

# 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

NOVEMBER 2016



It's voting time. Thank the Lord for the freedom and responsibility to vote. Below is a "voting prayer" from Lloyd Ogilvie, former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

"Almighty God, sovereign of our nation, thank You for the privilege of living in a free land where I have the opportunity to vote. Work through the election process so that the people will be elected who will glorify You. Strengthen their commitment to trust You to guide them as they confront the problems and claim Your best for their realm of leadership. May they never forget that they are in office by Your choice and are accountable to You for how they lead. May the immense responsibilities they assume, and the vows they make when sworn into office, bring them to their knees with profound humility and unprecedented openness to You.

Save them from the seduction of power, the addiction of popularity, and the aggrandizement of pride. Lord, keep their priorities straight. May they never forget that they have been elected to serve and not be served. Consistently replenish the reserves of strength and courage so often drained by pressure and stress. Anoint their minds with Your Spirit and guide them as they seek to know and do Your will in the crucial issues before my city, region, and nation. I firmly believe that this can be our country's finest hour awaiting leaders imbued with your power."



TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>



Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** 1 hour on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.



All shoeboxes should be returned to the church **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Remember:

~ ~ 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.



~ ~ Attach the appropriate label (girl/boy) and mark the appropriate age category.



**New PA. Law Possibility**

Governor Tom Wolf is pushing State House Bill 1510, and State Senate House Bill 974 and 1307. This new bill would allow students or adults to use any bathroom or shower facility based on gender identification. While attempting to aid people in the LGBT community, other people's personal privacy and safety would be placed in danger. Contact your State Representatives to voice your convictions on this important matter.

Bring the good news of Biblical values in opposing this new bill.

~ source, PA Family Institute




**HELP WANTED!**

Do you have a knack for decorating? We are seeking an individual to be in charge of decorating our church building for the Christmas holiday. The 1st Sunday in Advent is Sun., Nov. 27, which is fast approaching. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please call the church office ASAP!

**SWIM PARTY**

The Children's Sunday School is hosting a **SWIM PARTY** on Friday, Nov. 18. It will be held at the Wilmerding "Y". Swim time will be from 6-7 pm, with pizza and cookies to follow from 7-8 pm.



**Thanksgiving Season**

On Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</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!



**~Veteran's Day~**

Friday

November 11, 2016



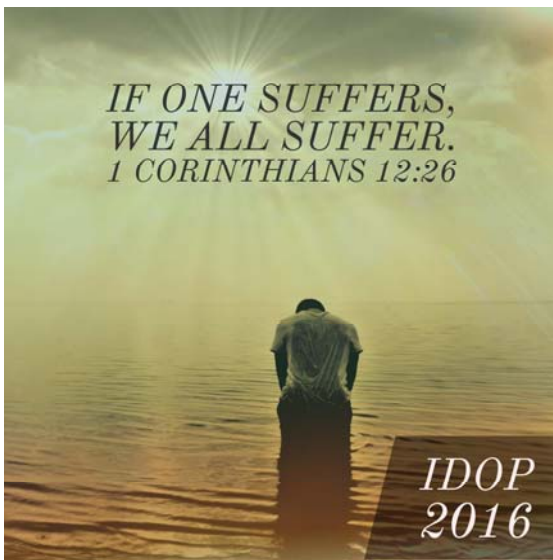
† Thank you to all of those that have served, and are serving in the American Armed Forces.

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

# International Day of Prayer

Sunday, November 6, 2016

In Africa, North Korea, China, India, the Philippines, and other nations, Christians face worship restrictions, public humiliation, and social isolation. Many encounter violence; some face death. Church buildings are burned and vandalized. The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is charged with raising awareness of such circumstances and lifting the most pressing instances of global persecution up in prayer. Held annually in November, traditionally a month devoted to remembering the saints and martyrs of the church, the event is supported by prominent evangelical and humanitarian organizations including the World Evangelical Alliance, Open Doors, and International Christian Concern. (from Christianity Today)



"God uses the prayers of his people to strengthen and deliver suffering saints."

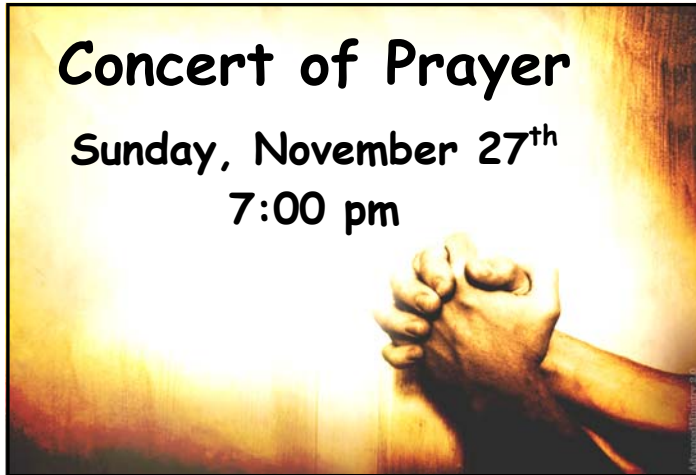
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## 10 WAYS TO PRAY

FOR OUR PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Pray that they will . . .

