



*"In things agreed
upon unity,
In other things
liberty, In all
things the will to be
one."*

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Newsletter of the Norris Religious Fellowship
Interdenominational Community Church

Beginning Sunday, August 3rd I will be preaching from Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon offers us a rich collection of Jesus' teaching on how to live as his followers. Dallas Willard, in *The Divine Conspiracy*, summed it up this way:

What we have come to call the Sermon on the Mount is a concise statement of Jesus' teachings on how to actually live in the reality of God's present kingdom... It concludes with a statement that all who hear and do what he there says will have a life that can stand up to everything—that is, a life for eternity because it is already in the eternal (Matt. 7:24-25).

I'll have printed copies of the text available each week so you can follow along more easily.

I'm happy to announce that on Sunday, September 7th at 3:00 p.m. at the Norris Methodist Church, we'll be launching our ecumenical youth group. One of the members at the Methodist church, Benita Odell, has volunteered to take the lead in this endeavor. We anticipate the gatherings meeting at our different churches, so at some point we'll be opening our doors to our youth and providing them with some refreshment. In the meantime, I invite you to pray for this opportunity. As the date draws near, I'll provide some updated information.

Ginny and I will be participating in a retreat sponsored by the Academy for Spiritual Formation beginning, Monday, August 11th. We'll be out of town the bulk of that week and are looking forward to gathering with other sisters and brothers to deepen our faith.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. We'll be taking a look at the parables of Jesus. We will begin meeting in person and will also offer a connection via zoom. That same week, on Friday, August 29th, Theology on Tap will get underway at 4:00 p.m. at the Clinch River Brewery.
Grace and peace,

Bill

Bible Study

Bible Study will meet on the following Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at 7pm. We will be studying the parables of Jesus.

August 27
September 3, 10, 17, 24
October 1, 8, 22, 29
November 5, 12, 19
December 3

Norris Food Pantry

The donation focus for the Norris Food Pantry for the month of August is toilet paper. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex

The next distribution will be held on Thursday, August 28 from 8-12 at NUMC.



Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will meet on the following Fridays at Clinch River Brewery.

August 29
September 12, 16
October 10, 24
November 7, 21
December 5

Clinch River Brewery
2045 Norris Freeway
Norris, TN 37828

Church Directory

If you are new to the church or your information has changed, please send your name, address, phone number, and date of birth to the church office if you would like to be included in the directory that will be published next month.

Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, August 3

All are invited to join us for a hearty Shoney's breakfast at 9am in the back room.

Dollar Sunday

Sunday, August 10

Offering to go to Good Neighbors.

Supper Club

MONDAY, August 11

Supper Club at 6pm at Rickard's Ridge at Cove Lake.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, August 21

Prayer Shawl ministry will meet at in the Fellowship Hall.

Study Group

Study Group will not meet in August. The group is looking for a new book to study. This would be a good time for anyone interested in joining the group and have input on new study.

Women's Fellowship

Norris Day

Many Thanks to all who helped with the 4th of July Booth on the commons. We netted \$325.42 from the sale of cookies, dog treats, and tea. It was a great day making new friends and reminiscing with those that stopped to visit.

Fall Bazaar

Donations are being accepted for the Fall Bazaar on October 18.

Please leave donations in the storage building or the Sunday school room. We are not accepting electronics, furniture, or large appliances. Thank You for helping make the Bazaar a success.

Together Podemos is seeking a used small children's play table with four chairs for our office. We are also in need of an additional floor fan. Please contact Yvonne M Webb at togetherpodemosyw@gmail.com

Many Thanks

On July 12th and 19th the Fellowship welcomed the youth from Georgia.

Thanks to Joan Hughes, Yvonne Webb, and Ann Lesar for providing food for them and Sunday coffee.

Rev Bill made sure they had breakfast. Thank You notes are posted in the narthex.

Women's Fellowship Meeting

Women's Fellowship will meet on Sunday, August 24th following service for a business meeting.



SEEKING VOLUNTEER TUTORS!

To support adult learners preparing for HiSET/CED exam.

Looking for individuals with knowledge of **ALGEBRA I & II and READING COMPREHENSION**

TIME COMMITMENT: 1 HOUR/SUBJECT ONCE PER WEEK
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: MONDAYS 5-7 PM FOR 4 WEEKS
START DATE: BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST
QUALIFICATIONS: Basic Spanish helpful but not required
Curriculum materials and instructional guidance supplied

THIS IS A MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bill Ireland, Craig Shook, Jake Mounger, Joan Hughes, Susan Bowling, and Lee Borgers.

Approval of Minutes: Bill motioned for the minutes to be approved as written, Joan seconded, motion carried.

Financial Report: Income exceeded outflow for the month of June. For the year we're \$5000 to \$6000 in the red.

Ministers Report: Bible school was this week and finished up on "Wednesday. There were between 15 and 18 children in attendance. There were a good group of leaders and there were no problems or difficulties. The churches participating were the Norris United Methodist, St. Francis Episcopal, St Joseph Catholic, and the Norris Religious Fellowship.

Bill will be on a retreat with the Upper Room in Alabama from August 11 to 16.

Bill is working on the After-School Program for fall. (It will not include dates near the Bazaar. Bill will have office hours most Tuesday and Thursdays.

Bill will be going to the ICCC Conference at Lake Forest College. He'll be gone from July 21 to 24.

Old Business: Craig and Louna will get together to finalize the Contract for the Parsonage.

Roof Repair/ Gutter Repair – Bill's worker can't do the work. Jake will talk to a friend that does that kind of work. Craig will talk to a couple of people that he knows and will also check with Dave Ott of Ott Construction.

The window has been repaired, and it was discovered that 2 of the small windows in the same area are cracked.

The Oak and Maple have been removed.

We need to put a table up to remind people to update the Member Directory.

New Business: We'll have Visitors staying in the Fellowship on July 12 and 18 from Smyrna First UMC. They'll arrive Saturday evening and be at church on Sunday morning. Bill will get biscuits from Hardies for them and there will be orange juice. They'll stop back on Friday evening.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Howard Helton
Dianne Cole
Wendy Hall
Cheryl Spaldi
Tom Post
Paulette Booker
Karoline Berg
the family of Joe Napolitano
Lois Wolfe
Robert Pierce
Mary Shelton

If you have a prayer request, you
may send them to the church email
at norrisrf@comcast.net

Let's Pray for one another

A simple way to do this is through our
birthday calendar.

August Birthday's

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| 1 | Ellen Bean |
| 2 | Jocelyn Borgers |
| 3 | Al Lesar |
| 7 | David Hughes |
| 14 | Liza Jane Alexander |
| 16 | Rhian Koeut |
| 18 | Tom Post |
| 23 | Wendy Hall |
| 24 | Samantha Sheehy |
| 24 | Lee Borgers |
| 26 | Dara Wade |

Don't see your birthday listed?
please email the church office at
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August Greeters

8-3 - Linda Tafelski
8-10 – Joy & Wren Wilson
8-17 – Debbie Simmons
8-24 – Carolyn & Jane Stribling
8-31 – David Hughes

Coffee & Fellowship

8-3 - Yvonne Webb
8-10 - Lee Borgers
8-17 - Kathy Decker and Deborah
Belford
8-24 - Wendy Hall and David
Hughes
8-31 – Joan Hughes