
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 2011



“Then they will go away to eternal punishment . . . “
Matthew 25:46

These words of Jesus give us a sobering reminder of hell. Since all people will spend an overwhelming majority of their existence in heaven or hell it seems very sinful to not live life in light of eternity. Our short possible 90 years before death are like the blink of an eye when compared to the trillions and trillions of years of the future. *“The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”.* Romans 6:23 Nothing in the universe compares to that great news.

Jonathan Edwards taught that the doctrine of hell would “awaken the unconverted and the nominal followers of Christ”. Edwards preached that all true Christians would check the destination of their soul on a regular basis while the self-deceived professing Christian would presume heaven was automatic for them. Some of Edwards’ quotes below are from the 1700’s. I think they still ring true and can be used by the Lord to awaken an unconverted or wandering soul. They also bring gratitude and faith to the true Christian.

- ~ *“If the whole world went to hell, it would not be as severe as Jesus dying on the cross in our place, The Righteous for the unrighteous.”*
- ~ *“You find that you are kept out of hell, but you do not see the hand of God in this. You should wonder why you are not in hell already.”*
- ~ *“Almost every man that hears of hell flatters himself that he shall escape it. He wrongly depends on himself for heaven. . . . Be assured if you do not listen, turn to Christ and repent, God intends to show His wrath. All will see how dreadful a thing it is to sin against God, and to reject such a Savior. You have despised the Lord.”*

- ~ *“Christ has the keys of hell. He opens and no one shuts. He shuts and no one opens.”*
- ~ *“Now God stands ready to help you. This is the day of mercy. Cry out now with the hope of receiving the gift of salvation . . . Your salvation makes no sense outside of the free and loving grace of God towards the undeserving sinner . . . Have mercy on your own soul and receive Christ.”*

Give thanks to the Lord for His indescribable gift of Jesus and life forever with Him.

knowing
God february 13
@7p
message : Steve Meyer
worship : Mike Williams

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*Amazing Grace,
How sweet the sound . . .*

CONGREGATION MEETING

Wednesday, January 19, 2011



The following were elected as Officers and Staff for the year 2011 during the Congregation Meeting in January:

Ministry Board Secretary

Cindy Barnhart

Church Treasurer

Bob Tierney

Assistant Treasurer

Roy Koch

Board Member-at-Large (2-year term)

Justin Metzger

Alliance Women's President

Janice Swope

Elder-in-Training (1-year term)

Frank Kolar

Trustee (4-year term)

Brian Denney

Highlights of the meeting are:

- ◆ It was approved to use up to \$18,000.00 from the Budget Reserves for Outreach as needed;
- ◆ Dave Cain reported on what the Kitchen Building Committee has done in 2010 and their plans for 2011 which include: A) Continue working with Architect Bob Frost and move forward with the expansion of our kitchen. All necessary documents have been sent to the District Office for approval OR B) Use the existing floor plan and re-design the interior of the kitchen. TNT Equipment has given the committee a free consultation and preliminary drawings.

The Kitchen Building Committee will report back to the congregation in the spring with a final proposal.

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Extra Annual Reports are available on the shelf in the narthex. If you would like to read more about the ministries of the church in 2010, please pick up a copy of the report.

Ministry Board Members

The Ministry Board is made up of the following positions and people:

- * Secretary (Cindy Barnhart)
- * Treasurer (Bob Tierney)
- * Assistant Treasurer (Roy Koch)
- * Lead Trustee (Ken Simmons)
- * 2 Board Members-at-Large (Mardy Rogers and Justin Metzger)
- * DMC Director (Carole Sarber)
- * Lead Elder
- * 2 Elders
- * Pastor Bob

Duties of the Board Members at Large ~ *Members at Large are elected by the congregation to round out representation of the congregation on the Ministry Board. They are on the Board as elected representatives, not as those who are on the Board because of their office of service, such as Treasurer, Elder, etc. All Ministry Board members are amenable to the membership of the church, and are representatives of it.*

If you have a concern about anything happening within the church or you have a program you would like see started, please bring your concerns and ideas to one of the Board Members-at-Large. They will in turn bring these to the Ministry Board meetings on your behalf.

Focus of the Work

1. *Love the Lord and the people*
2. *Feed the people*
3. *Lead the people*
4. *Protect the people*
5. *Keep the sheep from biting one-another*

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Worship ~ Be a "doer" of the Word in Hebrews 10:25 ~ Faithfully participate unless hindered by Providence.

