

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

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**January 2026**

Newsletter of the Norris Religious Fellowship  
Interdenominational Community Church

Welcome to the New Year! I certainly hope 2026 has gotten off to a great start for you and yours!

Before I mention a few items related to the New Year, let's take a look back to Christmas Eve. The service that evening was the best ever! We owe a debt of profound thanks to all who arranged, directed, and participated in this service as we were prompted to think deeply about the "gifts we bring." In a word, outstanding! Bravo!

Now—a look ahead:

*Bible study* will resume on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will continue to meet via Zoom until the spring. At that point, we'll be able to meet in-person once again. We will continue our study of the parables of Jesus.

*Theology on Tap* will resume on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Clinch River Brewery.

*Ash Wednesday* this year occurs on February 18<sup>th</sup>. *Good Friday* falls on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and *Easter Sunday* is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Our annual Book Sale* will take place on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. *Daylight Savings Time* begins the Sunday following on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

I encourage you to take a moment now to mark your calendars so you won't miss these significant events.

Grace and peace,

Bill

## **Bible Study**

Bible Study will meet on the following Wednesdays via zoom at 7pm.

January 14, 21, 28  
February 4, 11, 25  
March 4, 11, 18, 25  
April 1, 8, 22, 29  
May 6, 13 (?)

## **Norris Food Pantry**

The donation focus for the Norris Food Pantry for the month of January is shampoo & conditioner. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex

The next distribution will be held on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8-12 at NUMC.

## **Theology on Tap**

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

January 16, 30  
February 13, 27  
March 13, 27  
April 10, 24  
May 1, 8 (?)

Clinch River Brewery  
2045 Norris Freeway  
Norris, TN 37828

## **Chair Yoga**

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

## **Lost & Found**

We noticed this past Sunday that we are missing some of the white corelle dishes out of the Church kitchen and some of the dishtowels. We also are looking for the name tags from the Fall Bazaar. Please check your cabinets and see if any got taken home with you.

## **Dollar Sunday**

Sunday, January 11

This month's offering will go to Isaiah 117 House in Clinton. This is a loving temporary home for kids up to age 18 while waiting for foster home placement.

## **Supper Club**

Tuesday, January 13

Supper Club at Gondolier at 6 pm. All are invited to join a time of food and fellowship in the atmosphere of a dine and donate program. An offering is taken at the end of the evening for a local agency or cause. Please let Susan Miller know if you will be attending so a table can be reserved.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Prayer shawl ministry, Tuesday, January 27 at 2 pm. All knitters and crocheters are invited to join us in making soft, cuddly shawls to be given to those who could use some extra comfort and love. We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

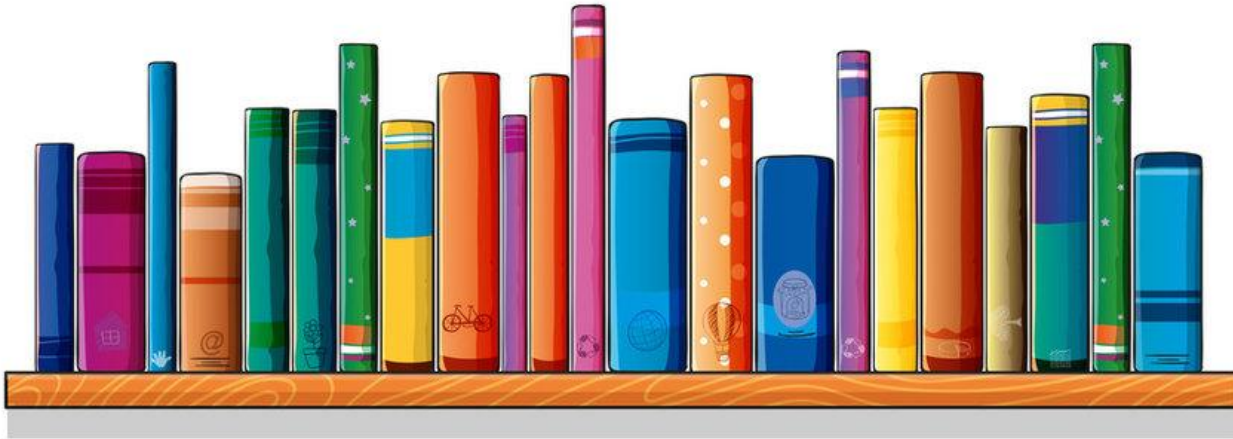
## **Study Group**

Study group will be on hiatus in January. Stay tuned for an exciting new study to be led by Sarah Brubaker beginning in February.

