

Month of June 2022

Norriton Presbyterian Church

Dear Norriton Church Family and Friends,

Greetings in the name of Christ.

I hold onto these words as an anchor during a week that just seems to keep coming at us with violence. Greetings in the name of Christ. The assurance that even amid the chaos we can turn to one another and remember whose we are.



In these days of Eastertide, we have been reflecting on passages from the Book of Revelation, and the Gospel of John. I turn again and again to the prayers that John's Gospel reminds us of, as Jesus approached a week of denial, betrayal and violence in his own journey. During the hardest moments, Jesus leaned toward God for strength, courage and a sense of meaning for the journey ahead. He gathered strength in community to go out to face the world with grace and mercy.

It is time for us to lean into God as well. John of Patmos describes a world filled with destructive forces, powers that threatened to undoubtedly destroy the relationships between people, nations and with creation. John encouraged early Christians to keep the faith and to draw upon the Holy Spirit that dwells in their hearts to guide them through the turmoil. We need to pray that "the spirit of Jesus, of grace, of love, of acceptance, of compassion, of kindness, and generosity will come and overwhelm those demonic spirits of paranoia and hate and fill not just our churches but our communities and our nation with the calling to work — physically work with acts of charity toward peace and justice for ourselves, our allies, and, yes, even our enemies." (adapted from Dean Feldmeyer's words on sermonsuite.com, May 29, 2021)

I find myself tearing up at the sound of children, knowing that 18 more have been added to the cloud of witnesses for being at school on an ordinary day. I find myself wondering how hate can grow to the point of driving 200 miles to target a grocery store in a black neighborhood in Buffalo on an ordinary Saturday afternoon with 10 more dying simply because of skin color. I find myself adrift in a sense of frustration and shame that I haven't done more, written more or tried to explore alternatives to violence in our homes and communities. I find myself leaning into prayer, reading and reflection to kick start some link to the courage and hope that Jesus sees in me and in us.

And so the leaning continues. Let us become a people of the Way of Christ in deeper and more courageous ways. Let us pray without ceasing that peace will reign. Let us write our representatives on all levels of government to create reasonable practices surrounding gun ownership and accessibility to weapons that do such harm. Let us work to build up those around us with words of

compassion, kindness and grace. Let us also break down the assumptions and clear our hearts of the blindness that keeps us from truly embracing one another.

We need to be people who will call upon Jesus to return not on a cloud or a winged horse, not with arms and armies, not in political rhetoric and office, but in the hearts and lives of Christians who know with the certainty of faith that the heavenly kingdom comes to earth with deeds of love and mercy. (Feldmeyer, Ibid).

Come Lord, Jesus, Come. Our prayer and our hope.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Lori

Visit our website: norritonchurch.org



Zoom Weekly Opportunities

Sunday Morning Worship

***9:30 AM with time for fellowship afterward (in person and on Zoom)**

***Prayer Circle is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM (in person & on Zoom)**

Details on how to join these options will be sent via email with information attached.



Book Group

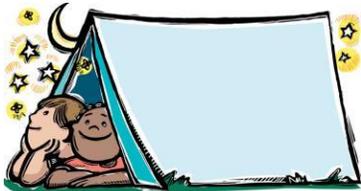
**Mon. Sep. 19
7:00 to 9:00 PM**

Bring your own book

Additionally - don't forget the book shelf in the church hallway. There are some great reads and a few puzzles just waiting to go home with you.

Do you shop at Redner's or Giant?

Don't forget to save and turn in your Redner's receipts*. You must use your "Save a tape" card with your purchase. Those valuable receipts earn the church a percentage of the total and may be put in your offering envelope or just dropped into the offering plates. **AND Judy Stayton has Giant gift cards for purchase**. The cards earn 5% of the card cost for the church. It's an easy way to supplement our budget. ****Please note - if we get Redner's receipts with the "save a tape" total cut off, they are no good for the rebate. Please make sure the total shows. We just got another check - this one for \$73.85.**



"Norriton Nights"

They're Baaaack...

During the Summer months we will, once again, meet every other Wed. night, in the church lawn, for a time of snacking, conversation and laughter. The first one will be on June 15, beginning at 6:30 ish PM. Our first host will be Mary Johnston. Please bring a chair, a snack or dessert to share and your own beverage. There is a calendar posted on the the table in the narthex for future hosts. Hosts provide paper goods, setting up the table and some ice. There is plenty of plastic ware in the pantry closet. Thanks and see you there! Questions, see Jo Shockley.

