

Month of October 2023

Norriton Presbyterian Church

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Dear Norriton Family and Friends,

Greetings in the name of Christ!

I hope you are enjoying these beautiful Autumn days. Yes, it has been a little rainy; yet the cooler nights have been a gift and the rainy days are always a good excuse to nap or read a good book. Enjoy the leaves turning color, the hug of a favorite sweater and the crunch of your step on the leaves. Take some time to notice what falls away and what happens as we prepare and harvest the bounty of the season.

One of the delights of October is pumpkins. There is something about the splash of orange that dots the homes in the neighborhood and the farm stands along the roadways that lifts my soul. I actually take a day, most years, to play with pumpkins: Out I go in the morning to collect three pumpkins; bring them home and spend the day creating fun designs. The outside has to be smooth and the inside is always messy. I put on my pumpkin apron and get down to the work of clearing out the inside so the outside can be cleaned out, separating the seeds and the guts and preparing the shell to receive its new look--illuminated for the night and obvious during the day.

Now some years the process takes more than a day, even a week. It gets done eventually. I sometimes wonder if we can learn from the pumpkins. They grow and mature in different sizes and shapes. They have a messy core that can provide seeds for new growth and "meat" for feeding our souls. They can be transformed with a little cleaning out and some pruning into something that

lights a path in the night--maybe for seekers on Hallowed Eves?!

Below find the Pumpkin Prayer--adapt it as you feel like it. Grab a pumpkin, see how God cleans out, creates and lights up your journey.

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.*



Watch for details



Book Group

**Monday, Oct. 16
at Betty O'Neil's
7 PM**

**"Remarkably Bright
Creatures"
by Shelby Van Pelt**

***bring 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. ***Thank you!***

Third Saturday Community Breakfast

**Saturday, Oct. 21
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!**

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, soup and jelly. Tea
and instant coffee would be a special*

treat! You may put your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. **Thank
you again.**

Financial Update

Below are the figures for the month of August

Total Income: \$ 7,078.07

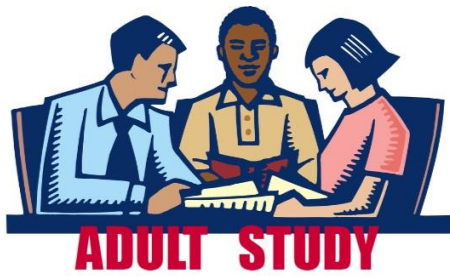
(of that total \$ 920 (was from rentals)

Total Expenses: \$ 8,757.31

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

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





Adult Study

Join us for a look at "The Books that Didn't Make the Cut" on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays beginning at 7:00 PM in the Library.

October 10th & 24th
November 14 & 28th

We will be looking at texts that were considered for inclusion in the canon of the Bible but didn't make it through the process. Texts will be available by email and in the Fellowship Hall.

Let's explore together!

Advent Study: Sunday December 3rd
11:00 AM in the Library

Prepare and Ponder the meaning of the Season as we open our hearts and minds to receive the Christ Child anew.

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.

October

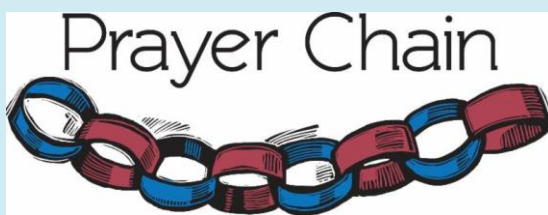
Birthdays

4 Erin Titze
6 Nicole Surman
10 Christine Alburger
11 Ken Miller
13 Lynne Dzwil
14 Cheryl Yost
20 Jill Hilles
27 Allison Dzwil
Ted Menard
31 Channing Behrer
Janet Detweiler



Anniversaries

17 Mary & Jeff Johnston
Meghan & Josh Miller
23 Casey & Alan Behrer
25 Kristen & Shawn Scanlon



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
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

And we add:

Jo Shockley's friend, Judy, a non-smoker, diagnosed with lung cancer in both lungs, beginning chemotherapy - for strength and comfort
Bill and Susan Titze as they wait for Bill's upcoming heart surgery
The Dr. in the practice Kristen works for, for strength, peace and healing, looking to surgery for a double mastectomy
Cristine Farrer and family, for strength and comfort as they support her mother, Raun, now in hospice
Steve Alburger's brother, Ric, undergoing chemo, for strength and healing
Devdan Gershon, our former tenant - for strength and healing, following a heart attack and small strokes

Mark your calendar

Wed., Oct. 4 - (and every Wed) **Choir practice**, 7 PM - join us, you don't have to "try-out" or read music

Tue., Oct. 10 - **Adult Study**, 7 PM

Mon., Oct. 16 - **Book Group** at Betty O'Neil's, 7 PM - "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt

Tue., Oct. 17 - **Session**, 7 PM

Sat., Oct. 21 - **Third Saturday Breakfast**, 8:30 to 10:30 AM - if you can help with set up, clean up or a food donation, please see Mary Johnston

Tue., Oct. 24 - **Adult Study**, 7 PM



*"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