



THE BOND



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Newsletter of the Norris Religious Fellowship
An Interdenominational Community Church

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

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Tuesday & Thursday

This Sunday, October 2nd, is World Communion Sunday. Christian congregations the world over set aside this Sunday to observe communion as a sign of our common bond in Jesus Christ. We have sisters and brothers all over the globe. Although we may not speak the same language, we all know the same Lord.

As a result of your feedback on "best days to meet" we will have a congregational potluck and meeting on October 23rd following the morning service. During the meeting, the finance team will present an updated budget and entertain any questions you might have. Following that, we will work together to do some asset mapping for our congregation. This meeting is very, very important, and I urge you to make plans now to attend.

Let me also remind you that we will observe All Saints on Sunday, October 30th. We will remember by name those in our fellowship who have joined "the great cloud of witnesses."

Theology on Tap at the Clinch River Brewery continues to draw a healthy crowd. Our discussions have been wide-ranging and helpful. As of this Friday, September 30th we are shifting the start time. From now on, we will convene at 5:00 p.m. Please make a note of this change.

We have a new opportunity to serve our community. The Anderson County ELL (English language learning) contacted us about using our space to teach English to some of the Hispanic residents in the area. The group will likely number about 5-10 people and will meet one night a week. We're still working out the logistics, but this is another way our church can serve our wider community. I'll keep you posted on the details.

One last head's up: the Church Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 5th. Already our Women's Fellowship has invested a lot of work in planning and preparing for this event. The day will be fun, and I trust, profitable!

Grace and peace,

Bill

Congregational Meeting

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Dollar Sunday

Dollar Sunday, October 9. This month's offering will go to the Down Syndrome Awareness Group of East Tennessee.

Diane Cole's great grandson, Max, has Down Syndrome. Their family has formed a team called Team Mighty Max for the Buddy Walk at Worlds Fair Park on October 22.

The money raised will support the work they do to bring families and professionals together through education, family advocacy, and community awareness. Please help our church support Mighty Max and his family.

Study Group

The women's study group will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 2 pm in the library to view a video and discuss Mary of Bethany. All are welcome.

Fellowship Breakfast

Fellowship breakfast Sunday October 2 at Shoney's at 9 am. All are invited to join us for food and fellowship.

Supper Club

Supper Club will go to El Chico Restaurant on Tuesday, October 11, beginning at 6 pm. Join us for a time of food and fellowship for a cause. Attendees are asked to contribute 10% or more of their meal cost for a worthy organization. This month offering will go to the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge. Let Susan Miller know by Monday, October 10 if you are going so a reservation can be made.

Bible Study

Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 7pm in the fellowship hall and via zoom. Zoom info will be sent out the day bible study meets via email.

There will be no bible study on October 12th.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry will meet on Thursday, October 27 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring work in progress and finished shawls to be dedicated. If anyone knows someone in need of the loving hug of a shawl let one of the group members or the church office know.

Executive Committee Vote Result

Thank you everyone for sending in your votes! We got enough votes in for a quorum so Joan Hughes (treasurer full term), Tracy Crouch-Hubbs (full term), Lee Borgers (half term), and Yvonne Web (full term) will be able to take office in October. I appreciate everyone working with us since the scenario of no quorum at the meeting but needing the new committee members by October 1st is not dealt with in our bylaws.

Harvest Bazaar Baked Good Donations

At least two folks have been inspired by this lovely cool, fall weather to start baking and freezing for the Harvest Bazaar on Nov. 5. This bite in the air makes one want to smell the spicy good fragrances in our kitchens. Perhaps you too are ready to make yummys such as apple cake, banana bread, pumpkin pie, yeast rolls, or jams and jellies which need no freezing. Cookies, both individual and bar style like brownies are popular purchases as well. We will welcome homemade candies too when the time comes. Thank you in advance for remembering this fundraiser for our church as you enjoy the wonders of this season!

Day Trip to Yoder's Amish Country

Is anyone interested in a day trip to Yoders Amish Country Market in Bulls Gap to buy baking supplies and other supplies for bazaar and holiday cooking? They have different flour, grains, pastas, spices, candies, and much more. It is about an hour and a half drive- we could shop and have lunch and return in time for supper! Possible dates are Monday October 10 or 17 or Friday October 14. If you are interested let Susan Miller know so we can set a date.

Community Soup Supper

Norris Religious Fellowship's Community Soup Supper will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 5:30pm.

Soup, salad, bread, dessert, and drink all for \$5. (Menu will be posted in the weekly newsletter.)

Reservations are requested but not required. You can call 865-494-7131 by October 10th.

