

THE BOND



November 2025

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

Sunday, November 2nd is All Saints Sunday. Every year we pause to remember those from our fellowship who have gone on to join the cloud of witnesses and who continue to inspire us with their faithful example. This Sunday is also the day that marks the end of Daylight Savings Time. If your clocks don't automatically reset, please remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday evening before you retire for the night.

Our annual fall bazaar takes place on Saturday, November 8th. A hearty thanks to the Women's Fellowship for their hard work in planning and preparing for this significant event. Volunteers are always welcome, and if you have not yet signed up, please do so at your earliest, or pass the word to Susan Bowling.

We will be the host church for this year's Community Thanksgiving Service. The service will take place on Sunday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. For this service, we'll be joined by our friends from St. Francis Episcopal Church, Norris United Methodist Church, and St. Joseph Catholic Church, and we'll collect an offering for Good Neighbors.

Sunday, November 30th, is the first Sunday in Advent. As we have done for the last two years, we'll take some time following the morning worship to enjoy a pizza lunch and then decorate our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Advent and Christmas. I hope you'll plan now to be on hand to lend a hand.

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.

November 5, 12, 19
December 3

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga will resume after the Bazaar. The group meets Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10-11am in the Fellowship Hall.

Committee Signups

Signup sheets for Church committees are on the table in the narthex. Please take time to review these and sign up for one or more.

Supper Club

Meets on Tuesday, November 11th at La Sierra at 6pm. Please let Susan know if you are going so a table can be reserved. All are invited to join this "Dine and Donate" event.

Norris Food Pantry

The donation focus for the Norris Food Pantry for the month of November is toothpaste & floss. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex

The next distribution will be held on Thursday, November 21st from 8-12 at NUMC.



Fellowship Breakfast

Meets on Sunday, November 2nd at 9 am at Shoney's. All are invited to join us for good food and fellowship.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on hiatus for November and December due to the holidays. We have shawls on hand in case of need.

Theology on Tap

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

November 7, 21
December 5

Clinch River Brewery
2045 Norris Freeway
Norris, TN 37828

Dollar Sunday

Sunday, November 9th

Andrea Townsend will speak about Isaiah 117 House and our offering will go to them. Isaiah is a loving home to ease the transition from bad home situations to foster care for vulnerable kids.

Study Group

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

Women's Fellowship

Trick or Treat

Many Thanks to Joy and Wren Wilson for representing the Fellowship at the Norris Halloween Trail. The booth was very eye catching. Thank you for the generous donation of candy.



BOOK FAIR

The 3rd Annual Book Fair is scheduled for February 21st, 2025. We will begin accepting books after the Bazaar when space becomes available to store the books.

Coat Donations

After the Bazaar we will begin collecting coats of all sizes for Karm and the Norris Clothing Closet. We understand that there is a shortage of warm coats. Containers will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. Thank You.

88th Annual Fall Bazaar

It's that time again! This weekend we will begin preparations for the Bazaar. During the week, we will continue to accept donations (except clothing & electronics). Time will be spent staging and pricing donations. Baked goods may be left during the day until noon, on Friday until 4, or at Sara Brubaker's house. If you have not signed up to help or make baked goods, please do so or just show up. Kathy Smart is organizing snacks and lunch for those helping. Any additional food for those helping would be appreciated. We thank the bot scouts under the direction of Emily Barnes for moving items from the basement. Thank you to those unnamed who are working to make this event a success. You know who you are. We have a great Church family.

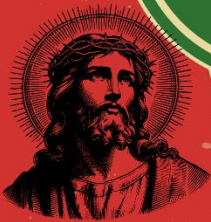
Thank You!

The great cooks of the Fellowship were in attendance at the Congregational Dinner. Thank You so much for preparing the food and helping set up/clean up. Welcome to the new faces at the tables and visitors.

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



88TH ANNUAL

Fall Bazaar

WHITE ELEPHANTS | LINENS |
HOME GOODS | HOLIDAY DECOR |
BAKED GOODS | SNACK BAR

November 8th, 2025

9am-1pm **Norris Religious Fellowship**
23 Dogwood Rd, Norris, TN 37828

Proceeds support Good Neighbors, VBS,
Norris Food Pantry, Prayer Shawl Ministry,
and Green Thumb Garden Program





PRAYER REQUESTS

Linda Tafelski
Sally Haverkamp
The family of Dr. Douglas Lain Jr.
Carolyn Stribling
Howard Helton
Wendy Hall
Tom Post
Karoline Berg
Lois Wolfe
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.

November Birthday's

9 Molly Moore
12 York Haverkamp
12 Ann Lesar
14 Pat Gregory
14 Ginny Ireland
16 Linda Crouch
21 Jake Mounger
21 Echo Haverkamp
23 Kathy Decker
27 Frits Haverkamp

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

November Greeters

November 2nd – Kathy Decker
November 9th – Deborah Belford
November 16th – Susan Bowling
and Janet Rains
November 23rd – Debbie
Simmons
November 30th – Dave Hughes

Coffee & Fellowship

November 2nd – Lee Borgers
November 9th – Yvonne Webb
November 16th – Kathy Decker
and Deborah Belford
November 23rd – Wendy Hall,
Tom Post, and Dave
Hughes
November 30th – Joan Hughes