

Norriton Presbyterian Church



Happy New Year!

As the new year, new decade, new day dawns we are drawn once again to an awareness of the blessings of God.

One of our marks as a community of faith is prayer. Prayer reminds us that we are connected and cherished by God who is greater than any thing or any person that we can imagine. Prayer centers our lives, calls us to new perspectives and informs our service as we share Christ's love in the world.

Session is recommending that the Norriton Presbyterian family envelope itself in prayer for the year 2020. When congregations pray together they deepen their faith, call each other into deeper love for God in Christ and serve with hearts that are open to the power of God's love in the world. When congregations pray together they grow because they are asking the question: "So, God, what do you want us to do now?"

It is my firm belief that God is doing good things in and through this family of faith. I invite you to join our prayer circle in two ways:

40 Days of Prayer: *Each day for the first 40 days of 2020 you will receive an email with a scripture and a prayer. Spend time in reflection and prayer. Journal thoughts and share insights with Session members or myself. Notice patterns and words that may begin to nudge you; become aware of how you feel and most of all be grateful that we have a God who listens to our hearts.*

1st and 3rd Wednesday Night Prayer Circle: *Join us in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. for a time of intentional community prayer. We will pray for the congregation - our vision and ministries; our members - health and life; and our community - safety and leaders. We will spend 30 minutes in a variety of modes of prayer. If you cannot join us in person - consider praying where you are for the congregation and our life together. **We will meet only one time in January, to get started - on Wed., Jan. 22***

God's people have reached out in prayer as a foundation of faithful life for the ages. May we have the courage to pray without ceasing, knowing that God does good—and great things—when we dare to ask. *Seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you!*

Blessings and peace!

Pastor Lori



Book Group Christmas Party

Thursday, January 23
6:30 PM
at Bertucci's
Ply. Mtg. Mall

You're invited to join the festivities even if you aren't a Book Club attendee. Please call Mary Johnston if you'd like to attend.

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 receipts with the "save a tape" total cut off, they are no good for the rebate. Please make sure the total shows.** Thank you!

Financial Update



Below are the figures for the month of November:

Total Income: \$11,445.18
(of that total, \$ 4,530.00 was from rentals)
Expenses: \$10,661.26
(thanks to Harry for managing the rentals)

Thank you for keeping your giving up to date. Your faithful stewardship is a gift to Norriton.

Join choir!!

If you like to sing and can make Wednesday night practices, (7 PM) please consider joining. You can come give it a try - no strings. You don't need to read music. There is a place for you! Questions? - see Helen or any of the choir members.



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:

Cristine Farrer for continued good health

Cristine's mother, Raun, for strength on her long cancer journey

John Wilson and Elaine Werkheiser, in care facilities

This congregation, as we search for opportunities to serve our neighbors in a positive way

Those who fight addictions and those who struggle with mental illness; and their families

Mark Menard for a resolution for his health problems

Shirley Alderfer for continued strength and healing following surgery

Jean Cochran, for strength and healing

Susan Titze's brother, Ken, for healing and strength

Sue Wilson's friends, Judy and Grace, struggling with terminal diagnoses

Shirley Alderfer's brother, Donald Lindeman, for strength and healing

Ann Lint's sister in law, Kim, caring for her sister in law, Kathy, in the final stage of early onset dementia

Steve Alburger's brother, Dave, for strength and healing during prostate cancer treatment

Refugees, worldwide, caught in the chaos of situations not of their own making - for help

And we add to the list:

For those facing surgeries - for successful procedures and rehabs

All those who have lost loved ones - for comfort and strength

Food on the First



We are working for good in our community.

Thank you all for your help with our many mission requests! Our "Food on the First" collections are so appreciated by the folks that are served at the Interfaith Food Pantry. ***There is an ever-present need for personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, bandaids, bath soap, feminine hygiene products...*** BUT any non-perishable foods are gratefully accepted, too. Also - plastic grocery bags are a weekly necessity. *Your donations are welcome any time during the month.* **Thanks very much for your willingness to help those in need!!**

Your slate of Elders and Deacons for the new year is:

Elders

Class of 2022: Chris Alburger, Jo Shockley Ken Miller

Class of 2021: Janet Detweiler, Cathy Miller

Class of 2020: Harry Alderfer, Mary Johnston

Clerk of Session: Bill McMullen

Financial Secretary: Ted Menard

Treasurer: Mary Johnston

Deacons

Doris Menard, Cheryl Yost

Kristen Scanlon, Pam Flood

Head: Kristen Scanlon

*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 *Anniversaries and Birthdays*

Birthdays

3 John Kosinski

5 Elaine Werkheiser

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

30 Mary Hall

Anniversaries

16 Shirley & Harry Alderfer

25 Cheryl & Jay Yost



**Third Saturday Community
Breakfast**

January 18
8:30 to 10:30 AM

**Bring friends, family... and
enjoy the great fellowship
(and bacon)!**



**Tuesday, January 28
at Chap's Taproom in
Jeffersonville
5:30 PM**

*****Please RSVP to Jo
Shockley by Sun., 1/26*****

Mark your calendar

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

Mon., Jan. 13 - Mission Committee meets, 7 PM

Wed., Jan. 15 - Worship Committee meets, 6 PM
- Choir practice, 7 PM

Sat., Jan. 18 - Third Saturday Community Breakfast, 8:30 to 10:30 AM

Tue., Jan. 21 - Session, 7 PM

Wed., Jan. 22 - First Prayer Circle meets, 6:15 PM

Thurs., Jan. 23 - Book Group Christmas Party, 6:30 PM at Bertucci's

Tue., Jan. 28 - Supper Club at Chap's in Jeffersonville, 5:30 PM

Please RSVP to Jo Shockley by Sun., Jan. 26



*"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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