



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

NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

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Pastor

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MORNING WORSHIP
11:00 a.m.

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Pianist

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Administrative Assistant

Dave Hughes
Custodian

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Tuesday & Thursday
9-3

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THE BOND

"One in the
Bond of Love"

NOVEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

Daylight savings time comes to an end this weekend! Please make sure you set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed Saturday evening.

Our planned "get acquainted" session for October 28th has now been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. If you'd like to attend, please sign the form in the narthex or email Ashley.

As we roll into November, we find ourselves on the cusp of the holiday season. On November 1st, we will observe All Saints Day, remembering the faithful from our midst who have now joined the "cloud of witnesses." On Sunday, November 22nd puts us on the doorstep of Thanksgiving Day, and our worship that day will naturally be focused on the importance of gratitude in our walk of faith. The last Sunday in November, the 29th, is the first Sunday in Advent and ushers us into the season of preparation for Christmas. Here's the line-up of sermons for the coming month:

November 1 (All Saints): "Standing!" Revelation 7:9-17
November 8: "God Was in Christ Reconciling" 2 Corinthians 5:19
November 15: "Pay Attention!" Revelation 3:14-22
November 22: "Entering the Gate" Psalm 100
November 29 (Advent 1): "A Cast of Ordinary Characters: Families Like Ours" Matthew 1:1-17

One last note. On Sunday, November 22nd, we'll be presenting the 2021 church budget. I call upon each of you to be in prayer for our Executive Committee as they work to develop our financial plan for the coming year.

Grace and peace,
Bill

Study Group

Study Group will meet in the fellowship hall on Monday, November 16 at 1pm. We will discuss chapters 4 & 5 of our book. New members are always welcome.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at the home of Susan Miller on Thursday, November 12 at 2pm.

Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting to present the proposed budget will be on November 22nd after church. If you have any concerns please let any member of the Executive Committee know, or feel free to come to the next Executive Committee meeting November 5th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Be on the lookout for pledge forms in the mail. These were sent out last week and they greatly help to create the proposed budget for the upcoming year. If you didn't receive one contact the church office at 865-494-7131 or email at norrirf@comcast.net

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

presents

Harvest Bazaar Crafts

Hand crafted items,
Fall Plants & llama Poo,
Bird houses & Bat houses
Baked Goods
& Dog Sweaters!

Norris Farmers Market Site

Monday 3-6

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER

**WEDNESDAY,
NOV 11TH
5:30-6:30 PM**

\$5 per adult and kids
under 12 free.

Stay tuned to our
weekly newsletter for
the menu.

December 2020 NEWSLETTER— The BOND

Deadline to submit info to the office is

November 25th

Good Neighbors

FOOD PANTRY

Dear Norris Religious Fellowship Members and Friends:

The leadership team of the Norris Area Good Neighbors has decided to hold the traditional Christmas Food Basket and Children's Gifts Project again this year, barring any government orders or health or safety concerns that might develop later. The schools are lined up to conduct their food drives, the vendors have been alerted, and we already had a sign-up day to register families to receive the food and gifts. Incidentally, if you know of any family that qualifies by living east of the Clinch River and in need of Christmas help, please have them call the church office. Of course, we will be wearing masks, keeping apart while working inside, and wearing gloves as necessary. Except for picking up food, all activities will be held in Fellowship Hall or the church parking lot. I plan to spread out the inside work for social distancing. Families picking up food and gifts will remain in their cars and not enter Fellowship Hall.

Good Neighbors involves the whole Norris Community but is an important out-reach mission of the Fellowship. I hope that you will consider helping out as you are able, according to the following schedule. For more years than anyone can remember, the members and friends of the church have enthusiastically turned out to share the work and to make this project a success.

Please pencil in the following times and dates:

On Friday December 11, help is needed about 10am getting the food from Archers to the Church and again from 1 to 2:30 getting the donated food from the four area schools. This food will be unloaded and stored in Fellowship Hall. Pickup trucks are needed.

Saturday Dec 12, from 9-noon help is needed sorting the donated food.

