

*He renews my strength. He
guides me along right paths,
bringing honor to His name.*

Psalm 23:3

Dear Lord, Thank you for the strength that only comes from you -- not my own strength, but yours. I can get through every circumstance through your grace. You are strong.



APRIL 2026



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 16, 2026

In attendance: Bruce Williams, Paula Blankenbicker, Kathy Hayes, Barbara Lynne, Laura Huston, Pastor Sharon, Paula Gregory, Judie Shannon.

Bruce had no reading tonight, but he had some interesting information regarding the book of Numbers, chapter 26.

Deuteronomy means being done twice.

This was the second counting of the tribes of Israel. God directed them to count every male from 20 years and older, able to serve in the army. The count was 601,730. Levites, being priests, were

not to be counted as to serve in the army, but needed counted as well. Every male 1 month and older were counted. This number was 23,000.

Bruce said he was just amazed at the number of people and how they maneuvered through the desert. They had order, not chaos. We had some interesting and enjoyable discussion on the passage.

MINUTES:

Minutes were read. Kathy motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Barbara seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Laura stated that she paid part of the Global Congregational Giving monies. She will pay the balance within the next few months. All of the Western Conference money was paid. Under the GMC we pay roughly \$900.00 as with the UMC the cost was around \$18,000.00. No other business brought forth.

Barbara motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Paula B. seconded. All in favor.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Our first Shoebox Craft Day was a success. Items were made for shoeboxes such as beaded bracelets, key chains and a variety of other crafts. Sue Buckles has 3 more planned.

Our Lenten service was very well attended. The Fellowship area was brimming with those who stayed after for snacks and fellowship.

The Christianity 101 classes have been going well.

Pastor Sharon has given the Library the information that will display on the electronic billboard. It will state our Maundy Service and Easter Sunday.

Pastor Sharon has started an "Ask the Pastor" spot put on our Facebook page each Monday. She will prayerfully try to answer each question.

SPRC:

On April 12th, SPRC will fill out the Church Profile form.

TRUSTEE'S

Kathy stated that Ken said he has the new door knobs and will have them installed in the near future.

Dan will have the lawn tractor in for its yearly maintenance. It will be ready for summer.

MISSIONS:

The Ladies Tea (May 16th) is being organized.

WORSHIP/NUTURE

The Agape/Maundy Thursday Service (April 2nd) is being organized.

The Spaghetti Dinner (April 11th) is being planned. **(Postponed)**

April 22 – Set up for the Sedar Meal & Maundy Thursday.

April 29 – Set up for Holy Week & Easter Sunday.

Raina will play the flute for Easter service.

Araina and Paula will decide if the Children's' Chime Choir will play for Easter or Mother's Day.

SCOUTS:

The Boy Scouts are now meeting here at the church on Thursdays at 7:00. Nice to have them back.

They will be having their Yard Sale during New Florence Days. Items can be brought to the church basement.

OLD:

Pastor Sharon did some research on renewing our CCLI licenses. Most churches she spoke to do have the licenses, although some of the ones who have it do not record the songs each week. Some discussion about whether we should continue to have this licenses. It was decided that we should renew and not necessarily put the songs in each week, but just having the licenses is a good idea. The cost is about \$170.00 per year. Pastor Sharon will renew them.

The New Florence Days (June 6th) Funnel Cake project is also being planned. We will have a trial run with the electric skillet in late April or early May to make sure this all comes together.

NEW:

Kathy stated that the room by the Elevette is becoming cluttered. If you can, please use the shelving unit to store items.

No other business.

Paula motioned to adjourned. Kathy seconded. All in favor.

APRIL HAPPENINGS

SEDER MEAL / MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

5:30 MEAL / 7:00 SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5TH

AMERICA 250 LIVE CONCERT – APRIL 18TH 6:30

(HERE AT New Florence Methodist)

BIBLE2SCHOOL

If you have a free Wednesday, from about 11:30 am until approximately 1:30 pm, won't you consider helping with this very worthy program. The kids are great and you can share your walk with God with them. Please pray about this and no training needed, we and the kids will train. Thank you for your consideration

ELECTRONIC TITHEING

You are now able to tithe electronically. Below is the QR code. Just scan it and choose any of the options available. We hope this makes it easier for some. Thank you for your prayers and support.



CHANGE – FOR – CHANGE 2026

JANUARY – Compassion International \$130.65

FEBRUARY – Four Footed Friends \$151.38

MARCH – New Florence Senior Center

APRIL – Wesley Woods

MAY – Homes for our Troops

JUNE – New Florence Fire Department(water)

JULY – New Florence Library

AUGUST – Camp Alleghney

SEPTEMBER – Tunnels to Towers

OCTOBER – Breast Cancer Research Foundation

NOVEMBER – Squirrel Hunt Club

DECEMBER – Make a Wish

Sermon Titles for APRIL

APRIL 5 – RISEN: Growing in Victory

APRIL 12 – PREVENIENT GRACE: Growing in Pursuit

APRIL 19 JUSTIFYING GRACE: Growing in Salvation

APRIL 26 – HEALING SERVICE: Growing in Wholeness

OUR CHURCH

Tithing:

We, as a church encourage you to mail **or electronically** send your tithe to the church when you are unable to attend. This allows us to maintain our records and budget easier. Again, thank you for being so faithful in your giving. You can either send in your tithe (NFMC, 196 9th Street, PO Box 267) or slip it under the door of the church office or even place it in the offering plates. Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pray for continued growth in our church.

Pray for your family and friends daily.

Pray for our leaders to make good decisions.

Pray for those who question God's existence.

God's promise to us is not the absence of storms, instead he promises His presence in the midst of every storm.



Thank you so much for your generosity. We truly appreciate it. The Community Living Group

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

APRIL 5 – RICK WOZNIAK

APRIL 12 – ED KELEMEN

APRIL 19 – JUDIE SHANNON

APRIL 26 – NANCY CALDWEL

APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 3 Jacob Perry
4 5 Elaine Boring
4 5 Caitlin Brown
4 5 Cooper Valentine
4 6 Mael Fuller
4 6 Virginia Gemas
4 9 Deborah Wozniak
4 14 Lauren Pearce
4 17 Shauna Warner
4 18 Ken Hughes
4 23 Tracy Harvat
4 25 Roman Haines
4 25 Pam Henderson
4 26 Beth Blankenbicker
4 27 Dorothy Ferris
4 27 Allison Taylor
4 30 David Shannon, Jr

4 1 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Richards



WELCOME April!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2  5:00 SERVICE 7:00	3 	4 
5 	6 MISSIONS 1:00	7 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 BELLS 6:00 BIBLE DISCUSSION 7:00	8 	9  SCOUTS 7:00	10 	11  #chocolatefondueDay
12 	13 	14 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 BELLS 6:00	15 	16  SCOUTS 7:00	17  HUSBAND APPRECIATION DAY	18  CONCERT 6:30
19 	20 	21 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 BELLS 6:00	22 	23  SCOUTS 7:00	24 	25  Happy National Penguin Day!
26 	27 	28 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 BELLS 6:00	29 	30  SCOUTS 7:00		