

Month of January 2024

Norriton Presbyterian Church

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"Enjoy the little things in life, because one day you will look back, and realize they were the big things."

"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things." — John Burroughs

As the New Year begins, I am challenged to let go of 2023. It was a tough year for many of us. Health issues, natural disasters, international conflicts, political division and more have created a sense of bewilderment and inner angst for many of us. It is hard to see the forest or the trees on some days.

In those moments, I try to remember that we are not alone in the journey. God is with us. Not only on Christmas but every day. Every day when we awaken, we can be grateful for another chance to get it right. Another chance to begin the day with a sense of peace and a desire to make the little things that I do count toward creating a kinder community where I am and for those around me.

We can pray for the world's challenges; we can also do something to mend relationships in our lives. We can send money for care packages and peacemaking efforts; we can also think about if our words are building up another and/or necessary at the moment. We can think about learning something about a different culture; we can also actually do it to expand our hearts to include someone new.

We can begin 2024 with an openness and courage. We can challenge ourselves to becoming more Christ-like as individuals and as a congregation when we ground ourselves in the fact that God is with us--this day and every day.

Enjoy the journey--celebrate the little moments!

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Lori

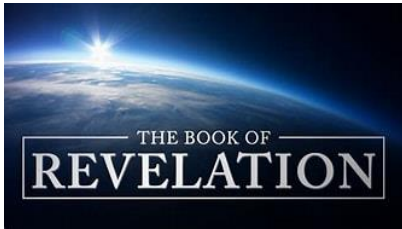
On a personal note: My husband and I give thanks to God for each of you and the generous gift that we received from the congregation for Christmas. We are truly blessed by your presence in our lives.

Zoom Weekly Opportunities

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

We are also on Facebook!
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Details on how to join this event will be sent via email with information attached.



Adult Study on The Book of Revelation

Beginning January 21st

Sundays at 11:00 AM
Fellowship Hall
Video and Discussion
led by Bill Gildea



Watch for Details



Book Group

Christmas Dinner

January 15 - 6 PM

**California Pizza
in the Plymouth Meeting Mall**

RSVP To Pastor Lori by Jan 8

**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, Jan. 20
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



Financial Update

Below are the figures for November

Total Income: \$ 24,360.15

(of that total \$ 3,727.50 was from rentals)

Total Expenses: \$ 17,423.97

***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.**

January

Birthdays

3 John Kosinski
7 Corbin Behrer
8 Susan Titze
9 Tom Bogart
10 Alex Hall
15 Seth Clayton
20 Nancy Turner
21 Richard Yost
24 Kristen Scanlon
Chase Farrer
26 Mike Kosinski
28 Jo Shockley
30 Mary Hall



Prayer Chain



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

Jo Shockley's friend, Judy, who has begun chemo, with her lung cancer spreading, for strength and peace

Steve Alburger's brother, Ric, for positive results from chemo

And we add:

Dave Turner's sister, Sue, beginning cancer treatment, for a positive outcome

Mary Johnston's cousin, Rose, struggling with MS, for strength and peace

Lori's father-in-law, Andy, for decisions about his care due to memory loss

Bill and Susan's sister-in-law, Marianne, in Florida, for comfort and peace in the season

Shirley Alderfer, following a fall, for healing and strength **AND** in celebration of her 90th Birthday

For those suffering from seasonal illnesses, for strength and healing

Congratulations to Kelly McMullen and new fiance, Christian



A heartfelt thank you to the congregation for the staff Christmas gifts.

Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated. We truly feel the warmth of this church family. Thank you very much!

Mark your calendar

Wed., Jan. 3 - (and every Wed.) **Choir practice**, 7 PM

Thurs., Jan. 11 - **Worship Committee meets**, 2 PM

Mon., Jan. 15 - **Book Group Dinner**, 6 PM - RSVP to Pastor Lori by 1/8

Tue., Jan. 16 - **Mission Committee meets**, 6 PM

Session, 7 PM

Sat., Jan. 20 - **Third Saturday Breakfast**, 8:30 - 10:30 AM

Sun., Jan. 21 - **Adult Bible Study**, following fellowship time - **The Book of Revelation**, led by Bill Gildea

Sun., Jan. 28 - **Election of Elders, Deacons, Financial Secretary and Treasurer**





*"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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