

Month of November 2023

Norriton Presbyterian Church

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***" he success of my journey depended
on whether my heart walked forward
— toward my people — instead of
backward, away from them."***

***— Anasazi Foundation, [The Seven
Paths: Changing One's Way of
Walking in the World](#)***



Dear Norriton Family and Friends,

Greetings in the name of Christ!

I have been thinking a lot about the way I walk through the world. I have been blessed. My life has been filled with challenges and joys; hopes realized and dreams dashed; valleys and mountaintops. In no way have I been perfect in my responses or my choices, but I am grateful for the roads I have traveled with God's grace and love.

I have been thinking about how my heart walks through the world. Have I been walking towards those who God is calling me to love, accept and nurture in this world? It is so easy to stay in the same circles of family and friends; our faith calls out to love our neighbors. Christ calls us to go out and be comfortable with not knowing how it will work out or if someone is worthy of what we offer for the Kingdom's sake.

I have been thinking that maybe this November, in this season of gratitude, I will walk toward God's people with courage and hope. I will walk toward a stranger without judgement and listen to their story of the road. I will walk toward and not back away when I get uncomfortable or afraid. I will walk toward and I will learn more about God's love and Christ's mercy for me and for all of us.

That sounds like a successful thanks-giving to me!

Blessings and peace as we gather together and walk toward what God has in store for us!

Pastor Lori



Zoom Weekly Opportunities

Sunday Morning Worship
*9:30 AM with time for fellowship
afterward (in person and on Zoom)

We are also on Facebook!
Norriton Presbyterian Church

*Details on how to join this event
will be sent via email with
information attached.*



12 of us enjoyed an evening of conversation, laughter
and dinner at the Trappe VFW.
There is always room for more folks to join us.
Watch for details about the next night out.



Book Group

**Monday, Nov. 20
at Mary Johnston's
7 PM**

**"The Book of Longing"
by Sue Monk Kidd**

***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...***

Mission Committee Activities

- *Saturday, November 18: Celebrating the Possibilities*
- *Strengthening smaller congregations*
- *9:30-3:00 at United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia*

Currently - coat, hat and glove collection for the Salvation Army - through November

Upcoming Collections - *more info to follow*

- *Holiday Cards for VA*
- *Candy Mugs for Outreach House*

If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak to Betty O'Neil.



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!**

Third Saturday Community Breakfast

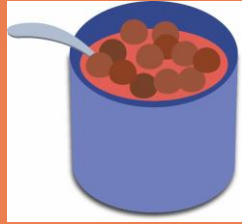
**Saturday, Nov. 18
8:30 to 10:30 AM**

**Invite friends, family, neighbors,
someone who might need a meal...**

Many thanks to all who cook, prep,
set-up, provide food items, clean up
and dine with us!

**If you'd like to be among this popular group,
please speak to Mary!**





Soup Sale
Sat., Nov. 11
8:30 to 10:30 AM

If you can make soup or help the day of, see Jo Shockley. Soup containers are available every Sunday. Thank you!!



We'd like to keep our college students in the loop with mailings and/or emails. Please email the office or call and leave their current contact information. Thank you!

Food on the First



WORKING FOR GOOD IN OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you all for your help with our many mission requests! *This month we are asking for potatoes - canned or instant, shampoo, soup and jelly. Tea and instant coffee would be a special*

treat! You may put your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. **Thank you again.**

Financial Update

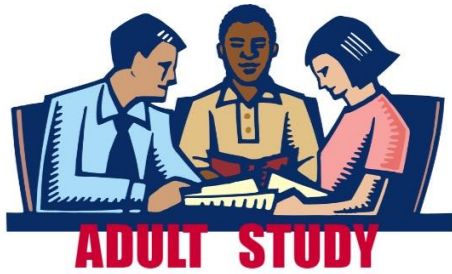
Below are the figures for the month of September

Total Income: \$ 12,524.49
(of that total \$ 1,665 was from rentals)
Total Expenses: \$ 7,281.82

Thank you for your continued support of Norriton's budget!!

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





Adult Study

Join us for a look at "The Books that Didn't Make the Cut" on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays beginning at 7:00 PM in the Library.

November 14 & 28th

We will be looking at texts that were considered for inclusion in the canon of the Bible but didn't make it through the process.

Let's explore together!

The Book of Peter is next - copies available

Advent Study: Sunday December 3rd

11:00 AM in the Library

Prepare and Ponder the meaning of the Season as we open our hearts and minds to receive the Christ Child anew.

Your slate of Elders and Deacons is:

Elders

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

Class of 2024: **Cathy Miller, Janet Detweiler**

Class of 2023: **Bill McMullen, Susan Titze**

Deacons

Class of 2025: **Ann Lint** ****we are in need of 1 more Deacon****

Class of 2024: **Bill Titze, Cheryl Yost**

Class of 2023: **Toni Allebach, Pam Flood**

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.**

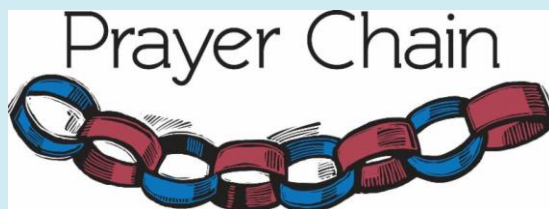
November

Birthdays

- 2** Olivia Taylor
11 Jameson Johnston
John Nicolosi (Sr)
16 Cristine Farrer
19 Eileen McCoy

Anniversaries

- 10** Mimi & Bill McMullen
15 Eileen & Dennis McCoy



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
Shirley Alderfer, for strength and comfort, dealing with general health issues
All those affected by catastrophic weather events
Reece Whitley, for strength and healing of his general health issues
Mark Stayton for continued positive results and strength, finished with infusion
Jo Shockley's friend, Judy, who has begun chemo, with her lung cancer spreading, for strength and peace
Bill Titze, post bypass surgery, for strength, healing and a full recovery; and Susan as she supports him
Kristen's Dr. Taylor, post double mastectomy, for strength, healing and a full recovery
Steve Alburger's brother, Ric, for good results following cancer treatment
Devdan Gershon, our former tenant, and his family, for strength, healing and patience as he recovers from a heart attack and several mini strokes

And we add:

The many thousands caught in warfare and those in positions of power, that peace and good decisions may prevail and end the terror of destruction and deprivation.
The many victims of mass shootings, for peace and comfort
The Farrer Family, for comfort and peace, following the death of Cristine's mother, Raun

Mark your calendar

Wed., Nov. 1 (and every Wed.) - **Choir practice**, 7 PM
Sat., Nov. 11 - **Soup Sale**, 8:30 to 10:30 AM - email or call the office if you can help by making soup or working the day of the



sale - soup kits are available every Sun.. Soups can be dropped off on Friday evening from 5 to 6:30 M. See Jo with ????. Thanks very much!

Tue., Nov. 14 - **Adult Study**, 7 PM "The Books that Didn't Make the Cut"

Thur., Nov. 16 - **Worship Committee**, 2PM

Mon., Nov. 20 - **Book Group**, 7 PM "The Book of Longing" by Sue Monk Kidd at Mary Johnston's house

Tue., Nov. 21 - **Mission Committee mtg.**, 6 PM

- **Session**, 7 PM

Sun., Nov. 26 - we will **decorate for the Advent Season** following worship



*"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