

## Norriton Presbyterian Church

*Greetings in the Name of Christ,*

\* "WOW!"

You may have heard the story about a recent symphony orchestra performance in Boston. After the final notes concluded, the conductor hadn't yet lowered his baton when a child exclaimed, "Wow!" The break in protocol, magnified by excellent acoustics, didn't upset the participants or audience,



however. Instead, several later said it brought them great joy. One even called the moment life-changing.

"Wow" is a good word on so many levels. It describes the lift in my heart last Sunday as we welcomed people back into worship. It describes the pause in my heart as I observe the baby birds outside our office window being fed by parents. It describes the way my heart rejoices when I see the power of prayer bring peace into someone's journey.

Look for the "Wow" moments. They don't have to be big ones, nor like fireworks. They can be as simple as a thank you from a stranger, a hand that reaches out to help you restore your balance or a moment of new awareness that blossoms in your soul.

May your month be filled with "WOWs!"

Blessings,

**Pastor Lori**

*\*story adapted from Home Touch Ministry via Newsletter, Newsletter, July 2020 issue*

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## **Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant**

Our beloved sexton, Reece Whitley, has tendered his resignation. It is with mixed feelings and deep gratitude that the Session accepts his request. We will find a time to celebrate his ministry among us in the near future.

We have been so deeply blessed by Reece's constant care, stewardship and faithfulness to our congregation as sexton. We look forward to continuing to be partners in faith and hope as he moves into retirement. Please give thanks to God and express your gratitude to Reece for his work among us.

*The Session and Pastor Lori*

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## ***They've Done It Again!***

Please join me in celebrating the Wednesday work crew for all they have done and continue to do to maintain and beautify our property: Reece, Dennis, Shellis, Bill and Harry spent the spring painting the gym; repairing our flag pole when a storm took it down; and they have maintained our 7 acres of property on a weekly basis. We are blessed! We are grateful! We see you and we appreciate all of you!



## **Zoom Weekly Opportunities**

*Sunday Morning Worship*

\*9:30 AM with time for fellowship  
after, until 11:00

*Tuesday Morning Check-In*

\*10:00 AM til 11:00 AM

*Tuesday Evening Bible Study*

\*7:00 PM (continuing series on OT

*Wednesday Evening Prayer Circle*

\*7:30 PM til 8:30 PM

*NPC Kids Count*

\*8:00 PM every 2nd & 4th Thursday

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



## **Book Group on Zoom**

**September 28, 2020 at 7 PM**

**Summer Reading  
Share Time!**

**(if we can be together safely  
we will let you know!)**

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

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## *They're Baaaack!*

We've had a "Norriton Night" with acceptable physical distancing and we'll try it again! **Real faces are so much better than digital ones.**



"Norriton Nights"

**The next one is scheduled for Wed.,  
July 8 at 7 PM**

\*please bring your own snack, chair,  
and drink to the church lawn under the  
trees



## **LAWN MOVIE and CONVERSATION Thursday, July 16th at 6:00 PM**

Bring a bag dinner and drinks, a lawn chair and snacks, and join us as we view the award winning movie "Just Mercy" on the lawn outside the Youth Building. Following the viewing we will spend some time in reflection and conversation. ***Please note that this is not a family film.***

Members of the congregation have approached me seeking an opportunity to discuss race in a safe and open manner. This will be a first step as we move from

prayers and thoughts into a deeper way of reflection and action.  
*In case of inclement weather we will gather in the Sanctuary.*

### ***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.** Thanks very much!



### **Financial Update**

Below are the figures for May 2020

Total Income: \$18,388.32  
*(of that total, \$1,200.00 was from rentals and \$10,000 was a Presby. grant)*

Expenses: \$7,705.33

***Thank you all, so much, for your generous, continued support of the budget during our "virtual" phase!! FYI - gym rentals have not started up yet.***

***Looking forward to the AC project - we would be very grateful for any donations you would like to make to offset the full cost - thank you!***

***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**, struggling with her cancer journey

**John Wilson and Elaine Werkheiser**, in care facilities

**Harry and 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

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

**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 our world as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 virus and all its implications**  
**All those who find themselves unemployed because of the pandemic**  
**Doris Menard** for strength, comfort and healing as she deals with cancer treatments  
**Caretakers** - for patience and strength  
**Jeff Johnston and all the doctors and nurses working with the very ill**, for their own health and safety  
**Elaine Werkheiser** for strength and healing following a fall  
**Those affected by racial division and prejudice; and business owners whose livelihoods were lost due to rioting**  
**Eileen Waldeck**, (Mike Kosinski's aunt) for healing and comfort following surgery complication  
**Helen Surman**, for good test results  
**Helen Surman's sister, Irene**, for a full recovery from Covid 19  
**Helen Surman's brother, Michael**, for full recovery and good rehab, following a replacement of a knee replacement  
**Holly Alderfer**, for a full recovery from shingles  
**Harry Alderfer Jr.**, for a strength and healing and full recovery from Covid 19  
**Mark Stayton**, who is experiencing excessive tiredness  
**Robin Alderfer**, (Mary's friend) whose surgery was cancelled due to a positive Covid test, for healing and well-being

## Food on the First



**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 and egg cartons would always be appreciated. *There is a bin outside the front church doors for your donations.* Thanks very much!!

## *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.*

## July

### Birthdays

10 Andrew Kosinski  
16 Jay



### Dzwil

Tina Divinney  
18 Mark Whitley  
19 Sean McMullen  
20 Casey Miller Behrer  
21 Mary Ann Johnson  
29 Helen Surman

### Anniversaries

4 Susan & Bill Titze  
10 Chris & Steve Alburger

### Third Saturday Community Breakfast

*Postponed until further notice*



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