



**If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else,
you will have succeeded.**

—Maya Angelou

JULY 2026

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 15, 2026

7:00 PM

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

Bruce read from 1 Samuel 3: 1-10. A well-known piece of scripture. It was about God calling to Samuel several times and Samuel thinking it was Eli calling to him. Finally Eli realized that it was the Lord calling Samuel and directed Samuel to answer the next time God called. Bruce stated that he wonders how many times we hear a small voice, a nudge or a feeling and don't realize that it's the Lord talking to us. We ask that we are more aware of God's voice and listen.

MINUTES:

Minutes were read. Barbara made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Ken seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Laura said the windows are paid for. The taxes have been paid as well. The Scout trailer title is on its way. Laura had to do a lot of research to get this done. Ken said that our finances are going in the right direction.

Kathy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Barbara seconded. All in favor.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Sparkle Day was good. The church grounds look so much better. Thanks to all who helped.

We had a Funnel Cake/ Prayer Table for New Florence Community Days. We did really well with the funnel cakes, but sadly ran out of batter. More next year. The Prayer Table was a success. Prayers were said for many. Thanks to all who helped. We will do it again next year. We were asked if we would be interested in selling the cakes for the New Florence Craft Day on Sept. 26. We will.

The Kids Ice Bucket Challenge is moving along. To date we have \$372.90.

Pastor Sharon will have a "Blessing of the Bikes" at the New Florence Fire Hall on June 20th.

Annual Conference is June 24-27th. Pastor Sharon will be attending. Paula Blankenbicker will be attending as well.

The Circuit Meeting will be held here on July 8th from 9:30 – 11:30.

SPRC:

Ken stated that they are still working on the Pastor Policy. The next meeting is June 29.

TRUSTEES:

Sparkle Day went well. We had 8 attend. There is still a list of things that need done. Ken will have it circulate through the congregation again to have people sign up for specific tasks and they can do them at their own pace. The pressure release valve on the furnace will be looked at. Ken thinks that he and JT can address the problem. If not, it will have to be contracted out. The cracks on the wall in the sanctuary appears to be getting larger to some. We will keep an eye on things as we figure out the next steps to take. The new water cooler has arrived.

MISSIONS:

The date for the Food Delivery to the Manor has been changed. More info to follow.

WORSHIP:

The fire for Pentecost was great and very inspirational.

SCOUTS:

The Scout Yard Sale made approximately \$1200.00. There was a lot of neat stuff this year. Paula G. stated that the only thing she would recommend is that they make sure there is a wide enough path in the Fellowship Hall for those using a wheelchair.

OLD:

Pastor Sharon is working on the 250 Celebration Block Party. It will be August 1st at the New Florence Playground. We will be asking for donations to cover the cost of the pizza, music, paper products, etc. She will send out letters to the community. Kathy suggested that she inquire about getting flags to distribute. She will check with Rep. Rossi.

New:

N/A

Ken motioned to adjourn. Kathy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

IN EVERY SEASON, TURN TO GOD



Are you enjoying a happy time? *Praise God.*
Is life becoming difficult? *Seek God.*
Are you experiencing a quiet moment? *Worship God.*
Are you suffering great pain? *Trust God.*
Are you unsure what to do? *Ask God.*
Are you overwhelmed with joy? *Thank God.*

JULY HAPPENINGS

JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY!

JULY 5TH HOLY COMMUNION

JULY 6TH MISSIONS 1:00

ELECTRONIC TITHING

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 \$194.92

APRIL – Wesley Woods \$304.05

MAY – Homes for our Troops - \$243.86

JUNE – New Florence Fire Department (water)

JULY – New Florence Library

AUGUST – Camp Allegheny

SEPTEMBER – Tunnels to Towers

OCTOBER – Breast Cancer Research Foundation

NOVEMBER – Squirrel Hunt Club

DECEMBER – Make a Wish

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR JULY

JULY 5 JUDIE SHANNON

JULY 12 NANCY CALDWELL

JULY 19 PEGGY GROSS

JULY 26 GINA GASIOR

Sermon Titles for JULY

JULY 5 ONE BODY – GROWING IN UNITY

JULY 12 GLOBAL VISION – GROWING IN OUTREACH

JULY 19 EQUAL VOICES – GROWING IN INCLUSION

JULY 26 PARTNERS – GROWING IN COLLABORATION

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 & BLESSINGS:

Thank you for answered prayers!