Soup Supper Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the October 12th Community Soup Supper to make soup, salad, dessert, bread, set up, clean up, and to help with serving the drive thru. If we have enough volunteers we will also be able to have it in the fellowship hall. Please sign up in the church narthex.

Coming Soon ~ Norris Fellowship



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th
9:00 a.m. 'til 1:00 p.m.

Our church bazaar is the oldest in the area, and famous for our white elephant sale and wonderful bargains in books, crafts, delicious candy, baked goods and food. We will also have a silent auction again this year. As always, it takes the help of everyone in our church to make the bazaar a success. Many hands make light work!!! Here are some ways you can help and have a good time working together:

- During bazaar week, **bring donations of white elephants, books, and donations for the silent auction.**
- **Be busy in your kitchen making food items, baked goods and candy.**
- **Help is always needed working in the white elephant area.** We're expecting a huge collection of treasures this year. Contact the bazaar committee if you like helping people find bargains.
- Volunteer to **work in one of the many booths, or relieve workers for breaks.** Just ask. It's fun and you'll meet some wonderful people!
- **Come shop at the bazaar, and bring your friends and family.**
- **Help with clean-up at closing.**

Norris Area Good Neighbors
**Christmas Food Basket
& Children's Gifts
Sign-Up**

**SATURDAY OCT. 22ND
9AM - 11AM**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
3425 Andersonville Hwy**

Each year, Good Neighbors aids families in the Norris Middle School zone with Christmas Food Baskets & kid's clothes and toys.

BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE SIGN-UP:

- PROOF OF ADDRESS.
- FOOD BASKETS DO NOT REQUIRE PROOF OF NEED.
- CHILDREN'S GIFTS REQUIRE PROOF OF NEED, LIKE TOTAL FAMILY INCOME.
- FOR EACH CHILD UNDER 19 IN THE HOME, BRING: NAME, AGE, SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE), CLOTHING/SHOE SIZES, & CHRISTMAS GIFT WISHES

2022 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GOOD NEIGHBORS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

- A. **Monday, November 28, 9 am; meet at NRF (Norris Religious Fellowship).** *Deliver Food-Drive Milk Crates to 4 Area Schools.* Four helpers and 2 pickup trucks. Light work.
- B. **Thursday, December 8, about 10 am; meet at NRF.** *Unload Second Harvest Food Trailer and store in Fellowship Hall.* One hour. Heavy lifting. Six helpers with hand trucks.
- C. **Friday, December 9; meet behind Archers about 10 am.** *Move groceries from Archers to NRF.* About 2 hours. Heavy lifting. Six or more helpers. Four pick-up trucks, hand trucks
- D. **Friday, December 9; meet at NRF at 1 pm.** *Collect food-drive crates from area schools and store in NRF.* Eight helpers, 4 pickup trucks, hand trucks. Heavy lifting. Two hours.
- E. **Friday, December 9, from about 1 pm to 3 pm, NRF.** Up to four helpers 2 hours to *Prepare NRF for Sorting* the next morning. Mostly light work.
- F. **Saturday, December 10, in the interval between 7 am to 1 pm, NRF.** Many helpers to work about 2 hours each, *Sorting Donated Food.* Mostly light, some heavy work.
- G. **Sunday, December 11, 3 pm to 5, NRF.** *Prep for Filling Boxes.* Four helpers. Light work.
- H. **Monday, December 12 in the interval from about 7 am to 1 pm, NRF.** Many helpers to work about 2 hours each, *Filling Food Boxes.* Mix of light and heavier work.
- I. **Tuesday, December 13, about 2 hours between about 7 am to 1 pm, NRF.** *Distribute Food Boxes* in drive through fashion. Some light jobs; mostly heavy lifting. Pick-up trucks.

To help: phone/email the NRF church office: 865-494-7131, or norrisrf@comcast.net and leave a message with your name, task(s), and phone/email. Someone will reply.



GATHER AROUND AND JOIN US IN OUR

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING LUNCH



IF YOU ARE ALONE FOR THANKSGIVING, YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE GROUP HAVING THANKSGIVING LUNCH AT THE NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP CHURCH. WE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, AT 1:30 P.M. TO CHAT AND START DINNER AT 2:00 P.M. WE WILL SUPPLY THE TURKEY, GRAVY, AND MASHED POTATOES! PLEASE, MAKE A RESERVATION AND BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH OR DESSERT, AND WE WILL HAVE A FAMILY-STYLE POT LUCK LUNCH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU! FOR RESERVATION PLEASE CALL 494-7131 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.



NOVEMBER 24TH AT 1:30PM
NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP





PRAYER REQUESTS

The family of Doug Bean
 The family of Jerry Crossno
 Wayne Chaniott
 Lisa Rains
 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.

