



# THE BOND



"One in the Bond of Love"

JUNE 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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COMMUNITY CHURCHES

Here's a list of some upcoming events:

We partake of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. It's been quite a while since we were last able to share communion together, and I'm glad we can now do so on a more regular basis.

Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, is Norris Day! As a part of the festivities, we're sponsoring a booth and need volunteers for set up, take down and clean up, and staffing during the day. As well, donations for baked goods are essential! You can call Ashley in the church office to sign up or put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

On Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a parent-child dedication as a part of our morning worship. As a part of our service, we'll bless our children and pledge our support to their parents/grandparents/caregivers as they seek to instill a living faith in their children. If you would like to participate in this service, please be sure and give Ashley a call no later than Thursday, July 15.

Several of our local churches are banding together to host a 3-day Vacation Bible School in late July. Details will likely be finalized by next week.

From now until the end of July, we are accepting donations of school supplies to fill backpacks for AFDAC. Pencils, notebooks, paper, and other school essentials are needed. These supplies will enable many children to get off to a strong start when school resumes in the fall.

Grace and peace,

Bill

## Soup Supper

Drive-Thru Community Soup Supper will take place June 9th from 5:30-6:30pm. Menu will be published in the weekly newsletter at a later date.

## Bible Study

Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 7pm in the fellowship hall and via zoom.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry will meet on Thursday, June 24, at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. All knitters, crocheters, or wannabes are welcome.

## Supper Club

We will resume Supper Club beginning on Tuesday, June 15. For those who are not familiar with Supper Club, it is open to all. We have no program or requirements. Come if you can and are interested. We pick a different restaurant every month and ask that participants give an offering to the ADFAC program which assists needy families in Anderson and surrounding counties. A suggested donation is 10% of the price of your meal. An envelope will be passed and no one will know how much you give if anything. On June 15 we will meet at Harrison's Restaurant at 6:30 pm. Please let Susan Miller know if you will be coming so we can reserve space for all.

## Study Group

The Women's Study Group will meet in the church library on Monday, June 21, at 7 pm. We will pick up our of Twelve Women of the Bible with the accompanying video. Since we were using the video we had to suspend this book when we weren't able to meet at the church. We will pick up with chapter 2, Rebekah. This would be a good time for any new members to join the group.

## Norris Day Booth

Women's Fellowship is looking for volunteers for the Norris Day Booth! It will be held on Saturday, July 3rd. Volunteers are needed to man the booth in 1 hour increments, set up, clean up, face painting, and we need donated baked goods. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can contact the church office to sign up or if you have any questions.

Below are the slots we need to fill.

8am-9am - 2-3 people needed to set up the tables and man the booth,

9am-10am - 2 people needed to man the booth

10am-11am- 2 people needed to man the booth and 2 people needed to do face painting.

11am-12pm- 2 people needed to man the booth and 2 people needed to do face painting.

12pm-1pm- 2 people needed to man the booth and 2 people needed to do face painting.

2pm-3pm - 2 people needed for clean up and to take down tent.

If you plan to donate cookies, please let the church office know what kind of baked goods or write it on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please note, they need to be bagged in individual bags and labeled what they are.

The Women's Fellowship will have our spring meeting on June 20th at 12:15 following Sunday services.

We need to discuss the Plant Sale which was a tremendous success thanks to all who made it possible. We also need to discuss the budget.

We will have a booth on Norris Day so we will discuss what is needed for setting up the booth.

New officers are needed beginning in June. The current Executive Committee took office in September 2020 and if we don't have a new slate by June, it will have to be postponed until September.

We need a Nominating Committee to start with and any volunteers can please email me at [drwdhall@gmail.com](mailto:drwdhall@gmail.com).

A light lunch - hummus wraps and iced tea - will be served prior to the meeting.

Reminder\*\*\* Both Men and Women may be members of the Women's Fellowship and men may serve on any of the committees.

# FOOD PANTRY

## May Food Pantry Stats

**168 Families Served**  
**168 Families received USDA food**

**Families: 168**

**People: 477**

**Children: 143**

**Seniors: 125**

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**Next Food Pantry,**  
**Thursday, 6/24**  
Drive-Thru Only  
8am-2pm

*June Donation Focus:*  
*Household Cleaners*

## 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  
an appointment**

## AFDAC School Supplies

School is just out, but ADFAC is already planning for the next school year. We will have a box in the narthex to collect school supplies to donate to their backpack program. A complete list will be given later, but it will include the normal things- notebook paper, comp books, folders, pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue sticks, etc.

## Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

May 13, 2021

All EC members were present via zoom. Lee Borgers and Susan Gawarecki, guest members were also present.

Dr. Bill Ireland, minister, opened the meeting in prayer.

The April EC meeting minutes were approved.

- **Alarm System:** The decision was made months ago to cancel the alarm system with ADT. However after multiple contacts with the company, the password needed to cancel the service has not been found. Without the password, no cancellation will be accepted. Emily Ott volunteered to contact ADT in hopes of resolving this problem.
- **Financial Report:** As documented in previous meeting notes, the EC had planned to undertake a “soft audit” of our finances. As a result of further conversation, we plan to move in another direction. We recognize that handling our monthly finances can pose a challenge for our treasurers, especially since our current and past treasurers have full time employment. Thus, we are exploring the possibility of securing the services of an outside accountant who specializes in church finance to manage our bookkeeping, payroll, monthly bills, and reporting for a trial period of six months. Joan Hughes resigned as treasurer in early May. Bill contacted Alliance for Nonprofits. They got back to him with several suggestions and names of contacts to assist us in the matter of hiring an accountant. Susan suggests that we simplify our system into one program instead of multiple programs we have been using. At Sunday’s May 16 Congregational meeting there will be a discussion on why the EC believes hiring an outside accountant is the right path to take. Tracy Crouch-Hubbs will make the announcement for the EC at the May 16 congregational meeting. In addition to discussing the hiring of an accountant, Tracy will ask the congregation their thoughts of the future of the Parsonage and talk briefly about the annual ICCC meeting in July.
- **Minister’s Report:** Bill received recognition from the Heifer organization thanking the church for the donation of a pair of cattle and llamas.
- Bill has been in conversation with other churches in Norris about having a community VBS this summer.
- **Janitorial Duties:** Mary Shelton had a conversation with David Hughes, church janitor. Mary asked David for a list of his janitorial duties and he provided one that the previous janitor used. She asked him if he would clear out the Nursery room which was cluttered with random stuff and he cleaned it up. Dave said the meals he makes and delivers Wednesday is a mission of his but would like to make it the church mission. Funds he receives are not of a commercial nature, they cover his costs for food.
- **Church Pianist:** Tracy Crouch-Hubbs applied for the position of church pianist and was accepted by the EC as new pianist as of May 9.

Bill closed the meeting in prayer.

**Next EC meeting will be June 3,2021.**

### Let’s pray for each other.

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

#### ***June Birthdays***

- 2 Ellalyn Crossno
- 3 Loy Johnson
- 9 Camille Romer
- 16 Frank Stribling
- 16 Dianne Cole
- 17 Emily Ott
- 20 William Borgers
- 24 Sally Haverkamp
- 25 Shannan Greenhouse
- 26 Hunter Vann
- 27 Doug Bean
- 28 Jay Miller
- 28 Alison Greenhouse

### ***Prayer Requests***

*Garret Futch  
Becky Blackwell  
Hazel Simmons  
Lloyd Farrar  
Becky Blackwell  
Tiffany Evans  
Doug Bean  
Charlie and Pat  
Duncan  
(Susan Bowling’s  
in-laws)  
Lib Morgan’s  
grandson Jackson*

***Join  
us in  
Prayer***

### **John Thurman Memorial Service**

A memorial service for John Thurman  
will be held on June 13th at 2pm at  
Norris Religious Fellowship.

# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7pm-Bible Study (FH)	3 7pm-EC Meeting	4	5
6 12pm- Worship Service (In Person & livestreamed)	7	8 7pm-8Bible Study (FH) 5:30pm-Soup Supper	9 7pm-8Bible Study (FH) 5:30pm-Soup Supper	10	11	12
13 12pm- Worship Service (In Person & livestreamed) 2pm- Memorial for John Thurman (S)	14 6:15pm-Supper Club (Hartisons)	15 7pm-Bible Study (FH)	16 7pm-Bible Study (FH)	17	18	19
20 12pm- Worship Service (In Person & livestreamed) 12:15pm- Women's Fellowship Meeting (FH)	21 7pm-Study Group (FH)	22 7pm-Bible Study (FH)	23 7pm-Bible Study (FH)	24 8am-1pm- Food Pantry Distribution (NUMC) 7pm-Prayer Snowl Ministry (FH)	25	26
27 12pm- Worship Service (In Person & livestreamed)	28	29 7pm-Bible Study (FH)	30 7pm-Bible Study (FH)			



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*of Norris Religious Fellowship in its faith journey.*

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