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# 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

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**NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**AUGUST 2016**

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Corporate Worship or Church on Sunday is a blessing and a discipline for God's people. God seeks people to worship Him (John 4:23). Our gathering is an opportunity live out the two great commandments together . . . *“Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Corporate worship also moves us from a self-centered life to a God-glorifying life. Writer Paul Tripp comments:

*“Every day of your life you will find reasons to complain or be thankful. Do you find it easier to complain or be thankful? Does your family see you as a complaining person or a thankful person?”*

*If you place yourself in the center of your world you will find constant reasons to complain. You will focus on what you want, how you feel, you'll have an inflated sense of your needs, and you will grumble your way through life.*

*But if you admit you are a sinner deserving only of God's wrath, and in acts of outrageous grace He has given you mercy, kindness, and every good thing in your life, you will find reasons to be grateful everywhere you look. And corporate worship shifts your thoughts from grumbling to gratitude. God and the gospel puts you in your place and puts praise in your mouth, and that is a very good thing.”*

Amen.

## CONNECTION SERVICE

Sunday, August 14, 2016  
6:30 pm



Speaker: **Connie Niedermeyer**

Worship: **NAC Worship Team**

## ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Wed., Aug. 10, 2016

at the KOA in Madison



5:00 - 8:30 pm

Dinner at 5:30 pm

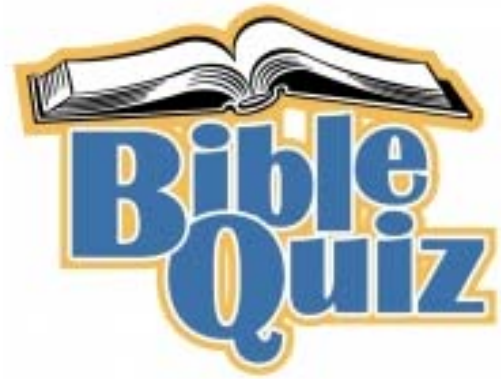
Chicken will be provided ~ please bring a dish to share, your own beverage and tableware. Come for a great evening of good fellowship. Please sign the sheet in the narthex under the appropriate food item.

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Our new year of Awana will be starting up on August 24th with a kick-off celebration. All children from age 2 years to fifth grade are welcome to join us Wednesday evenings from 6:45 – 8:00 PM. Each week there are Bible Lessons, games, and snacks. In addition, the kids work through student books to learn memory verses and earn awards. Hope to see you then!



It is that time again when we pull out the jump lights and begin to prepare for our first competition. This year the CMA Bible Quiz program will be studying the book of Luke. Children in 3rd – 6th grade can participate in junior quizzing, while 7th – 12th grades compete in senior quizzing. Both groups study Luke, but the senior quizzers study a larger section of the book. Our regular quiz practices will begin on Sunday August 28th right after the second service. Please see Joe or Becky Cox if you are interested.

### Ladies Night Out



Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Jacktown Ride and Hunt Club  
11369 Center Highway

6:00 pm

Please sign the sheet in the narthex and join the ladies for an evening of food and fellowship!

### Recumbent Stationary Bike

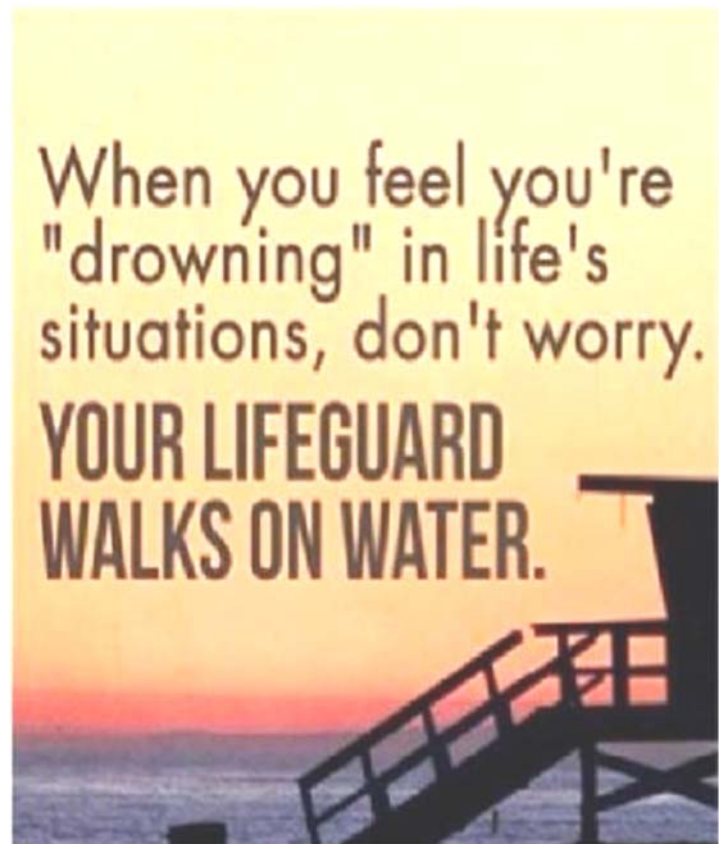
Free to good home

Interested?

