

“Never be afraid to
trust an unknown future
to a known God.”

CORRIE TEN BOOM



woman's day

MAY – 2025

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 2025

7:00 PM

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

Bruce read from John 21: 15-19 which ties into the last days of Easter. Interesting note; Jesus asks Peter 3 times if he loves him and Peter assures Jesus that he does, then Jesus gives him a task to fulfill, "Feed my sheep", etc. Peter was hurt that Jesus asked him 3 times, it may have been that Jesus was remembering the 3 times that Peter denied him. The Scripture is full of amazing stories. Bruce concluded with prayer.

MINUTES:

Barbara made a motion to accept the minutes with 2 corrections, John seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Kathy asked Laura a few questions about the report. All answered. Laura had a print out of the On-Line tithing. It showed who, how much was given, etc. This will make it very easy to collect the information for the end of the year report. A big Thank You to Ken and Laura for setting this up. Kathy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ken seconded. All in favor.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

The Youth went roller skating. A fun time had by all and no injuries reported! Bible2School is finished for the year. 21 kiddos attended. Next year we will hopefully have the addition of the 4th grade. A huge Thank You to the teachers and aides for making this program such a success.

The Bible2School program will be held during worship on May 4th.

Pastor Sharon attended the Senior Center "Letters to the Bunny" event. She said it was a very enjoyable time with the kids. The Easter Egg Hunt in Bolivar was also well received. We made \$285.00 from the bake sale, etc. Thanks to Paige for coordinating the day with Bolivar.

Pastor Sharon stated that the Healing Service went very well and she intends to have another sometime in the fall. She believes that this service is very beneficial to the congregation.

Holy Week/Mandy Thursday were beautiful. Easter Sunday had 62 present and the church looked amazing.

Coming up: We will worship at Trinity Presbyterian on Memorial Day.

Pastor Sharon will be preaching at Laurel View Village on May 25.

(Kathy suggested to Pastor Sharon a rehabilitation facility in Greensburg that is housing a members' family member and thought that Sharon would be interested in visiting there.)

We will be having our Prayer Tent and selling Boba Tea at New Florence Days on June 7th.

Pastor Sharon will be in touch with Taylor Solich regarding a future Block Party.

SPRC:

Ken wanted to thank all those who help make this church run efficiently and look so beautiful.

TRUSTEES' REPORT:

John stated that with Paula not doing the grass any longer, he asked Josh if he would be interested in taking on this job. Josh said he would. John asked if we would pay him. We will. After much discussion, it was determined that an appropriate amount would be \$40 per mow. This amount would include grass cutting, weed eating and clean up. Josh would be responsible to turn in a monthly statement of how many times this was done. This will start May 1, 2025.

Josh will report to Ken for any issue regarding this activity. Paula G. asked that the money be taken out of her salary. Ken stated that there would have to be a SPRC meeting to work this out. Barbara made a motion to accept this agreement and Kathy seconded. All in favor.

John said that the plaque for Fred's flagpole is in. We have also ordered an outdoor flag, which will be arriving shortly. Pastor Sharon contacted Kathleen to see what date would be best for her to have a dedication service. May 11, 2025 will be the service, which will occur at the flag pole after morning service.

MISSIONS:

The Easter Pop-Up event at the New Florence Manor went much better this year. The families were more receptive. Hopefully it will grow. The Bolivar Easter Egg Hunt was fun, cold, but fun.

The Ladies Tea is May 10. All are welcome!

WORSHIP:

The Easter activities here at the church were great. A well-attended Maundy Thursday Seder Meal and service and a beautiful Easter Morning service.

SCOUTS:

John informed us that he resigning as the Charter Organizer of our chapter. The new council is unorganized and not helpful. John started this Scouting group and we will be eternally grateful for all his devotion, time, leadership and wisdom to this organization.

He did state that the Cubs are doing very well, but the older Scouts are getting pretty thin in numbers. He and Pastor Sharon are hoping that some Cubs will bridge over to put new life into the older Scout troop.

OLD:

N/A

NEW:

Windows: Pastor Sharon, Kathy and John met with the window company and this is the information that they received.

The bathroom windows will be replaced at a cost of \$7000.00. The gentleman stated that the windows need to be up to code, which means that, if broken, they would break in chunks and not shards. They also have mold and this will be addressed as well.