Discipleship ~ Sunday School, Ascend, Women's Bible Study, Wednesday Night, Fellowship Dinners, 1x1 times, Keen-Agers, Dartball, Softball

Evangelism & Service ~ Andrew Ministry (5 friends), Outreach Events, Home Repair Ministry, Game Dinner, Neighbor Day

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 24th at 11:30 am. You will enjoy a lunch of Italian food, side dishes and cherry pie with ice-cream for dessert. Muriel Quinto will bring back the Clodhopper Family for your entertainment.

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 16 - Evelyn Rothgeb turns **80 years old**

Let's "shower" her with cards.

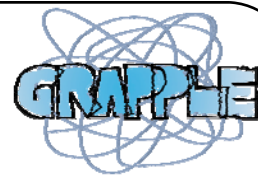


Evelyn's family is making a "**surprise**" memory book for her. If you would like your sentiments to be included, please send your card, note, letter or greeting to:

Amy Lacko (Evelyn's daughter)
6576 Whetstone Dr.
Frederick, MD 21701

by **Wednesday, February 2nd**. They will present Evelyn with the book at a family dinner on Saturday, February 12th. It is requested that messages not be written on the back of cards or letters as they will be glued to the pages in the memory book.

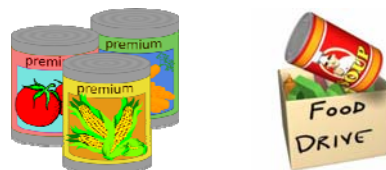
Suggested ideas to include in your greeting: birthday greeting and wishes; special memories or stories you would enjoy sharing; words of love and encouragement; old photos or other memorabilia



CLUB NAC FaithWeaver Friends/Grapple Service Project

For our final service project of the Club NAC year, the children of Club NAC will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Sonshine Kitchen. Collection of the food items will begin now and will end on Sunday, February 6th. On Wednesday, February 9th we will package the items to be delivered to the Sonshine Kitchen. Please place your donated goods in the marked box in the Narthex. As always, we thank you for your generous donation.

Megan Metzger
Superintendent of Wednesday Eve. Children



HOME REPAIR MINISTRY

Norwin Alliance Church is establishing a Home Repair Ministry where, through the talents of volunteers, minor repairs to the homes of Church members are accomplished. The Ministry is seeking volunteers, who through the works of their hands express Christ's Love for our church family. If interested, please contact Ken Simmons, Wes Hughes, or Chris Hasbrouck.



"Praise Partners"

On Sunday, January 16th, the "Praise Partners" (Our elementary children's outreach ministry) visited Ruth Lauffer, her daughter and son-in-law, at their home in Eighty-four, PA.

The "Praise Partners" consisted of: Shaylin Craycraft, Dana Ewing, Jessica Ewing, Megan Nestor, Alyssa Tomko and Ashley Tomko. Adults Mark and Janice Lazzaro and Beth Buchanan accompanied the girls. The group took the church van (driven by Mark Lazzaro) and made a lunch stop at McDonald's before heading to Ruth's.

The children, under the direction of Beth Buchanan, chose songs that they practice during Sunday School and performed their selections using a DVD player and sang the songs accompanied by sign language.

A neck warmer, made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry, was presented to Ruth.

The group was treated to homemade cookies and hot chocolate at the Lauffer's. Ruth loves her church and was visibly touched by the children's visit and that members of her church would come see her!

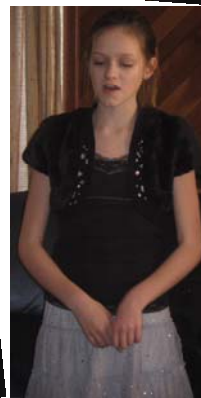
These children are to be commended for their willingness to be a part of this ministry and their desire in bringing joy to shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Beth Buchanan said, "I know God's Hand was in this whole experience."

Thank you Beth, Mark, and Janice for this wonderful ministry!

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6



VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

Bill and Gloria Gaither wrote a song entitled 'Come, Holy Spirit'. The words of this song really spoke to the reality of this writer's need to allow the Holy Spirit to teach her to trust and learn of God's guidance. Read the words as a prayer:

*"Come as a wisdom to children;
Come as new sight to the blind.
Come, Lord, as strength to my weakness;
Take me, soul, body and mind.
Come, as a rest to the weary;
Come as a balm for the sore.
Come as a dew to my dryness;
Fill me with joy evermore.
Come, like a spring in the desert;
Come to the withered of soul.
O let Your sweet healing power
Touch me and make me whole."*

The chorus says:

*"Come, Holy Spirit,. I need You.
Come, sweet Spirit I pray.
Come in Your strength and Your power;
Come in Your own gentle way."*

In the Alliance hymnal, A.B. Simpson has numerous songs that we tend to ignore because the music is written in unusual fashion. But the lyrics can ring true to the believer's heart. For example, the chorus of the song 'Blessed Be the Glorious Tidings' has this message:

*"Blessed be the great atonement
To a suffering world revealed;
Blessed be this great salvation
By His stripes we may be healed."*

Another hymn, "The Branch of Healing" repeats the words 'I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE.' And a third reminder from our hymnal, 'I Want to be Holy' has these words:

*"I long, oh, I long to be holy,
Conformed to His will and His Word.
I want to be gentle and Christ-like.
I want to be just like my Lord."*

One more hymn -- "Jesus Interceding" has these powerful words:

*"Like a golden censer glowing,
Filled with burning incense rare,
All my heart is upward flowing
In a cloud of ceaseless prayer.
O'er the heavenly altar bending,
Jesus interceding stands;*

*All our prayers to heaven ascending
Reach the Father through His hands.
Let us bring our least petitions,
Like to incense beaten small;
All our cares, complaints, conditions
Jesus loves to hear them all.
Sweet as breath of spices burning,
Keep our hearts like incense rare;
All our being heavenward turning
In a cloud of ceaseless prayer. AMEN."*

Music is a vital source of worship. It is also a source of encouragement, and CONVICTION. Take advantage of the many types of music to speak to your soul and spirit. Let the power/energy of the words grip your life.

*"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace."*

**Kitchen Building Committee**


In January, the Kitchen Building Committee began evaluating improvements to the kitchen using the existing kitchen footprint without any expansion. Working with TNT Equipment, a preliminary design was presented and reviewed. The Kitchen Committee will be discussing comments on this preliminary design with TNT Equipment. A revised design and preliminary cost estimate from TNT is expected. Mr. Bob Frost, the Architect we are working with on the kitchen expansion, continues preparation of drawings and documents suitable for Contractor bidding as well as State and Local Authority review and coordination. These documents are expected in February.

The Women's Corner

by Janis Swope

Yeah!! Pittsburgh's going to the Superbowl!! Woo-hoo!! I have a new computer! I don't have to pester Super Secretary, Cindy, with pages of typing!! (One of the things that make her super is that she never complained.) I can access e-mail again!! I can find all my NAC brothers and sisters on Facebook again!! These are all great things to be happy about. But when I'm counting my blessings how often do I shout "Yeah!! Jesus paid my debt that I could never pay!! Woo-hoo!! God loves me so much he made a way for me to actually be part of His family!!" I guess sometimes we need to get some perspective on what is really great in our lives and be thankful for the blessings that truly matter.

Ladies Bible Study ~ Okay...now that I have that out of my system; let's talk about the Ladies Bible Study! We have finished our study of Henry Blackaby's "Experiencing God." It was truly a great study. It had an impact on all of us. We are all ready to move on to our next project – the Book of Acts. This study will begin February 7th. If you have never come to one of our studies, I hope you will consider joining us. We would love to have you attend. Mark your calendar for Monday, February 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and have some coffee, good fellowship and God's word.

 **Alliance Women** ~ Come one, come all to our January meeting of the Alliance Women at 10:30 a.m., February 21st in the Fellowship Hall. We will be electing a vice-president, secretary and treasurer. In addition we will talk about the upcoming Spring Rally to be held on April 16th (mark your calendar!). There are a lot things to plan for and discuss in addition to holding up our missionaries in prayer. See you there!

The Last Word . . .

"It doesn't take monumental feats to make the world a better place. It can be as simple as letting someone go ahead of you in a grocery line." Barbara Johnson



Missions Moment

by: Janis Swope

If I asked you, would you be able to tell me all the makes and models of cars we have available in the United States? There's a lot, huh? We can tend to take having a car for granted. Vehicles can be an important part of any international worker's ministry. The following is from an article written by one of international workers in a Creative Access country.

The importance of a van was emphasized just this last week when we held another Pastoral Training Course. After several long days of teaching and studying, the students begged to have an afternoon off so that they could go into the city to shop for a couple of hours. A vehicle that holds 7 people was available so the 14 students piled in on top of one another and took off for their adventure. What a sight as they returned to the campus and tumbled out of the minivan! A 12 or 15 passenger van would be ideal for transporting our students and also for the short-term teams that come from the United States to help with our program.

When theological students come to town, transporting them around is always an issue. A 15-passenger van would greatly relieve the need for taxis and allow us to easily transport the students to the place where they will be studying. Because most of the students come from other areas of the country that are dangerous, they rarely get a chance to go out shopping or walk around town for fun. Having a van would allow us to bring the students into town for shopping in the evenings. As important as the theological training is for their souls and minds, so is fellowship, shopping & strolling down the street in safety important to meet their emotional & physical needs. The students always leave feeling refreshed in so many ways from their 5 days of learning. It is a privilege to bless them in any way possible and to reaffirm our commitment to seeing that they get quality theological training. Saving them the cost of taking taxis everywhere by having a van available would also bless them in a simple way. Please consider giving to the National Project this month to help provide this much needed transportation.