Contact Deborah DeClaudio  
412-480-1993



Picture not true to actual equipment piece



### **VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA**

The recent topic of discussion at the Wednesday evening adult prayer and Bible study has been the important subject of prayer. All of us have many burdens and concerns on our hearts and minds. Every day as we listen to the news, read the newspaper and check the internet, we are amazed, and often wonder how such devastating and continuous conflicts can occur in our area and around the world every single day. We do know that it is a reminder to us that God is aware and He is sending His Son Jesus back to earth soon. It is very important that man accepts the gift of redemption and salvation that Jesus provided for us at Calvary. He loves each and every one of us as individuals. What a special blessing!!

The privilege of prayer allows us to share our distresses with God the Father. We also need to be thankful for the hundreds of 'fantastic things' we receive all the time. A former missionary, Wesley Duewel, who happened to enter heaven just recently in March of 2016, spent 25 years in India with his wife Betty. He also was President of the Oriental Missionary Society, the Foreign Missions Association, and editor of *Revival Magazine*. But his greatest BURDEN was PRAYER. He was known mostly for praying for people, and ministry needs more than anything else. A huge part about learning of the security and power of prayer was taught to Wesley by his mother; she also carried an extreme burden of prayer. It is marked on her grave with the word: INTERCESSOR. One of the books Mr. Duewel wrote was "*Touch the World through Prayer*", stressing the need to take prayer seriously.

Looking at a few pages, we start at page 63: "The praying Christ is on the throne of heaven face to face with the Father. But we are weak, finite human beings, saved by the grace of God; Prayer enables us to touch God's throne with one hand and the needy world with the other." page 80: "We know that Jesus spoke seriously to the Father, and so should we. We can rest in God's faithfulness."

Historical examples of people who depended on prayers are: John Wesley, Martin Luther, and interesting note is former President George Washington who arose at 4am each day to spend time to pray.

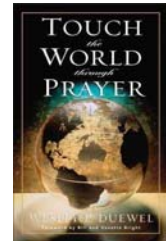
Page 183 has these words for us: "Once you see the world through Jesus' eyes, prayer for world harvest will be one of the main priorities of your intercession." And page 230, to close: "Pray for God's will above all else."

Check the church bulletins you receive each Sunday and notice the list of prayer needs. (personal note: as a cancer patient, I am so very thankful and encouraged by

the prayers from AROUND THE WORLD.) Other cancer/physical illness patients have mentioned time and time again that prayers are very uplifting. Also are people who have, years later reported that because we are faithful in praying for him/her - - and sometimes we wonder - - and that articular person has eventually opened his/her heart to the Lord and accepted salvation. He/she has said: "Don't give up praying for me!"

PRAY!!! PRAY!!! PRAY!!!

(book donated to the library)



### **KEEN-AGERS NEWS**

(Lunch and Entertainment)

August 25th (Thursday) at 11:30-2:00 p.m.

This is our last meeting for summer. Next month school starts and fall is right around the corner.

Every meeting we are singing a song chosen the month before. Everyone is singing so beautifully we could have a new choir started. Virginia Wilson plays the piano for us every month.

Our entertainment for this month will be the Norwin Historical Society.

The Lunch Menu is: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Lunch is served by the Kitchen Committee and they always put everything together so everyone can enjoy a wonderful lunch together. We all appreciate all the hard work they do.

The table decorations will be done by Nora Grove; Devotions by Wes Hughes.

In June, Evelyn Milicki donated several hand-made quilts, given as prizes during our luncheon. The quilts were beautiful. Thanks so much Evelyn for the gifts.

Our next meeting will be September 22nd (Thursday) at 11:30. The menu will be heritage foods. The entertainment will be singer George Berletic and his wife Rose.

All Seniors 50 and up are welcomed. Hope to see you there.

