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Newsletter of the Norris Religious Fellowship
An Interdenominational Community Church

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

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Tuesday & Thursday

For your reading and viewing pleasure....

I have just finished reading Jon Meacham's latest book, *Let There Be Light*. Although there are tons of books on Lincoln, this one is unique in that it traces the former President's spiritual pilgrimage from his earliest days until his death. Meacham gives lots of attention to Lincoln's moral development and the role of conscience in many of his decisions. I was particularly interested in the President's awareness of God's hand in events—an awareness that grew out of both his personal suffering and the suffering generated by the Civil War. Meacham's writing is clear and straightforward; as a result, the book is highly readable.

Now to the big screen. Ginny and I recently ventured to the movies to catch the feature, *A Man Called Otto*. Starring Tom Hanks, this dark comedy explores a wide range of human terrain—grief, the importance of friendship, and life and death to name a few. Tom Hanks is superb as the title character, and the supporting cast is outstanding. Otto's story is presented both by means of his current life and illuminating flashbacks. There's a lot in the film that will make you laugh and cry.

Let me remind you that the season of Lent is almost upon us. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd, and Sunday, the 26th, is the first Sunday in Lent. Our Ash Wednesday service

Theology on Tap!

Theology on Tap meets every Friday at 5pm at the Clinch River Brewery.

Dollar Sunday

Dollar Sunday will be February 12th. Donations will go to Anderson County Community Action for their Green Thumb project providing seeds and fertilizer to needy people in the county.

Community Soup Supper

Community Soup Supper will be held Wednesday, February 8th at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. Choice of soups are white bean with ham or lentil chicken sausage stew served with salad, bread, and dessert. All for \$5 per person. If you plan to attend, please email the church office at norrisrf@comcast.net or call 865-494-7131 and leave a message by Monday, February 6th. Please specify which soup you would like, how many, and if you will dine in or drive up.

Supper Club

Supper Club will meet on Tuesday, February 21st at 6 pm at Harrison's. All are invited to join this fun group for a nice dinner out.

Fellowship Breakfast

Fellowship breakfast will be held at Shoney's on Sunday, February 5th at 9 am. All are invited to join in the fellowship at this Dutch treat breakfast.

Study Group

Women's study group will meet on Tuesday, February 21st at 2 pm in the church library. The discussion will center around the Samaritan woman whom Jesus met at the well. New members are always welcome.

Bible Study

Bible Study will meet every Wednesday in February. Zoom information will be sent out via email the day of bible study.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry will meet on Thursday, February 23rd in the fellowship hall at 2 pm. We have a new supply of yarn for any knitters/crocheters who need some for shawls. We are happy to welcome Linda Tafelski to our tribe! We are always looking for new members.

SAVE THE DATE!

WEDS. MARCH 8



CORNED BEEF

DINNER



**Helpers, Cooks, and Servers
Needed!**

Tell Ashley, David Hughes, or Bob Gregory.

Norris Religious Fellowship
Executive Committee Meeting
2023 January 5

Members Present: Bill Ireland, Jocelyn Borgers, Yvonne Webb, Joan Hughes, Tracy Crouch Hubbs, Susan Bowling, & Lee Borgers
Bill opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: Joan made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Bill 2nd, motion passed.

Financial Report: Everything looks good. Finished the year in the black which included the retro raises approved in September and the dues to ICCC. Stacy will be sending forms out for donations made to the church, these forms might look different than forms received previously. If Susan Gawarecki get call about forms, she should contact Joan Hughes. If any church member has questions, please call Joan also. Bill requested a change in his Housing Allowance, Tracy made a motion and Joan 2nd, motion passed.

Minister Report: The month of December was a whirlwind. Everything went well with decorating, the Advent and Christmas season. We had no problems during the cold snap.
For the next (last) Congregational Meeting Bill wants to invite people from the community to come in and talk about what the needs are in the community that our church can meet. Bill will send the EC potential dates.
Bill and Ginny will be going on vacation and will be gone Sunday, January 29.

Old Business:

Lights are still not working properly in the Nursery; Lee will contact Terry Queener to see where things stand.

