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“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

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**NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**NOVEMBER 2010**



Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, tells the story about being invited to a Prayer Breakfast led by Christians while she was First Lady. Mrs. Clinton attended reluctantly expecting to be treated poorly because her political views were very different from most of her hosts.

To Hillary Clinton's great surprise, she had a wonderful time. Being treated with grace, respect, love, and hospitality, Hillary gained a new admiration for evangelical believers and their views.

To use a question Augustine might ask, as you present The City of God to The City of Man, do you express the Gospel with grace and truth to a dying culture as the Savior did? (John 1:14). Do you think of those in government as God's servants? (Romans 13:4,6). Are you a merciful prophet as you speak out against evil while loving the sinner? (Acts 26:24-29)

Charles Colson once quoted a friend, "we could win all the battles in the voting booth, but in the process lose the battle for people's hearts towards the Lord." (Paraphrase)

A.B. Simpson warned, "The greatest curse of the land is the loss of reverence for age and authority, and the spirit of coarse, rude impudence in our exaggerated democracy. This trains people for the time of Antichrist and lawlessness of the last days." Christian citizen, follow Jesus.

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**TUESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**



The following items were approved at the Elder's meeting in October:

1. Inviting Bob Pazehoski to serve as Youth/Young Adult Director - term to begin Oct. 15th.
2. Inviting "Eternal Perspective", a music group from Greensburg CMA, to assist in the Morning Worship Service and the "Connect" Service on Sunday, November 14th.
3. The "Thanksgiving Turkey Give Away" Outreach event
4. A new "Ascend" Ministry for young to mid adults to meet during the Sunday School hour. This will be a time of fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.
5. Various youth events
6. A "New Believer's" class
7. Having the Irwin Male Chorus perform a concert on November 21st.

The following items were discussed at the Ministry Board meeting in October:

1. Elk Htg and Air have installed individual air-condition units in the following areas: Choir Room, International Classroom, Board Room, and all three classrooms downstairs.
  2. New rear tires were put on the van.
  3. The church roof has been inspected. Awaiting a written report on the findings.
  4. Approved various youth events for insurance purposes.
  5. The Ministry Board continues to review and update the NAC Policy Manual.
  6. Monthly financial reports of the church can be found in the small narthex above the weekly service CD's.
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Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** 1 hour on Saturday, November 6.



Fast 2010 is a 30-hr fast.

The congregation is invited to join the youth in Fasting which will begin Thursday, November 4 at 2pm. At 7:00 pm Thursday, November 4th will be a brief prayer service for all to attend. The prayer service will meet in the youth area.

The fast will conclude after a worship service on Friday, November 5. The service begins at 6:00 pm with worship and praise led by the youth. At 7:00 pm Shelli Prindle will give a message. The youth and congregation will break the fast together over a light meal at 8:00 pm.

Permission slips are required for student participation in the actual fasting. The Friday service is open to all. If you intend to share in the meal, please notify Bob (724.309.8312) or the church office (724.864.1570) so that we can prepare proper amounts of food.



**~Veteran's Day~**  
Wednesday  
November 11, 2010

Thank you to all of those that have served, and are serving in the American Armed Forces.

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Let your actions reflect your heart and love of the Lord. Reach out and bless someone this Veteran's Day.



50 additional turkeys will be available for members of our congregation to deliver to someone within the community that would benefit from a turkey. Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you are willing to deliver a turkey.

Contact Mike Salvi if you are able to help on Saturday, November 20th pass out turkeys at the church.



Our *Connection* Services will kick off on Sunday, November 14th at 7pm. These services will feature music from within our church walls as well as the local community. *Eternal Perspective* (a group from Greensburg) will lead worship in November.

Bob Pazehoski will give a message on the importance of testimony in the church.

These services are for all ages!

**Thanksgiving Season**

On Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Bob will lead us in a Praise and Worship service at 7:00 pm at Norwin Alliance Church.

Invite your family and friends to join us as we give praise to God for the bountiful blessings He has given us this year!



