

Month of February 2021

## Norriton Presbyterian Church

February, 2021

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

Welcome to February! This year I am aware of this month as we celebrate love in all its forms, and Black History month as a nation. It already promises to be an interesting year as we move into a new administration, continue to deal with the ongoing pandemic, and the divisions among us.

I have always liked Desmond Tutu's approach to life. He is a wise and faithful man who roots himself in an inclusive love. His life in South Africa has grounded him in experiences of a culture that looked apartheid in the eyes and said, "No More!" As a nation South Africa continues to learn from its past as it forms new patterns of relationship across lines of race and culture.

My honest self acknowledges that I have loved those whose lives I am connected with on an ongoing basis; I also have not availed myself to enough opportunities to learn, love and understand a variety of cultures in ways that are fully inclusive. Yes, I have traveled to India and Europe; yes, I have done mission work in Puerto Rico and in Philadelphia; and yes, I have friends that are multi-cultural. But no, I don't regularly challenge myself to learn about the history and the assumptions that have created the atmosphere of distrust; I sometimes slip into language that pits dark and light as evil and good without thinking; and I have issues of fear when I am in contexts that are new and different.

As we move through the month, I invite you to take a moment to look in the mirror and expand the circle of love. Wave at everyone; say hello to everyone; listen to everyone and see what you learn about love. Appreciate the excuse to love inclusively and broadly. God does each and every day.

May the world be amazed by our love!

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

Mon., February 22 - 7 PM  
"The Redhead by the Side of the Road" by Ann Tyler

On Zoom

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

### **Sunday, February 7 "Souper Bowl" Sunday**

Once again, we will be rooting for our favorite team to win, by dropping our money "votes" into designated pots. The money will go to Interfaith. You can send in, or be here that day to support your team. Thanks very much!



### ***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!**

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### **Financial Update**

Below are the figures for December 2020

Total Income: \$ 9,909.01

*(of that total, \$3,852.50 was from rentals)*

Total Expenses: \$ 8,421.88

***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.)***



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### ***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.... 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

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.**

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## February

### Birthdays

- 1 Janet Love
- 7 Camden Behrer
- 9 Cade Allen Behrer  
Jeff Jenkins
- 14 Grant Watkins
- 18 Cathy Miller
- 19 Gary Farrer
- 20 Kevin Titze
- 21 Michael Flood
- 22 Matt Turner
- 25 Beth Turner

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*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**

### And we add:

**Our new national leadership**, as we look to a better 2021, for tolerance, healing and direction

**Helen Surman and extended family**, for comfort following the loss of her sister, Irene

**The Behrer family**, for health and strength after Covid positivity, including Alan's mother, Linda, in the hospital for pneumonia

**Lynne Dzwil's mother**, taken to the ER for extremely low potassium levels, for strength & healing

**Jay Dzwil's sister's ex husband** admitted to the hospital for pneumonia, for strength & healing

**Jay Dzwil's cousin Tom O'Neill**, after surgery for a torn aorta, for strength & healing

**John Shaw**, Mary Johnston's brother, taken to Penn's ER and admitted, for diagnosis and healing

**Ken Miller's nephew, Bryce Yost**, in the navy

**Sue Wilson's friends, Laurie & Dana Torok**, for comfort following the suicide of their son, Kiel

**Jean Cochran**, as she struggles with COVID-19 in long-term care, for strength and healing

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**Mark your calendar**

Sun., Feb. 7 - **Worship Comm.**, following worship

Sun., Feb. 14 - **Youth Counts**, 12:30 PM

Mon., Feb. 16 - **Session**, 7 PM

Mon., Feb. 22 - **Book Group**, 7 PM on Zoom -

"The Redhead by the Side of the Road" by Ann Tyler

Sun., Feb. 28 - **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**\*following worship, for the purpose of reviewing 2020 and receiving the budget**

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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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