



THE BOND



"One in the Bond of Love"

JANUARY 2021

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

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

NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

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MORNING WORSHIP
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9-3

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COMMUNITY CHURCHES

I have to say it felt really good to write "2021" as I prepared this article! Here's to a better and brighter New Year!

Starting mid-January, I will be offering an online Bible study Zoom. We'll work through the book of Philippians for this initial effort; after that, I'm open to suggestions. Before we begin, however, there's some details we have to attend to—namely, date and time. Ashley has sent out a survey via Constant Contact to ascertain which evening and start time might work best. I understand that previously Wednesdays worked best but if another evening allows for greater participation, then we'll go with that. Watch for the survey, respond, and I'll let you know when we will start.

Assuming that things improve on the COVID front, I will take the earliest opportunity to host some church-wide conversations for future planning. These sessions will jumpstart our efforts to refine our mission and to discern God's call for our future. This process is absolutely necessary and vital, and it's something we have to do **together!** Stay tuned!

Here are my sermon offerings and texts for the month of January:

January 3: "More than Expected" John 1:14-18
January 10: "Ripped Apart!" Mark 1:4-11
January 17: "No Waiting!" John 1:43-51
January 24: "Working without a Net" Mark 1:14-28
January 31: "Divine Purpose" Mark 1:21-28

Since these are works in progress, I reserve the right to change how I'll approach these texts!

One final note. At long last, Ginny and I will be moving to Norris! Our new address will be 25 East Norris Road, and we'll be in by February 1st! Needless to say (but I'll say it anyway!), we are thrilled beyond measure! We look forward to making our home in your midst. Moving is definitely NOT our favorite thing, so your prayers during this transition are needed and welcomed.

Grace and peace,

Bill

Let's pray for each other.

A simple way to do this is
through our
Birthday Calendar.

- 4 Ruth Simmons
- 4 Sarah Mawhinney
- 5 Wren Wilson
- 6 Misty Yeager
- 6 Penelope Haverkamp
- 8 Annie Perry
- 9 Hilary Haverkamp
- 10 Hans Haverkamp
- 10 Pennie Rushing
- 11 Will Simmons
- 14 Margueritte Wilson
- 23 Hugo Hughes
- 25 Steve Clonts
- 27 Becky Blackwell
- 29 Cathy Miller

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry will not meet until we can do so safely. Members are encouraged to keep knitting so we will have shawls when the need arises.

Women's Study Group

The women's study group will meet via zoom on Monday, January 18 at 7 pm. We will discuss chapters 5 and 6 of our book, Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor. If you have not been in this group but would like to let us know so you can receive the invitation to the meeting.

Virtual Services

Due to an abundance of caution it has been decided that services will be virtual until the executive committee reconvenes and decides that it is safe for the congregation to begin in person services again. You can watch live Sunday mornings at 11am by going to www.youtube.com/norrisrf

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER

WEDNESDAY,
JAN 13TH
5:30-6:30 PM

\$5 per adult and kids
under 12 free.

Stay tuned to our
weekly newsletter for
the menu.

Twice as Nice: Cattle

Did you know a cow provides more than just nutritious milk to drink? Extra milk can be sold or made into cheese and yogurt. Manure is also used to fertilize farmers' crops and improve their harvests.

Your gift of a cow will improve a hungry family's health and income, and provide opportunities for success that they've never had before.

Now, you can double the impact of your generosity by giving the gift of a Mating Pair of Cattle.

These industrious animals will immediately go to work for a needy family. A heifer and bull will improve the productivity of a struggling farm. This mating pair will provide valuable offspring, which can be raised or sold at market. Soon, this family will be able to Pass on the Gift, which will turn them into donors themselves. Thanks to your gift of a Mating Pair of Cattle, another family will move from poverty to self-reliance.



Stay Green
Buy milk from your favorite farmer and make your own delicious butter.

This season presents us with many opportunities to give generously. Our plans for Good Neighbors and Angel Tree are already well underway. If you can't participate directly in these efforts, then by all means give a financial gift to underwrite the expense. In addition, at our last Executive Committee meeting, we endorsed the idea of giving a gift from our church to Heifer International. Our goal is \$1000, the amount necessary to give a mated pair of cattle. We've raised \$925!! I do hope you'll include this effort in your gift-giving plans for the season. For more information you can visit www.heifer.org.

FOOD PANTRY

CLOTHING CLOSET NEEDS

The Norris Area Clothing Closet is seeking donations of the following items: women's and children's winter clothing. These are the only items being accepted right now as space is very limited. The volunteers appreciate your cooperation in limiting items to their specific requests. As other items are needed, they will let you know. Until then, if you have items you must clear out, please take them to KARM and specify the donation be credited to Norris United Methodist Church. We receive KARM gift cards from those donations which can be used when people need items we are unable to provide. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Toennisson at toennisson@aol.com

FOOD PANTRY

Next Food Pantry,
Thursday, 1/28
Drive-Thru Only
8am-2pm

*December Donation Focus:
Shampoo & Conditioner*

CLOTHING CLOSET

Now open on Tuesday's
By appointment only
10am-12pm
1 person per
family can shop
Face mask is required
Call 865-494-9407 to schedule

Poinsettia's

Linda Crouch- In memory of Jack Crouch, Joy Hayes, and Kenny Hubbs.

Tom Post

Bob & Pat Gregory- In honor of their children and granddaughters.

Michelle Queener- In memory of her daughter, Zoe Camille Leach.

