

Month of January 2021

Norriton Presbyterian Church



January 1, 2021

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

This month's subject line is compliments of Kenny Miller and Jo Shockley. As I sat with writer's block, they suggested Jerry Garcia's words as a way to transition from this year and to the next. What better way to acknowledge the need to let go and move on.

The road stretches before us as we begin this new year. What will God do with us as individuals, as a church family and in the world. How will our faith grow? What acts of service will we be drawn to experience? What part of the kingdom will we be called to build for God's sake?

The road stretches before us and beckons us to go! The mountains and the alleys will be there; joys and challenges are a part of the journey. The plateaus will remind us that the ordinary is good too! There will be detours and turnabouts and maybe even some construction to adjust to as well.

God beckons us to walk, ride or fly--most of all just to GO!

May the year ahead find us taking steps to meet God in all the people and places that we will go!

Blessings,

Pastor Lori

For this congregation that glorifies God in so many ways--I give thanks!

For your generous Christmas gift and abounding love for our family--I give thanks!



Blessings and peace to all of you from a grateful heart

Visit our website: norritonchurch.org



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.



Book Group

Mon., January 25, 7 PM
"Educated" by Tara Westover

in person and on Zoom (unless there are further restrictions)

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



Mission Project News

Thank you to all who contributed candy, money, mugs and/or time to prepare our yearly Christmas candy mugs for Outreach House in Collegeville. We delivered 100 mugs, for which they were so grateful. Most food pantries can only give the necessities, so our mugs were a welcome addition to the Christmas grocery pick ups.

Thank you from the Mission Comm.!!



Thank you very much, once again, for your kind and generous Christmas gift. It is my pleasure and privilege to serve this church and congregation. Looking forward to a better 2021!

- Jo

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. Just got another check for \$93.51. Thanks very much!**

Financial Update

Below are the figures for November 2020

Total Income: \$ 11,891.37

(of that total, \$3,925.00 was from rentals)

Total Expenses: \$ 13,007.21

(incl. 2020 per capita of \$2640.00)

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

(The per capita amount for 2021 remains at \$30 per member.)



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....* **Currently, assorted soups would be most welcome!!!** BUT any non-perishable foods are gratefully accepted, too. *Also - plastic grocery bags and now egg cartons are very appreciated.*

Norriton Youth Count Program



January 10th: Zoom Meeting from 12:30- 2

January 24th: Hopefully, we can gather safely at the church for a Mission of Love activity

February 14th: A movie matinee

February 28th: Labyrinth Activity at Church

note: please text Pastor Lori at 267-252-9806 by the Thursday before each event to let me know if you are attending--thanks!

Hope you can join us! Bring a friend!

Pastor Lori

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Your slate of Elders and Deacons is:

Elders

Class of 2023: Bill McMullen, Susan Titze

Class of 2022: Chris Alburger, Jo Shockley

Class of 2021: Janet Detweiler, Cathy Miller

Deacons

Class of 2023: Kristen Scanlon (*head*), Pam Flood

Class of 2022: Ken Miller, Toni Allebach

Class of 2021: Cheryl Yost, Ann Lint

Clerk of Session: Mary Johnston

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.**



Birthdays

3 John Kosinski

5 Elaine Werkheiser

8 Susan Titze

9 Tom Bogart

10 Alex Hall

15 Seth Clayton

20 Nancy Turner

21 Richard Yost

24 Kristen Scanlon, Chase Farrer

26 Mike Kosinski

28 Jo Shockley

30 Mary Hall

Anniversaries

25 Cheryl & Jay Yost

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.

Prayer Chain



Our prayers continue for:

Cristine Farrer for continued good health

Cristine's mother, Raun, struggling with her cancer journey

Elaine Werkheiser, in a long-term care facility - for continuing health and safety

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 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 many affected, in any way, by Covid 19

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

Harry Alderfer, Jr - for strength and healing while undergoing chemo and radiation for inoperable throat cancer

Lynne Dzwil's Mother, Millie, now in rehab - for strength and healing

Those waiting for test results or anticipating surgeries

And we add:

Susan Titze's brother, Ken, for healing and strength

Steve Alburger's brothers, Dave and Rick, for healing and strength for health issues

Our nation as we look to a better 2021, for healing and direction

Those who mourn the many losses of the year, for healing, comfort and God's presence in their lives

Ted Menard, preparing for heart catherization on Tues., 1/5 - for strength and a good outcome



Mark your calendar

Wed., Jan. 6 - (and 1/20) **Prayer Circle**, 7:30 PM - on Zoom

Sun., Jan. 10 - (and 1/24) **Youth Counts**, 12:30 PM (see above for details)

Tue., Jan. 19 - **Session**, 7 PM

Mon., Jan. 25 - **Book Group**, 7:30 PM - "Educated" by Tara Westover



*"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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