*Co/Presidents Joe and Pat Beyer*

**The Women's Corner**

By Janis Swope

*In a few days August will be here and for nearly every Pittsburgher thoughts of the Steeler training camp in Latrobe will be dancing in their heads! By the way, is it pronounced Lay-trobe or Lah-trobe? I always get conflicting opinions on this issue. Anyway, I would like to remind everyone that August means much more than football. Vicki and the choir will soon be joining forces to bring their wonderful talents to the worship service once again. AWANA leaders and Sunday School teachers will be getting ready for the new quarter to begin. Norwin students will be preparing for the school year to start. College bound kids will be leaving home for dorm rooms and new challenges. I will be getting ready to jump back into leading the Ladies Bible Study in the further adventures of Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness.*

*What does all this mean? Well, new beginnings, of course! We don't have to wait until New Year's Day to get a fresh start. In fact, every morning when you wake up and get out of bed it's a great day for a new beginning. I love new beginnings, don't you? It's the same feeling I get when I get a new book and open the cover for the first time. It's the feeling that a new adventure may be about to start! In all honesty the best new beginning I ever had was when I gave my heart to Jesus.*

*He took away my sins and made me a new creature! Life has never been the same since. Each day is an opportunity to see what God has in store for me. I have never regretted this new beginning. I have been living it for nearly 60 years! That's a long new beginning. God makes every day a new beginning when you put your trust in Him. If you are thinking that you need a new beginning, I ask that you sincerely and prayerfully ask Jesus into your heart. Turn your life over to him and he will make each day a new beginning for you, too.*

*The Ladies Bible Study will be starting up again on Monday, August 29th. If you are interested, please join us. We will be continuing our study of Exodus. We meet in the Craft Room at 10:30 a.m. Bring your Bible and join us for coffee as we look at how God's plan for salvation can be seen in the Old Testament.*

The Last Word

*"Since my heart was touched at 17, I believe I have never awakened from sleep, in sickness or in health, by day or by night, without my first waking thought being how best I might serve my Lord."*

Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845) English Victorian prison reformer who began her great work in making baby clothes for the unclothed babies of Newgate Prison. It was her moment of outrage and inspiration.

**Sunday, August 21, 2016**



**Teacher Appreciation**



Promotion is recognized for children turning 2, entering Kindergarten and third grades and youth entering 6th and 9th grades. If your child's name is not on the list, and should be promoted, please let Carole Sarber know.

Age 2

Ellarae  
Blake

Kindergarten

Matthew

Grade 3

Jake  
Samantha  
Luke  
William  
Addison

Grade 6

Gabrielle  
Miranda  
David  
Hannah  
Jessica

Following the 10:45 Worship Service, a luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall



# Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE



**NOVEMBER 6**  
**FILL MY JEEP**

## Operation Christmas Child

Delivering Good News and Great Joy to children around the world is what Samaritan's Purse through a project known as Operation Christmas Child (OCC) does.

Fill your shoebox(es) and return to Norwin Alliance Church by November 6, 2016. Help to "Fill My Jeep!" and make the best Christmas, *ever*, for children around the globe.

Please:

1. Pick up a decorative box and fill it with a variety of gifts and small toys.
2. Include a check to help cover cost of shipping
3. Secure lid with a rubber band
4. Attach appropriate label (boy/girl) and mark age category

Do NOT include: used/damaged items; war-related items; chocolate, soft candy, or food; liquids, lotions, spillables; medications or vitamins; breakable items; aerosol cans, shaving razors, Pokeman, Harry Potter items, money, coin collections, play money, seeds, snakes.

OCC

2016 Fill My Jeep!

"What goes in is  
Fun!"

"What comes out is  
Eternal!"

Over 123 million  
shoebox gifts since  
1993 have been  
distributed to  
children around the  
world in Jesus'  
Name.

NATIONAL  
COLLECTION WEEK:

November 14-21, 2016

Shoeboxes can be mailed  
directly year-round.

Samaritan's Purse  
801 Bamboo Road  
Boone, NC 28607



# 2016 - 2017 Registration Form

**Family Information:** Parents - please complete all information for each child who is registered.

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Church affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer to be contacted if Awana needs to cancel a meeting? Phone call \_\_\_\_\_

Text \_\_\_\_\_ or Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## Kids Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Known allergies (including food) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

What else would you like us to know about your child?

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I authorize Norwin Alliance Church to use photographs of my child(ren) for local publications, brochures, or web posting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

I authorize Norwin Alliance Church to use photographs of my child(ren) for posting throughout the church facility.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_