**KEEN-AGER**



The Keen-Agers will meet one week earlier in November. They will meet on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> for a catered Thanksgiving Luncheon beginning at 11:30 am

This year's Thanksgiving Luncheon will be catered by K-Vay's, and the meal will consist of ham, breaded boneless chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, apple and pumpkin pie. Everyone will get BOTH entrees so no one will have to make a choice. Price per person is \$10.00, and all reservations and money must be in to Betty Kunkle, Ruth Long, or Muriel Quinto by Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Rachel Wilson will present the program for the day. The business end of the meeting will include the election of officers.

If you are age 50 or older, this is your special invitation to attend this meeting which begins at 11:30 am and concludes about 2:00 pm. Set aside the date, and make your reservations soon. We will look for YOU!!



**Operation Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

All shoeboxes should be returned to the church Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> so they can be dedicated on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Remember:

- ~ to use a standard size shoebox or a 6-quart plastic box only.
- ~ Enclose a check (made out to Samaritan's Purse ~ note OCC on memo line) for **\$7.00 per box** to cover shipping and handling cost.
- ~ Secure the lid with a rubber band.
- ~ Attach the appropriate label (girl/boy) and mark the appropriate age category.



**Operation Christmas Joy**

On Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, a "family wish list" will be available for a District pastoral family that is in need during the Christmas holiday. This is a great opportunity to share the blessings God has sent our way.

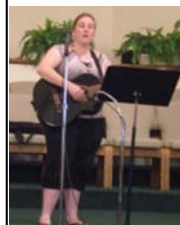
For those of you who are new to the congregation, every year Norwin Alliance Church has helped a pastoral family that is in need during the Christmas holiday. Our district receives a "family wish list" for each member of the family under the age of 18 and our members provide the items noted on the "wish list". For the adult children (still living at home) and the parents, it is suggested that a monetary gift or gift certificates be given. All gifts are to be given anonymously ~ no reference to your name or the church name should be given.

Please keep your hearts open to the family selected for us and know that this family appreciates your kindheartedness!

All gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> so they can be delivered to the District Office by December 10<sup>th</sup>.



Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>



Rachel Wilson will minister in both the 8:30 and 10:45 Worship Services this day with a mini concert.

Rachel is preparing to go to Ethiopia in January as a missionary. Her cd's "The Journey" are available in the church office.

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The Irwin Male Chorus will present a concert on Sunday evening at 7:00 pm. Our own Dave Helfrich is a member and Vicki Booher is the pianist. Jim and Darlene Worley's son, Dan is also a member.

Following the concert will be a "Pie Social". Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend the social and also if you are able to bring a pie.

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Invite your friends to church on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> for both the morning and evening services ~ they will be blessed!



The annual trek to Erie for the Western PA Middle School District Retreat was completed by middle school girls; Laura Buchanan, Gabby Colwell and Erin Linhart along with leaders Kevin Craycraft and Mama Slafka. The weekend got off to a great start with all attending the Norwin MS girls' basketball game where Laura made the winning foul shot with just seconds on the clock! After completing a quick dinner at Sheetz, the NAC church van was headed north to Family First Sports Park.

The theme for the weekend was; *"The Blend – Your Life. GOD. Will it Blend?"*. We were challenged by Youth Pastor Daniel Bishop from CA to read our bibles daily and to examine our lives to see if we are living by the Spirit or living by the sinful nature, as these two cannot be blended with each other but each can be blended with us – it is our choice. When we choose the Holy Spirit, it is then up to us to dictate how much gets blended and for how long...for the volume and length affect the quality of the blending. The better the blend, the better the bond that cannot be separated or hidden in our lives. Our lives with Him will never be the same once we accept the challenge.

Small group devotions helped us discuss and apply the messages being delivered to us and also provided a wonderful opportunity to focus on our relationship with God and with each other. Adding to the devotions was "story-time" with Kevin, as he read from the book, *"Under God"*.

Of course Jolt wouldn't be complete without the sports tournaments, go-carts, mini golf and the climbing wall. "Get Clothes-Lined" was Kevin's favorite game... but you'll have to ask him for an explanation of that!

Overall...a great time of spiritual growth, group bonding, little sleep and lots of laughter!

If you'll be in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year mark your calendars now to spend an awesome October weekend in Erie. You won't be sorry you did!