Tracy talked to Terry Queener about the potential repairs to the parsonage and church. He has been really busy with work and hasn't had a chance to finish getting everything together.

Yvonne has sent the latest by-law changes out and is waiting to hear from Bill.

Janitorial – Trash needs to be emptied every week. We'd like clarification on terms of employment and use of building during nonworking hours.

New Business:

Windows in the narthex – we have 2 windows broken in the Narthex; Lee will see about getting estimates on replacing them with thermal pane windows.

Narthex Floor – Joan will talk to Will Grinder and get his opinion on the floors.

Retro Raises – Tracy made a motion to pay the raises approved in September, Yvonne seconded, motion passed, Bill abstained. (on 2023-01-12 the Executive Committee voted to approve allocation of Bill's retro raise to be split between housing and salary per his specifications.)

90th Anniversary – The churches 90th anniversary will be in 2024. We need to get a committee to plan for the occasion.

Nursery – Alexis Dendy will start in the nursery on a regular basis on Sunday, January 7

Sign – we need to get Bill's name put on the church signs. Ashley will be asked to send out an email to see if anyone know someone who can do the work.

Santa – Santa is booked for 17 December 2023

Cooking Demonstration
Hosted by
Yvonne Webb

Fun activity for winter blues. Yvonne will be hosting her 1st cooking demonstration at NRF kitchen February 18th from 12 to 3PM. Demonstration includes how to prepare Sofrito (Sofrito, is a basic preparation in Mediterranean, Latin American, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese cooking. It typically consists of aromatic ingredients cut into small pieces and sautéed or braised in cooking oil) and her famous Black Beans.

Please RSVP by 2/5 via email to webbyvonnem@hotmail.com or via text 404-387-0196

**IMPORTANT
GOOD NEIGHBORS
MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6
7 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOR ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE FUTURE OF GOOD NEIGHBORS.**

The purpose of this meeting is to identify leaders so Good Neighbors can continue as an organization dedicated to providing assistance to needy families in the Norris area. If time and interest permit, we will start to assemble project teams.

Folding Chair Rack Needed

The church needs a folding chair rack for the fellowship hall. If you have one, please contact the church office. Thank You.

Food Pantry Distribution

Next Distribution
Thursday,
February 23rd
8:30am-1pm

Clothing Closet
February 23rd
8:30am-Noon

**Food Pantry
Donation Focus
for February 2023**

Toilet Paper

Clothing Closet Needs:

men's boxer briefs (L is most requested size), men's athletic socks, toboggan hats (men & women), gloves (men, women, children), women's socks, hoodies (men & women, any size), men's jeans (most common size is 32 and 34 waist), women's sports bras, queen size blankets, room heaters, athletic shoes & boots (men & women), sweatshirts & sweatpants (men & women). These may be new or gently used and good shape. Items can be dropped off at Norris United Methodist Church at middle door. Please put in a plastic bag if inclement weather. Do not pack bags or boxes heavy as they have to be carried upstairs by volunteers.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Linda Tafelski's mother
Jackson Igou
Laura Croft & Family
Josh Crouch
Wayne Chaniott
Lisa Rains
Marcia Slagle

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

February Birthday's

2 Rick Rushing
11 Mary Shelton
11 Marcia Evans-Slagle
13 Larry Beeman
15 Keith Haverkamp
15 Judy Ryland
16 Jennifer Moore
18 Caius Miller
18 Susan Gawarecki
19 Rachel Vann
28 Betty Lovell

Coffee & Fellowship

1st Sunday - Pat and Bob Gregory
2nd Sunday - Dianne Cole & Yvonne Webb
3rd Sunday- Mary Shelton & Kathy Decker
4th Sunday - Wendy Hall & Tom Post
5th Sunday -Penny Duerksen & Joan Hughes

February Greeters

Feb 5th Jim Ryland
Feb 12th Yvonne Webb
Feb 19th Jim and Susan Miller
Feb 26th Mary Shelton

Altar Flowers

1st Sunday - Michelle Leach Queener
2nd Sunday - Open for memorials & honorees
3rd Sunday - Debra Simmons
4th Sunday- Joan Hughes