

Month of February 2021

## Norriton Presbyterian Church



March, 2021

### ***Greetings in the Name of Christ!***

Blessings for March! "As we approach the year mark of the pandemic try to remember that this is temporary," a friend reminded me. I came into the office this morning and the image in this article was trending. I guess the stars and God are trying to break through to me!

I will confess that I have been feeling a bit detached recently; more like a survivor than a thriver most days. I can blame it on the copious amounts of snow that we have accumulated. I can blame it on cabin fever as I haven't left the Commonwealth since last November. I can blame it on seasonal-affective disorder, I suppose. **Or** I can take a deep breath and give thanks that I can breathe (literally and figuratively) as I pray for those who have lost loved ones. I can pause and remember that a year is a pretty small part of the 59 years of my life. I can be grateful that this year has been rich with angel's and God whispers that guide my life.

During Lent we are invited to acknowledge that God is on the road with us. When life gets overwhelming, disappointing, frustrating and simply blah--God walks with us. When life is crazy, unpredictable and frightening--God is with us. When life is a practice of surviving, going through the motions and holding on by your finger tips--God walks with us (and maybe even carries us).

Take a minute to breathe, pause and be grateful that we are never, never alone on this Lenten journey or on life's journey--God is walking with us, Christ is walking for us and the Holy Spirit is encouraging us.

Blessings,

*Pastor Lori*

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### 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

**"Grandmother Gatewood's Walk"**  
by Ben Montgomery

Mon., March 22 - 7 PM

On Zoom

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

**Soup Sale**  
**Sat., March 20**  
**8:30 to 10:30/11:00 AM**



It's that time again, and it falls on the 1st day of Spring, and Mr. Rogers' Day. *If you can make soup or help that day, please email church. **The soup kits are available now.** If you eat soup, please come on Saturday for some delicious choices at only \$7 a quart. In the past we have had: chicken noodle, squash, beef vegetable, ham and bean, clam chowder, stuffed cabbage, bean tortellini, chicken rice, Italian wedding..... and lots of other great choices. Don't miss this opportunity to help with the fundraiser and to get an easy, delicious meal.*

***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. Thanks very much!**

**Financial Update**

Below are the figures for January 2021

Total Income: \$8,845.02

*(of that total, \$2,232.50 was from rentals)*

Total Expenses: \$7,340.31

***Thank you all, so much, for your continued support of the budget during our "virtual" phase!! You can mail your offering to PO Box 220 Fairview Village, PA 19409***

***(\*\*The per capita amount for 2021 remains at \$30 per member and it would be appreciated if this is paid as soon as you are able - thanks very much!)***



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**Working for good in our community.**

Food on the  
First



**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.... Many thanks to all who contributed to the Advent box food collection!! Also - plastic grocery bags and egg cartons are very appreciated.***

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## **Norriton Youth Count Program**

March 14: Labyrinth Walk (details TBD)

March 28: Bike Ride at Norristown Farm Park

*program is for all youth*

**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: Toni Allebach, Pam Flood

Class of 2022: Ken Miller, Ann Lint

Class of 2021: Cheryl Yost, Kristen Scanlon (*head*)

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.**

## **February**

## **March**



### **Birthdays**

- 1 Pam Flood
- 3 Daniel Farrer
- 4 Stephen Flood
- 10 Dave Turner, Jay Yost
- 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 contact Jo Shockley**

*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 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

**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, and comfort for he and his wife, following the death of her mother

**Those waiting for test results or anticipating surgeries**

**Lynne Dzwil's mother** for health and strength

**Mary Johnston's brother, John Shaw**, grateful for progress made for continued healing and strength following surgery

**Jean Cochran**, for strength and comfort, in long-term care

### **And we add:**

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Adaline Titze's** successful procedure

**All those in the southern states affected by the extreme cold and power failures**, for patience and a return to normal

**Tiffany Johnston's mother, Linda**, for healing of broken elbow and thumb, following a fall

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Tue., March 3 - **Lenten Adult Bible Study**, 7:30 PM on Zoom

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

Sat., March 20 - **Soup Sale**, 8:30 to 10:30/11 AM - **soup kits available now**

Mon., March 22 - **Book Group**, 7 PM - "Grandmother Gatewood's Walk" by Ben Montgomery - prep your drinks and snacks and log on to Zoom

Sun., March 28 - **Palm Sunday**



*"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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