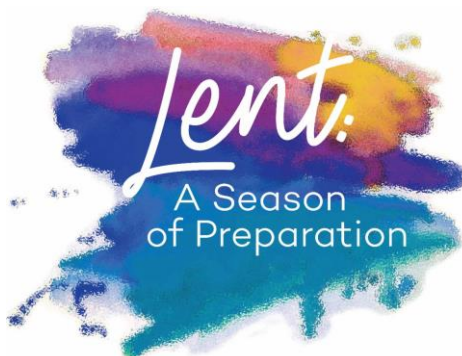


Month of March 2023

Norriton Presbyterian Church



"Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store."

— N.T. Wright

Greetings in the name of Christ!

The above quote by New Testament scholar N.T. Wright invites us to consider the hope in our Lenten journey. It will not surprise you that I appreciate both the inspiration and the practical suggestions of his reflections. Lent is a season of reflection with an opportunity to prepare our lives to move deeper into our relationship with God through Christ. Let's break it down a bit:

- **Lent is a time for discipline.** Recall that the word "discipline" is rooted in the idea of teaching. What teaching can we engage in as we move toward the cross? Is there a meditation app that has intrigued you--try it! Is there a book that you have been wanting to read--a chapter a day works. Beginning the habit of taking a walk, writing in a journal or simply breathing to refocus remind us that we are worth the time and effort.
- **Lent is a time for confession.** Confession is good for the soul. It does indeed cleanse us of all unrighteousness and it helps us sleep better too! Reviewing our day and letting go of the things we have done, or said, or left undone as a practice will allow us to begin again. God doesn't find fault, as forgiveness and grace are always present when we seek to mend our relationships.
- **Lent is a time for honesty.** We need to be honest about our journey of faith. Are we willing to surrender our control so that we might be responsive to the Spirit? What is holding us back from loving ourselves

fully as children of God? What will invite us to be authentic and honest about our lives?

God has good things in store for us. Lent reminds us that we are called to look for them and to express gratitude for the blessings of our lives. God wants us to deepen our love for God and each other. Let us dare to make this Lent a time for preparation and joy!

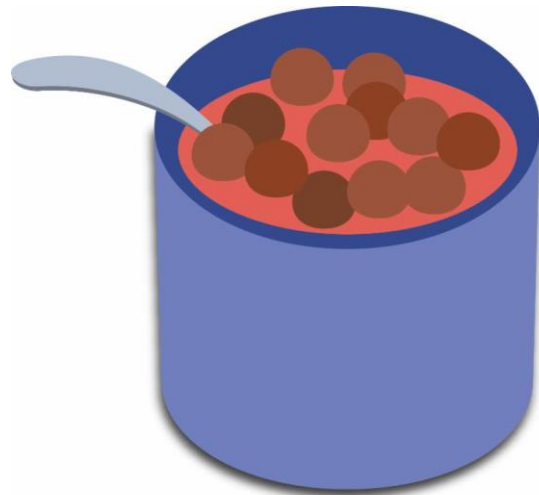
Blessings and peace,
Pastor Lori

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

**Calling all cooks and/or
soup eaters!**

Soup Sale

Sat., March 25
8:30 to 10:30 AM
\$7 a quart



*watch for details about drop off
times and soup kit availability

?? or to volunteer, see Susan Titze



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.*



Thursday, March 23

Collegeville Diner, 6 PM

Enjoy a meal and conversation!

***please RSVP to Susan Titze by Tue., Mar. 21**



Book Group
Mon., March 20

7 PM

at church
(Sharon Jenkins hosting)

"The Girls in the Stilt Palace"
by Kelly Mustain

**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.**



Thank you to all who "voted" for their favorite teams on Super Bowl Sunday. We raised \$103 for mission. (Kansas City \$11, Eagles \$92). *Too bad the game didn't go the way of our "votes".*

Prayer Circle News

God invites us to a life of prayer. Please answer the poll questions below to help us plan for future opportunities together.

What are you interested in as an opportunity for community prayer? Click on one

[Yes](#)

[No](#)

What form of prayer interests you? (click any that interest you)

[A prayer chain--I will receive a text and pray for requests at home](#)

[A day retreat on prayer](#)

[A twice monthly morning prayer over Zoom](#)

[A twice monthly evening prayer over Zoom](#)

[Other ideas](#)

Food on the First



Working for good in our community.

Thank you all for your help with our many mission requests! *This month we are asking for dry pasta and noodles.* You may put your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. *Thank you!*



Easter Flowers are \$12 each this year.

Use the sign up sheet in the narthex to choose lilies or a spring mix. Orders and payments (to Pam Flood - cash or check made out the Norriton) are due by Sunday, April 2. Thank you.

Financial Update

Below are the figures for the month of January

Total Income: \$ 9,102.62
(of that total \$ 2,062.50 was from rentals)
Total Expenses: \$ 9,747.52

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
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.**

March

Birthdays

- 1 Pam Flood
- 3 Daniel Farrer
Clinton Bean
- 4 Stephen Flood
- 10 Dave Turner
- 14 Linda Kraft
- 18 Karl Watkins
- 19 Oliver Liam Titze
- 21 Daniel Johnston
- 22 Stanton Bogart
- 23 Jeffrey Montgomery
- 24 Frank Rizzo
- 27 Kendra Clayton
- 29 Sue Montgomery
- 31 Lisa Nicolosi



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

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

Jim Jenkins, for healing and strength

All those affected by catastrophic weather events

Susan Titze's brother, Ken, for strength and healing following successful surgery

And we add:

Reece Whitley, for healing and strength after another fall

Andy Kosinski, Mike's Dad, for continued health and discernment of future living arrangements

Mark your calendar

Sun., March 5 - **2nd Sunday in Lent**, The Lord's Supper

Tue., March 7 - **Adult Study**, 7 PM - (read 3rd & 4th objects please)

Wed., March 8 - (and every Wed.) **Choir**, 7 PM

Sat., March 18 - **Third Saturday Community Breakfast**, - It's

Baaack!! 8:30 to 10:30 AM - Invite your friends and

family! If you can help, please speak to Mary Johnston. Thank you!

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

Thurs., March 28 - **Supper Club**, 6 PM at the Collegeville Diner - please RSVP to

Susan Titze by Tue., 3/21

Sat., March 25 - **Soup Sale**, 8:30 to 11ish AM - soup kits will be available - see Susan Titze to volunteer or with questions



*"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

