

Month of December 2024

Norriton Presbyterian Church

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Greetings in the name of Christ,

Wow it got cold quickly! Wow the nights are getting longer (and maybe darker)! Wow it's Advent, and Christmas is coming before we know it! Wow!

It has been a busy season and a good season for our congregation and those we seek to love. We have gathered coats for those who need warmth, we have collected money for "fidgets" to relieve those who are victims of violence, and we continue to support those who are recovering from natural disasters around the nation and the world.

Our family is grounding itself in worship and study as we gather on Sunday and throughout the week to explore God's word in Revelation and in literature. We hear the choir's music as an offering and another avenue to hearing God's guidance for our lives. We spend time lifting each other in prayer during worship and through the week. Again and again, we are reminded that just knowing that someone is praying for us is a vessel of healing for many.

As the movement of Advent compels us toward the light anew, we dare to wonder and see the "wows" as an opportunity to be captivated anew by God's presence in our lives. We pause and say "wow" when we hear the bells of the season. Our hearts life with delight as we share the awe as a tree is lit. We feel the warmth against the coldness as we invite another to join us for a meal or conversation. We are the light of hope and promise.

May our light shine in the darkness anew. May we continue to be beacons that draw others to the manger. May we create space for the "wows" to enter in!

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Lori

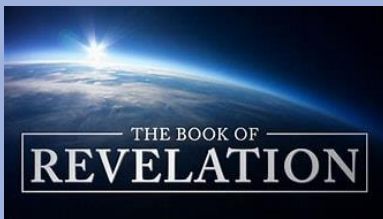
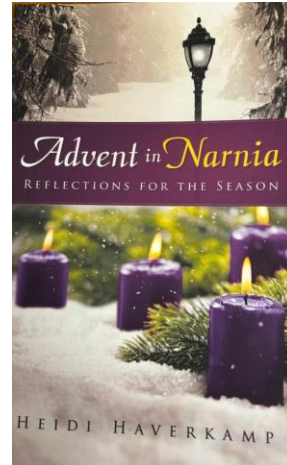
Advent in Narnia Study

Join us as we spend Tuesday evenings beginning at 7 PM in the Library exploring the themes of Narnia. Books are \$5.00.

Dates are:

December 3rd, 10th and 17th

Worship will also follow the themes of the book.



Adult Study on The Book of Revelation
(We will revisit this in January if folks are interested)

Fellowship Hall
Video and Discussion
led by Bill Gildea



-In Memoriam-

Mary Louise Hall

January 30, 1943 - November 4, 2024

Romans 14:8 - For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

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!





Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes Meal Program

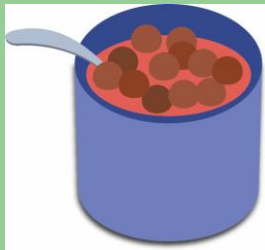
Would you like to provide a meal for someone in our Norriton Church family, or could you yourself use some extra help during a difficult time? Loaves and Fishes is a way that we can help and support each other while also helping to build fellowship. We realize that when you are sick, injured or otherwise stressed, the last person that you think of is yourself. We can't make the

sickness, injury or life tumult go away, but we can minimize the time lost in front of the fridge wondering, "What shall I eat?".

Please don't be shy about asking for help. When you decide that you could use a meal you can call Pam flood or Pastor Lori. They will connect with a volunteer who will call you to discuss allergies, preferences, and the timing of delivery. Volunteers, don't worry. With the generosity of our Norriton community, it is unlikely that you'll be asked to help more than 2-3 times a year. And, don't be afraid to tell us when we call that we've asked you to cook at the worst possible time. We'll graciously ask another volunteer on the list to help out..

If you can make a meal or if you need a meal...

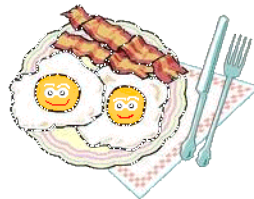
Please call Pam Flood at 610 551-8352 or contact Pastor Lori



Soup Sale

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way - cooking, buying, working...

We raised \$940.00, 10% going to Mission.



Third Saturday Breakfast!

Join us on December 21 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

Watch for a time and place



Book Group

Dec. 16, 2024 at 7 PM
at Mary Johnston's house

"Table for Two"

by Amor Towles

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

Thurs., Dec. 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. **After you eat, you can vote!**

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 in urgent need of white bread. (\$.99 at Aldi's)* Also - egg cartons and 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 October

Total Income: \$16,061.62

(\$ was from rentals) \$4,360

Total Expenses: \$8,414.73

***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 are
able to contribute to our roof fund.****



Your slate of Elders and Deacons is:

Elders

Class of 2026: **Bill McMullen, Susan Titzee**

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.**



December

Birthdays

- 8 Christina Johnson
11 Kelly McMullen Hayek
14 Joshua Miller
25 Betty O'Neil
30 Steve Alburger

Anniversaries

- 6 Cristine & Gary Farrer
20 Linda & Ron Kraft

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
For those suffering from seasonal illnesses, for strength and healing

And we add:

Alex Hall and family for peace and comfort following Mary's death
Alex Hall, for healing and strength for a broken wrist
Sharon Jenkins, prayers for a resolution to her health challenges
Steve Alburger's brother, Ric, hospitalized with sepsis, still undergoing cancer treatment, for strength and healing
Lori's father-in-law Andy, for smooth transition into a care facility here in Pennsylvania
The family of Jo Shockley's friend, Judy, following her death, for comfort and peace
Eileen McCoy, thanksgiving for healing and strength following a shoulder break
Mimi McMullen's Aunt in hospice care, for comfort and peace
We ask blessings for Kelly McMullen and Christian Hayek, being married on Fri., Dec.

Mark your calendar

Tue., Dec. 3 - (and 12/10 & 17) "Advent in Narnia" Bible Study
7:00 PM

Wed., Dec. 4 - **Choir**, 7:30 PM - all are welcome to join us!

Thurs., Dec. 5 - **Women's Breakfast**, 9 AM at the Empire
Restaurant in Jeffersonville

Sun., Dec. 8 - After worship we will fill and decorate the
candy

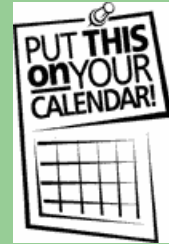
mugs for Outreach House

Sat., Dec. 21 - **Third Saturday Community Breakfast**, 8:30 to 10:30 AM -
volunteer opportunities abound!

Tue., Dec. 24 - **Christmas Eve Service**, 7:30 PM

Old Norriton, 11 PM

Sun., Dec. 29 - **Combined Worship with Church on the Mall**, 10:00 AM
location to be determined



*"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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