how you turned to Christ for salvation and turn it in to the church office asap. This will be a blessing to the Lord, the church and those yet to receive Christ.



KEEN-AGERS

Seniors 50 and over ~ Come to the Keen-Agers meeting on Thursday, April 26th at 11:30 am for Good Food, Good Fun, and Good Fellowship.

Our menu this month is: Ham barbeque, side dishes, and fruit salad/cookies. Our program will be by "Faith in Action".

We would love to see you at our meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Long or Betty Kunkle, Co-Presidents of the Keen-Agers.

The Lion Became A Lamb

April 8, Easter Sunday Morning - 10:45 AM

The choir will present "The Lion Became A Lamb" This majestic Easter musical serves as a flashback to the story of man's rebellion and God's redemption. This year's selection includes timeless Hymns with newer pieces in a variety of musical styles.

Join us and start inviting your friends and Family to share in this true representation of Easter.

Jelly Bean Prayer

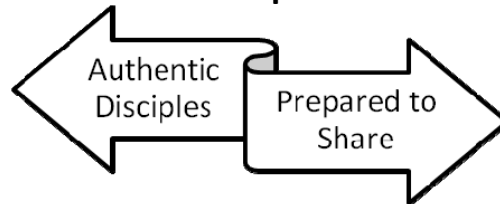
RED is for the blood He gave
 GREEN is for the grass He made
 YELLOW is for the sun so bright
 ORANGE is for the edge of night
 BLACK, WHITE, BROWN, YELLOW, RED
 is for the children He made ~ all these colors receive the
 grace He gave
 PURPLE is for the hour of sorrow
 PINK is for the new tomorrow

Give a bag full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet, tell them it's a prayer . . . It's a promise . . . An Easter treat!



UNDONE

Youth Group of NAC



Wednesday evenings

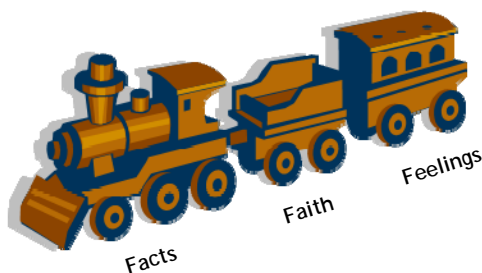
6:30 – 8:00

Parent Info

We have been pondering *Reasons to Believe in the Bible* as a part of our study of Christian Apologetics. Your teens are learning vital reasons to trust the Bible as the Word of God, not the word of man:

- The Unity of the Bible
- Fulfilled Prophecy
- Testimony of the Early Church
- The Bible's Honesty

Our heart's desire is that NAC young people stand on the Truth. We want to defy statistics about the abandonment of faith when young adults are presented with anti-Christian "intellectual" arguments. Our teens will prayerfully have a deep-rooted reverence for the Bible as God's own Word. They will **realize their faith is based on fact**, not feelings alone.



Activities

Snow tubing at Hidden Valley was loads of fun! We had a great turn out, and – despite the frigid weather in the blowing wind – everyone had a wonderful time. Wow, those tubes can pick up speed as the path gets icy. (Try having three grown adults latch on to one another's tubes and go down . . . fun stuff!)

It was great to have young people and "ascending" adults come together for a time of basketball, walking, and football catching! Our Youth/Ascend event at the Hempfield Recreation Center was a success.

Please pray for our high school students and adult leaders as they head to Breakaway 2012 in Erie, PA. The April 20-22 event is an important time of drawing near to God with hundreds of other young people.

Thank you, parents and NAC friends, for your support of our youth group! Jesus changes lives!

In Him –
Shelli Prindle



Better Moms make a better world...

MOPS is moving for one month, due to scheduling conflicts. Mark your calendar for April 22nd at 6:30 PM.

We will continue to learn God's plan for Moms.

If you or someone you know would benefit from our Bible study, please join us.

ASCEND

(Adult Ministry for ages 18-49)



Sunday mornings in the **fellowship hall** from **9:45 – 10:30** are a time of deep learning and vital application. The atmosphere is one of **anticipation** because of the presence of God's Holy Spirit working in our hearts, minds, and bodies to draw us closer to Him.

Vital aspects of ASCEND:

- Digging into God's Word verse by verse
- Atmosphere of anticipation and motivation
- Prayerful recognition of the Bible's "living" nature (Hebrews 4:12)
- Welcoming of input and questions
- Provision of visual aids to help with learning
- Discussion with peers
- Fellowship enhanced by outside activities

Activities:

- Our January "Dinner and Game Night" was a blast! In addition to great conversation around the table, the games were a time of deep laughter and fun! Thanks to everyone for your participation.
- We are in process of planning an April/May event with input from our "ascenders"!

Serving Jesus –
Shelli Prindle

VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA

C ross	John 19:17
H ope	I Corinthians 13:13
R esurrection	John 20:8, 9
I nvitation	John 7:37
S alvation	Acts 4:32
T riumphant	I Corinthians 15:54-56
A lleluia	Revelation 19:15
R ejoice	John 14:25-28
O vercomers	I John 4:4; 5:4, 5
S ecurity/Safety	Psalms 61
E ternal Life	Romans 6:23



Our new 12-week session will begin on Wednesday, May 2 and run through August 1. Our study book is entitled, "God's Best for Your Life" ~ which draws on lessons learned in the book of Ruth and will show us why choosing what *seems* good may cause us to miss God's best. Cost of the study book is \$16.00 and due to Mardy Rogers by April 11th.

