



THE BOND



August 2022

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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OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday & Thursday

My dear friends, I had no idea I was going to unleash an outbreak of COVID within our congregation. Ginny was tested on Friday, and the response was negative. At that point we assumed she had nothing more than a typical summer head cold. Sunday evening, I began to experience the onset of symptoms. Both of us were tested Monday, and we both tested positive. Fortunately, she and I are on the mend as of this writing. The downside is that Mary V tested positive Wednesday evening! I deeply regret that my presence on Sunday, the 24th, likely resulted in others getting infected.

Although I was unable to participate, I have good report that this year's VBS went very well. I have been told that about 25 children along with 10 or so adults participated. Even the weather cooperated, and we were able to follow through with our excursions. Thank you again for your support of this worthy effort.

A few August doings to note. We will observe Communion on Sunday, August 14th. We will have a full day on Sunday, August 21st. Following our morning worship, we will have a potluck lunch. Once we've cleared the tables, our Finance Committee will present the proposed church budget for the coming year. The next item on the agenda is a proposal by the Executive Committee that we sell the church parsonage. There will be a congregational vote if enough voting members are present. Assuming we have time, we will launch our next congregational conversation by engaging in some asset-mapping. By means of this exercise, we will take stock of the positive side of our church's ledger, the things that can serve as a resource for future ministry. All of these matters are important to our future, so I hope you'll be present.

Grace and peace,

Bill

Congregational Meeting & Potluck

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 21st for the following:

- To present the church budget
- To vote on the sale of the parsonage, per the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Time permitting, we will still have our congregational conversation. There will also be a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share.

Study Group

Study group will meet in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, August 16th at 2pm in the fellowship hall. We will finish our study of The Gifts of Imperfection and look at future studies.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Thursday, August 25th at 7pm in the fellowship hall. We have a new supply of yarn for anyone who needs it for shawls.

Pool Party

The annual all church pool party will be held at the Miller's house on Hinds Creek Road on Sunday, August 14 (rain date August 28) at 4 pm. Burgers and hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as your swim suit, towel, chair if you have one, and your appetite. It should be a fun time for all. We will plan to eat around 5 or 5:30 after a chance to swim.

Fellowship Breakfast

Fellowship Breakfast at Shoney's on August 7th at 9am. All are welcome!

Supper Club

Supper Club will meet at Rickard's Ridge in Cove Lake State Park on Tuesday, August 9th at 6pm. Please let Susan Miller know if you will attend so we can arrange a table.

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume August 10th. It will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm in the fellowship hall and via zoom.

NORRIS AREA GOOD NEIGHBORS IMPORTANT COORDINATION MEETING

Monday, August 22 · 7 pm
Norris Religious Fellowship Hall

**For the Leadership Team, Organizational
Representatives, Friends, and anyone
interested in Good Neighbors**

**Review Plans for Christmas Food & Gifts
Project & Discuss Good Neighbors
Organization and Future Direction**



Women's Fellowship

New Officers

President – Kathy Smart
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Vice President- Patti Treece
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Secretary- Susan Bowling
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Treasurer – Kathy Decker
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Reception Committee

Just wanted to let everyone know that we still need someone to take over the Reception Committee. If this is something you think you would like to do, please let Patti Treece or myself know.

I'd like to thank Yvonne Webb and Linda Crouch for stepping up and taking over the Caring Committee.

Thank you,
Kathy and Patti

Coffee & Fellowship

1st Sunday - Pat and Bob Gregory

2nd Sunday- Yvonne Webb
and Dianne Cole

3rd Sunday - Mary Shelton and Kathy
Decker

4th Sunday - Wendy Hall and Tom
Post

August Greeters

August 7th- Jana Helton

August 14th- TBD

August 21st- TBD

August 28th- TBD

Altar Flowers

1st Sunday - Michelle Leach Queener

2nd Sunday - Open for memorials &
honorees

3rd Sunday - Debra Simmons

4th Sunday- Joan Hughes

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Distribution

Next Distribution
Thursday,
August 25th
8:30am-1pm

Clothing Closet
Now open On Tuesdays by
Appointment only

Call 865-494-9407 to
schedule appointment

Donation Focus for August 2022

Toilet Paper

Clothing Closet Needs:
Men's jeans, T-shirts,
and Athletic Shoes.

You can drop these items on at
Norris United Methodist Church
education building or place
them in the donation box
provided in the narthex.

Benevolence

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the generous donations to help our family. This is a long hard journey, and we still have a long way to go. I'm very thankful to have grown up in such a loving, caring, and supportive church. So many people I love from there. Please continue to pray for Jackson.

Love,
Elizabeth Morgan Igou

Dollar Sunday

Dollar Sunday will be August 14th with special offering going to Isaiah 117 House. We will have a mission moment with Andrea Townsend telling us about the important project for foster kids in Anderson County.

Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes Executive Committee (EC), Norris Religious Fellowship, **7 July 2022**:

Members Present: Jocelyn Borgers, Rev. Bill Ireland, Jerry Crossno, Tracy Crouch-Hubbs, and Susan Bowling (one phone), and assistant treasurer Louna Koeut.

Bill opened with a prayer.

- Bill moved to approve minutes, Tracy seconded – passed.
- Bob Gregory reported the Norris Day Booth handed out “history.” 22 August minister’s meeting, a list of “to-do” for November/December. The Good Neighbor Christmas Baskets set-up, etc. will be using the entire social area 8-13 December. Tracy moved approval, Bill seconded – motion passed. This year will be Bob’s last year to coordinate this project.
- Financial: the budget is not ready, Bill and Tracy: continue to work on.
- Appraisal of the parsonage is in the works.
- Fire Alarm panel: not been inspected, company could not give a price. Susan and Tracy will move forward.
- Bill: the congregation’s conservations on *From Here to Tomorrow* will be held 21 August and 18 September.
- Bill and Lisa Shirey, owner and operator of Clinch River Brewing, will hold the first “*Theology on Tap*” gathering on Friday from 3 to 5 PM.
- Bill will be gone 31 July.

Next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 11 August.

- Special called meeting: **24 July**, for the discussion of the parsonage appraisal – of \$350,000. Present: Jocelyn Borgers, Rev. Bill Ireland, Jerry Crossno, Tracy Crouch-Hubbs, Emily Ott and Susan Bowling. ALL were of the opinion that the appraisal was ridiculously low! A more realistic figure was discussed, but no specific figure. It was agreed to have a congregational meeting at the pot lunch on 21 August for a vote: to sell or not to sell. And if the vote is “sell” to get a new appraisal and proceed.
- EC agreed to raise the rent to \$1,500; and reschedule the August meeting for the 4th.

Finance Report

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Accrual Basis

Norris Religious Fellowship Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2022

	<u>Jun 30, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	16,077.60
Paypal	2,269.38
Paypal Drop at Regions Bank -	1,675.00
Vanguard1 (5757)	210,657.67
Vanguard2 (3806)	5,182.40
Total Checking/Savings	<u>235,842.05</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>235,842.05</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>235,842.05</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit Card at Regions Bank -3	-16.45
Total Credit Cards	<u>-16.45</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	-99.58
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-99.58</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-116.03</u>
Total Liabilities	-116.03
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	221,197.67
Retained Earnings	9,679.30
Unrestricted Net Assets	3,724.32
Net Income	1,356.79
Total Equity	<u>235,958.08</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>235,842.05</u>

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Accrual Basis

Norris Religious Fellowship
Profit & Loss
June 2022

	<u>Jun 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Benevolence Offerings	40.00
Building Fund	240.00
General Fund Inc	11,010.00
Rent Income	2,453.82
Special Donation	1,250.00
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Total Income	14,993.82
Expense	
Charitable Contributions	50.00
Custodial Contract	561.00
Dues and Subscriptions	8.99
Guest Speaker	150.00
Insurance	478.02
Love Offering	874.00
Minister Housing	3,384.82
Minister Salary	961.54
Music Fund	300.00
Online Processing Fee	28.33
Paypal Fees	27.97
Payroll Expense	-200.00
Payroll Tax Expenses	44.28
Postage and Delivery	91.00
Professional Fees	1,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	104.00
Secretary Expense	398.00
Security Expense	45.00
Special Donations Fund	10.00
Subscriptions & Dues	19.44
Travel	104.80
Utilities	
Church	738.78
Parsonage	203.67
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Total Utilities	942.43
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Total Expense	9,379.43
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Net Ordinary Income	5,614.19
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Net Income	<u><u>5,614.19</u></u>

Let's Pray for one another

A simple way to do this is through our birthday calendar

August Birthday's

- 1 Ellen Bean
- 2 Jocelyn Borgers
- 7 David Hughes
- 10 Julie Rudder
- 12 Kasey Moore
- 14 Liza Jane Alexander
- 16 Rhian Koeut
- 17 Essie Haverkamp
- 18 Tom Post
- 20 Joe Mawhinney
- 22 Colin Mawhinney
- 23 Wendy Hall
- 24 Samantha Sheehy
- 24 Lee Borgers
- 26 Dara Wade
- 31 Foust Haverkamp



PRAYER REQUESTS

Becky Blackwell
Jerry Crossno
Wayne Chaniott
Lisa Rains
The family of Pat Duncan
Lib Morgan's grandson Jackson
Janet Rains

If you have a prayer request, you may send them to the church email at norrisrf@comcast.net.

Email List

If you'd like to be added to our email list to receive weekly updates and stay connected with what's going on in the church, please email the church office at norrisrf@comcast.net with your email address.

Weekly Children's Lesson

Dr. Bill's weekly children's lesson can be found our youtube page at www.youtube.com/norrisrf.