

Norriton Presbyterian Church

Greetings in the Name of Christ,

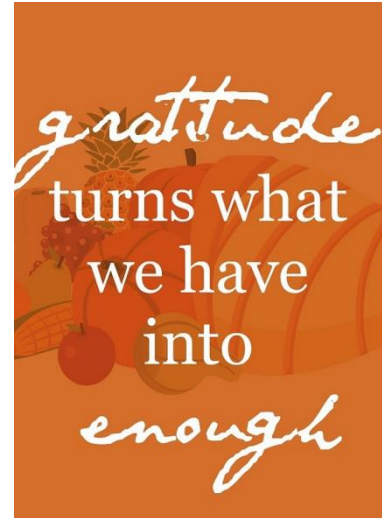
As we move into the Thanksgiving season, I am struck at how grateful I am for simply being here. When I think about what could have happened, what is happening and what might happen I can get overwhelmed. I have incorporated a "pause" in my life. I pause, take a deep breath and remember how blessed I am as God's child.

I invite you to move into a discipline of gratitude this month. Some of us will walk through nature and appreciate the seasons; some will sit with a loved one and be overwhelmed with a sense of the gift of their presence in our lives; some of us will shed a tear as we give thanks for a memory. Each of us has enough. Each of us has been chosen by God. Each of us is loveable and precious.

In the coming days we will be confronted anew with the realities of disease, conflict and unmet expectations. Pause, take a breath and celebrate that in the midst of all of life, God is enough.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori



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Zoom Weekly Opportunities

Sunday Morning Worship

***9:30 AM with time for fellowship after**

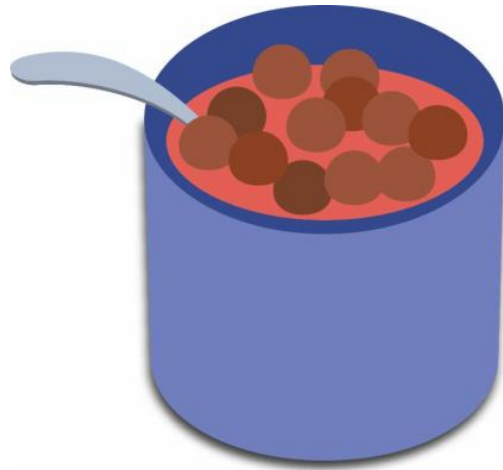
Wednesday Evening Prayer Circle

***7:30 PM til 8:30 PM 1st & 3rd**

Details on how to join these options will be sent via email with information attached.

October Soup Sale

We realized a \$712 profit from our sale. ***Thanks very much to all who supported the sale by cooking, working the day of, or buying soup.*** Once again, 10% of the money will be designated to Mission.



Book Group

Watch for an email with details

(Prep your snacks and join us - Zoom instructions will be sent via email)

Come for real conversation!

Real faces are so much better than digital ones!

**The next one is scheduled for Wed.,
Nov. 11 at 7 PM**

*(we're going a little longer into the year
because it's something to do)*

There could be a fire if the weather permits, otherwise we'll be indoors. Bring your own drink and snack, or enjoy something from "the bowl".



"Norriton Nights"

A few ways to stay connected:

A "Youth Count" on 2nd and 4th Sundays,
12:30 to 2 PM - in person and on Zoom

Adult Study (*Blindspot: Hidden Bias of Good
People" by Banaji) * finishes on Wed., Nov. 4
at 7PM - in person and on Zoom



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 . We just got a check for \$120.00!! Thanks very much!**

From Bill McMullen - information about our rentals

Regarding the current status of our church rentals, as I am sure most people are aware, the Covid-19 Pandemic adversely affected our ability to rent out our property, especially considering the many of our rentals pre-pandemic, which involved the gym, were for larger parties. However, rentals for small groups are now bouncing back as we have many basketball groups (travel teams and such) who need space because they cannot use their normal courts that are operated by the school districts. We have been receiving many phone calls and already we have tenants for every day of the week, with more on the horizon.

Now it should be noted that many of our tenants, especially those who were regulars pre-pandemic, are non-profit community groups such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and AA (both Friday and Sunday nights) who may not actually pay, or, do so based on weekly free-will contributions. But our rental income is increasing with groups such as the East Norriton Girls Athletic Association - who rents the gym for up to 16 hours a weeks.

