

## Norriton Presbyterian Church



***"To the people who love you, you are beautiful already. This is not because they're blind to your shortcomings but because they so clearly see your soul. Your shortcomings then dim by comparison. The people who care about you are willing to let you be imperfect and beautiful, too".***

– Victoria Moran

Greetings in the name of Christ!

In February our thoughts naturally turn to love. As Christians we hope that loving God, your neighbor, the stranger and your own self is an everyday way of living. The commandment is a call to a way of life, not a Hallmark holiday.

The world wants us to "buy" into love. The stores have been filled with conversational hearts, Valentines and chocolates since December 26th. In our world, we compartmentalize the holidays based on marketing strategies. In the midst of winter, we find ourselves yearning for signs of love and hope. We want to be loved on so many levels and we sometimes wonder if we really are unconditionally as we are right now

American author Victoria Moran reminds us that when we find people who love us fully, and without reminders of national holidays, we are indeed blessed in so many ways. Think of friends who have the courage to ask you tough questions or know when not to comment on a bad hair day. Think of your family members who have the grace to not debate every thought that you have and still want to spend time with you. Think of the stranger who opens the door for you or offers to carry part of your load.

None of us are perfect and all of us are loved by God, in Christ and through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Our small acts of love are part of the pattern of God's work in the world. We know how to love because we are loved fully and unabashedly as children of God. God cares about you just as you are; Christ forgives you now. You are beautiful and imperfect as you live out your faith rooted in the Holy Spirit.

You are amazing, beautiful and imperfect--and loved!

Blessings and peace,  
*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)

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



### Watch for Details



### Book Group Mon., Feb. 20

**7 PM**

*at Mary Johnston's house*

**"The Bookwoman of Troublesome  
Creek" by Kim Richardson**

**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...***

### ***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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## Prayer Circle News

God invites us to a life of prayer. For the last few years, we have offered an opportunity for the Norriton family to gather in prayer twice a month in the evening. We are led by Pastor Lori in the ritual of Daily Prayer from our Presbyterian Book of Common Worship. Participants are invited to share joys and concerns which are then incorporated into a communal prayer led by Pastor Lori. We end with the Lord's prayer and a benediction. We spend between 30-45 minutes. Schedules have changed and we are currently evaluating how we will move into the future. An email will be sent in early February with a poll-- please take the time to give us feedback--Thank you!

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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 personal hygiene items such as deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, feminine products, disposable razors...* You may put your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. **Thank you!**

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## Financial Update

### **Below are the figures for the month of December**

Total Income: \$ 12,389.00  
(of that total \$ 2,100.00 was from rentals)  
Total Expenses: \$ 9,503.64

**The per capita for this year is \$30 per member.** We ask that you pay this as soon as you are able. Thank you.

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

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



**Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion  
Through Ten Objects**

by Rev. Jill Duffield

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

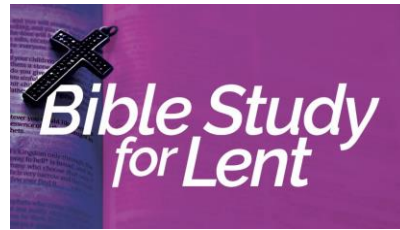
February 28th, March 7, 14, 28,

April 4th

Books are \$5.00\*

See Pastor Lori

\* great personal devotion for Lent as well



***Your slate of Elders and Deacons is:***

**Elders**

Class of 2025: **Mary Johnston, Kristen Scanlon**

Class of 2024: **Cathy Miller, Janet Detweiler**

Class of 2023: **Bill McMullen, Susan Titze**

**Deacons**

Class of 2025: **Ann Lint**

Class of 2024: **Bill Titze, Cheryl Yost**

Class of 2023: **Toni Allebach, Pam Flood**

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.**

**February**

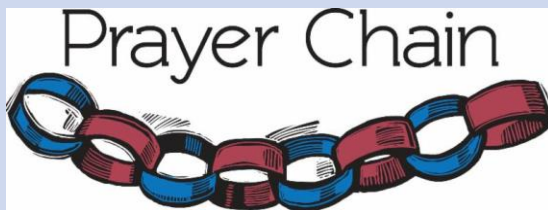
**Birthdays**

- 1 Janet Love**
- 7 Camden Behrer**
- 9 Cade Allen Behrer**
- Jeff Jenkins**
- 14 Grant Watkins**
- 17 Mark Stayton(doesn't celebrate)**
- 18 Cathy Miller**
- 19 Gary Farrer**
- 20 Kevin Titze**
- 21 Michael Flood**
- 22 Matt Turner**



25 Beth Turner (?married name)

26 John Nicolosi (jr)



*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

**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

**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

**Mary Johnston's daughter-in-law, Tiffany's sister, Dawn**, for strength during chemo and radiation for breast cancer

**Young man, Jacob**, and his family, for healing and strength

**And we add:**

**All those affected by seasonal illness**, for strength and return to health

**The Hawkins Family following Bob Hawkins (Mary Johnston's Uncle) death**, for comfort and strength

**Sharon Jenkin's son, James**, for strength and healing of his shoulder/neck issues

**All those negatively impacted by the many storms and weather events**

**Jo Shockley's cousin's son, Ryan Parry**, following 4 surgeries in a week, for strength, healing and determination by doctors of the proper treatment.

**Susan Titze's brother, Ken**, facing surgery for the resolution of a blood clot, for healing and strength.

**Casey** - a struggling teenager

**Mark your calendar**

Sun., Jan 29 - **New member class conversation** - in the library, 11 AM - all welcome

Wed., Feb. 1 - **(and every Wed.) Choir practice**, 7 PM

Thurs., Feb. 2 - **Worship Committee meets**, 2 PM

Sun., Feb. 12 - **New Members welcomed into the congregation**

Mon., Feb. 20 - **Book Group** at Mary Johnston's house, 7 PM - "The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Richardson

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



Sun., Feb. 26 - **Annual Congregational Meeting**, following worship, for the purpose of reviewing 2022, receiving the budget and election of Nominating and Auditing Committees (**Session - please get your reports to Jo by Sun, Feb.5 - thanks!**)

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*"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