1. Sense God's presence Hebrews 13:5
2. Know the greater body of Christ is praying for them. 2 Timothy 1:3
3. Experience God's comfort when persecuted. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
4. See God open doors to evangelism. Colossians 4:3
5. Boldly share the Gospel. Acts 4:29
6. Forgive and love their persecutors. Matthew 5:44
7. Be granted wisdom in covert ministry work. Acts 9:23-25
8. Remain joyful amid suffering. Acts 5:41
9. Mature in their faith. Colossians 1:28-29
10. Be rooted in God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17



The Keen-Agers will meet one week earlier in November. They will meet on Thursday, **November 17<sup>th</sup>**, for a catered Thanksgiving Luncheon beginning at 11:30 am

A Traditional Thanksgiving meal will be catered by MANOR GRILL. The price is \$11 per person, payable with your reservation no later than November 13th to Pat Beyer.

The program will be by the Department of Aging. An election of officers for 2017 will take place. In addition to the program on the 19th, reservations and money will be accepted for the December 15th catered meal. Please note: the December meeting will also be the 3rd Thursday due to the Christmas holiday. Detailed information for the December meeting will appear in next month's Koinonia.

Please circle these dates on your calendar and plan to attend both meetings.

If you are age 50 or older, this is your cordial invitation to attend Keen-Agers. The programs begin at 11:30 am and conclude about 2:00 pm. Please set aside the dates, and make your reservations soon. We will look for YOU!!



**CONNECTION SERVICE**  
**Sunday, November 13, 2016**  
**6:30 pm**

**Speaker: Joe Cox**

**Worship: NAC Worship Team**

Vignettes by Virginia

"Most of us have a time in our life when normal routines are broken up, the schedules are changed, or we are definitely surprised with something that is different, and probably affects other family members. I am taking advantage of this opportunity to share my 'testimony' about the cancer that has been a part of my life for three years now. When first diagnosed, I was given only four months to live; so being able to glance around at so many people and hear his/her story also, I can stop and think about so many physical, mental, and spiritual aspects that have entered my life.

I know God is trying to teach me to be a patient person. With all the world in such a mess, and I know Jesus is to return soon, I need to be a better Christian example. During one part of the tumors growing in my brain - - for which I had surgery two times - - I know that I really was not a very nice person; but I did not always realize it until headaches banged on me, etc. Sounds like only a good excuse. I found that I needed to apologize and ask forgiveness to people for being impolite, selfish, rude, etc. But God reminded me over and over, and He still does, that He loves me. He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. I was only nine years old when I asked Him into my life. I remember so vividly learning in Christian and Missionary Alliance of Jesus as a

Healer; not only a physical healer, especially in a medical need, but in a personal way Jesus is a Healer to me in a spiritual and mental viewpoint. Cancer treatment can be annoying, and cause some pains and embarrassment; **Jesus loves me. Jesus hold me tight** at those times when I need to (excuse me) vomit, or other unpleasant basics.

I am still traveling to Chicago because my hospitalization was denied at UPMC. About every three months I get basic testing to make sure that the lungs stay clean and do not need chemo again. Plus MRI, etc. to eye the brain. I will be honest that I do not desire anymore surgery. This summer's 'adventure' was a big surprise !!! I wish I did not have to go so often, have the testing, etc. But I realize my condition is not as severe as many others; I am so thankful for God's healing power !!! My BIGGEST THANK YOU is for all the PRAYERS !!! I know that people all over the world are praying. That is such an encouragement and power of strength. THANK YOU!!!

The following verse has been my inspiration in 2016:

'The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.'

Zephaniah 3:17



**\*\*WANTED\*\***

***Canceled/Used Stamps***

The income generated from the stamp ministry goes to support the preparation, publishing and distribution of a new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools in Latin America. Please carefully trim your used stamps, leaving a 1/4 inch border around it. NOTE: Do Not remove the stamps from the paper.

In addition, please consider saving the following items: ***Campbells soup labels, Labels for Education, and Box Tops***. These items benefit our local schools.

Please bring your contributions to the church and give to Sheila Gilpatrick or deposit them in the box above the coatrack in the narthex.