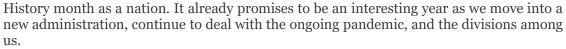
Norriton Presbyterian Church

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 it's forms, and Black



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.



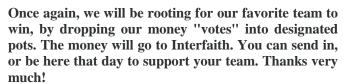
Book Group

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





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 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.)

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.

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

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 <u>anything</u> at Norriton, please feel free to speak to Pastor Lori or any one of your elected officers, at any time.

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

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

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

"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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