We have a total of 17 windows. The total cost will be approximately \$40,800. New windows would save about 40% on heating costs. The windows/ screens have a lifetime warranty. New mold would also be addressed at no cost to us.

After much discussion it was decided to start a Window Fund campaign starting June 1. The total cost will we aim for is \$50,000. Details to follow.

Pastor Sharon also stated that the flowers/bushes in the Prayer Labyrinth aren't doing too well. Kathy suggested that Burl Knupp is a Master Gardner, perhaps we could ask him for advice. Some suggested soil testing. More information to follow.

Barbara motioned to adjourn, Ken seconded. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

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 – \$161.86 NF Senior Center

APRIL –

MAY –

JUNE –

JULY –

AUGUST -

SEPT -

OCTOBER –

NOVEMBER –

DECEMBER –

Sermon Titles for MAY

MAY- GROWING IN FAITH

MAY 11 - JUDGEMENT

MAY 18 – DAY OF THE LORD

MAY – WORSHIPING AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN

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 (NFMCC, 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 mothers and thank God for the blessings they have given us.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIBLE2SCHOOL PROGRAM – DURING WORSHIP MAY 4TH

LADIES TEA SATURDAY, MAY 10 1:00 PM

WOMEN'S CLUB MAY 15, 7:00 PM

PRAYER GROUP EVERY TUESDAY MORNING IN THE SANCTUARY 11:00 AM

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR MAY

MAY 4 – DANN JONES

MAY 11 – KEN HUGHES

MAY 18 – KATHY JONES

MAY 25 – AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN





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!



You are invited to a Women's Tea at the New Florence Methodist Church on Saturday, May 10 at 1:00 pm.

Sue Buckles, Herbalist will give a presentation on growing herbs & how to use them.

Bring your favorite tea cup. Invite a mother, friend, daughter, granddaughter. Wear a hat if you have one. Come and enjoy tea and fellowship together.



























Sign up at the church or call Paige for reservations 724-235-2662



| | | |
|---|----|-----------------------|
| 5 | 2 | Eric Bucklen |
| 5 | 4 | Emily Bucklen |
| 5 | 6 | Ronald Rummel |
| 5 | 8 | Paula Crusan |
| 5 | 10 | Charlotte Jones |
| 5 | 11 | Cara Blankenbicker |
| 5 | 18 | Jennifer Valentine |
| 5 | 21 | Kenneth Hollen |
| 5 | 24 | Ed Blankenbicker, Jr. |
| 5 | 25 | Terri Fuller |
| 5 | 30 | Carter Reyes |
| 5 | 31 | Sueann Hawkins |

| | | |
|---|----|---------------------------|
| 5 | 6 | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Koch |
| 5 | 21 | Mr. & Mrs. John Hayes |
| 5 | 22 | Mr. & Mrs. Paul Peters |
| 5 | 27 | Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stuart |
| 5 | 28 | Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Harvat |
| 5 | 29 | Mr. & Mrs. Mark Fuller |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | 1  SCOUTS 7:00 | 2  SCRAPBOOKING DAY | 3  PUBLIC RADIO DAY |
| 4  BIBLE2SCHOOL PROGRAM | 5  CINCO DE MAYO | 6 AA MEETING 12:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 | 7  ROAST LAMB OF LEG DAY | 8  SCOUTS 7:00 | 9  NO SOCKS DAY | 10  LADIES' TEA 1:00 |
| 11  MOTHER'S DAY | 12  NURSE'S DAY | 13 AA MEETING 12:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 | 14  CHICKEN DANCE DAY | 15  SCOUTS 7:00 WOMEN'S CIRCLE 7:00 | 16  LOVE A TREE DAY | 17  HOLLY LIGHTNER'S PIANO RECITAL |
| 18  MUSEUM DAY | 19 COUNCIL 7:00 | 20 AA MEETING 12:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 | 21  WAITERS & WAITRESS DAY | 22  SCOUTS 7:00 | 23  WORLD TUTLE DAY | 24  ESCARGOT DAY |
| 25  WORSHIP AT TRINITY | 26  MEMORIAL DAY | 27 AA MEETING 12:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 | 28  CELLOPHANE TAPE DAY | 29  SCOUTS 7:00 | 30  PAPER CLIP DAY | 31  MACAROON DAY |