

# THE BOND



May 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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This Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we'll gather for our second "From Here to Tomorrow" conversation following the morning service. During this time, we'll unpack the results of the Holy Cow survey and engage in some further discussion regarding our core values. Personally, I thought the survey provided an accurate snapshot of who we are and where we are. There's a lot of good information to mine. This is all exciting stuff, and I am certain that our time together will be fruitful and encouraging. I urge you to be present if at all possible. A reminder: we will enjoy a potluck lunch right before so please bring your favorite dish!

With the advent of May, summer is just around the corner! Right now, we're in the early stages of planning for Vacation Bible School. Last year's format was a huge success (morning lesson, lunch, and afternoon excursion), and we plan to follow up this year with something similar. I'll keep you posted.

As you well know, heating and cooling our office building has been something of a challenge. This past winter's persistent cold forced us to work from home more than we wished. Summer's coming, and we lack the means to cool the office. As a result, the Executive Committee is in the process of securing bids for a new heating and cooling unit. Thus far, we have learned that trying to install a new unit underneath the building is liable to be cost prohibitive. Fortunately, there are other options that are reasonably priced. At some point, we're likely to have a called meeting to vote on a proposal. This is a work in progress, so we'll keep you updated.

For the next several weeks, I'll be dipping into the lectionary and preaching the prescribed texts from Acts. Here's the lineup:

May 1: Acts 9:1-6  
May 8: Acts 9:36-43  
May 15: Acts 11:1-18  
May 22: Acts 16:9-15  
May 29: Acts 16:16-34

Grace and peace,

Bill

### **Bible Study**

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday's at 7pm in the fellowship hall.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Thursday, May 26, Prayer Shawl Ministry in the fellowship hall at 2 pm. All knitters and crocheters are invited to join this group.

### **Supper Club**

Tuesday, May 10, Supper Club will gather at Jackie's Dream on Woodland Ave in Knoxville at 6 pm. We gather to eat, enjoy fellowship, and support a local charitable organization. This month's offering will go to ADFAC. All are welcome, car pooling is encouraged. Please let Susan Miller know if you will be going so a reservation can be made.

### **Women's Fellowship Meeting**

Women's Fellowship will meet on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> after service to elect new officers.

### **Study Group**

Tuesday, May 17, Study Group in the fellowship Hall at 2 pm to continue the study of The Gifts of Imperfection by Brene Brown, guideposts 3 and 4. New members are always welcome to join the group.

### **Dollar Sunday**

Dollar Sunday will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> and proceeds will go to support a local Honduran student whose family is being forced to move abruptly to a new home in Clinton. They are struggling to come up with the funds for the deposit and setting up utilities, but the mother and older daughter both work and will be able to afford costs after this big expenditure. The family has already suffered a tremendous amount of trauma coming to the United States and escaping an abusive relationship with the father. If they can't make this transition, we may lose them as valuable members of the community, which would be devastating, and it might lead to more pain and instability in their own lives.

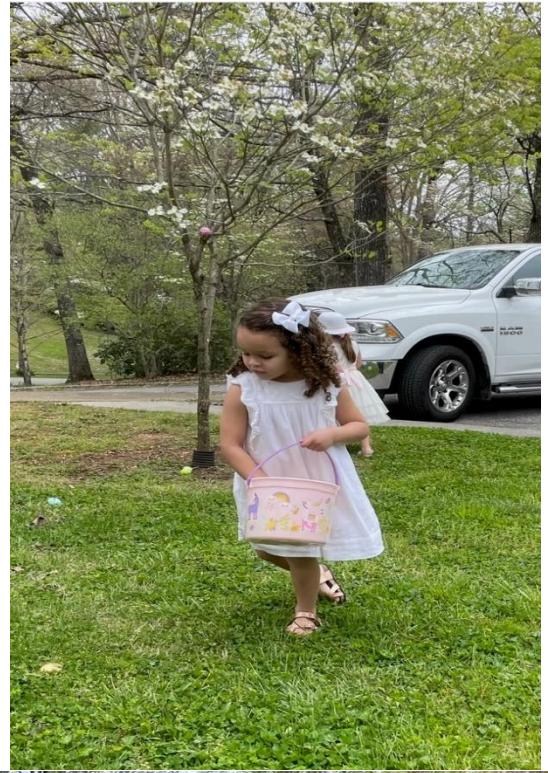
**Norris Religious Fellowship  
Community Soup Supper  
Wednesday, May 11: 5:30- 6:30 pm  
Eat in or carry-out**

