

Month of January 2025

Norriton Presbyterian Church

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Greetings in the name of Christ,

May 2025 dawn with hope and grace for all of us. Happy New Year! May 2025 dawn with grace and promise for you and those you seek to love. It promises to be a year that pops with memories and transitions as we move into new leadership as a country, in our economy and in our lives.



One of the aspects of faith that I have always held on to is that when we turn to God, as a guide and stay in our lives, things have an opportunity to become "fresh and new." Paul reminds us that in Christ we have second chances and new moments to grow through the challenges that we face. We can "begin again."

The new year gives us that pause button. We pull out the calendar with blank pages and sit down to think about what we will fill our days with in the coming months. We write in the birthdays, the anniversaries, the doctor's appointments, the vacation plans. We think about how we are going to manage our time and resources for the year. What would happen if we actually penciled in some time to pray, worship and serve God? How would our hearts change? What fireworks of love would light up the lives of another?

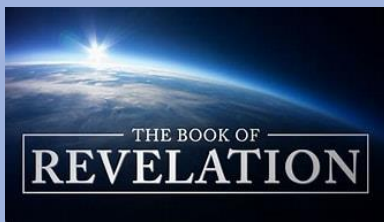
As I spend some time preparing to welcome the new year, I hope to pencil in a monthly act of service and a daily practice of kindness. Spend time with someone who lives alone; work at a soup kitchen, attend a concert to support our young people, sponsor a child in a refugee camp or bake for the Community Breakfast. Hold open a door for someone, compliment someone's style, write a thank you note. Or say a prayer for a neighbor.

We can do little things to refresh and reset our faith in God's presence in the world.

It is easy to get overwhelmed with the politics and the transitions. It is easy to let fear be our guide and withdraw. It is easy to evaluate with judgement. It is faith-filled to love one another. It is faith-filled to look for the lights against the dark sky. It is faith-filled to believe that everything really is "fresh and new."

Here's to 2025--may the world be amazed by our love!
Blessings and peace,

Pastor Lori



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-

Theodore Arthur Menard

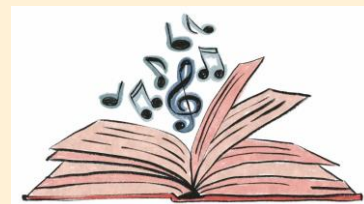
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"For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8

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 Meal Program

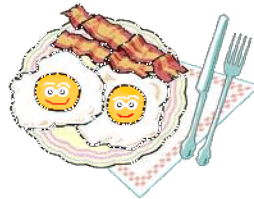
Would you like to provide a meal for someone in our Norriton Church family, or could you yourself use some extra help during a difficult time? Loaves and Fishes is a way that we can help and support each other while also helping to build fellowship. We realize that when you are sick, injured or otherwise 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



Third Saturday Breakfast!

Join us on January 18 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

We gather on Jan. 20th at 6 PM for dinner and fellowship at a local restaurant.

Please let Pastor Lori know if you plan to attend by January 15th.

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

Tue., Jan. 7, 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 November

Total Income: \$13,103.68
(\$ was from rentals) \$4,972.50
Total Expenses: \$9,588.57

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

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

**** The 2025 per capita assessment is \$37 per member****

****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.**

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**

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
Alex Hall, for continued strength and healing of his wrist
Sharon Jenkins, prayers for a solution to her health concerns
Steve Alburger's brother, Ric, for strength and health during cancer treatments

And we add:

The Kosinski Family, for a safe transition from Florida to Pennsylvania as we await an opening in a memory care facility
John Bednar, on the death of his mother Helen in late December, for comfort and peace
Declan McMullen and family as he recovers from RSV

Mark your calendar

Tue., Jan. 7 - **Women's Breakfast**, 9 AM at the Empire Restaurant

Wed., Jan., 8 (and every Wed.) - **Choir**, 7 PM

Sun., Jan. 12 - **Ordination and Installation** of Elders and Deacons

Tue., Jan. 21 - **Session**, 7 PM

Thurs., Jan 30 - **Worship Comm. meets**, 2:30 PM



"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