

February 1

The Lord gives his people strength. The Lord blesses them with peace.

Psalm 29:11

Dear Lord, Thank you for the peace I find when I turn to you. I will let go of all my worries today and put all of my trust in you that all will work out according to your perfect plan.



FEBRUARY -2026

HOLY COMMUNION FEBRUARY 1ST

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2026

7:00 PM

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous Christmas gift.

Your gift will help us renovate our little cabin—hopefully beginning this spring.

I know I say this often, but I'm going to say it again: it is truly a joy to be your pastor.

I love looking back over the years and seeing how far we've come and how much we've grown together. I love seeing the ways we have worked side by side to make a difference in our little community. I am continually humbled by how God has moved and worked in the life of our church.

Every day I thank God that I get to walk this journey of faith with each and every one of you.

May God richly bless you in all you do. Pastor Sharon

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

Bruce read from Exodus. The reading was from Chapter 36: 35-38. This was describing the directions on building the Temple. The directions were very detailed and precise. Bruce noted that with the detailed build, the floor was never addressed. What was it? Ground, carpet, palm branches? Ken did some research and it was said to be plain dirt. A very interesting concept. Maybe for us to remember that we must stay “grounded” in our faith.

MINUTES:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Laura brought us a detailed print out of the On-Line giving. We have several people tithing this way. She also asked about the money we received from Emily Albaugh’s toy drive. It was decided to leave the money alone until Pastor Sharon is made known of family with kids who are in need. Kathy asked if our weekly income is up. Yes it is. There was some discussion about the budget. Laura explained. Barbara motioned we accept the Treasurer’s report. Paula seconded. All in favor.

PASTOR’S REPORT:

Pastor Sharon addressed the following:

The Cards and Cookies event was well received.

Emily’s Toy Drive was a success. Next year she will contact Emily early on to see if they can work with the elementary school to provide needed items for the students there.

The Ornament Exchange was fun. Hoping Gina and Tabitha will continue this next year.

The Cookie Exchange did very well. We made approximately \$143.00.

The Blue Christmas Service was beautiful, as always. This was the best attended service as yet. We had a full house for Christmas Eve. Ran out of bulletins. We have enough for next year and the upcoming Easter season.

Names were distributed the first Sunday in January. We are to pray for this person throughout the upcoming year.

We had our second Purpose Driven Church meeting on January 18th. It was well attended and many good ideas were brought forth.

There will be a second prayer time on Sunday mornings at 10:15

We will incorporate a “Did you know???? blip on the screens on Sunday mornings. These will be regarding our Methodist history, etc. We will show this every other week so we can still have the “Art Wall” as well.

We are encouraged to invite our friends and neighbors to come to worship.

We will have a 5th Sunday circle. This will entail the congregation circling the center pews and being together for the last song.

We are continuing to look for our successors.

Pastor Sharon will have a New Members Class. Time will depend on the Choir schedule.

We will be hosting a Lenten Service on March 8th at 6:30. Cookies and snacks will, of course be needed.

Ash Wednesday Service will be at Seward Methodist.

Maundy Service is in the works.

Good Friday Service will be at Armagh Methodist.

Ken was curious about how and when Pastor Sharon starts planning each years ‘ Sunday messages. She is already planning for 2027!

SPRC:

Ken stated that the committee would like to have an Employee Appreciation luncheon on March 1st after church.

He also stated that they would like to give the employees Christmas gifts.

TRUSTEES’ REPORT:

Ken said that the furnace is still leaking. Its one container needed drained. Done. Still leaking a little. Ken will continue to monitor it thinking that it needs to drain slowly to allow all liquid out. Paula has a system to collect the liquid that is working quite well.

The light in the Marquee is out. Ken and Joshua will take care of this.

The door handles on the Fellowship Hall doors are not working properly. They will be replaced with new, ergonomically better ones.

Pastor Sharon stated that the spring on the Parsonage garage door was broken. Now fixed.

Pastor Sharon asked if the Fellowship Hall outside door could be locked during Sunday service. She said Gina and the children are the only ones there at that time and it would be safer to have it locked. She will check with Paula G. to see how they can arrange this.

MISSIONS:

We are checking into the Bolivar Easter Egg Hunt. It was such a good time last year, we hope we can participate again this year. Sue Buckles is gathering items for the Christmas Shoe Boxes and asked if she could have 3 or 4 craft days to make items to put in the boxes. This is being worked on.

WORSHIP & NURTURE

We will be trying to start a “Kids Chime Choir”. Pastor Sharon said the Araina will direct with the guidance of Paula Blankenbicker. Kathy suggested that kids should be in 3rd grade and above. Pastor Sharon will have a Blessing of the Bikes sometime in the near future. This will include motorcycles and bicycles.

