

**APRIL – 2025**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 17, 2025

7:00 PM

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

Bruce opened the meeting with Luke 13: 31-32. Bruce noticed that Luke has lots of stories that aren't in the other Gospels. One was titled Jesus and Herod. A Pharisee warned Jesus that he better leave that place because Herod wanted to kill him. Jesus claims otherwise. He has a game plan and will follow through to the end. Like us who follow Jesus, we have a purpose in this life and will follow until Jesus takes us home.

**MINTUES:**

Read and approved.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:**

Laura explained the revision of the Treasurer's Report. Kathy had questions regarding this and a few others. All were answered.

Barb motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Kathy seconded. All in favor.

### **Pastor's Report:**

We had our Thanksgiving service with the Ministerium at our church- all went well and a big thank you to the worship team who helped to set up and clean up.  
A big thank you to all who brought refreshments as well

Pastor Sharon participated in a wedding and a funeral both held at the church. Both very beautiful services

Our church held our Hanging of the Greens service and all went well. Pastor Sharon is looking to change it up a bit for Christmas 2025

Our bake sale raised \$165.00.

Blue Christmas was beautiful with a nice turn out. Each year we get a few more attending

Christmas Eve was wonderful- it was so nice to see full pews. Pastor Sharon is already working on Christmas Eve 2025. She would like to have the service be full of music (maybe Araina, a solo, hoping Michael Caldwell will play as well) we want to tell the story through music and scripture

During Christmas week pastor Sharon:  
Dropped off gifts at the community living center

- She also dropped off the gift cards in March from our change for change and it came at the perfect time

Dropped off an anonymous gift to a family in need - It's fun being Santa's elf.

Ken dropped off the socks and underwear collected for LVE.

Paula and I cleaned out the tower before we put the Christmas stuff away. We need to do this again after Easter.

Bible Study started Feb. 25 and so far has gone well.

Pastor Sharon has been putting scripture references in the bulletin.

Pastor Sharon paid Orville for his plowing services this winter. Next winter we may need to revisit our plowing plans

Pastor Sharon was able to get a TV for downstairs (no cost to anyone) we are hopeful to hook up a DVD player and maybe find a used Wii console for the youth

### **UPCOMING:**

Little Church on the Hill will be having an Easter Egg hunt (APRIL 12) and the Ministerium churches are encouraged to have a table.

Missions will have a table with some church literature and we will offer prayers as well. We also will have a bake sale \$5 a plate.

Missions will have another pop up Easter party at the Manor (APRIL 19 1pm).

Pastor Sharon is also helping to organize our Lenten craft day on April 12- 10 am.

Pastor Sharon and Judie are starting to update our contact information and see if we can get some people to jump in and be a part of committees or lead parts of the worship service.

May 25 we will worship at Trinity Presbyterian.

May 25 Pastor Sharon will be preaching at Laurel View.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was much discussion on the proper name we will use as a congregation. After discussing this issue a vote was taken. Kathy motioned that for all legal documents we will be known as New Florence First Methodist Church. For all other issues, we will be known as New Florence Methodist Church. A vote was taken and there was one vote for NFFMC and 4 for NFMC.

Kathy will speak to the congregation on March 30 to inform them on our path toward Stewardship. We will have letters for those who are attending and send out the remaining ones that following week.

After much, much discussion about letters A, B, C, and D, we have settled on letter D with some modifications and the date of return of the Promise Cards as April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy and Barbara will finalize the letter and it will be ready to send at the end of the month. We can't thank them enough for all the hard work they put into writing this letter. Thank you both.

Pastor Sharon suggested that those who are praying during the HOLY SPIRIT time may want to talk and pray about this venture in their time of prayer.

Pastor Sharon also stated that the lightbulbs above the pulpit and choir loft need changing. John will look into this. Also, Joshua fixed the light in the marquee.

No other business.

Ken made a motion to adjourn at 8:35. Paula B. seconded. All in favor.