Pray for those who are searching for answers

Pray for continued growth in our church.

Pray for all wars to cease.

Pray for your family and friends daily.

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

WHO WAS BARTHOLOMEW?

Among the twelve disciples, Bartholomew remains one of the more intriguing figures, known more through connections than detailed accounts. Though he is not named in the Gospel of John, many scholars believe he is the same person as Nathanael, who appears only in John's Gospel.

This connection is often made because Philip introduces Nathanael to Jesus in John, while Bartholomew is consistently listed alongside Philip in Matthew, Mark and Luke. When Nathanael meets Jesus, the Lord declares, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" (John 1:47, NKJV).

Outside of Scripture, early church historian Eusebius provides one of the earliest references to Bartholomew's ministry. He records that Bartholomew brought a Hebrew version of Matthew's Gospel to believers in India. Tradition also holds that Bartholomew preached in regions such as Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt and Armenia.

His death is remembered as a martyrdom. According to longstanding tradition, Bartholomew was either beheaded or flayed alive and then crucified upside down. His life and witness reflect bold faith and enduring commitment to the Gospel.

WHY ME?

When we're faced with unexpected hardship, our first impulse is often to ask, "Why me, O God? Why me?"

Yet when a blessing comes our way, we receive it with gratitude and rarely ask the same question: "Why me, O God? Why me?"



SUNFLOWER — The sunflower, a symbol of faithfulness and devotion, represents a life turned toward God. Just as the flower follows the sun, believers are called to seek the light of Christ and remain focused on Him.

Its bright bloom reflects the joy and glory of God's presence, while its steady growth points to a life rooted in faith. The many seeds of the sunflower can also symbolize spiritual fruitfulness.

In Christian symbolism, the sunflower reminds us to remain steadfast, to seek God daily and to reflect His light in all we do.

JULY

BIRTHDAYS

7	11	Megan Bennett
7	11	Heath Perry
7	12	Wayne Armel
7	13	Danielle Clawson
7	18	Ron Leary, Sr.
7	20	Evan Albaugh
7	21	Gregory Crusan
7	22	Barbara Lynne
7	23	Jane Farnam
7	24	Joshua Hamley
7	25	Brody Bradley
7	27	Todd Bucklen
7	27	Elizabeth Zakucia
7	28	Julie Ann Johnstone
7	30	Nancy Jones

ANNIVERSARIES

7	5	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Berezansky
7	14	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Crusan
7	29	Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Warner



**Walk by faith,
one step at a time.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 International Chicken Wing Day	2 SCOUTS 7:00	3 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE WAFER DAY	4 HAPPY 4th OF JULY
5 THE LORD'S SUPPER	6 MISSIONS 1:00	7 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 BIBLE DISCUSSION 7:00	8 BE A KID AGAIN DAY shutterstock.com • 2116129099	9 SCOUTS 7:00	10 NATIONAL KITTEN DAY	11 WORLD Population DAY
12 HAPPY ETCH A SKETCH DAY	13 INTER NATIONAL ROCK DAY	14 PRAYER GROUP 11:00	15 NATIONAL GUMMY WORM DAY	16 SCOUTS 7:00	17 WORLD EMOJI DAY	18 NATIONAL CAVIAR DAY
19 NATIONAL FOOTBALL DAY	20 HAPPY Friendship DAY	21 PRAYER GROUP 11:00	22 National Hammock Day	23 SCOUTS 7:00	24 NATIONAL Drive Thru Day	25 Celebrate NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY
26 National Tree Day	27 NATIONAL CHICKEN FINGER DAY JULY 27	28 PRAYER GROUP 11:00	29 National Lipstick Day Stock Creek the Endless	30 SCOUTS 7:00	31 NATIONAL AVOCADO DAY JULY 31	