Let's Pray for one another

A simple way to do this is through our birthday calendar

October Birthday's

4 Baylan Haverkamp
 7 Rachel Bakaletz
 10 Jenny Beeman
 10 Fern Haverkamp
 14 Jane Stribling
 14 Bud Blackwell
 21 Sarah Petty
 17 Joe Deatherage
 25 Opal Haverkamp
 30 Lucas Hietala

Coffee & Fellowship

1st Sunday - Pat and Bob Gregory

2nd Sunday – Yvonne Web & Dianne Cole

3rd Sunday- Mary Shelton & Kathy Decker

4th Sunday - Wendy Hall & Tom Post

5th Sunday -Penny Duerksen & Joan Hughes

October Greeters

October 2nd - Jim Ryland
 October 9th - Susan Bowling
 October 16th - TBD
 October 23rd - Yvonne Web
 October 30th - Tom Post

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,
October 27th
8:30am-1pm

Clothing Closet
Now open On Tuesdays by
Appointment only

Call 865-494-9407 to
schedule appointment



Donation Focus for October 2022

Bar soap & lotion

Clothing Closet Needs:

The Norris Area Clothing Closet needs blankets, quilts, and comforters (queen and king sizes, new or gently used); small floor heaters (new or good used condition); men's clothing (specifically jeans, long-sleeved t-shirts, flannel shirts, and socks in all sizes); men's athletic shoes and boots (new or used, all sizes). Men's clothing and shoes are highly requested and difficult to keep in stock. These are the only items needed at this time. Currently they have plenty of women's and children's clothing. The volunteers ask that you please put donations in plastic bags (especially during this rainy weather) and don't overstuff or make them too heavy as they have to be carried upstairs. Drop them off at Norris United Methodist Church (62 Ridgeway Road) in the middle door alcove of the Education Building.

Executive Committee Minutes

EC Members present were Jocelyn Borgers, Susan Bowling, Joan Hughes, Emily Ott, Tracy Crouch-Hubbs, and Bill Ireland. Others attending were Lee Borgers and Susan Gawarecki.

- Bill opened the meeting with prayer.
- The August Minutes were approved after a change was made regarding the month the budget would be voted on by the Congregation in December instead of September.
- Financial Report: There is a rent increase for the parsonage beginning September from \$1,000.00 per month to \$1,500.00. If the Budget is approved by the Congregation, beginning in October, 10% of general operating income will be allocated to the benevolence fund. Raises for employees will be effective in October as well. As of September, income for 2022 has been more than our expenses. Susan G. asked about any plans for a special drive to raise money for replacing the HVAC system in the office. Funds are also needed to perform maintenance and repairs on HVAC systems in the church building. It was voted to continue operating under the present budget until the new budget is accepted.
- Minister Report: Theology on tap is going well and will continue on most Fridays at CRB from 4:00-5:30 PM. Regarding the English Language Class, Bill is meeting the lady leading the class very soon to tour our church and decide which night a week is best to meet. Bob Gregory is working hard with Good Neighbors in coordinating with the other churches in Norris with Benevolence. Susan G. asked if we are helping people with utilities. Bill said we are beginning to help with that. Bill said more kids are becoming youth and will start connecting with other churches for building a strong youth group.
- Other Business: After worship service Sunday September 18, there will be a vote for the nominated people for the EC. Afterwards, there will be a PotLuck Lunch and a continued discussion of where our church is heading. Lee volunteered to take charge of the Pot Luck.
- Parsonage: The EC will put together an Information Package on the Parsonage for the Congregation. For example, cost of area houses on the market as compared to the parsonage; Rental agreement and possible raising of rent; Cost of upkeep; Cost differences between selling and renting; List of repairs; Estimate return of investment up to 5 years; Risk of putting money in the Market versus renting. Joan and Bill will work on getting projections about the selling the Parsonage for information purposes. Susan G. said that the Congregation voted August 21 to get another appraisal on the Parsonage. However, the EC decided that because there was another vote open on the floor, we could not vote on another issue at that time.
- It was decided that Emily will contact Terry Queener and the Grounds and Building Committee to take a look and see what needs to be repaired. The EC will get information together and send it to the Congregation and set a meeting with the Congregation to discuss and vote.
- Other Business: The EC voted to have the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Christmas Party will be December 18. Susan Bowling has found a Santa. Lee volunteered to be in charge of the Christmas Party.
- Bill will contact Michelle Queener and Kathy Smart regarding Hanging of the Greens.
- Susan B. believes she has found someone for child care.

Next EC Meeting will be October 6.