

MARCH— 2025

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 17, 2025

7:00 pm

In attendance: Laura Huston, Pastor Sharon , Bruce Williams and Judie Shannon.

Meeting called to order by Bruce Williams. Due to the lack of attendance, Bruce suggested that we go around the table and share and concerns/questions we may have. We have no voting members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Laura stated that the budget has a shortfall this year. She also asked why we still use Staples to procure some of our custodial items. She said there are better sources to buy from. Note well taken. I'll do some searching at brick and mortar stores as well as the Internet.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Sharon informed us that her refrigerator's evaporator motor is shot and Krisay's will replace it ASAP. She has been using her back deck as her ICE box. AND her dryer is not heating

up. She stated that, if given approval, she will look for a washer/dryer combo. The current duo is approximately 20 years old.

A friend of Judie's, a retired electrician, said he would be glad to look at the parsonage upstairs bathroom lighting. They will connect on a time to do this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

I pray this letter finds you well and in good spirits.

By the time you receive this, we will have begun our Lenten journey. I hope this season of reflection has drawn you closer to God. This year, our Lenten offering will support two remarkable organizations—one local and one beyond our community—both dedicated to helping those in need: the New Florence Lions Club and Tunnel to Towers (T2T).

Locally, the New Florence Lions Club has been a true blessing to our area. They've provided coats to Laurel Valley Elementary School, backpacks to the Fairfield Boys' Club, and generous support to our Bible2School program. Who can forget their delicious contributions during New Florence Day or the brooms that help keep our homes tidy.

Our non-local mission, Tunnel to Towers, has been honoring America's heroes since 9/11. They provide mortgage-free homes to Gold Star families and fallen first responder families with young children, as well as specially adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. They also work tirelessly to end veteran homelessness and ensure we never forget September 11, 2001.

I invite you to prayerfully consider supporting these two worthy organizations with your Lenten offering. Both do incredible work to uplift others and would be greatly blessed by your generosity.

May God richly bless you,

Pastor Sharon

UPCOMING EVENTS



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT ARMAGH
METHODIST 6:30pm**

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 MARCH

MARCH 2 - SLAVES

MARCH 9 – MOSES' BIRTH

MARCH 16 – BURNING BUSH

MARCH 23 – FIRST PLAGUE

MARCH 30 – PLAGUES 2-4

BE STILL AND KNOW....

that God is your Healer. Our faith can be tested in times of sickness. It may be difficult to see God as you pray for healing. Feelings of abandonment can surface that make it difficult to hold tightly to faith. God may heal through prayer alone or through medical doctors and therapists. Both are his loving hand carrying you through times of sickness. How have you experienced God as Healer? What healing prayer are you waiting for God to answer? BE STILL AND BREATHE!

OUR CHURCH

Tithing:

We, as a church encourage you to mail 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:

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 MARCH

MARCH 2 – KEN HUGHES

MARCH 9 – KATHY HAYES

MARCH 16 – PATTY ALBAUGH

MARCH 23 – RICK WOZNIAK

MARCH 30 – ED KELEMEN



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!**



An old hymn declares:

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad.
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad. (Horatius Bonar, 1846) Many people these days feel exhausted by division, the news, hatred that seems louder than love. More than ever, we who are "weary, worn, and sad" need to hear Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest." Jesus wants to be our resting place — but not so we can hide forever from reality. Instead, he offers a place of refreshment where we can relax long enough to remember that not everything is bad; there is gospel to share. Not everything is hatred; God's love is stronger.

Resting in Jesus, we focus on God's goodness. We are reminded of love shown by kind people to those in trouble, bold voices speaking for justice, warm friendships that brighten our days. Gladdened by rest, we rise again. Jesus walks with us, as always. We can lean on him every step of the way.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



The Lenten desert



During the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year), Christians figuratively follow Jesus into the desert. Just as our Savior spent 40 days fasting and facing temptation, we focus on self-reflection and contrition.