**Chili, salad, bread, dessert, and drink for  
suggested donation - \$5.00 per person**

**RESERVATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!  
Please leave a message at 865-494-7131 by 5:00  
pm, Monday May 9, to reserve your meal(s).**



# Easter Sunday



# FOOD PANTRY



## Food Pantry Stats

Total Families Served: 181  
Total families received USDA Food: 181  
Average family size 2022: 2.74  
Average family size 2021: 3.02

Families: 181  
People: 479  
Children: 117  
Seniors: 134

## Food Pantry Distribution

Next Distribution  
Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
8am-1pm

Clothing Closet  
Now open On Tuesdays by  
Appointment only

Call 865-494-9407 to  
schedule appointment

## Donation Focus for April 2022

Toothpaste & Floss

Clothing Closet Needs:

The Norris Area Clothing Closet has requested new and gently used towels and wash cloths (do not have to match) and men's jeans (any size). They are transitioning their inventory to spring and summer. Due to limited space, please limit donations to only requested items.

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

# Financial Report

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Accrual Basis

## Norris Religious Fellowship

### Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2022

	<u>Mar 31, 22</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	15,813.93
Paypal Drop at Regions Bank -	1,875.00
Vanguard1 (5757)	221,865.65
Vanguard2 (3806)	5,412.92
Total Checking/Savings	<u>244,567.50</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>244,567.50</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>244,567.50</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit Card at Regions Bank -3	1,801.94
Total Credit Cards	<u>1,801.94</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	-108.70
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-108.70</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,695.24</u>
Total Liabilities	1,695.24
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	218,799.58
Retained Earnings	9,679.30
Unrestricted Net Assets	3,724.32
Net Income	10,869.06
Total Equity	<u>242,872.26</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>244,567.50</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

**Norris Religious Fellowship**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**March 2022**

	<u>Mar 22</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Building Fund	200.00
General Fund Inc	13,235.07
Memorial Fund	40.00
Rent Income	1,000.00
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,475.07</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Benevolence Plan USA	33.00
Custodial Contract	814.00
Evangelism and Special Events	161.00
Insurance	967.01
Minister Housing	3,384.62
Minister Salary	961.54
Music Fund	500.00
Office Expense	119.28
Online Processing Fee	28.33
Payroll Expense	318.01
Payroll Tax Expenses	40.48
Postage and Delivery	6.90
Professional Fees	400.00
Repairs and Maintenance	500.00
Secretary Expense	369.00
Security Expense	45.00
Subscriptions & Dues	16.45
Utilities	
Church	1,509.32
Parsonage	331.99
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<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>1,841.31</b>
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>10,505.93</b>
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<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>3,969.14</b>
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## Let's Pray for one another

A simple way to do this is through our birthday calendar

### May Birthdays

- 1 **Kat Haverkamp**
- 4 **Erin Haverkamp**
- 4 **Len Helton**
- 5 **Susan Bowling**
- 9 **Evergreen Haverkamp**
- 17 **Steven Bohanan**
- 25 **Finn Haverkamp**
- 25 **Fletcher Haverkamp**
- 25 **Joe Hughes**
- 29 **Tracy Crouch-Hubbs**

## Prayer Requests

*Jerry Crossno*  
*Susan Gawarecki*  
*Wayne Chaniott*  
*Lisa Rains*  
*Charlie & Pat Duncan*  
*Lib Morgan's grandson Jackson*  
*Janet Rains*



## Congratulations to the participants of the ACS Student Art Show



Emma Bowling  
(Picture is upper left corner)  
Granddaughter of Susan Bowling  
Daughter of Mark Bowling  
Daughter of Kari West  
Stepdaughter of Jennifer Bowling



Gwendloyn Mounger  
Daughter of Nicole & Jake  
Mounger



Heidi Jo  
(Center)  
Granddaughter of Joan Hughes