#### CURRENT YOUTH STUDIES

Sunday School: John Piper [Don't Waste Your Life](#)

Wednesday Middle School: [The Book of James](#)

Wednesday High School: [Image](#)

#### UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

November 4-5: Fast 2010

November 13: Bonfire & Capture the Flag

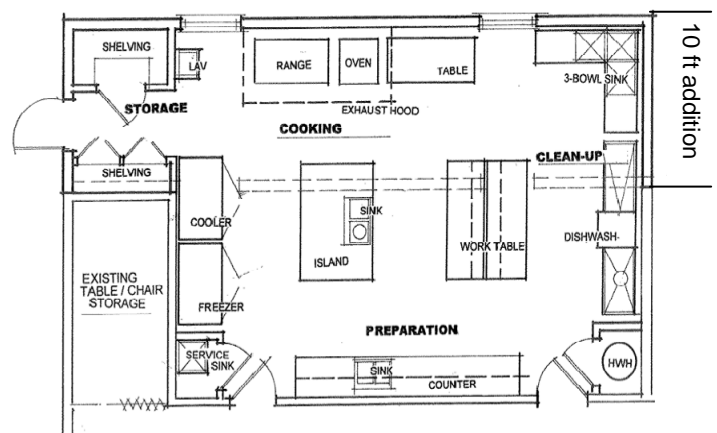


#### Kitchen Building Committee

The Kitchen Building Committee is moving forward following the approval of the current plans by the Congregation at the September meeting. We will proceed contracting with Mr. Bob Frost, the Architect, to prepare architectural drawings of the kitchen expansion. The existing preliminary drawings and estimates will be forwarded to the Property Improvement and/or Renovation Committee of the Western PA District of the C&MA for their review and preliminary approval. The Kitchen Building Committee will be working closely with the Architect and the District to finalize the kitchen expansion plans.

Any questions or feedback should be directed to the Kitchen Building Committee:

Chairman Dave Cain  
Committee Pastor Bob, Pastor Wood, Bob Tierney, Bill Freise, Mardy Rogers, Elena Dornin



#### ♪♪ "Praise Partners Brighten Lives" ♪♪

On Sunday, September 27th, our "Praise Partners" ♪♪ (our Sunday School children's Outreach Ministry to our shut-ins at home or in nursing homes) visited Baldock Health Care Center.

After church the "Praise Partners" ♪♪ (Shaylin, Dana, Jessica, Megan and Daniel) had lunch together then, with Beth and Janice, they visited with several residents and sang for them.

Thank you to the children and adults who made this special visit to carry out the Great Commission.

**VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA**

This writer has been thinking about many of the blessings we receive every day. Many we take for granted. To get you thinking about your special blessings, she will list some of her ideas. Add to the list as you desire.

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 H ome  
 A dventures/opportunities  
 N ativity  
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 V ocations  
 I ndividualism  
 N ation/USA  
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An anonymous poem follows:

**The Blessing of Fall**

Fall is a lovely time of the year,  
 The woods are full of berries, nuts, and deer.  
 God's artists paint the sky a vibrant blue.  
 The sun casts down a golden hue.  
 The moon in fall is orange and so big and round.  
 In yards you see pumpkins on the ground.  
 The leaves are gold and orange and rust.  
 The wind plays games with the falling leaves  
 And watching them is a must.  
 The corn stalks are tied in fields standing as  
 though on guard.  
 Baskets of apples, potatoes, and cabbage are  
 seen in people's yards.  
 There are jars on the pantry shelves filled with  
 tomatoes, peaches, pickles, and relish too.  
 This season is the perfect time for giving thanks.  
 It's true!

On a personal note; I am especially thankful for my church family this past year. I am thankful for the love, encouragement and support they have given to me and my family since Jason's homegoing.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU.

