

Norriton Presbyterian Church



***"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection,
not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."***
by Martin Luther, German Theologian

Greetings in the name of Christ!

As April dawns, the signs of Spring are upon us. We are turning the corner toward Jerusalem in our Lenten Journey as we pass the mid-point. The temptation of jumping ahead to Easter is very real.

We are a people of faith. We know that the power of Easter comes through the steps we take during Lent. Acknowledging our shortcomings; claiming the messes in our lives and receiving the love of God in Christ grants us an awareness of grace. When we are aware of God's grace we live in the fact that we are never apart from God's love. The courage and comfort of the Lenten disciplines provide us a way out of our isolation.

Jesus goes out into the wilderness to prepare himself and then rejoins the community to deepen our faith and walk with us. Every member's energy and gifts adds to the overall journey that we are involved in daily. Make it a point to come to worship and hear God's word in music and reflection. We have been challenged by Luke's writings as we explore the parables of the fig tree giving each other a little more time; the tendency to judge each other when we don't know the "rest of the story" surrounding the prodigal son; and even calling ourselves to stay active in prayer and study lest we take the blessings of God's presence for granted and/or become complacent.

We are looking inward so we can serve outward. We are wobbly and we are connected to God who loves us. We weak and we gain strength from each other. We are human and God embraces us just as we are!

Easter is coming! The earth is signaling rebirth and renewal!

Follow the Lenten journey with us!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Lori

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**Holy Week has many opportunities for
worship and fellowship:**

4/14 Palm Sunday worship, 9:30 AM
4/18 Maundy Thursday Seder Meal, 6:15 PM
4/19 Good Friday Cantata, 7 PM
Prayer Vigil begins at 9:00 PM
thru 5:00 AM Easter Morning
4/20 Easter Egg Hunt, 11 AM
4/21 Easter Morning Bonfire 5:00 AM
Sunrise Service in Old Norriton, 6:30 AM
Traditional Service, 9:30 AM

***UNSHAKEABLE HOPE:
BUILDING OUR LIVES ON THE PROMISES OF
GOD
by Max Lucado
Bible Study Sunday at 11:15 AM
now until March 31***

The book jacket for the 40th work by noted author Max Lucado reads: "What is shaking in your world? Possibly your future, your faith, your family, or finances? It's a shaky world out there..."

In Unshakeable Hope, Max Lucado unpacks a dozen of the Bible's most significant promises, equipping us to meet difficult circumstances, experience lasting security, and make wise decisions."

Per Capita

Each year we are assessed an amount, per member, that goes to the General Assembly, Synod and Philadelphia Presbytery to cover the administrative costs of the work of the larger church. Think of it as a membership fee. This year the Per Capita amount due, for each member of the church, is \$30. We get a bill for the full assessed amount (\$2,310 total) so it would be appreciated if this amount could be paid as soon as you can manage it. Thanks very much!!

Financial Update

Below are the figures for the month of February:

Total Income : \$ 8,126.38

(* that total \$2,720.00 was from building rentals)

Expenses: \$8,223.56

(many thanks to Harry Alderfer for managing the rentals!)

We are very grateful for and ask your continued financial support of our capital improvements. Questions are welcome at any time - see a Session member.

Thank you for your on-going, prayerful consideration of your financial stewardship, remembering that even when you can't be here, the monthly bills still need to be paid.

Portraits in Grace April 19 - 7:00 PM

Please make plans to attend this very meaningful musical service on Good Friday. Our choir, area singers and a chamber orchestra will present this moving "musical gallery of faith". A free will offering supporting our music ministry will be taken and our traditional "30 pieces of silver" offering will go the Interfaith Food Pantry.

The Egg Hunt is on Sat., April 20 at 11:00 AM. It is open to nursery to 5th grade age children. You can bring children, grandchildren, neighbors... There are reservation sheets on the narthex table. We are also asking for donations of small, wrapped candies and novelties to stuff into the plastic eggs. Thanks very much!

Soup Sale Saturday, April 27 8:30 to 10:30 AM

We are looking for some soup cookers and a few helpers the day of the sale. If you would be willing to make soup, please see Jo Shockley. There will be "soup kits" available shortly. Thanks for your help with this very easy and successful fundraiser!

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 successful cancer treatments
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
Pastor Lori's friend, Sam, for successful cancer treatments
John Bednar, for continued recovery following cancer treatment
Mark Menard for a resolution for his health problems
Mimi McMullen's sisters, Joanne and Eileen, for strength, comfort and healing
Shirley Alderfer for continued strength and healing following surgery

And we add to the list:

Jean Cochran for strength and resilience after some down time
Mike Kosinski for a full recovery following minor surgery
Susan Titze's brother, Ken, for strength, comfort and healing in the midst of multiple health issues
Ken's sister, Carole, for good results from cancer treatments; and niece, Amanda, for healing

Your new slate of Elders and Deacons is:

Elders

Class of 2021: Janet Detweiler, Cathy Miller
Class of 2020: Harry Alderfer, Mary Johnston
Class of 2019: Chris Alburger, Jo Shockley
Clerk of Session: Bill McMullen
Financial Secretary: Ted Menard
Treasurer: Mary Johnston

Deacons

Doris Menard, Cheryl Yost
Kristen Scanlon, Pam Flood
Linda Kraft, Ken Miller
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.*

April

Birthdays

5 Michael Johnson Jr
Harry Alderfer
Sharon Jenkins
6 Henry Hilles
Jeff Johnston
15 Susan Wilson
23 Pastor Lori Kosinski

Anniversaries

17 Mary & Alex Hall
21 Tiffany & Jeff Johnston
23 Judy & Mark Stayton

Book Group
Mon., April 29
Jim Sayne's house, 7:00 PM

Please join in the fun and fellowship as discussion erupts! The book is "Necessary Lies" by Diane Chamberlain. You are invited to share the conversation and snacking even if you don't read the book.

**PLEASE NOTE - THERE IS
NO BREAKFAST IN APRIL,
but mark your calendar
now for Sat., May 18**

Many thanks to all who helped with this year's Spud Brunch - shoppers, potato scrubbers, wrappers, bakers, folks who set up and cleaned up, and those who donated items. Yay for potatoes!!

Mark your calendar

Mon., April 1 - **Mission Committee**, 7 PM

Wed., April 3 - **Choir**, 6:45 PM

Sun., April 7 - **Worship Committee** meets after worship

Wed., April 10 - **Choir**, 6:45 PM

Sun., April 14 - **Palm Sunday** - Holy Week begins - see detailed schedule above in newsletter

Tue., April 16 - **Session**, 7 PM

Sat., April 27 - **Soup Sale**, 8:30 to 10:30 AM - kits for cooks available

Mon., April 29 - **Book Club**, 7 PM at Jim Sayne's house - "Necessary Lies" by Diane Chamberlain

*"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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