

Month of July 2024

Norriton Presbyterian Church

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Greetings in the name of Christ,

As many of you know, I have annual plot of tomatoes, cucumbers and jalapeno peppers that I grow in front of our backyard shed. So far so good due to the fact that my husband remembers to water more often than I do.

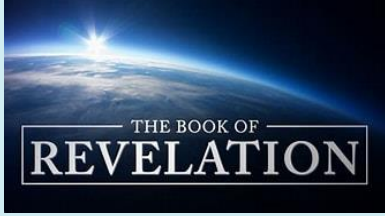
Jan Rigggenbach, as a new gardener, writes about treating her bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough--even ruthless--treatment is better in the long run. Rigggenbach writes, "If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots, I have to be merciless. I don't worry if I break some of the roots. That's better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants growing in the garden."

I confess, I am one who always pauses before I pull down the roots. I do it but I hesitate because I don't want to do damage and yet sometimes it is the pulling that allows the growth to occur for the plant. I know that a well-spoken reminder, the sorting out of the old documents and the sticking my finger into the pot to loosen the worn-out ways of doing things can allow growth to occur as well. I also jab myself sometimes by asking myself--what do I need to let go of in order to grow, what ideas need to change about how I think about life and how can I open up to receive the Holy Spirit in new ways.

July is an opportunity to rest in the beauty of nature, examine our roots and enjoy the days of a calmer pace of life. Water your soul with a good book and some gratitude. Dig deep to discover what God has in store for you. Go with the Spirit and ride a wave or two. Enjoy and know that God takes our lives and calls us out to enduring life.

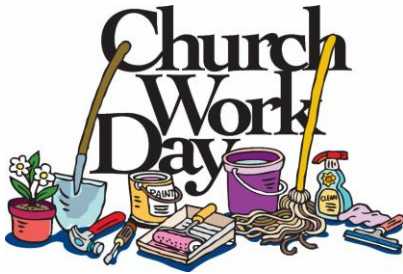
Blessings and peace,

Pastor Lori



**Adult Study on The Book of Revelation
continues**

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



Wednesday Work Day--July 18th

On Wednesday, July 17th we will have another clean up and clean out day at the church! Come and have a doughnut and some fun discovering treasures as we clear out and make room for the new opportunities for ministry in our midst.

We will gather at 10 AM and wind up by 12:30 PM.

See Cathy Miller or Pastor Lori with questions or ideas.

"Norriton Nights" are here!

Please make plans to join us as we gather for fellowship, conversation and snacking. The evenings begin at 6:15 ish PM. Please bring a chair, a munchie, appetizer or dessert to share and your own beverage. **7/10 at Johnston's, 7/24 at Susan Abel's, 8/7 hosted by Titzes at church, 8/21 at Miller's. Hope to see you at one or all of these!**



"Norriton Nights"



Book Group

On Summer Vacation

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!**

WORKING FOR GOOD IN OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you all for your help with our many mission requests! ***This month we are asking for canned pasta meals, canned fruit, jelly, soups, and white bread (\$0.50 each at Aldi) Thank you for the donations for water!! 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 May

Total Income: \$ 7,957.98
(\$740 was from rentals)
Total Expenses: \$ 10,396.18

***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 , Gerry O'Neil**
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 anything at Norriton, please feel free to speak to Pastor Lori or any one of your elected officers, at any time.**

July

Birthdays

- 6 Adeline Titze
- 10 Andrew Kosinski
- 16 Jay Dzwil
- 18 Mark Whitley
- 19 Sean McMullen
- 20 Casey Miller Behrer
- 21 MaryAnn Johnson
- 29 Helen Surman

Anniversaries

- 4 Susan & Bill Titze
- 10 Chris & Steve Alburger



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
All those affected by catastrophic weather events
Mark Stayton for continued positive results and strength
Jo Shockley's friend, Judy, who is undergoing radiation, with her lung cancer spreading, for strength and peace
Steve Alburger's brother, Ric, for positive results from cancer treatments
Lori's father-in-law, Andy, for ongoing health issues
For those suffering from seasonal illnesses, for strength and healing
Megan Alburger, continued prayers for a resolution to migraines

And we add:

Reece Whitley, following a fall and surgeries, for strength and healing
Mary Hall, for strength and healing, following brain surgery; and for her family
Bob Lint, home from rehab, for continued strength; and **Ann**, as caregiver
All those challenged by heat related issues

Mark your calendar

Wed., July 3 - **Red Cross Blood Drive**, 2 to 7 PM

Sun., July 7 - **Worship in Old Norriton**, 9:30 AM -
Refreshments

al fresco

Wed., July 10 - **"Norriton Night"** at Mary Johnston's house,
6:15 ish PM

Sun., July 14 - **Worship with Communion** (rescheduled from 7/7)

Wed., July 17 - **Wednesday Work Day**, 10 AM - Join us for some
housekeeping - doughnuts provided



*"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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