

Month of December 2023

Norriton Presbyterian Church

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The Advent season means something is on the horizon, the likes of which we have never seen before. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be enough time for running .--Rev. Jan Richardson.

I have decided to stay awhile in Advent this year. I have added a 9:30 PM cup of tea to my reminders, so that I take some time to sit and linger in the quiet of the season. The house makes different noises in the cold. The wind

seems a little louder and there are creaks and crackles from the branches of the trees outside. The lights have a different glow in the cold and the trucks on 309 can be heard without the leaves to buffer the noise.

I invite you to stay awhile in Advent, too. Tarry and ponder what God begins anew in this season of growing light and anticipation. Behold the quiet nights and the bustling days. Wait a while before you dash off that card and remember a unique experience or memory that the receiver has brought into your life. Wonder at the ways the smell of a pine tree can bring you back to your childhood. Prepare for the unexpected gifts of the season.

There is something on the horizon--we are asked to be ready to receive it. We are asked to be open to what the future holds. We are asked to have faith to stay and stop running for a while. We are invited to dwell at the manger and behold. May it be so.

Happy Advent! Merry Christmas!

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.



Thursday, Nov. 30 - 6 PM

Empire Restaurant
2401 Main St.
Jeffersonville

Please join us even if you didn't RSVP



Book Group

December 18
7 PM

"The Lost Saints"
by Daniel Jose Older

at Jim Sayne's house

***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...*

Mission Committee Activities

· *Current Collections*

· *Holiday Cards for VA*

Candy Mugs for Outreach House



Make plans to stay on Sun., Dec. 10 to sign cards for our veterans and help fill candy mugs for the families served by Outreach House

If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak to Betty O'Neil.



Advent and Christmas Eve Schedule

Sun., Dec. 3 - **First Sunday of Advent**, with Communion

"Why Wait?!: Come Now"

Sun., Dec. 10 - **Second Sunday of Advent**

"Why Wait?!: Comfort Now" - Mission Project after worship

Sun., Dec. 17 - **Third Sunday of Advent**

"Why Wait?!: Feel Now"

Sun., Dec. 24 - **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

"Why Wait?!: Peace Now!"

Sun., Dec. 24 - **Christmas Eve**, 8 PM in **Old Norriton**

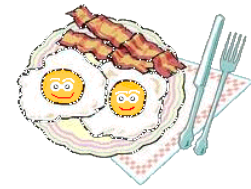
"The Unexpected Gift"

***please note single Christmas Eve Service at 8 PM in Old Norriton**

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 \$89.05. Thank you!**

Third Saturday Community Breakfast



Saturday, Dec. 16
8:30 to 10:30 AM

**Invite friends, family, neighbors, someone who
might need a meal...**

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

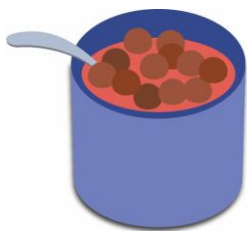
**If you are able to help in any capacity, please speak to
Mary!**

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.**

Food on the
First





Our Soup Sale was a success!!

We raised \$975, 10% going to Mission

Thank you so much to our soup cookers and soup buyers, and to our volunteers the day of the sale.

Financial Update

Below are the figures for October

Total Income: \$ 11,756.34

(of that total \$ 2,550 was from rentals)

Total Expenses: \$ 8,770.15

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

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



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.**

December

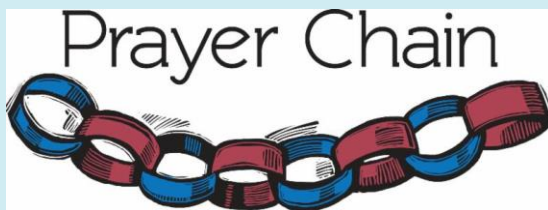
Birthdays

8 Christina Johnson
11 Kelly McMullen
14 Joshua Miller
24 Shirley Alderfer
25 Betty O'Neil
30 Steve Alburger



Anniversaries

6 Cristine and Gary Farrer



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
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
Jo Shockley's friend, Judy, who has begun chemo, with her lung cancer spreading, for strength and peace
Bill Titze, post bypass surgery, for strength, healing and a full recovery; and **Susan** as she supports him
Kristen's Dr. Taylor, post double mastectomy, for strength, healing and a full recovery
Steve Alburger's brother, Ric, for good results following cancer treatment

And we add:

Prayers for a meaningful Advent/Christmas Season
Congratulations to Jim Sayne's brother, Mike and wife, Terry on their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Holiday traveling mercies for all those on the move during this busy season

Mark your calendar

Sun., Dec. 3 - **Adult study**, at 11 AM "Signs of the Season"

Wed., Dec. 6 - (and every Wed) **Choir practice**, 7 PM - if you'd like to sing for Christmas, please join us!

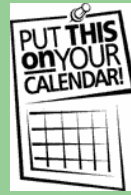
Sun., Dec. 10 - **Mission Projects** following worship

Sat., Dec. 16 - **Third Saturday Breakfast**, 8:30 to 10:30 AM - bring a friend

Mon., Dec. 18 - **Book Group**, 7 PM "The Lost Saints" by Daniel Jose Older, at Jim Sayne's house

Sun., Dec. 24 - **Worship**, 9:30 AM

- **Christmas Eve Service**, 8 PM - in Old Norriton



*"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

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