If you are new to *First Place 4 Health* and would like to join us this session, please contact Mardy Rogers asap. The cost to begin is \$101.00 and includes the Member Kit, Bible Study, and "My Food Plan" book.

"Seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

Join us for our new session, you will be blessed in ways you never imagined.

The Women's Corner

by Janis Swope

Have you ever been around a child who was defiant? You would look them right in the face and tell them what was expected of them and they defiantly ignored you and did what they wanted to do? I heard a story on the radio and I am not sure if it is true or not but it is a perfect example of what I am talking about. Back before seat belts and car seats for kids, a father was driving and his young son was in the passenger seat in front. The little boy thought standing on the seat would be much more fun so he got up. His dad told him several times that he had to sit down while he was driving, but the little boy kept standing. Finally the dad pulled off to the side of the road and made the young man sit. With his bottom lip out he pouted as he said "Ok. But inside me I'm still standing!" Do you think God ever sees you in that same way? Have you mentally crossed your arms and said "OK God, I'll stop doing what you say I shouldn't be doing, even if it's for my own good; but, in my heart I still want to do what I want to do!" God doesn't want us to obey him with this kind of attitude. He wants us to obey him out of love and out of respect. Do any of us still have a bit of that willful child in us? I know I am learning every day on my walk with God that in some areas of my life I still want to be a willful disobedient child. He loves us and gives us His ways to follow. His ways are for our own benefit and good because he loves us as a father. The best way to overcome this is to meet with God every day and ask for forgiveness and the power only He can give to help us live a life of loving obedience to Him.

Ladies Bible Study ~ *The Ladies Bible Study would like to welcome Renee Liner to our group. We are pleased to have her with us. New faces are always welcome. It was a blessing to have De Matthews visit and we hope to see her again soon. We meet every Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and fellowship are served each Monday. We are finishing our study on "A Woman of Balance." Our next study will be "A Woman of Confidence." Do you feel you lack confidence at times about God's care for us? Do you wonder sometimes "Is God really here?" This study will help our confidence that God really is "ever-present help in times of trouble." Hope to see you there.*

The Last Word

"If a person fears God, he or she has no reason to fear anything else. On the other hand, if a person does not fear God, then fear becomes a way of life." Beth Moore

Children's Spring Program

"God's Creation"

Please join us on Sunday, April 29th at 10:45 am for the children's spring program as they perform and sing. "God's Creation" is directed by Shelly Denney and Chris LoChiatto, with the praise dance being directed by April Meyer.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, April 29, 2012

Noon

Following the Children's Program, please stay for lunch to honor our Disciplemaking Ministries leaders, teachers, and assistants.

Clearance Forms

Anyone who works with the children/youth of Norwin Alliance Church must have a Child Abuse Clearance form on file.

If you do not have a form on file, please send in for one asap. You can download the forms on-line at www.dpw.state.pa.us.

The cost is \$10.00 per form and will be reimbursed to you. If you would prefer—turn in your forms to the church office and we will send it in for you.

If you have any questions or need a form, contact the church office or Carole Sarber.



Alliance Women's Retreat 2012

June 15-16, 2012

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Keynote Speaker & Worship Leader: Gwen Smith

Guest Speaker: Shelli Prindle



If you are age 16 and over and would like to play on the NAC softball team, please sign the sheet on the round table in the narthex. Practices will begin in April. The season runs from

If you have any questions, please contact Justin Metzger or Bill Freise.

Church Picnic



**Saturday,
August 4,
2012**

**White Oak
Park**

HOME REPAIR MINISTRY

Do you have minor repairs that need done at your home? Is there something that you just can't manage yourself? Norwin Alliance Church's Home Repair Ministry would love to help. Please contact the church or Ken Simmons ~ he will come check out the job and determine if the work can be done.



PHOTO WALL



If you attend NAC, we would love to have your picture included on our photo wall. Please contact the church office to schedule a Sunday you are available. Pictures are taken immediately following the 10:45 service.

Vacation Bible School

June 24-28, 2012

Ages 2 - 6th grade

**Earn Your Wings at
Amazing Wonders Aviation™**



Encounter God's awesome power as we fly to some of the world's greatest natural wonders; Victoria Falls, the Northern Lights; the Matterhorn, the Great Barrier Reef, the Grand Canyon, Paricutin Volcano. Along the way kids will hear Bible stories about God's awesome power and learn how God wants to give us everything we need through His power and to His glory!

In this one-week **Vacation Bible School** adventure, kids encounter God's awesome power through Bible stories, crafts, motivating music, and games.

Begin planning who you will invite to VBS this year - - watch for more information on registration.

VBS Scripture ~ *"Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit."*

Psalm 147:5

Motto ~ Awesome God! Amazing Power!