It should also be pointed out that we are once again a polling place for the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 3rd.



Financial Update

Below are the figures for September 2020

Total Income: \$ 10,602.73

(of that total, \$1,500.00 was from rentals)

Total Expenses: \$32,231.57

(the expenses include the full payment of the AC)

Thank you all, so much, for your continued support of the budget during our "virtual" phase!!

Working for good in our community.

Food on the First



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. . . . Currently, sliced bread and assorted soups would be most welcome!!!*** BUT any non-perishable foods are gratefully accepted, too. Also - plastic grocery bags are always appreciated.

Norriton Youth Count Program



Our Merrymead Farm adventure was enjoyed by all.....

*thanks to Lauren, Toni and Lisa for their leadership;

*thanks for the ice cream treats;

*thanks for the opportunity to remember:

...when we hit a dead end we can turn around and make another choice

...that we have maps of prayer and Scripture to guide us in the maze of life

...that Christ is always there to forgive us and let us begin again...

November 8th: Movie Matinee

We will gather at 12:30 to watch "BFG" (The Big Friendly Giant) in the Fellowship Hall. Popcorn will be provided in individual bags; water is available in water bottles. Bring other snacks if you don't like those choices :) Wear a mask and be prepared to have some fun! Done by 2:30 PM.

note: please text 267-252-9806 by the Thursday before each event

*to let me know if you are attending

*to let me know if I need to drop off the week's activity so you can join us on Facebook Live

Hope you can join us! Bring a friend!

Pastor Lori

Your slate of Elders and Deacons is:

Elders

Class of 2022: Chris Alburger, Jo Shockley

Class of 2021: Janet Detweiler, Cathy Miller

Class of 2020: Mary Johnston

Deacons

Class of 2022: Ken Miller, Susan Titze

Class of 2021: Cheryl Yost

Class of 2020: Kristen Scanlon (*head*) , Pam Flood

Clerk of Session: Bill McMullen

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

11 Jameson Johnston

16 Christine Farrer

Anniversaries

10 Mimi & Bill McMullen



Prayer Chain



***I** f 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 , struggling with her cancer journey

Elaine Werkheiser , in care facility - thanksgiving for full recovery following her fall

Shirley Alderfer, for improvement for her back problem

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

Jean Cochran , for healing and a good rehab following a fall and hip surgery

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

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

Caretakers - of all kinds - for patience, strength and safety

All those affected, in any way, by Covid 19

Detweiler's friend, Carol, struggling with health problems, for a full recovery

The 3 yr old daughter of Dave Turner's colleague , battling leukemia - for strength

All those struggling with the aftermath of destructive fires and storms

The many divisions we are facing in our country - for finding a better way

Lynne Dzwil's mother, Millie, for a return to health

Helen Surman's brother, Michael Keller , for a good outcome following knee surgery complications

And we add to the list:

Jim Sayne, for a complete recovery following gall bladder surgery

Josephine , Tiffany Johnston's 7 yr old niece, for healing following gastro-intestinal surgery

Our country , for healing surrounding the contentious election season

Mark your calendar

Mon., Nov. 2 - **Mission Committee meets** on Zoom, 7 PM

Tue., Nov. 3 - **Election Day** - make your voice heard!

Wed., Nov. 4 - **last Adult Study**, 7 PM on Zoom and in person, beginning with a
time for prayer

Sun., Nov. 8 - **Kid's Count activity** - see the Kid's Count article

Wed., Nov. 11 - "**Norriton Night**" at church, 7 PM - there might be a campfire-
so please bring a chair, your own snack and drink. The "bowl-o-snacks" will make
a repeat appearance. Come enjoy real faces and conversation! *If the weather
doesn't cooperate, we will be indoors.*

Sun., Nov. 22 - following worship - we will **decorate the sanctuary** for Advent

Mon., Nov. 23 - **Worship Committee** meets, 7:00 PM

Tue., Nov. 24 - **Session** , 7:00 PM

Sun., Nov. 29 - **Congregational Meeting** following worship, for the purpose
of electing 4 deacons, 2 elders, financial secretary and treasurer



*"Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers and sisters dwell in
unity! For there the Lord commanded
the blessing, life for evermore."*

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