SCOUTS:

Scout Sunday will be February 8th. The Cub Scouts will re-charter with us. That will be sometime this year. We would also like to start a Scout program once again.

OLD:

N/A

NEW:

Pastor Sharon would like permission to purchase a LifeVAC for the church. This item is to help remove particles from the airway. With Bible2School and other activities, this would be a very valuable tool. Pastor Sharon will ask Rick Wozniak to look in to which would be the best and purchase it for us. He would be reimbursed.

We are trying to create a new church directory. Many have asked for addresses, phone numbers, etc. to stay in contact with each other. We will be working on this throughout the next several months.

No other business.

Ken motioned to adjourn. Barbara seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

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

FEBRUARY – Four Footed Friends

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 FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1 – Worship – Growing in Adoration

FEBRUARY 8 – Love – Growing in Relationships

FEBRUARY 15 – Witness – Growing in Boldness

FEBRUARY 22 – Multiply – Growing in Impact

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 those with heavy hearts, worries and burdens. May God grant them peace.

Pray for our country and our world.

Pray for wars all over the globe to cease.

Pray for your family and friends daily.

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



PEACE

***“TO EVERY HEART THAT DARES TO HOPE,
TO EVERY SOUL THAT LONGS FOR PEACE,
TO EVERYONE WHO SHARES HIS LOVE...
JOY TO YOU AND ALL THE WORLD.”***

To the New Florence Methodist Church:

Thank you for thinking of my family this Christmas season. We appreciated your cards, cookies and candy, but even greater are the thoughts and prayers you send our way. We are blessed with a loving community. Love, The Hockenberry Family

Dear Pastor Hamley,

I want to sincerely thank you and your parishioners for the cards, warm wishes and especially prayers. I can't tell you how much I appreciate receiving all of these.

Prayer has been such a significant part of my health and healing, and I am so grateful to all of you for remembering me during this time.

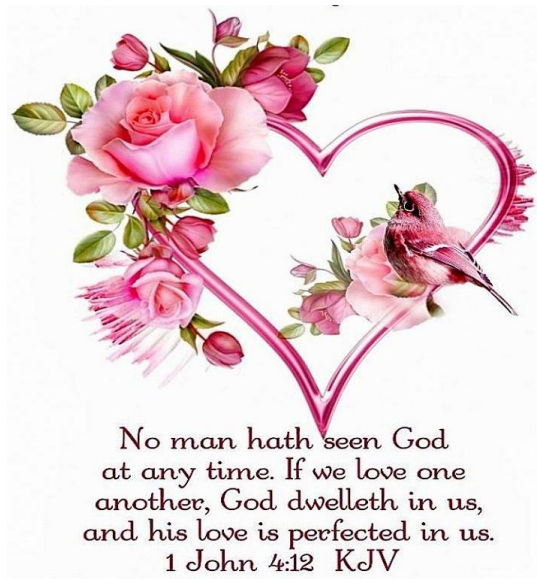
LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1 – Nancy Caldwell

FEBRUARY 8 – Peggy Gross

FEBRUARY 15 – Gina Gasior

FEBRUARY 22 – Dann Jones



Christian Symbol



CORNERSTONE — The cornerstone is a symbol for Christ. It has Old Testament roots in Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 28:16). In the New Testament, Christ is called the cornerstone in Ephesians 2:20. The IHC and XP on the stone's sides are abbreviations for "Jesus" and "Christ" in Greek.



FEBRUARY

2	1	Ms. Lorrie Bucklen
2	9	Ms. Nancy Caldwell
2	9	Mr. Dennis Rummel
2	10	Mr. George Haire, Jr.
2	10	Mrs. Linda Shumaker

2	12	Ms. Dorothy Loughner
2	16	Mr. Paul Berezansky
2	16	Tucker Fuller
2	17	Mr. Mitchell Luther
2	19	Mr. James Decker
2	22	Ms. Connie Payne
2	25	Ms. Karen Walch
2	28	Ms. Taylor Hecker
2	28	Ms. Mary Louise Wilson

SHINE WITHOUT WAX



How sincere are you, really? How honest, dependable, and genuine? These are traits that shape our character and help others see Christ in us.

The word *sincere* comes from an old Latin phrase meaning “without wax.” In ancient Rome, potters sometimes used wax to hide cracks in flawed pottery. Buyers would hold each piece up to the sunlight to see if it was truly solid and not hiding any imperfections.

When we allow the light of Christ to shine through our lives, it reveals both our rough spots and our strengths. The good news is that Jesus never shames us for the cracks; he restores us. As his light works within us, we grow into people of integrity who are whole, authentic, and sincerely his.

Drawn to GOD'S WORD

BIBLE READING PLAN WITH CREATIVE PROMPTS

Our Creator excels at design and artistic expression.