# Women's Fellowship

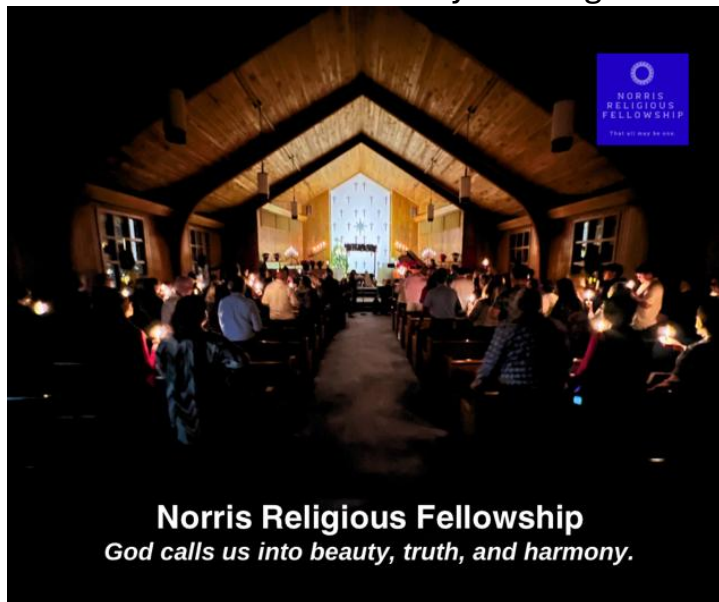
## Book Fair

The date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## Thank You

December was a busy month celebrating the birth of Jesus. Began with hanging of the greens and pizza; the fundraiser for Good Neighbors-Jesus, Elvis, and Cornbread; the Christmas Parade; Christmas Dinner and a visit from Santa Claus with music by Lydia, Ruth, Bob, and the children; and Christmas Eve Service. Thanks to all who helped make these successful. It takes the Church family. Looking ahead to a New Year.





# Sunday School





# Christmas Parade





# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service





## Jesus, Elvis, and Cornbread Chili Supper





# Christmas Sing-a-long

















## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Shelton  
Harriet Hensley  
Linda Tafelski  
Sally Haverkamp  
Carolyn Stribling  
Howard Helton  
Karoline Berg  
Lois Wolfe

If you have a prayer request, you  
may send them to the church email  
at [norrisrf@comcast.net](mailto:norrisrf@comcast.net).

## Let's Pray for one another

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

### January Birthday's

- 1 Dr. Bill Ireland
- 5 Wren Wilson
- 6 Penelope Haverkamp
- 10 Hilary Haverkamp
- 10 Hans Haverkamp
- 10 Pennie Rushing
- 14 Margueritte Wilson
- 23 Hugo Hughes
- 27 Becky Blackwell
- 29 Cathy Miller

Don't see your birthday listed?  
please email the church office at  
[norrisrf@comcast.net](mailto:norrisrf@comcast.net)

### January Greeters

January 4<sup>th</sup> – Yvonne Webb

January 11<sup>th</sup> – Joy and Wren  
Wilson

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Dave Hughes

January 25<sup>th</sup> – Paulette Booker

### Coffee & Fellowship

January 4<sup>th</sup> – Lee Borgers

January 11<sup>th</sup> – Yvonne Webb

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Decker  
and Deborah Belford

January 25<sup>th</sup> – Wendy Hall, Tom  
Post, and Dave Hughes