Please pray that the funds would be provided to equip our international workers with much needed vans and cars so that their ministry can be carried out more effectively.

Important News! The following article is from the Alliance website and was posted January 24, 2011 by Laura and Jeter Livingston. Articles concerning the political unrest in Côte d'Ivoire have been in our own newspapers recently. Please keep this situation in your prayers.

Côte d'Ivoire's recent political unrest forced our international ministry team, serving West Africa Alliance Theological Seminary (FATEAC) in Abidjan, to withdraw from the country. The following is an adapted excerpt from a recent update about Côte d'Ivoire's challenges, written by FATEAC's international leadership couple, currently living in Senegal.

The post-election crisis persists with no hopeful signs. Ethnic/political violence continues to erupt in certain neighborhoods. In regions such as Duekoue in the West, more than 1,000 people have taken refuge in the courtyard of a Catholic church.

Compassion and Mercy Associates (CAMA), the relief and development arm of The Alliance, has sent funds to the national Alliance church to help minister relief. ADIAS, a non-governmental relief organization of the national church, is ministering in Duekoue and to the M'Pouto Church, which FATEAC student Brou Patrice pastors. Many FATEAC students attend the church.

Church Members Traumatized

A number of adults attending M'Pouto Church earn their livelihoods working vegetable gardens that grow along the edges of the lagoon behind the FATEAC campus. Government forces attempting to blockade the nearby hotel, which houses the opposition government, have beaten and harassed the adults and destroyed their gardens. These once prosperous farmers now find themselves traumatized and destitute.

Meanwhile, prices continue to climb. Staples are as much as triple pre-election prices. Calls for strikes and boycotts mean that many people can't work and children can't get to school. The incumbent president blames the country's ills on the United States and France; meanwhile, the African Union is threatening armed intervention to drive him out.

Thankfulness

FATEAC will finish its first semester classes this coming week. If possible, our international team, still based in Dakar, Senegal, plans to return to the country at the beginning of the second semester in mid-February.

We thank God for the kind generosity of many who are helping to provide food for the students and medical care for FATEAC dean, Isaac Keita, who requires surgery. We count more than ever on your struggle with us in prayer (Romans 15:30)!

PRAY for . . .

- † God's continued provision for FATEAC students' food supply
- † Timing for Isaac's surgery and healing
- † God's Kingdom to come in Côte d'Ivoire; that the church would be salt and light
- † Wisdom for when the international Alliance team should return to Côte d'Ivoire

Note from the Lead Trustee:

"During the winter months, the church uses salt in both the parking lot and the sidewalk to melt snow and ice. Some of this salt ends up on the carpets of the church and it adds to the work load of our cleaning staff. It would be much appreciated if individuals would clean off the bottom of their shoes when entering the church."

Thank you!



Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee plans and coordinates the major social events of the church. In order for events to be scheduled, leaders 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.

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

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MEETING ~ Sunday, February 6th following the 10:45 service for all Fellowship Committee members

**Norwin Alliance Church's
MEN'S "WILD GAME" DINNER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011**



**Doors Open ~ 6:00 pm Dinner ~ 6:30 pm
Guest Speaker: Leo Wisniewski**

Calling all Men and Boys ~ you are invited to attend Norwin Alliance Church's Annual Wild Game dinner and a program featuring Leo Wisniewski. Leo is a former NFL nose tackle. He currently works with White Field Foundation leading a Christian Men's Ministry, whose focus is to challenge men to deepen their faith commitment through strengthening marriages and families, serving the poor, and living out God's Word in friendship. Come meet Mr. Wisniewski and fellowship with other men from the area and sample the "catches" of the year (domesticated foods will also be served J).

Circle February 18th on your calendars, invite your friends, and come enjoy an evening of fun, food, fellowship, and a great testimony. * * Parking will be at a premium that evening ~ carpooling is encouraged

Please fill out the slip below and place in the offering plate or slip under the secretary's office door before **Monday, February 14th**. Please don't delay ~ reserve your spot today.

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Did you have a successful "hunting" season? Do you have any game you would like to donate? If so, please call the church at 724-864-1570 by February 7th. If you have a favorite recipe you like to make with your wild game and would like to prepare a dish for the dinner, please contact the church with your intentions by February 7th.

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**MEN'S "WILD GAME" DINNER REGISTRATION
Friday, February 18, 2011**

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number Attending _____

**No reservation will be accepted after Monday,
February 14th**

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.



Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I Thessalonians 5:17