

Month of March 2020

Norriton Presbyterian Church

Greetings in the name of Christ!



Paddling through Lent — and life

Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

—adapted from Carlos Wilton, in *Homiletics*

Blessings and peace!

Pastor Lori

Our Prayer Circles continue - Wed., 3/5 and 3/18 at 6:15 PM - please gather with us for a quiet, prayer time or set aside time at home to "Join" us.

Visit our website: norritonchurch.org

Our Cantata is scheduled for



April 10 at 7 PM - make plans now to share in this moving time of worship in music.

"I Am the Lord of the Dance"



Book Group

**Mon., March 30
7:00 PM
Sue Zeager's house**

"The Only Women in the Room" by Marie Benedict

Everyone is welcome to snack, yak, and discuss the book - even if you didn't read it!!

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!

SPUDS!!! Sunday, March 15 following worship

Mark your calendar now so you remember to stay after church for our Annual Spud Brunch. For the minimal cost of \$3 per person you can enjoy baked potatoes with all the toppings, fresh salad and a beverage. Where else can you get such a bargain, prepared by loving hands and shared with your church peeps?



Spud
Brunch

Financial Update



Below are the figures for January 2020

Total Income: \$ 9,618.04

(of that total, \$ 3,890.00 was from rentals)

Expenses: \$11,095.24

(thanks to Harry for managing the rentals - we are very fortunate to have the space and buildings for this income opportunity)

The per capita amount *per member* is still \$30. Please pay this as soon as you are able. Thanks.

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. There is a place for you! Good Friday cantata rehearsals have begun. Questions? - see Helen or any of the choir members.



**Bowling Outing
Sunday, March 1
12:30 PM**



Following worship and the Annual Congregational Meeting, Toni Allebach will be heading to the bowling alley. If you'd like to join the fun, please be at church by 12:30 PM. Questions? See Toni or call Pastor Lori.



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

Shirley Alderfer for continuing improvement

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 strength and healing

Susan Titze's brother, Ken, for healing and strength and **Ken's wife** following a bout of pneumonia

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

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

Harry Alderfer, recovering from pneumonia

And we add to the list:

Doris Menard for strength, comfort and healing as she begins cancer treatments

The Allebach and Rizzo Families for comfort and strength following the death of Scott's Dad

Caretakers - for patience and strength

Shellis Shockley's brother, Glenn, following surgery involving removal of a portion of his intestines - for strength and complete recovery

Mark Menard for healing following a fall which cause a knee injury

Erin and Kevin Titze awaiting the birth of their second child - for a safe delivery and healthy baby

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.*

*** *Thank you very much for your support of our Sock Drive. We did great!!*

Your slate of Elders and Deacons for 2020 is:

Elders

Class of 2022: Chris Alburger, Jo Shockley Ken Miller, Susan Titze

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.



March Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays

- 1 Pam Flood
- 3 Daniel Farrer
- 4 Stephen Flood
- 10 Jay Yost, Dave Turner
- 14 Linda Kraft
- 18 Karl Watkins
- 21 Daniel Johnston
- 22 Stanton Bogart
- 23 Jeffrey Montgomery
- 24 Frank Rizzo
- 27 Kendra Clayton
- 29 Sue Montgomery

Anniversaries

none that we know of - if we missed you, please let Jo Shockley know - thanks!



**Third Saturday Community
Breakfast**

March 21
8:30 to 10:30 AM

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



Tue.,
March 24 - 5:30 PM
at Chadwick's in Audubon

**please RSVP to Jo by
Sun., March 22*

Mark your calendar

Sun., March - **Annual Congregational Meeting** following worship

Sundays - following fellowship time - Adult study DVD series of the Old Testament - grab your coffee and join us!

Mon., March 2 - **Mission Committee** meets, 7 PM

Wed., March 4 - (and 18) **Prayer Circle**, 6:15 PM

- **Choir practice**, 7 PM - *Good Friday practice has begun* - join us!

Sun., March 15 - **Spud Brunch**, following worship - \$3 per person for delicious baked potatoes with all the toppings, fresh green salad and beverages - what a bargain!

Tue., March 17 - **Session**, 7:00 PM

Sat., March 21 - **Third Saturday Community Breakfast**, 8:30 to 10:30 AM

Tue., March 24 - **Supper Club**, 5:30 PM at Chadwick's in Audubon

Wed., March 25 - **Deacons**, 6:00 PM **Choir**, 7:00 PM

Sun., March 29 - **Worship Committee meets** following worship
Mon., March 30 - **Book Group**, 7:00 PM



*"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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