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***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*** ~ *In case you haven't heard, we are still having fun at the Ladies Bible Study! I prayerfully hope that you will consider joining us as we grow together in our walk with God and each other. We are now fast tracking Henry Blackaby's "Experiencing God" with a plan to finish this incredible study by the end of the year. A few extra workbooks are available. We meet in the Fellowship Hall the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 10:30 am. I'll be looking for you!*



***Norwin Alliance Women*** ~ *Our October meeting was blessed by a visit from Rachel Wilson. She shared with us about her preparations to leave for Ethiopia in January. Thank you Rachel for taking time from your schedule to be with us. Let's all continue to keep Rachel and her ministry in our prayers.*

*The time is flying by and in just a few weeks we will be celebrating Thanksgiving! For many people this holiday is their favorite one because it just focuses on counting our blessings and being with family and friends. November 15<sup>th</sup> will be our monthly meeting. Have you been thinking about your Spiritual Disciplines? We will continue to focus on this topic throughout the year. Immediately after our meeting, we will have a luncheon for those in attendance. We have some great cooks and we will put together a little repast to celebrate Thanksgiving. After our meal we will watch a short film provided by Barb Hughes.*

*Don't forget to pray for the Creative Access workers around the globe, Rachel Wilson as she prepares to go to Ethiopia, Doug and Naomi Ord, and Roberta Clogg and remember to thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed on you this past year.*

***Looking Ahead*** ~ *Make plans to attend our Christmas Luncheon at Lakeview in December. Watch for more information to follow!*

***The Last Word . . .***

*"To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else." ~ Emily Dickinson*

**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.



December will be here quickly! Chris LoChiatto and her staff are preparing for our wonderful Children's Program which will take place during the second service on Sunday, December 19th.

Following the Children's Program will be our annual Advent Festival Luncheon. Our Fellowship Committee will have a delicious lunch to celebrate the Children's Program and the Blessed Season.

Bring your family and friends to this excellent outreach event.

Please call Carole Sarber if you have any questions about the day.



*Neighbor Day 2010*

Year 5 of Neighbor Day is now past. Every year toward the end of the preparations, I start to doubt. Lord, should we still continue? Will any good result from the day. O me, of little faith! Every year I hear of at least one person who was impacted by the day and God humbles me again.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped. Yes, for the first time, we ended up inside for the service, but we had 37 visitors. Praise the Lord, 22 of them were 1st time visitors! And even more importantly, 2 people made a commitment on Sunday. I'm trusting that the remainder either had a seed planted or God is still working in them. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you to all who invited friends, family, and strangers; to the men, led by Brian Denney, who came at 7:00 am to set-up, and move, and set-up again; and to the kitchen crew, led by Elena Dornin. There are so many people who lend a hand, that I can't name you all, but you are very important to the body of Christ.

Altogether a great day of worship, fellowship, and fun. Personally, I got a little guilty pleasure out of my 2 year old dunking Daddy in the dunk booth!

Please keep following up with all the folks you invited. Keep them coming back to church. "We're the People of God, called by His name. We're called from the dark, and delivered from shame." We've been delivered, let's continue to be friends to the lost so that they might be delivered from the dark and shame too.

Sincerely,

Vicki Booher  
Neighbor Day Chairperson



**Missions Moments by Janis Swope**

**Missions Focus for November:  
CREATIVE ACCESS COUNTRIES**

Since 1887, the Christian & Missionary Alliance has served the spiritual needs as well as the physical needs of millions of men, women, and children in every part of the world. Today, our global ministries include 13,609 churches and church groups including more than 4 million people in 81 countries and territories. Incredible isn't it? But nothing is impossible with God.

The doors are open to represent Christ throughout the world - even in "Creative Access Countries." Whether it's showing His Love and proclaiming His Truth in our community and nearby towns, or to people of other languages and cultures worldwide - the doors are open!

But how should you pray for our International Workers in Creative Access Countries? Workers in these countries face stress, fatigue and challenges in learning the language and culture. Pray for the fullness of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for protection, and pray for divine appointments with people who are seeking the Truth. Pray for grace and compassion for workers as they seek to show the love of Christ to hurting people. Finally, pray for the power of God to break through whatever keeps people spiritually blinded.

**Did You Know . . .** On October 8th, about 1,000 students attended a revival service to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Team Joshua, an Alliance youth outreach in Indonesia. Praise the Lord for 500 students who came forward to receive Christ or to meet with God for other spiritual needs. Praise the Lord!