Susan Miller- In memory of her parents, Marj & John Allen.

Dr. Bill & Ginny Ireland- In memory of parents, Ralph & Virginia Bridges

Susan Gawarecki- In memory of her parents, Stephen and Carolyn.

Prayer Requests

The family of Ricky Queener

The family of Janie Miller

Tiffany Evans

Doug Bean

Rev. Gene Perry

Charlie and Pat Duncan

(Susan Bowling's in-laws)

Stacy Simpson-Duke

(friend and colleague of Parrish's)

Lib Morgan's grandson Jackson

Janet Rains

(Susan Bowling's sister)

Christopher Wolfe

(Susan Bowling's Nephew)

*Join
us in
Prayer*

2020 GOOD NEIGHBORS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS AND CHILDREN'S GIFTS PROJECT

Good Neighbors again provided Christmas assistance to area families as it has since the mid-1930s.

- 122 families, with 320 persons, were served.
- 106 families received Christmas Food Baskets*
(*A basket is actually a huge tub with 38 purchased food items plus a box of various canned goods from the schools food drive.)
- 16 households opted to receive a \$30 voucher.
- Besides food, 43 families with 102 children also received toys and clothes through Angel Tree.

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

—Your NRF Good Neighbors Coordinator

Budget MTD - Current Month
12/1/2020 through 12/31/2020 Using 2020 Approved Budget

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Category	Actual	December 2020 Budget	Difference
INCOME	6,497.91	11,074.00	-4,576.09
General Fund Inc	6,497.91	11,074.00	-4,576.09
EXPENSES	7,492.20	9,208.00	1,715.80
Gen Fund Exp	7,492.20	9,208.00	1,715.80
Alarm System	273.32	103.75	-169.57
Benevolence Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benevolence Plan USA	33.00	37.00	4.00
Custodial Sal & Supply	404.99	286.00	-118.99
Fellowship Evangelism	0.00	37.00	37.00
ICCC Meeting - Lay Members	0.00	0.00	0.00
ICCC Meeting - Minister	0.00	0.00	0.00
ICCC Membership	287.76	146.00	-141.76
Insurance Church	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maint Church	104.00	150.00	46.00
Maint Parsonage	0.00	87.00	87.00
Maint Yard	0.00	165.00	165.00
Minister Auto Allowance	0.00	499.00	499.00
Minister Housing Allowance	2,317.84	1,242.00	-1,075.84
Minister Retirement	0.00	645.75	645.75
Minister Salary	1,527.38	2,983.50	1,456.12
Minister Supply	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ministerial Expense	0.00	6.00	6.00
Music Budget	-300.00	756.00	1,056.00
Office Supplies	1,156.23	213.00	-943.23
Religious Education	10.00	25.00	15.00
Secretary Expense	666.00	750.00	84.00
Social	0.00	19.00	19.00
Technology Expense	32.90	38.00	5.10
Utilities Church	649.05	1,000.00	350.95
Utilities Parsonage	329.73	0.00	-329.73
Worship	0.00	19.00	19.00
Youth Minister	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Difference:	-994.29	1,866.00	-2,860.29

February 2021 NEWSLETTER— The BOND
Deadline to submit info to the office is
January 25th

12/31/2020

Budget YTD - Last 12 months
1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020 Using 2020 Approved Budget

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Category	1/1/2020 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2020 Difference
INCOME	102,809.60	132,932.00	-30,122.40
General Fund Inc	102,809.60	132,932.00	-30,122.40
EXPENSES	111,701.42	132,932.00	21,230.58
Gen Fund Exp	111,701.42	132,932.00	21,230.58
Alarm System	1,273.28	1,245.00	-28.28
Benevolence Committee	2,731.00	8,000.00	5,269.00
Benevolence Plan USA	396.00	400.00	4.00
Custodial Sal & Supply	4,970.83	3,432.00	-1,538.83
Fellowship Evangelism	0.00	400.00	400.00
ICCC Meeting - Lay Members	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ICCC Meeting - Minister	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
ICCC Membership	1,726.56	1,730.00	3.44
Insurance Church	6,540.00	6,500.00	-40.00
Maint Church	1,003.31	1,800.00	796.69
Maint Parsonage	175.00	1,000.00	825.00
Maint Yard	1,340.00	2,500.00	1,160.00
Minister Auto Allowance	4,540.24	6,032.00	1,491.76
Minister Housing Allowance	18,237.98	14,992.00	-3,245.98
Minister Retirement	4,600.00	7,749.00	3,149.00
Minister Salary	30,757.80	35,802.00	5,044.20
Minister Supply	308.00	450.00	142.00
Ministerial Expense	72.99	50.00	-22.99
Music Budget	6,698.87	9,050.00	2,351.13
Office Supplies	3,401.53	2,600.00	-801.53
Religious Education	40.00	300.00	260.00
Secretary Expense	7,685.50	9,000.00	1,314.50
Social	56.64	250.00	193.36
Technology Expense	1,726.04	500.00	-1,226.04
Utilities Church	10,960.56	12,000.00	1,039.44
Utilities Parsonage	2,045.07	2,400.00	354.93
Worship	414.22	250.00	-164.22
Youth Minister	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Net Difference:	-8,891.82	0.00	-8,891.82



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Check out our NEW web site at www.norrisrf.org
Log on & share the good news
of Norris Religious Fellowship in its faith journey.
Worship Services LIVE-STREAMING every Sunday at 11 am at
www.youtube.com/norrisrf