Food on the First



Working for good in our community.

Thank you all for your help with our many mission requests! **Currently, we are asking for bread, instant coffee, cereal, and chicken noodle soup.** You may put your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex.

Thank you!

Financial Update

**Below are the figures for the
month of April**

Total Income: \$ 11,169.13
(of that total \$ 2,900 was from rentals)
Total Expenses: \$ 15,121.72
the per capita amount this year is \$30

***Thank you for your continued support
of Norriton's budget.***

You can mail your offering to:
PO Box 220 Fairview Village, PA 19409



Your slate of Elders and Deacons is:

Elders

Class of 2024: Cathy Miller
Class of 2023: Bill McMullen, Susan Titze
Class of 2022: Chris Alburger, Jo Shockley

Deacons

Class of 2024: Bill Titze, Cheryl Yost
Class of 2023: Toni Allebach, Pam Flood
Class of 2022: Ken Miller (moderator), Ann Lint
Clerk of Session: Mary Johnston
Financial Secretary: Ted Menard
Treasurer: Mary Johnston

***Please keep these folks in your prayers as they strive to support this congregation, and as always - if you have questions or concerns about anything at Norriton, please feel free to speak to Pastor Lori or any one of your elected officers, at any time.**

June

Birthdays

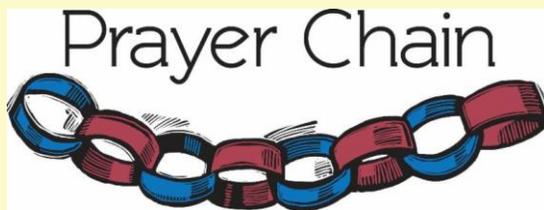
- 1 Scott Allebach
- 6 Susanna Yost
- 9 Gerry O'Neil
- 10 Anna Hilles
- 14 Mike Johnson
- 15 Shellis Shockley
- 16 Mimi McMullen
Jack Johnston
- 22 Bill McMullen
Jack Hilles
- 26 Bob Lint

Anniversaries

- 1 Ann & Bob Lint
- 24 Toni & Scott Allebach
Jo & Shellis Shockley



Anniversaries and Birthdays



Prayer Chain

If you know someone who is sick or facing a crisis situation, or celebrating a special occasion, Norriton's prayer chain is willing to offer prayers. Call your Deacon, call or email the office with your request.

Our prayers continue for:

- Cristine Farrer** for continued good health
- Cristine's mother, Raun**, struggling with her cancer journey and a fall injury
- This congregation**, as we search for opportunities to serve our neighbors in a positive way
- Those who fight addictions and those who struggle with mental illness**; and their families
- All those who serve as caretakers/caregivers** - for strength and patience
- The many victims of warfare, discrimination, and gun violence** in the world
- The people of Ukraine**, caught in a dangerous war, for strength, safety and peace
- Those waiting for test results and subsequent treatment**, for strength and patience
- Mary Johnston's brother, John Shaw**, as he faces treatment for cancer - for strength and healing
- Jeanne Todd and Ken Burgess**, prayers for a successful job and housing search

And we add:

- The Alderfer family**, for comfort, following the death of Harry, Jr.
- Our tenant, Devdan's, mother**, for strength and healing following a fall and several fractured bones; and for the whole family as they deal with additional care-giving
- Jimmy Jenkins**, for strength and healing from neck and back problems; and **he and his wife** as they anticipate the birth of their child, who is in a breach position - for a safe delivery
- Those anticipating surgery** - for strength, patience and healing
- Steve Alburger**, for strength, patience and healing, still waiting for an ortho appt. following a tibial fracture
- Pastor Lori, James and Matthew Titze, and all those** experiencing the never-ending Covid

infections, for strength and healing

Mark your calendar

Wed., June 1 - **Deacons** meet, 6 PM **Choir** 7:00 PM

Wed., June 15 - "**Norriton Nights**" begin, 6:30ish PM - *here* - bring a chair, a snack to share and your beverage of choice and we will enjoy an evening of conversation and laughter - **there's a calendar posted on the table in the narthex for hosts (hosts provide ice, paper goods (no utensils - we have plenty!) and setting up a table) Mary Johnston is hosting 6/15.** Thanks very much!

See Jo Shockley with ??

Tue., June 21 - **Session**, 7 PM

Sun., July 3 - **Worship in Old Norriton**, 9:30 AM



"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity! For there the Lord commanded the blessing, life for evermore."

+ Psalm 133:1-3