

**Month of October 2024**

## **Norriton Presbyterian Church**

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***"Autumn is the season to find contentment at home by paying attention to what we already have." Author Unknown***

Greetings in the name of Christ,  
I am enjoying the sights and smells of autumn. I had my first pumpkin spice coffee last Sunday and the ginger snaps are ready for dunking in my coffee. I have my box of decorations for the season on our main floor--up from my infamous cellar. I give thanks that the leaf blower is functional, and the windows are open to let in the cool, brisk air. I am content when I take time to give thanks.

In this season of harvesting and winnowing, we can feel a blend of emotions. Our passages from Mark's gospel remind us that we are called to come back again and again to our faith. The inner journey of faith offers our lives contentment when we dare to return to our heart's home--the love of God for us. We approach God from our abundance and give thanks.

Harvesting is an act of gratitude when we celebrate the bounty of our relationships,

our resources, our opportunities and our possibilities as we let our hearts lead us forward. It can take shape in many ways: practicing gratitude by noticing the resources that we do have - like shelter, food and a church family that is present for each other.

Winnowing allows us to break through the "stuff" that we carry with us so that the fullness of our hearts can be revealed. Ruth went into the fields to winnow because she knew that in the midst of the chaff, she would find sustenance for the living of her days. We winnow when we dare to let go of the things that we have carried with us--memories of a word said in haste; regret over a missed opportunity and/or relationships that hold us back from truly receiving love in healthy ways. We break through the "husks" of resentment, anger, disappointment and sadness that protect our hearts from risk. Breaking allows our hearts to expand as we deepen our sense of belonging and find contentment rooted in God.

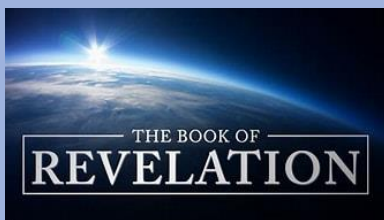
It takes intention and courage to be content. It is easy to get lost in the voices of fear and isolate ourselves. It is easy to wonder where we belong when the values shift around us. It is easy to get caught up in "the stuff" and forget that provision and contentment are gifts from the harvest of God's creation and our response to work together in building the Kingdom of God.

Take some time to be content. Rest in God's love for you. Know that you belong. Give thanks that you are enough. Live like you believe it!

Blessings and peace,

**Pastor Lori**

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**Adult Study on The Book of Revelation**  
*beginning date TBD*

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

## Choir practice

**Wednesdays at 7 PM**

**Consider joining us - there are no try-outs,  
there's plenty of time to learn what you'll sing  
AND we are fun!**



## **Collection for Hurricane Victims**

We will be collecting for the Hurricane victims in the Southeast. Our donations will be designated through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program of the PC (USA). They are on the ground throughout the 10-state area providing temporary housing, food, water and resourcing in partnership with area churches

Please mark donations with PDA on the check line or in a separate envelope.

Thank you!



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**



## **Third Saturday Breakfast!**

***Join us on October 19 at 8:30 AM***

**You can enjoy a breakfast, with yummy bacon, prepared by our wonderful cooks and bakers! Please invite your friends and neighbors!**

AND let Mary Johnston know if you can help in any way - set up, clean up,  
food prep.....

Thanks!

## Supper Club

Time, date and place TBD  
Watch for the info.



## Book Group

October 21, 2024 at 7 PM  
at Susan Abel's house

"Who is Maude Dixon" by  
Alexandra Andrews

*\*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...***

## Women's Breakfast

**Tues., Nov. 5, 9AM at the Empire Restaurant**  
in Jeffersonville, on Main St across from the Golf  
Course. This is a great time to enjoy a meal you  
didn't cook, share some conversation and laughter.  
We will alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays so more



folks can join us. Please let Jo know, by Sunday, if you can come, so we can inform the restaurant.

### *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, deodorant, soups, and white bread (\$0.79 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.**

Food on the First



### Mission Project for October

*We are collecting winter coats for the Salvation Army in Norristown. Please drop off in the box located in the narthex. We are looking for all sizes of new or gently used coats--children, youth and adults.*

*Let's keep our neighbors warm for the winter!*

*Questions? See Betty O'Neil and the Mission Committee.*

## Financial Update

***Below are the figures for August***

Total Income: \$ 11,504.40  
(\$ was from rentals) \$ 3,530.00  
Total Expenses: \$ 9043.00

***Many thanks for your continued support of  
Norriton's budget!!***

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

**\*\*We continue to be grateful to all who  
continue to be able to contribute to our roof  
fund.\*\***



### *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.**

## October

### Birthdays

- 4 Erin Titze
- 6 Nicole Surman
- 10 Christine Alburger
- 11 Ken Miller
- 13 Lynne Dzwil
- 14 Cheryl Yost  
Eric Getz
- 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

## 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**  
**Jo Shockley's friend, Judy**, battling cancer, experiencing multiple strokes, for comfort and strength, looking to time in rehab  
**Steve Alburger's brother, Ric**, continued prayers during cancer treatment  
**Lori's father-in-law, Andy**, for ongoing health issues  
**For those suffering from seasonal illnesses**, for strength and healing

*And we add:*

**Reece Whitley**, at home, in palliative care, for strength, comfort and peace of mind  
**Mary Hall** and family for peace of mind and comfort, with no further treatment available for her brain tumor  
**Sharon Jenkins**, prayers for a resolution to her health challenges

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**Mark your calendar**

Wed., Oct. 9 - (and every Wed.) **Choir**, 7 PM

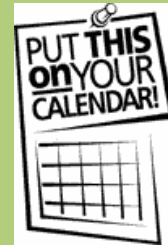
Tue., Oct. 15 - **Mission Comm. meets**, 6 PM

**Session**, 7 PM

Sat., Oct. 19 - **Third Saturday Breakfast**, 8:30 to 10:30 AM

*Can you help? - let Mary know, thanks*

Mon., Oct. 21 - **Book Group**, 7 PM at Susan Abel's house



*"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*