Month of March 2024

Norriton Presbyterian Church

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Greetings in the name of Christ!

Happy Spring! This March is filled with expectations and promise. From the winds and rains that greeted us, through the fun-filled, happy-go-lucky of St. Patrick's and the arrival of spring and the deepening opportunity of Holy Week and Easter, we can anticipate new life!

As we enter into this crazy time, may we discover the depth of the love that God has for us in the miracles of budding flowers, gentle rains and songs of robins. May we give thanks for the blessings of life renewed. May we dare to remember that we are good enough.

Enjoy the opportunity to create a ripple or two. Offer a hand to someone, write a note to someone, watch a sunset with a grandchild, go for a walk and notice the signs of rebirth, share a story of hope--there is something that we can each do to bring peace, love and promise to our world. If our hearts are open, we are given the chance to begin again--to resurrect our faith and be Easter people!

It is fitting that we begin March with the cleansing rain and invigorating winds. It is fitting that Spring arrives mid-March to remind us that change is part of the seasons of life. It is fitting that we end with the constant hope of Easter's love and joy for the living of each day.

May we dare to look, to experience, to share and to ripple out the love, peace and hope of Christ's love for each of us and all of us.

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.



It's time to order Easter Flowers

The cost, per plant, is \$12. There is a sign up sheet posted for your choice of lilies or spring mix, and the wording you'd like in the bulletin. The amount is payable to Pam Flood, by cash or check made out to Norriton. Thank you!



Adult Study on The Book of Revelation

We will meet on Sunday, March 10, then not again until May - date TBA

Fellowship Hall
Video and Discussion
led by Bill Gildea and Pastor Lori

SPUDS!!

Sunday, March 17 following worship

Enjoy yummy baked potatoes with assorted toppings, fresh green salad, and beverages for the bargain price of \$3 per person.

Celebrate St. Patty's Day morning with green sour cream!

There's a sign up sheet posted for helpers (Sat. 11 AM)

Thank you!



Spud Brunch



Thursday, April 4 6:00 PM

watch for location details

Please RSVP by Mon., 4/1 using the sign up sheet in the narthex, by email or call to the church



Book Group

Mon., March 18 - 7 PM at Mary Johnston's house

"Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier

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!**



Soup Sale

Sat., April13 8:30 to 10:30 AM

\$8 per quart

There will be a sign up sheet posted for soup cookers

Third Saturday Community Breakfast

Saturday, March 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 canned corn and boxed macaroni & cheese. Also - plastic bags are needed. You may put your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you again.



Financial Update

Below are the figures for January

Total Income: \$ 11,048.50

(of that total \$ 4,642.50 was from rentals)

Total Expenses: \$ 26,769.74

(incl. roof deposit)

The Per Capita amount for this year is \$31 per member. We ask that you pay this as soon as

you are able. Thank you!

Many thanks 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 2026: **Bill McMullen, Susan Titze**Class of 2025: **Mary Johnston, Kristen Scanlon**Class of 2024: **Cathy Miller, Janet Detweiler**

Deacons

Class of 2026: Pam Flood, Ken Miller

Class of 2025: Ann Lint **we are in need of 1 more Deacon**

Class of 2024: **Bill Titze, Cheryl Yost**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 <u>anything</u> at Norriton, please feel free to speak to Pastor Lori or any one of your elected officers, at any time.

March

Birthdays

- 1 Pam Flood
- 3 Daniel Farrer Clinton Bean
- 4 Stephen Flood
- 10 Dave Turner
- 14 Linda Kraft
- 18 Karl Watkins
- 19 Oliver Liam Titze
- 21 Daniel Johnston
- 22 Stanton Bogart
- 24 Frank Rizzo
- 27 Kendra Clayton
- 31 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 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

All those affected by catastrophic weather events

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

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

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

For those suffering from seasonal illnesses, for strength and healing

Pam Flood, gratitude for healing and prayers for a good rehab

And we add:

The family of Mary's cousin Rose, for comfort following her death

The husband of Jo's co-worker at the pantry, Frank Arcara, having lung surgery today, for improvement of oxygen dependent COPD

Those waiting for test results, for patience and calm

Dr. Taylor, in the practice Kristen works for, for strength and healing following emergency surgery

Reece Whitley, following hospitalization, in rehab, prayers for strength and healing

Rev. Janel Dixon, following aneurysm surgery, awaiting a second surgery, for strength and healing

The Lint's grandson, Billy, with thanksgiving for complete recovery from shingles

Mark your calendar

Wed., March 6 - (and every Wed.) **Choir practice** 6:45 PM followed by Cantata practice

Thurs., March 7 - Worship Committee meets, 2 PM

Sun., March 10 - Installation of Elders and Deacons, Ordination of

Deacon

Sat., March 16 - Third Saturday Breakfast, 8:30 to 10:30 AM - please let Mary know if you can help with set-up, clean-up, food prep....

Sun., March 17 - **Spud Brunch** following worship - Only \$3 per person for yummy baked potatoes with assorted toppings, green salad and beverage.

Conversation and fellowship - free! Make plans to stay and enjoy!

Mon., March 18 - Book Group, 6 PM at Mary Johnston's - "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier

Tue., March 19 - Mission Committee, 6 PM Session, 7 PM

Sat., Aril 13 - Soup Sale, 8:30 - 10:30AM





"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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