

## Norriton Presbyterian Church



**“A ship in a harbor is safe but that is not what ships are for...” has been a quote that has been a source of encouragement throughout the years. I came across these words as I was making my way through adolescence, complete with an inability to meet new people without turning bright red, wondering how I was going to afford college in the midst of our family messiness, and the general teenage angst of the mid-to-late 70’s. I had a tendency to shrink inward and stay put at home unless I went to my part-time job or was dragged out kicking and screaming by my friend, Robin.**

**I walked into a store and there was the poster with the words and a similar picture as you see here. I remember feeling a sense of relief (remember that you have a quirky pastor here) and peace when I saw it. “There is hope for me,” an inner voice said. “I can do this I just need to get out of the ‘harbor.’” I didn’t change over night and I still have**

**to gather myself before I go into tough situations. I took it in baby steps and I am still learning more about myself and how I relate to the world in the many roles I find myself in on a daily basis.**

**In this season of Eastertide, we are offered the choice to move out of our “harbors,” or comfort zones, and engage with the world in a new way. It has become very easy to stay home, to stay apart, to stay as we are. Peter and the disciples tried it—they went back to the harbor of fishing and it lasted about three days or so before Jesus appeared and encouraged them to get back out there. To leave the nets, the familiar, the safety of what is and to see what God had in store for them.**

**In the next few weeks, the leadership of Norriton will be gathering to imagine what might be out there to explore as we continue to be faithful to Christ’s call to love, hope and engage with the world. Jesus reminds us that we are to “Feed my sheep” and to “Go out into the world...” The harbor is there to refuel, to rest and to re-center.**

**The seas of life call us anew. The number of people who are experiencing homelessness and hunger is growing daily. The power of addiction is expanding as drugs, alcohol, screens and other habits become the focus instead of conversation and relationships. The rate of abuse, the cries of those who are alone, the vulnerability of those who deal with mental illness are all among us and out there in the world. Where will we go and how will we sail out into the world to encourage in Christ’s name?**

**Pray for your deacons, elders and pastor. Pray and encourage us to move out of our comfort zone to lead this faithful congregation to new ways to encourage a broken world.**

**May we be amazed by God’s love as we go!**

**Blessings,  
Pastor Lori**

Visit our website: [norritonchurch.org](http://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

**Monday, May 16 - 7 PM**

*In person and on Zoom*

**"All the Colors We will See..."  
by Patrice Gopo**

**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.**



## Mother's Day Alternative Gifts

*You can celebrate or honor the special women in your life by purchasing a gift certificate that will support Laurel House, a safe place for women and children. Order forms are available at church. Checks should be made out to Norriton and questions can go to Judy Stayton. Thank you for supporting this important mission project!!*

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### ***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.**

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### **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 (other than corn flakes), canned corn and chicken noodle soup. Thank you!**

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## Financial Update

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

Total Income: \$ 11,974.32  
(of that total \$ 2,799.50 was from rentals)

Total Expenses: \$ 12,937.34

*\*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, Judy Stayton

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.**

## May

### Birthdays

- 3 Shawn Scanlon  
5 Reece Whitley Anniversaries  
8 Dave Turner (Sr.) 1 Lori & Mike Kosinski  
9 Kyle Flood 3 Janet & Dennis Detweiler  
18 Jeff Johnston (Jr.) 15 Cathy & Ken Miller  
20 Juliet Yost 21 Nancy & Dave Turner  
Lauren Rizzo 31 Michael & MaryAnn Johnson  
27 Megan & Jon Alburger



## 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

Harry Alderfer, Jr., and family, for comfort and strength, as he is now in hospice care

The people of Ukraine, caught in a dangerous war, for strength, safety and peace

### And we add:

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

**Glenn and Heidi Alderfer**, positive for Covid, for strength and complete healing  
**Jeanne Todd and Ken Burgess**, prayers for a successful job and housing search  
**Post surgical folks**, for successful physical therapy and rehab  
**All those on our hearts and minds that we pray for when we cannot put our concerns into words**

**Mark your calendar**

Wed., May 4 - **Worship Committee** meets, 6 PM **Choir** - 7 PM

Tue., May 10 - **Prayer Circle**, 7 PM

Sun., May 15 - **Elder/Deacon Leadership Retreat**, 11AM to 4PM

Mon., May 16 - **Book Group**, 7 PM *"All the Colors We Will See..."* by

Patrice Gopo

Tue., May 17 - **Session**, 7PM



*"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*