## **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 2025

JANUARY –\$102.28 Four Footed Friends

FEBRUARY - \$143.70 Children's Heart Foundation

MARCH –

APRIL –

MAY –

JUNE –

JULY –

AUGUST -

SEPT -

OCTOBER –

NOVEMBER –

DECEMBER –

## *Sermon Titles for APRIL*

APRIL 6 – PLAGUES 8-9

APRIL 13 – LAST PLAGUE PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 20 – EASTER RESURRECTION

MARCH 23 – EMMAUS

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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:

Prayers were answered. One of those who we've been praying for received very good news. Thank You, Jesus.

Don't be afraid to pray **BOLDLY! BODLY!** God loves that we trust him that much. Pray that we hear that gentle and soft voice of God directing our path. He is faithful.

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

**OUR LENTEN OFFERING THIS YEAR WILL GO TO THE  
LIONS CLUB OF NEW FLORENCE AND TUNNELS TO  
TOWERS.**

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR APRIL**

**APRIL 6 – JUDIE SHANNON**

**APRIL 13 – NANCY CALDWELL (PSALM SUNDAY)**

**APRIL 20 - PEGGY GROSS – (EASTER)**

**APRIL 27 – GINA GASIOR**



If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please let us know and we will be happy to add you to the list! PRAYER IS A VERY POWERFUL THING! WHEN WE PRAY TOGETHER, MIRACLES HAPPEN!

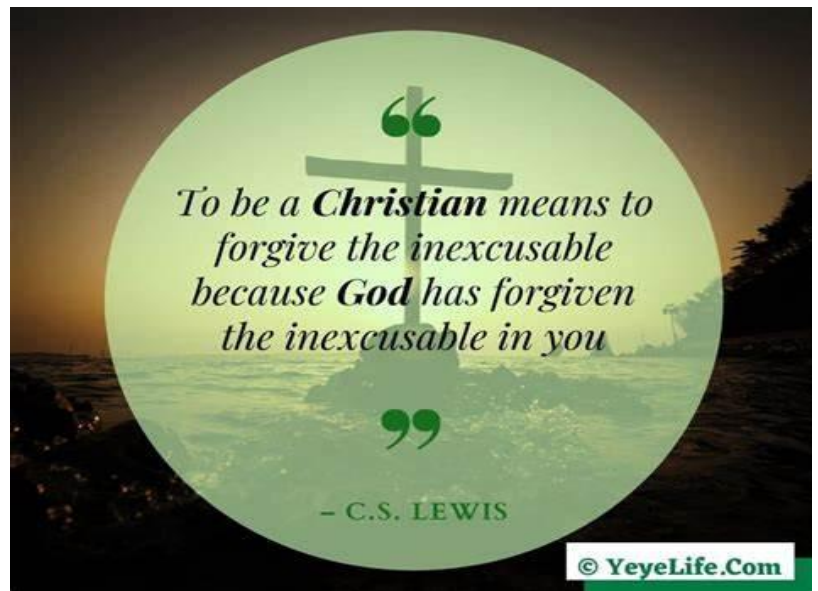
**SPEND TIME READING HIS WORD. IT WILL  
CHANGE YOUR LIFE!**





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- 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 Pamela Henderson
- 4 26 Beth Blankenbicker
- 4 27 Dorothy Ferris
- 4 27 Allison Taylor
- 4 30 David Shannon, Jr

**NO ANNIVERSARIES ???**



**Congratulations to Don and Nancy Jones on the birth of their granddaughter, Madison Grace Jones**








**Congratulations to Bob and Tammie Saxton on the birth of their grandson,**



OPEN THE DOOR,  
HE'S WAITING!





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6  TWINS DAY	7  FIND A RAINBOW DAY	8 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	9 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL	10  SCOUTS 7:00	11  CHERISH AN ANTIQUE DAY	12 NAT BE
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