

Month of April 2025

Norriton Presbyterian Church

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***Greetings in the name of
Christ,***

As we move through Lent and
on to the Easter season, I have
been thinking of the Cross.

The symbol of the pain and
triumph of Jesus' days on

earth. The clarion of our deepest fear, our greatest need and our bursting hope in
God who walks with us and calls us to second chances again and again.

At our Annual Meeting on Sunday, we

celebrated the intersections of our ministry with our individual, congregational
and community. We are the crossroads of faith and life in many ways. The CROSS
is what we are about here at Norriton Presbyterian Church. We are because we
trace our story back to the events outside Jerusalem on Calvary. Using the letters
of the CROSS, we remember who we are as God's children who follow Christ.

C.R.O.S.S.



"It was Jesus' purpose to make us into one body and to bring us back to God. Jesus did all this with his death on the cross." - Ephesians 2

C: COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS – from Community Breakfast, to volunteering at Community Interfaith Pantry and Heeding God’s Call Memorial to the Lost bring us into relationship with others. Our passion is service in Christ’s love.

R: RISE TO WORSHIP – we gather to worship on Sunday mornings so that we might express our gratitude for God’s blessings and presence in our lives.

We also remind ourselves that we are on this journey together as messy and as wonderful as it is to witness to God.

O: ONGOING NURTURE OF OUR SPIRITS –adult study, mission opportunities and social gatherings remind us that our spirits can be lifted with insight, serving together and simply sharing a meal with friends. We are the body of Christ as we share our gifts with each other and the world.

S: SEEKING COMMUNITY AND INVOLVEMENT AT LAUREL- our Deacons are in touch with our family of faith to pray, to remind us that we have each other’s joys and challenges held in our hearts. We weep, we laugh, we encourage, and we challenge each other to become more like Christ in our daily lives.

S: SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO WITNESS – we are continually looking for ways to share the stories of faith with neighbor and stranger alike. We seek to be bold and courageous as we stand with those who are in need around us. We offer hope and presence by sharing our blessing of time, talent and energy.

We are engaged in active engagement with the world!

Blessings on the journey!

Pastor Lori in the name of Christ!

Adult Study

"Faithful Citizenship"

Continuing through April 8

Tuesdays at 7 PM in the library

Led by Pastor Lori with discussion about: our citizenship responsibilities as disciples; pressing social issues disciples should care about; and how we can live out our faith in this chaotic world.

In Addition, Bill Gildea has offered to lead some video classes. He is giving us some options, so check this list and we'll decide what we'd like to do.

Searching for people and places in the Bible

Controversies of early Christian history

Understanding the New Testament

Understanding the Old Testament

Historical Jesus

History of early Christianity

History of Christian theology

Jesus and the Gospels

History and archaeology of the Bible

Biblical Israel

Reading Biblical literature

Dead Sea scrolls

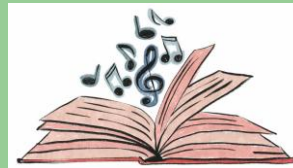
New Testament scholarship, archeology and literary analysis

- also possibilities of shorter courses on historical background of the Old Testament and the Book of Psalms
- * if there is enough interest, we can begin after Easter

Choir practice

Wednesdays at 7 PM

You are welcome to join us - we sing through May.



Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes Meal Program

Would you like to provide a meal for someone in our Norriton Church family, or

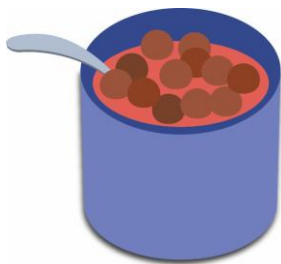
could you yourself use some extra help during a difficult time? Loaves and Fishes is a way that we can help and support each other while also helping to build fellowship. We realize that when you are sick, injured or otherwise stressed, the last person that you think of is yourself. We can't make the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

Saturday, March 29

8:30 to 10:30 AM

Can you help by making soup, buying soup or helping the day of? Invite your friends and family.



Now is the time to order your Easter flowers. The cost is

\$12 for lilies or a spring mix.

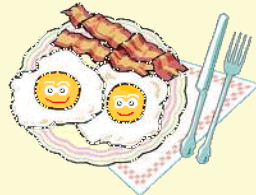
The last day to order and pay

is Sunday, April 13. There is a

sign up sheet in the narthex.

Payable to Pam Flood by cash or check (made

out to Norriton). Thank you.



Third Saturday Breakfast!

NO BREAKFAST IN APRIL - NEXT ONE IS MAY 17

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 details of next one



Good Friday Cantata

Friday, April 18 at 7 PM

"Who Is This King?"



Community singers and musicians join us in lifting their musical gifts as we journey to the cross.

A free-will offering will be taken, and at the exit the "30 pieces of silver" will be collected and given to the Interfaith Food Pantry.

Invite your friends and neighbors to this meaningful evening.



Book Group

**Monday, April
21**

7 PM

**"The Berry
Pickers"**

**by Amanda
Peters**

**at Sue
Zeager's
house**

***bring an ice
cream topping
to enjoy at the
ice cream bar**

**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

**Thursday, April 3 - 9 AM 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 the Interfaith Pantry is in urgent need of canned pasta, spaghetti noodles, canned corn and spaghetti sauce. (thank you for your generous donations to date) 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 February

Total Income: \$\$15,860.74

(\$ was from rentals) \$3,435.00

Total Expenses: \$12,484.05

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 2027: **Betty O'Neil, Jo Shockley**

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

Class of 2025: **Mary Johnston, Kristen Scanlon**

Deacons

Class of 2027: Eileen McCoy, Bill Titze

Class of 2026: **Pam Flood, Ken Miller**

Class of 2025: **Ann Lint , Gerry O'Neil**

Clerk of Session: **Mary Johnston**

Financial Secretary: ***vacancy - looking for a volunteer***

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.**

April

Birthdays

5 Michael Johnson Jr.

Sharon Jenkins

6 Henry Hilles

Jeff Johnston (Sr.)



Frank Scott Rizzo (Jr.)

15 Susan Wilson

23 Pastor Lori Kosinski

25 Meghan Miller

Anniversaries

21 Jeff & Tiffany Johnston

26 John & Lisa Nicolosi

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

For those suffering from seasonal illnesses, for strength and healing

Sharon Jenkins, prayers for a solution to her health concerns

Steve Alburger's brother, Ric, for strength and health during cancer treatments

Our country, as we struggle with our place in the world and how we go about making changes that affect so many folks

And we add:

Bill Titze, following heart surgery, for a complete recovery

John Deily, a food pantry volunteer and friend, following a fall and hip surgery, for complete recovery and good rehab

Jo Shockley's cousin's son, Ryan, with multiple health issues, prayers for a good diagnosis and treatment plan

Andy Kosinski, Pastor Lori's father in law, in hospice care, for peace and comfort



Mark your calendar

Tue., April 1 - **Adult Study**, 7 PM in the library

Wed., April 2 - **Choir and Cantata practice**, beginning at 7 PM

Thurs. April 3 - **Women's Breakfast**, 9AM at the Empire Restaurant

Thurs., April 17 - **Maundy Thursday service** at Church on the Mall, 7 PM

Fri., April 18 - **Good Friday Cantata**, 7 PM

Sun., April 20 - **Easter Sunday**

Easter Fire, 6:30 AM



Worship, 9 AM here

11AM at Church on the Mall



"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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