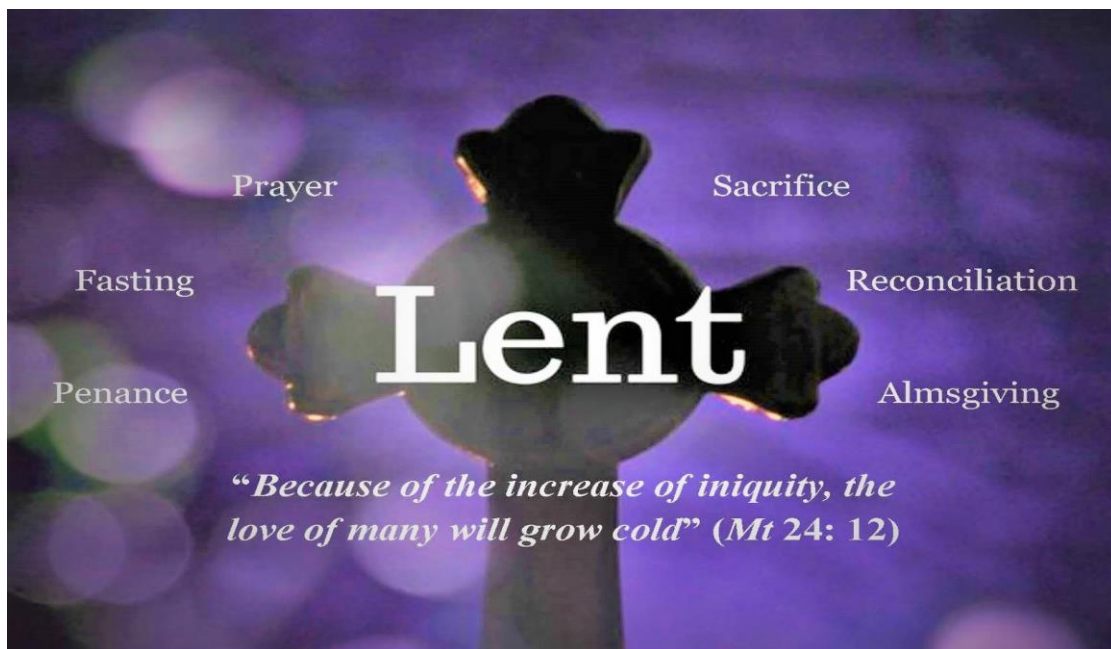
In an 1873 hymn, Claudia Hernaman wrote, "O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast. Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past."

The desert experience of Lent serves a clear purpose, filling us up rather than depleting us. "This is what Lent is meant to be," writes theologian Ron Rolheiser. "Time in the desert to courageously face the chaos and the demons within us and to let God do battle with them through us. The result is that we are purified, made ready, so the intoxicating joy of Easter might then bind us more closely to God and each other."



My simple need for Jesus' company, along with my complete trust in Him, delight Him. As I smile, I suspect Jesus is smiling too. He is PEACE, He is JOY. He alone is enough! Amen!

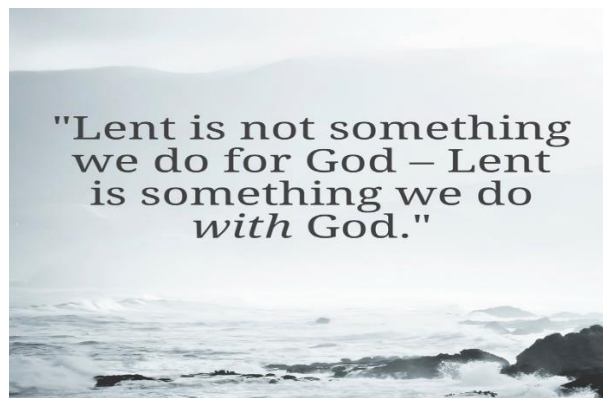
**SPEND TIME READING HIS WORD. IT WILL
CHANGE YOUR LIFE!**















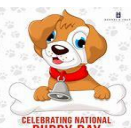








NO ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 4 Charles McAdams, Jr.
- 3 12 Annamarie Fuller
- 3 12 Dave Shannon
- 3 16 Jaleen Waugh
- 3 17 Patrick Fuller
- 3 18 Robert Albaugh
- 3 19 J.T. Blankenbicker
- 3 19 Evan Wozniak
- 3 23 Don Jones
- 3 23 Nancy Jones
- 3 25 Brian Penrose
- 3 29 Kerry Bryson
- 3 30 Paula Brown
- 3 31 Travis Miller



MARCH

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
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 ES DAY	3  PEACH BLOSSOM DAY	4 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	5  ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ARMAGH CHURCH	6  COUTS 7:00	7  WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	8
 SINGING TIME S	10  SALAVATION ARMY DAY	11 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	12 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL	13  SCOUTS 7:00	14  POTATO CHIP DAY	15
 KE DAY	17  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:0	19 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING  SCOUTS 7:00	21  PUPPY DAY	22
 L DAY	24  EARMUFFS DAY	25 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:0	26 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL	27  SCOUTS 7:00	28  BARNUM & BAILEY DAY	29
 DAY	31  CLAM IN A HALFSHELL DAY					