

**Month of September 2023**

## **Norriton Presbyterian Church**

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

Dear Norriton Family and Friends,

Greetings in the name of Christ!

In mid- August, we spent some time putting together 37 backpacks to be distributed through the Salvation Army in Norristown to area students. Your generosity made it possible for these students to begin the school year with supplies and a backpack to carry them in. We added a note from the congregation letting them know that we "carry them" in our hearts as this new school year begins for them.



The thing that struck me, as we put the backpacks together, is the weight of all the supplies that students carry into school each day. It got me thinking about what I carry each day as I move from item to item on my to-do list. My family calls me the bag lady and I do have a bag for most every activity. Some bags are heavier than others; some are small and some could fit the kitchen sink into them. They contain the resources that I need to get the "job done" that I am trying to get off my list. They also need to be emptied and sorted so the tools that I need are ready and available for use.

As we begin the program year at Norriton, I invite you to spend some time thinking about what is in your spiritual backpack. Do you have some time in your calendar for worship, prayer, devotions, study and service. Are there things in your backpacks that you need to let go of so your load is lighter? Is there a source of water when you thirst for something more available to you--prayer, a list of friends who fill you up, a place where you can find refuge? What is essential for your spiritual growth and life of faith?

Join us as we fill our lives with community, service and worship--growing together in God's grace and Christ's love.

We are open on Sundays!

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Lori



### Zoom Weekly Opportunities

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

**We are also on Facebook!**  
**Norriton Presbyterian Church**

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



**In Case you missed it - we had a  
special guest at our Olde Tyme  
service.**

Gerry O'Neil, who is a new corporal in a Civil War reenactment unit, read from an account of his relative, John, who was in the Civil War. His reading gave us a more personal look at the events in the life of one of those many men who fought the battle for civil rights.



**Resumes in September**  
**Watch for details**



**Book Group is back**

**Monday, Sep. 18  
at church**

**Bring your favorite  
summer read and a snack  
to share**

**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 a check for \$103.31. Thank you!**

**Third Saturday  
Community Breakfast**

***It's baaack....***  
**Saturday, Sep. 16**  
**8:30 to 10:30 AM**



Many thanks to all who cook, prep,  
set-up, provide food items, clean up  
and dine with us!

**If you'd like to be among this popular group,  
please speak to Mary.**

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**We filled 37 bookbags with school supplies and they were delivered to the Salvation Army in Norristown!!**

*Thanks very much for your support of this very important mission in support of the community children!!*



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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! *This month we are asking for potatoes - canned or instant, shampoo and jelly.* You may put your donations in the grocery cart in the

narthex. *Thank you again.*

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## **Financial Update**

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

Total Income: \$ 18,667.82

(of that total \$ 2,490 (was from rentals)

Total Expenses: \$ 8,647.39

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

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



# Thank You

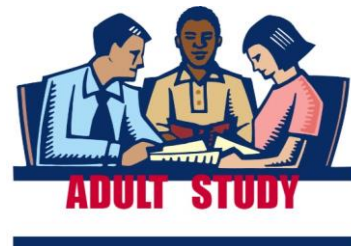
This summer, the Norriton Presbyterian Church congregation received a \$10,000 gift for mission work in our community. This gift is a continuation of a rich legacy of faithful witness and service begun through the ministries of the Welcome Center and Asbury Methodist Church.

We are deeply grateful and honored to be entrusted with carry on the mission work that was begun by one, grown by many and will bless this area in the years to come. Look for more information on conversations as a congregation and in small groups about how we might use these resources.

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## Adult Study

Pastor Lori is exploring options for something for the Fall - watch for details.



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## *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** **\*\*we are in need of 1 more Deacon\*\***

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.**

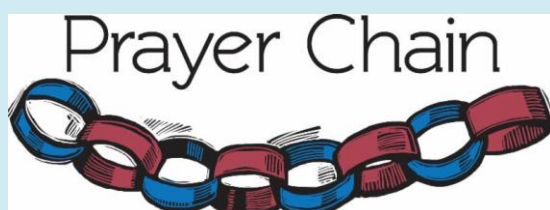
## **September**

### **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 & Gerry O'Neil**
- 19 Pam & Mike Flood**
- 24 Jill & Henry Hilles**
- 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.*

### **Our prayers continue for:**

**This congregation**, as we seek to serve our neighbors in a positive way  
**Those who fight addictions and 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  
**Young man, Jacob**, and his family, for healing and strength  
**All those affected by catastrophic weather events**  
**Reece Whitley**, for strength and healing of his general health issues  
**Mark Stayton** for continued positive results and strength, finished with infusion  
**Cristine Farrer and her mother, Raun**, for positive outcomes of treatment, care and testing  
**The Dr. in the practice Kristen works for**, for strength, comfort and healing during her breast cancer journey  
**Jo's cousin Bob**, diagnosed with early onset dementia - for patience and strength for he and the family  
**Bob and Ann Lint** - healing and strength for Bob, who is home; and patience for Ann



**And we add:**

**Jo Shockley's friend, Judy**, a non-smoker, diagnosed with lung cancer in both lungs, for complete testing, and strength & healing when the treatment starts

**Lori's sister, Martel**, for strength and healing following galls bladder & a follow up surgery

**Susan Titze**, following eye surgery, thanksgiving for a successful procedure

**Mark your calendar**

Tue., Sep. 12 - **Mission Committee** meets, 6 PM

- **Session** meets, 7 PM

Wed., Sep. 13 - **Choir practice begins**, 7 PM - join us, you don't have

to "try-out" or read music

Sat., Sep. 16 - **Third Saturday Breakfast**, 8:30 - 10:30 AM

Mon., Sep. 18 - **Book Club** meets, 7PM at church



*"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*