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Newsletter of the Norris Religious Fellowship
Interdenominational Community Church

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

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OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday & Thursday

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 14th 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 16th at 4:00 p.m. at the Clinch River Brewery.

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

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

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 (?)

Chair Yoga

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

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.

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 22nd from 8-12 at NUMC.

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.

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.

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

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.

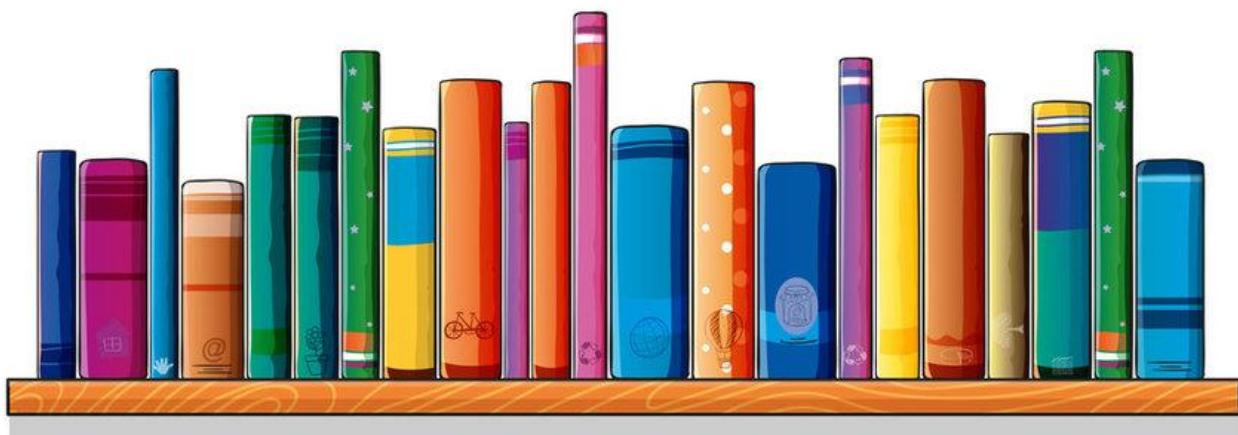
Study Group

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 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.



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.

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
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January Greeters

January 4th – Yvonne Webb
January 11th – Joy and Wren Wilson
January 18th – Dave Hughes
January 25th – Paulette Booker

Coffee & Fellowship

January 4th – Lee Borgers
January 11th – Yvonne Webb
January 18th – Kathy Decker and Deborah Belford
January 25th – Wendy Hall, Tom Post, and Dave Hughes