

Month of September 2022

Norriton Presbyterian Church

September, 2022

As part of my daily routine, I listen to podcasts as I drive back and forth to work. One of my favorites is a conversation on an app called, "10% Happier." Dan Harris, former ABC correspondent, and Father Gregory Boyle were talking about the question "Can You Really Conquer Hatred Through Love?" Father Boyle works with gangs in the Los Angeles area. He posits that when we approach every person we meet with a sense of discovery and love we will be agents of transformation.



As we move back into our September routines may "*Kindness be our strength*" as Father Boyle suggests. As Scripture reminds us, "*Let love be our aim.*" I Cor. 14:1. This year presents a continuing need for extra words of encouragement as we return to work environments and classrooms. Emotions are just below the surface as we continue to re-enter "the world." Take a breath and try to think about what builds up another person; what encourages someone to risk; or what allows them to see Christ's love through you. We aren't going to be perfect at this; it's okay because grace abounds!

We continue to gain strength from our Norriton community. Come to **worship** in person to feel the presence of God's love. On September 11th, we have invited area first responders to join us for the service and a time of fellowship. **Serve** others by volunteering at the Interfaith Pantry or in other ways in the community. **Broaden** your horizons as we study Brandan J. Robertson's: *Filled to Be Emptied: The Path to Liberation for Privileged People* beginning on September 27th. It promises to challenge our worldview and transform our faith.

May the love of God, the grace of Christ and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit guide and sustain us always.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Lori

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Zoom Weekly Opportunities



Sunday Morning Worship

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

***Prayer Circle is on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays this month, at 6:45 PM (13th on Zoom, 27th in person and on Zoom)**

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

one of our favorites returns...



Are you tired of cooking, tired of clean up, looking for some rousing conversation? Well, our Supper Club is back on track. We will meet on Sep. 15 at 6 PM at the Trappe VFW. The goal is to go to reasonably priced restaurants, choose your own meal, pay your own bill and enjoy each other's company. *No strings, no sign ups, no work!* **Please RSVP (by Sep. 13 to the church office or Jo Shockley - phone or email,** so we can give the VFW a head count. Thank you. Hope you can join us!



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 - *bring a book, take a book...*

Join us for Movie Night

"Gigot"

**Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall**

Bring family and friends to enjoy!

Popcorn and lemonade will be provided.



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.



Have you ever wondered about the Presbyterian tradition? Do you sit in worship and find yourself puzzled by some of the terms in the bulletin? Were you brought up in another faith tradition?

On Sunday, September 25th there will be an opportunity to get some information and ask questions. ***A three-week series on Presbyterians: History, Worship and Mission*** is a chance to quiz Pastor Lori and explore what it means to be Presbyterian. All ages are welcome!

Youth who are interested in exploring confirmation can contact Pastor Lori. Planning is in the works for a class in late January with confirmation taking place on Pentecost Sunday. All youth age 12 and older are welcome to this exploration of faith!

Many thanks to all who supported our School Supply Drive! We donated 37 filled back packs to the Salvation Army in Norristown.

We got a thank you from the Administrative Assistant of the Salvation saying in part: Please accept my gratitude for your generous gift of school backpacks to the Norristown Corps of the Salvation Army. Your donation ensures that we will be able to provide our emergency and ongoing services to those most in need throughout the year.

- Joyce Goodwin



Working for good in our community.

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

Financial Update

Below are the figures for the month of July

Total Income: \$ 8,746.59
(of that total \$ 1,765 was from rentals)
Total Expenses: \$ 7,516.09

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

*****We are looking for someone to head Mission. If you think you might be interested, please speak to any of our Elders for details.***

****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.***

September

Birthdays

- 4 Judy Stayton
14 Ann Lint
Alan Behrer
20 Bill Titze
22 Jim Sayne

Anniversaries

- 5 Jay & Lynne Dzwil
16 Kendra & Seth Clayton
18 Betty and Gerry O'Neil
19 Pam & Michael Flood
24 Jill & Henry Hilles
28 Lauren & Frank Rizzo
29 Sharon & Jeffery Jenkins



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.

Prayer Chain



Our prayers continue for:

Cristine Farrer for continued good health
Cristine's mother, **Raun**, struggling with her cancer journey
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
Jeanne Todd and Ken Burgess, prayers for a successful job search
Shirley Alderfer, for strength and comfort, dealing with general health issues
Shirley's brother, Bruce, dealing with metastasizing cancer, for comfort
Reece Whitley, for continued strength and healing, at home now
Mary Johnston's daughter-in-law, Tiffany's sister, Dawn, following breast cancer surgery
Steve Alburger, for a good knee replacement rehab

And we add:

The Dzwil Family for comfort, following the death of Lynne's mother
Gerry O'Neil, for a good outcome and healing after his upcoming surgery
The extended Miller Family, and Kelly's husband Jason and 2 sons, for comfort and strength, following the accidental death of Ken's brother Dean's daughter, Kelly, and her unborn child
Susan Titze's brother Ken, for strength, dealing with the recurrence of his cancer, and his limited treatment options

Mark your calendar

Thur., Sep.1 - **Movie Night, 7 PM** - "Gigot" - popcorn & lemonade provided - we are in Fellowship Hall

Sun., Sep. 11 - **Remembering 9/11 during worship**

Thurs. Sept. 15th- **Supper Club, 6 PM at the Trappe VFW**

Mon., Sept. 19th - **Book Club meets at the church--bring your own books to recommend**

Tue., Sep. 20 - **Session, 7 PM**

Sun. Sept. 25th - **Presbyterian 101 Class begins at 11:00**

Tues. Sept. 27th - **"Filled to Be Emptied" adult study begins at 7:30 in library. (following Prayer Circle at 6:45 PM)**

*Looking Ahead - **Choir practice** will begin soon, AND **there's a Soup Sale in the works** for Oct.15 - mark your calendar*



"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