

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

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December 2025

Newsletter of the Norris Religious Fellowship
Interdenominational Community Church

Once again, thanks for being so accommodating last Sunday as we coped with a lack of heat in the sanctuary. We were able to shift to the fellowship hall without too much difficulty. As well, thanks to all those who stayed after service to help decorate our church for Advent and Christmas. We got a lot done!

Here are some dates to keep in mind as we move into the season:

- Saturday, December 6th: Winterfest and our Jesus, Elvis, and Cornbread chili supper.
- Christmas without Them on Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 p.m.
- Our annual church Christmas party on Sunday, December 14th immediately following morning worship.
- The full schedule for Good Neighbors is elsewhere in this issue but December 14, 15, and 16 are the big days for sorting, packing and distributing our holiday gift boxes.
- Ecumenical Youth Skit on Friday, December 19th in our sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Once again, Ginny, Mary V, and I are extremely grateful for all of you, and we wish you the very best for this Christmas and the coming New Year!

Grace and peace,
Bill

Bible Study

Bible Study will meet on the following Wednesdays via zoom at 7pm. We will be studying the parables of Jesus. This will be the last Bible Study of the year.

December 10th

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet this month.

Congregational Vote

There will be a congregational vote held to vote on the proposed budget on Sunday, December 14th following service.

Supper Club

Meets on Tuesday, December 9 at 6 pm at Harrison's. Come join us for a festive holiday meal together. Let Susan Miller know if you will be going so a reservation can be made.

Norris Food Pantry

The donation focus for the Norris Food Pantry for the month of December is household cleaners. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex

The next distribution will be held on Thursday, December 18th from 8-12 at NUMC.



Fellowship Breakfast

Meets on Sunday, December 7 at 9 am at Shoney's. All are invited to join in for breakfast and good conversation

Angel Tree Gifts

Angel Gifts are due back by Sunday, December 14th by noon. Please leave gifts unwrapped with Angel Tree tag attached.

Theology on Tap

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

December 5

Clinch River Brewery
2045 Norris Freeway
Norris, TN 37828

Dollar Sunday

Sunday, December 14

Our offerings will be our gifts for the Angel Tree. If you wish to make a monetary offering to Good Neighbors for food baskets there will be a basket for those.

Study Group

Study group will meet Tuesday December 18th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for a study of the Beatitudes led by Ginny Ireland.



DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

DEC. 6TH

**5:30PM- JESUS, ELVIS, AND
CORNBREAD CHILI SUPPER**

DEC. 7TH

**5:00PM- CHRISTMAS WITHOUT THEM
SERVICE**

DEC. 14TH

**12:00PM – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARTY POTLUCK & SINGALONG**

DEC. 19TH

**6:30PM- ECUMENICAL YOUTH
SKIT**

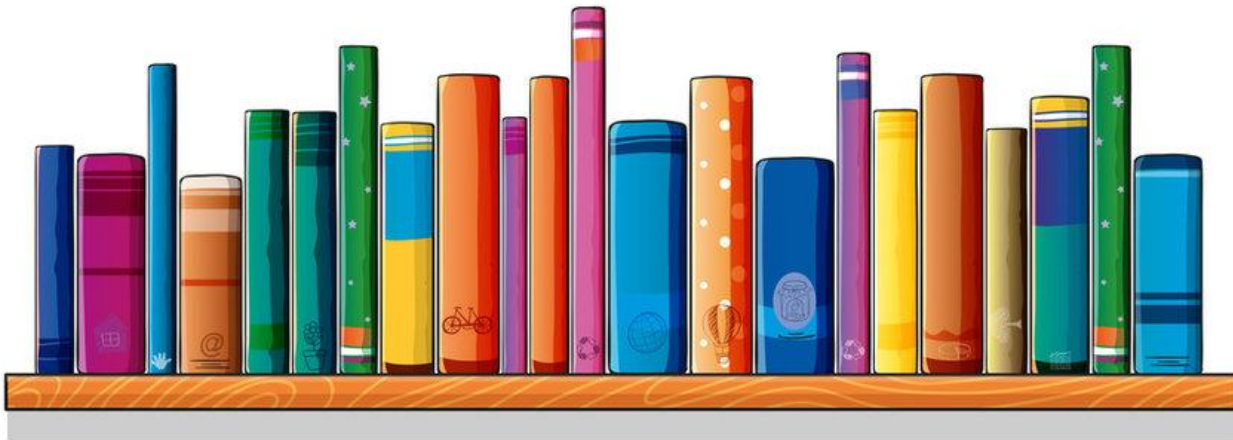
DEC. 24TH

**6:00 PM – CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Women's Fellowship

Book Fair

The date for the 3rd Annual Book Fair has been changed to March, 7 2026. Please note in your calendar. We are accepting donations of books, puzzles, and cookbooks. No encyclopedias please. Place donations on the shelves in an orderly fashion in the last Sunday School room or storage shed. Proceeds will go to Good Neighbors, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Garden Program, and VBS.



Recycling

Many thanks to those who donated items for recycle. A truck load was taken to the recycle center on Blockhouse Valley Rd. This is a timely and relevant activity. Also, thanks to those who helped take the tent down afterwards.

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga meets Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10-11am in the Fellowship Hall.

They will not meet on December 12th & 15th and the week of Christmas.

88th Annual Fall Bazaar

The 88th annual Fall Bazaar was a great success. \$3900 will be used to support the Women's Fellowship charities. Many thanks to all those who helped. It takes the Fellowship Family to make it successful.

GOOD NEIGHBORS SCHEDULE

12-12

FOOD COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE TAKEN TO NRF. NO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

12-14

ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE. PLEASE RETURN GIFTS UNWRAPPED WITH TAG ATTACHED BY NOON.

12-14

SORT FOOD AT NRF IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 2PM. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

12-15

PACK FOOD BOXES AT NRF IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 9AM. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

12-16

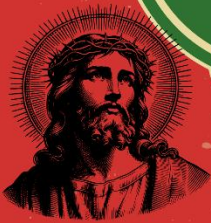
DISTRIBUTION DAY 9-11AM. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DISTRIBUTE FOOD BOXES AT NRF.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

JOIN US FOR A

CHILI SUPPER

JESUS, ELVIS & CORNBREAD



SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH

5PM-7:30PM

NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

23 DOGWOOD ROAD

\$15 ADULTS

\$5 12 & UNDER

Tickets sold in front of Norris
Post Office each Saturday in Nov.
• 9AM-11AM •
(Accept cash, checks & Venmo)

• CORNBREAD CONTEST •

Drop off cornbread donations at
the Fellowship on Saturday (10AM-12PM). We will
vote on the best cornbread in the Norris area.



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
NORRIS GOOD NEIGHBORS

PRAYER REQUESTS



Mary Shelton
Linda Tafelski
Sally Haverkamp
Carolyn Stribling
Howard Helton
Wendy Hall
Karoline Berg
Lois Wolfe

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.

December Birthday's

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| 1 | Susan Miller |
| 2 | Michelle Leach Queener |
| 5 | Grayson Greenhouse |
| 5 | Nickholas Hietala |
| 14 | Lief Hietala |
| 18 | Terry Queener |
| 21 | Caspian Haverkamp |
| 23 | Frances Borgers |
| 24 | Jean McEleney |
| 25 | Jim Ryland |
| 31 | Susan Mobley |

Don't see your birthday listed?
please email the church office at
norrisrf@comcast.net

December Greeters

December 7th – Susan & Jim
Miller

December 14th – Kathy Smart

December 21st – Susan Bowling

December 28th – Laura & Joe
Croft

Coffee & Fellowship

December 7th – Lee Borgers

December 14th – Yvonne Webb

December 21st – Kathy Decker
and Deborah Belford

December 28th – Wendy Hall,
Tom Post, and Dave
Hughes