

Month of April 2023

Norriton Presbyterian Church



April is a month for hope. Every year, at some moment in April, I take a deep breath and know that hope is alive and well. My lungs expand and I remember that there are many more days of beauty and breezes ahead as we embrace the new life of Spring.

As this edition of our newsletter arrives in your home, we are in the final days of our Lenten journey. The roller coaster of Holy Week's emotions are upon us: from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem; the moneychangers in the temple; the quiet moments with friends; the final instructions and encouragement to the disciples in the midst of growing tension; the betrayal and long nights of questioning, mocking and pain; and the suffering on the Cross. Hard to talk about hope in the midst of it all: natural disasters, wars that seem to never end, divisions among family and friends; mental anguish, hollow victories and the emotions that are all over the place.



Take a moment to look for hope—notice the tree growing out of ashes; hear the bird's song after the rain; look for the "helpers" as Fred Rogers reminds us; play a game of hopscotch at the park; take a walk and watch Spring bloom. Our faith is our hope. Jesus promised that he will be with us always; we are called to stay close to Him along the way. Turn to hope. Turn to life anew. Turn to Easter and know the joy of hope!

Blessings,

Pastor Lori

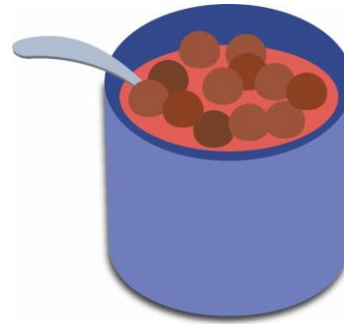


[Visit our website: norritonchurch.org](http://norritonchurch.org)

Many thanks to all who
supported our Soup Sale!

We raised \$848!!!

*** as always, 10% will go to
Mission**



Zoom Weekly Opportunities

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

*Details on how to join this event
will be sent via email with
information attached.*



Thursday, April 27
6:00 PM

*tentatively at Chap's in
Jeffersonville*

***RSVP to Susan Titze by Tuesday,
4/25**

**Come, enjoy an evening of good
food and conversation!**



Book Group
Mon., April 17

7 PM

at Mary Johnston's
(tea party themed snacks)

"The Tea Bird of Hummingbird
Lane" by Lisa See

**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. We just got another check from Redner's for \$76.15. Thank you!**

Good Friday Cantata

"Shadows"

April 7 - 7:00 PM

Area singers along with our choir and a
orchestral ensemble

**the thirty pieces of silver collected at the
conclusion will be given to a local mission*



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 jelly, bar soap and canned carrots.*** 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 February**

Total Income: \$ 10,453.71

(of that total \$ 1,522.50 was from rentals)

Total Expenses: \$10,724.93

**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

Wraps up on April 4



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.**

April

Birthdays

- 5 Michael Johnson Jr.
Sharon Jenkins
6 Henry Hilles
Jeff Johnston (Sr.)
Frank Scott Rizzo (Jr.)
15 Susan Wilson
23 Pastor Lori Kosinski
25 Meghan Miller

Anniversaries

- 17 Alex and Mary Hall
21 Jeff and Tiffany Johnston
25 Mark and Judy Stayton
26 John and 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:

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

Reece Whitley, for strength and healing

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

And we add:

Karl & Lisa Watkins, for a safe and happy transition to their new home in Florida

Mark Stayton, for strength and good results surrounding his recent infusion
Cristine Farrer and her mother, Raun, as they deal with test results and treatments, for strength and healing
Jo Shockley's cousin's son, Ryan, following leg weakness and a trip to the emergency room, prayers for a proper diagnosis and treatment, healing and strength.
Susan Titze's brother, Ken, for strength, healing and a diagnosis for internal bleeding

Mark your calendar

Sun., April 2 - **Palm Sunday with The Lord's Supper**

Tue., April 4 - **Adult Study wraps up, 7 PM**

Wed., April 5 - **Choir practice, 7 PM**

Thurs., April 6 - **Seder Meal, 6 PM** - please RSVP to church office by April 2

Fri., April 7 - **Cantata "Shadows", 7 PM** - bring your "30 pieces of silver" for a mission offering

Sun., April 9 - **Easter Sunrise Bonfire, 6:15 PM**

Traditional Service, 9:30 AM

Tue., April 11 - **Mission Committee, 7 PM**

Mon., April 17 - **Book Group** at Mary Johnston's, 7 PM - "The Tea Bird of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See *refreshments will be a tea party*

Tue., April 18 - **Session, 7 PM**

Thurs., April 27 - **Supper Club, 6PM** at Chap's



*"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