Help is needed on Monday Dec 14, from 9 to noon filling the food boxes.

And on Tuesday Dec 15, from 8:30-noon, help is needed distributing the food and toys in drive through fashion.

Call me at 494-7103 or email me at robertgregory7103@hotmail.com if you have any questions and it would be helpful if I know when you are planning to help. And, there is still an opportunity for someone to serve as my back-up.

Thanks for all you do for NRF and for Good Neighbors,
Stay Safe and Stay Well
Bob Gregory

CLOTHING CLOSET NEEDS BEDDING

The Norris Area Clothing Closet is in need of bedding. This includes sheets, blankets, comforters, and quilts (all sizes). We are still having some work done in our storage area and space is an issue, so bedding is the only item we can accept at this time.

We hope to soon be able to open up and take other donations. Please save your winter clothing as we will need that soon. Please do not drop off toys or other household goods at this time. We have these and there is no storage space and no way to distribute them at this time. We will let you know when other types of donations are needed and when storage is available. Thank you for your cooperation.

FOOD PANTRY

**Next Food Pantry,
Thursday, 11/19**
Drive-Thru Only
8am-2pm

*September Donation Focus:
Toothpaste & Floss*

CLOTHING CLOSET

**Now open on Tuesday's
By appointment only**
10am-12pm
1 person per
family can shop
Face mask is required
Call 865-274-7304 to schedule

Committee Reports

If you were chair of a committee in 2020 please have your committee reports for the upcoming congregational meeting turned into the church office by November 10th.
Thank You.

We still need your support

Since making your contribution as you worship on Sundays is not available to you, please consider putting a check in the mail or consider using the online opportunity at www.paypal.me/norrisrf (It is safe and secure and only you have access to your personal information). If you choose to make regular contributions, an online draft from your bank may be set up by contacting the church or Susan Gawarecki, Treasurer.

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Executive Committee

October Meeting Highlights:

Present:

Executive Committee Members: Jocelyn Borgers, Tracy Crouch-Hubbs, Joan Hughes, Dr. Bill Ireland, Emily Ott, Mary Shelton, Patti Treece

Church Members: Michelle Queener, Louna Koeut, Susan Gawarecki, Lee Borgers, David Hughes

- ◆ The Executive Committee elected Jocelyn Borgers as Chair, Patti Treece as Vice-Chair, and Tracy Crouch-Hubbs as Secretary
- ◆ The September minutes were approved
- ◆ A Financial report was given by Susan Gawarecki as she is still transferring things over to Joan Hughes the new treasurer
- ◆ The vote to continue operating under the same 2020 budget was approved for another month
- ◆ The proposed 2021 Budget has been delayed, the Executive Committee will be presented the new budget on November 5th at the Executive Committee meeting and then the congregation will be presented the budget on November 22nd at the Annual Congregational Meeting after church
- ◆ The Music Committee proposed that we hire Buddy Rogers as Pianist/Organist, the executive committee voted to do so
- ◆ David Hughes was granted use of the Fellowship Hall cabinets to store food for his food services to the community
- ◆ Dr. Bill Ireland asked for feedback in meeting more of the congregation during this difficult time

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 5 at 7:00pm

Standing Committees revised 7/2020

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

**Minutes should be taken at all Committee meetings and filed with the office. Year listed is the year term ends.*

Benevolence Committee (missions) leads in developing & administering a church benevolence program.
(20) Susan Miller (21) Ellalyn Crossno (22) Tom Post

Building/Grounds Committee supervises, maintains, repairs, and upkeepes the church buildings and grounds.

Patti Treece (grounds/garden) Tom Post (b/g) Debbie Simmons (g) Terry Queener(b/g) Kathy Decker(g)
Jim Ryland (b/g) Jim Miller (b/g) Louna Koeut (b/g) Dave Hughes (b/g) Lee Borgers (g)

Executive Committee 7 members *elected in September for 2-year terms, Minister ex-officio member.
(20) Jocelyn Borgers (Chair) (20) Tracy-Crouch Hubbs (Asst. Treasurer) + (Corp. Secretary -Voting Member) (T) Joan Hughes (Treasurer) (21) Mary Shelton (21) Patti Treece

Education Committee Responsible for the education ministry of the church.

