

Month of August

Norriton Presbyterian Church



Greetings in the Name of Christ,

August is upon us! Here's hoping that the heat came in July and we will have some slightly cooler days this year... After Tuesday's rains I couldn't help but smile when I saw this picture of ducklings crossing a road...it is fun to imagine

what they might be up to; where they are coming from; or even if they have a plan as they move forward. It feels a little like life right now.

August feels a little weird this year. Like the lead duck, we don't know what is up at the top of the rise. We don't have a clear view and yet even with our feet out from under us we move forward knowing that others have our backs and God has our future. Back-to school looks different; heading off to college is really weird; vacations have been unique to say the least! Here at the church we are working differently as well, as our program year rolls around; who will use our building and how will they do it safely is a real question; will worship continue on Zoom and in the sanctuary (yes!); how can we deepen our faith in worship and study; what acts of love and service are we able to share with members and those in need? At moments it feels like our feet are off the ground and yet the tug of God's faith in us inches us forward up the rise.

August feels a little different this year. Most of the ducks in the crowd are looking forward at the ready to give the current leader a nudge and/or follow her up the rise. Other ducks may have gone before them into the unknown. Flexibility, risk and courage are the attitudes that I see here. In these unknown territories, these are attributes that we can cultivate as well. We are in this together; God is leading us to rise up to the challenges. We are planning worship and studies for the Fall in unique ways. What would happen if we set up a drive in worship service? What issues are touching our lives that we need to gain perspective on as we move on? What mission projects can we do safely that will engage us mind, body and soul? *You are part of this, so please let the Session and Deacons know what will support you through this time.*

This August has the same potential that last August did and next August will as well. Faith reminds us that God has our past, our present and our future. Notice the duck in the rear--the sweeper duck--watching for the hazards and dangers while calmly urging the group forward. We have all these moments when we protect and serve; urge and nudge, inch and rise...hope, courage, promise, encouragement...faith gives us all of it. To God be the glory.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori

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In Memoriam
Doris S. Menard
May 9, 1945 - July 28, 2020

A memorial service will be held for Doris on Saturday, August 8 at 11AM in the sanctuary and on Zoom. If you would like to attend in person, please notify the office and remember we will be following the protocol for Covid. Watch your email for the Zoom instructions. Office no. 610 539-5599 or email to norritonchurch@comcast.net

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted".

+ Matthew 5:4

Zoom Weekly Opportunities

Sunday Morning Worship

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

Tuesday Morning Check-In (weekly)

**10:00 AM til 11:00 AM*

Tuesday Evening Bible Study (wkly)

**7:00 PM (continuing series on OT*

Wednesday Evening Prayer Circle

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

NPC Kids Count

**8:00 PM every 2nd & 4th Thurs.*



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

**In Memoriam
John H. Wilson
June 6, 1943 - August 4, 2020**



*"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we
die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether
we live or whether we die, we are the
Lord's".*

Romans 14:8



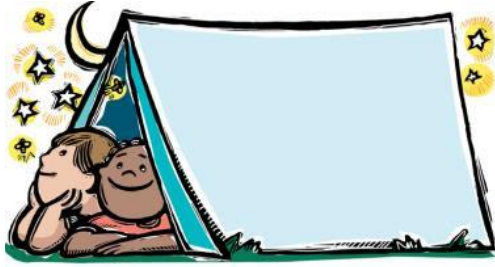
Book Group on Zoom

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)***



"Norriton Nights"

Come for real conversation!

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

**The next one is scheduled for
Wed., Aug. 12 at 7 PM**

*please bring your own snack, chair,
and drink to the church lawn under
the trees - or if it's too hot we will
gather in fellowship hall in the AC

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
June 2020

Total Income: \$ 6,840.14
(of that total, \$1,200.00
was from rentals)

Expenses: \$24,275.01
(of that, almost \$20,000
was the deposit for the
AC project)

*Thank you all, so much, for
your 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!***

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 Cheryl Yost

Class of 2020: Harry Alderfer, Mary Johnston Kristen Scanlon, Pam Flood

Clerk of Session: Bill McMullen

Head: Kristen Scanlon

Financial Secretary: Ted Menard

Treasurer: Mary Johnston

Deacons

**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.*



August Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays

1 Lisa Watkins

Kate Taylor

3 Mary Johnston

11 Michael Johnston

Brady Watkins

15 Rachel Farrer

24 Dennis Detweiler

28 Malcolm Loh

29 Gwendolyn Dzwil

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, struggling with her cancer journey

Elaine Werkheiser, in care facility - for continued healing following a fall

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
Caretakers - of all kinds - for patience, strength and safety
The many unemployed
Helen Surman's brother Michael for a full recovery from a second knee surgery
Racial divides, that we find a better way

And we add to the list:

Eileen Waldeck, (Mike Kosinski's aunt) for strength and healing, at home now
Mark Stayton, for continuing improvements with his health
Robin Alderfer, (Mary's friend) for a full recovery and good rehab following knee replacement
Detweiler's friend, Carol, struggling with health problems, for a full recovery
The Martarelli Family, whose 20 yr old died from a drug overdose, for comfort
Ted Menard, children and grandchildren, for comfort following Doris' death
Karl Watkins, for strength, healing and a full recovery from shoulder surgery
Kendra Clayton, Jeff and Sue Wilson, for comfort following the death of John Wilson
For the three year old child of a colleague of David Turner who is battling leukemia

**Third Saturday Community
Breakfast**

Postponed until further notice



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*"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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