As God's image-bearers, we can use our creative gifts to learn about and worship him.

With this yearlong Scripture-reading guide, you can draw, doodle, color, and journal as you reflect on God's Word. After reading the weekly Bible passages—which are grouped according to monthly themes—grab some markers, colored pencils, or pens to respond. Close each devotional time with prayer, thanking the Master Artist for making, sustaining, and blessing you!



JANUARY LIGHT

- ◇ Exodus 3:1-15
- ◇ Isaiah 9:1-7
- ◇ Matthew 5:14-16
- ◇ John 1:1-14

PROMPT: Draw or write about various sources of light mentioned in the Old and New Testaments.

FEBRUARY LOVE

- ◇ Psalm 36:5-10
- ◇ John 15:9-17
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 13:4-13
- ◇ 1 John 4:4-21

PROMPT: Draw or write some responses to God's unconditional, pure, just, and sacrificial love for you.



MARCH CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- ◇ Psalm 32
- ◇ Psalm 51
- ◇ Matthew 18:21-35
- ◇ Ephesians 4:17-32

PROMPT: Draw or write about God wiping away and forgetting all your sins—and how that affects your everyday life.



APRIL HOPE

- ◇ Isaiah 40
- ◇ Job 19:23-27
- ◇ John 20
- ◇ Romans 5:1-11

PROMPT: Draw or write about the hope that Jesus' resurrection offers—and ask him to encourage and uplift you.



MAY COURAGE

- ◇ Daniel 6
- ◇ Mark 2:1-12
- ◇ Mark 4:35-41
- ◇ 1 Peter 5:6-11

PROMPT: Draw or write about fears or uncertainties that prevent you from experiencing a fuller relationship with God. Then boldly pray for his help to overcome those things.



JUNE PURPOSE

- ◇ Proverbs 16:1-9
- ◇ Matthew 4:18-22
- ◇ Romans 8
- ◇ Ephesians 1

PROMPT: Draw or write about the plans you see God unfolding in your life. Ask him to strengthen your trust in his perfect timing.

JULY FREEDOM & VICTORY

- ◇ Exodus 15:1-18
- ◇ Psalm 118
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 9:19-27
- ◇ Galatians 5:1, 13-26

PROMPT: Draw or write about the ways Jesus has set you free—and how you are a living testimony of his victory over death.



AUGUST WISDOM

- ◇ Proverbs 3
- ◇ Luke 2:41-52
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- ◇ 2 Timothy 3:10-17

PROMPT: Draw or write about Biblical subjects and Godly characteristics you'd like to learn about in the year ahead (even if you're not still in school!).



SEPTEMBER PEACE

- ◇ Psalm 46
- ◇ Isaiah 55
- ◇ John 14:23-31
- ◇ Ephesians 2:11-22

PROMPT: Draw or write about promises in Scripture that sustain or restore your sense of calm when it gets rattled.



OCTOBER SERVICE

- ◇ Judges 6
- ◇ Proverbs 31:10-31
- ◇ Matthew 25:14-40
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 12:4-27

PROMPT: Draw or write about your God-given talents and interests—and ways to use them to glorify God and serve others.



NOVEMBER GRATITUDE

- ◇ Joshua 4
- ◇ Psalm 136
- ◇ Luke 17:11-19
- ◇ Colossians 3:12-17

PROMPT: Draw or write about unexpected blessings God has given you—including seemingly "bad" situations or circumstances he has worked out for good.















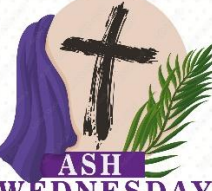




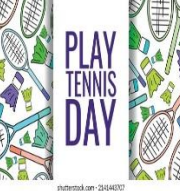



DECEMBER JOY

- ◇ Psalm 30
- ◇ Luke 1:46-55
- ◇ Luke 2:1-20
- ◇ 1 Thessalonians 5:5-28

PROMPT: Draw or write about the physical, emotional, and spiritual joys you experience throughout the Christmas season.



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National Yorkshire Pudding Day 	2 Happy Groundhog Day  MISSIONS 1:00	3 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00	4 National Homemade Soup Day 	5  SCOUTS 7:00	6 National Bubble Gum Day 	7 National Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day 
8  OPERA	9 National Pizza Day 	10 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00	11 February 11th National Latte Day 	12  SCOUTS 7:00	13 National Radio Day 	14 Happy Valentine's Day 
15 World Whale Day 	16 Presidents Day 	17 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00	18 Ash Wednesday 	19  SCOUTS 7:00	20 National Muffin Day 	21 National Sticky Bun Day 
22 World Thinking Day 	23 Play Tennis Day 	24 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00	25 National Clam Chowder Day 	26  SCOUTS 7:00	27 Pokémon Day 	28 National Tooth Fairy Day 