(20) Mary Shelton (21) Wendy Hall

Finance Committee 5 members * appointed by Executive Comte for 2-year year terms. Responsible for raising funds to support the overall mission and programs of the church.

(21) Joan Hughes, Treasurer (Chair) (21) Louna Koeut (Assistant Treasurer)
(21) Jana Helton (22) Terry Queener (23) Jerry Crossno

Intercessory Prayer Team Diverse group aware and praying for all small groups of the congregation.

Minister, ex-officio member. Ashley Goins, Michelle Leach, Penny Duerksen, Susan Miller, Linda Crouch, Mary Shelton,

Memorial Fund Committee distributes memorial funds, records & writes thank-you letters to donors and acknowledgments to families for contributions made to the church. Adds deceased names to memory book.

(22) Lee Borgers (21) Patti Treece (21) David Hughes (20) Michelle Leach

Music & Worship Committee Minister & Music Director are ex-officio members.

(21) Wendy Hall (21) Mary Shelton

Nominating Committee minimum 3 members (appointed by EC in June) nominates lay members of the Executive Committee and the Church Treasurer. Submits names to the EC in August, published in Sept. newsletter, and nominees voted on at the Sept Congregational Meeting.

(21) Tom Post (22) Alison Greenhouse (20) Lee Borgers

Technology Team has working knowledge of all electronic things needed for Worship, Funerals, Weddings etc. (microphones, sound equipment, projector/screen, downloading, recording, streaming)

(22) Louna Koeut (22) Rhian Koeut (21) Michelle Leach (21) Terry Queener

Ushers Assists with handing out programs, lighting and extinguishing candles, & general worshiper assistance.

(22) Len Helton (21) Dave Hughes (back-up/alternate) (21) Terry Queener (back-up/alternate)

Vision Committee steers growth and works on publications, brochures, and advertising.

Minister, ex-officio member (21) Michelle Leach (20) Susan Gawarecki

Visitation Committee (Joy Hayes Memorial Welcoming Team) A Minister guided committee of lay leaders to visit absentees, the suffering, & new prospects; delivering welcome baskets, food, prayer cards.

Minister, ex-officio member. (22) Dave Hughes, meals (21) _____

Youth Council for 4th grade and above; provides youth leadership and maintains communication with Ecumenical Youth Minister.

(21) _____ (22) _____ (23) _____

Jack Mitchell passed away on Tuesday, October 26th with Loy and his daughter by his side. Please keep them in your prayers during this time. There is no service planned as of now due to Covid. However, a celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Let's pray for each other.

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

November

- 1 Diane Bailey
- 1 Steven Bakaletz
- 1 Morgan Bakaletz
- 9 Molly Moore
- 12 York Haverkamp
- 12 Ed McEleney
- 13 Libby Hendry
- 14 Pat Gregory
- 16 Linda Crouch
- 21 Echo Haverkamp
- 22 Chip Bailey
- 23 Kathy Decker
- 24 Steve Bakaletz
- 26 Cole Miller
- 26 Avery Wallace
- 27 Frits Haverkamp
- 29 Cori T Strike
- 29 Cathy Brown
- 30 Bill Miller

Prayer Requests

- The family of Jack Mitchell
- David Cox
(Emily Ott's cousin)
- Jackie Laney
(friend of Emily Ott)
- The Family of Bob Puckett
- Charlie and Pat Duncan
(Susan Bowling's in-laws)
- Stacy Simpson-Duke
(friend and colleague of Parrish's)
- Lib Morgan's grandson Jackson
- Tiffany Evans
(She is receiving radiation treatments for breast cancer)
- Janet Rains
(Susan Bowlings sister)
- Christopher Wolfe
(Susan Bowlings Nephew)
- Michael Kuehlan
- Scott Hanley
- Wanda Miller
(Janie Miller's sister)
- Linda Crouch's grandson's Perry
- Doug Bean



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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
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