



**MARCH -2026**

**HOLY COMMUNION MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2026

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

Bruce read from Leviticus 27: 26-34. This passage dealt with offerings. It was a rather disturbing reading. You are to give the 10% of everything you have, your grain, your fruits, etc. "No human beings who have been devoted to destruction can be ransomed; they shall be put to death." (Leviticus 29). We don't think of God in such a scary manner. The point of this segment, we think, is to take our offerings seriously.

**MINUTES:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Laura stated that we cannot pay the total Connectional Giving all at once to receive our 5% discount. We will make the monthly payments. She also asked how we will pay Josh for snow shoveling. It will be the same as for the grass cutting contract. He kept track of times shoveled and will be paid per shoveling. Paula made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. John seconded. All in favor.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Pastor Sharon has the Lenten Reading done and ready for the congregation. She sent it via email and also has hard copies in the office.

She will have a Christianity 101 class starting February 24 at 7:00. All are welcome.

The "Did you know?" slides are really nice and will be rotated on an every other week basis.

Our weekly prayer times are going well, both the Tuesday and Sunday groups.

The Web Site is up to date. Thank you, Pastor Sharon.

Our End of Summer Community Worship service will be September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. It will be at the New Florence playground. We will be having communion and a special guest speaker. A picnic will follow.

We will be having a Funnel Cake booth at New Florence Days. The specific details are still in progress.

Bible2School, being that it falls on Ash Wednesday, Pastor Sharon said she would like to offer the kiddos ashes.

There will be, tentatively, a blessing of the bikes, bicycles, motorcycles, etc. on May 17 with June 7 as the alternate date if the weather is bad.

### **SPRC:**

Ken said the "Employee Luncheon" covered dish, scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> is coming along.

### **TRUSTEE'S REPORT:**

Ken stated that the new door knobs will be installed in the next couple of weeks. John gave Ken the keys that he had as Trustee chair. A question was asked about the basement door being locked. John said that it was always locked from the outside, but can always be opened from the inside. John and Sharon met with the Elevette man. He said the cold weather moves springs, etc. and that was the issue. Nothing we can do to prevent it. John gave us two phone numbers for Total Mobility. Ken asked about inspections. John said they automatically come and do them. Pastor Sharon said that Rick Wozniak added a LifeVac instrument to our safety equipment. This is used to help choking victims. Rick demonstrated the proper use, however, he reminded us that the universal choking procedures are to be used first. Thank you Rick for your expertise.

### **MISSIONS:**

Shoebox Craft Day will be March 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00

The Bolivar Easter Egg Hunt will be March 28 and will be inside this year.

The Ladies Tea is May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00

### **WORSHIP & NUTURE:**

The Lenten Services are scheduled with ours being on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We will need snacks.

The altar will be prepared for the Lenten/Easter season.

The Children's Chime Choir is coming along.

### **SCOUTS:**

Our Scout Sunday was very nice.

The Cubs will be using our building once again starting soon. There are about 12 Cubs at present. The Cub Master has been to the elementary school describing scouting. He thinks he has a few who would like to join. There are a few Cubs ready to move to the higher scouting ranks.

John stated that he would be willing to help out from time to time.

### **OLD:**

The CCLI licenses needs to be renewed. Pastor Sharon explained how this works and says it's not a huge project, but if we continue, she would like to have someone else take over the process. Some discussion and not a concrete answer, so this will be tabled until the next meeting.

### **NEW:**

In conjunction with the NF Library we will be hosting an "America 250" concert on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Holly Lightner will have her Piano Recital here on May 16 at 4:00.

We will have our second Spaghetti Dinner on April 11. Time to be determined.

Annual Conference in Ohio will be June 24 – June 27, 2026

Pastor Sharon was concerned about not having a Nominating Committee. Will work on it.

The AA group will no longer be using the Fellowship Hall. Ed Kelemen stated that the attendance has dwindled to no one coming. We are sorry to see them go.

Paula Blankenbicker has volunteered to be our Lay Leader. Kathy motioned that we accept Paula Blankenbicker to be our new Lay Leader as of March 1, 2026. Barbara seconded. All in favor. Thank you, Paula.

No other business.

John motioned to adjourn. Paula Blankenbicker seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

## **"MARCH HAPPENINGS"**

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> – EMPLOYEE "Thank You" luncheon – after church – bring a covered dish.**

**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> – Craft Day for Shoeboxes 11:00 – 1:00**

**MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> – Bolivar Easter Egg Hunt**

**MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> – PALM SUNDAY!**

## 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 \$130.65**

**FEBRUARY – Four Footed Friends \$151.38**

**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 MARCH*

MARCH 1– DISCIPLESHIP – GROWING IN COMMITMENT

MARCH 8 – REPENTENCE – GROWING IN FORGIVENESS

MARCH 15 – SUFFERING – GROWING IN HOLINESS

MARCH 22 – THE CROSS – GROWING IN SACRIFICE

MARCH 29 – TRIUMPHAL ENTRY – GROWING IN PRAISE

## **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:**

Pray for continued growth in our church.

Pray for your family and friends daily.

Pray for those who question God's existence.

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



### **THE LINUS GROUP**

**THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION TO OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS. WE USE DONATIONS FOR SUPPLIES TO MAKE BLANKETS AND QUILTS FOR KIDS.**

**SHIRLEY LAMANTIA AND GROUP**

# LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

**MARCH 1 – KEN HUGHES**

**MARCH 8 – KATHY HAYES**

**MARCH 15 – JUDIE SHANNON**

**MARCH 22 – RAE PALMER**

**MARCH 29 – ZAPORAH MONTANO**

## **FOLLOWING CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF HUMBLE SERVICE**



On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus gathered with his friends to celebrate the Passover. During the supper, Jesus rose from the table, poured water into a basin, and went from man to man washing the disciples' feet and drying them with a towel. Peter protested, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." Peter relented and asked Christ to wash his hands and head as well (see John 13:1-16).

Afterward, Jesus said to his friends, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:14-15, NKJV).

On Maundy Thursday, let us remember Christ's command and his example of humility, service and love.

## **ADDRESSED TO GOD**

A letter written in a childish scrawl arrived at the post office addressed simply to "God." Unsure what to do, a postal employee opened it and read: "Dear God, my name is Jimmy. I am 6 years old. My father is dead, and my mother is having a hard time raising me and my sister. Would you please send us \$500?"

Moved by the boy's plea, the employee shared the letter with coworkers, and together they collected \$300 to send to the family.

A couple of weeks later, another letter arrived. Jimmy thanked God for the money and added one final request: "Next time would you please deliver the money directly to our home? If you send it through the post office, they deduct \$200."



- 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 Donald Jones
- 3 24 Yvonne Decker
- 3 25 Brian Penrose
- 3 29 Kerry Bryson
- 3 29 Susan Buckles
- 3 30 Paula Brown
- 3 31 Travis Miller

## NO ANNIVERSARIES



# HELLO March

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| 1<br>COMMUNION<br><br>EMPLOYEE LUNCHEON<br><br>LENTEN SERVICE AT BETHEL 6:30                            | 2<br><br><b>MISSIONS 1:00</b>  | 3<br><br><b>PRAYER GROUP 11:00</b><br><b>BELLS 6:00</b><br><b>BIBLE DISCUSSION 7:00</b>                         | 4<br>NATIONAL WALTZ DAY<br>               | 5<br><br>SCOUTS 7:00    | 6<br><br>World Day of Prayer          | 7<br>CRAFT DAY FOR SHOEBOXES<br>11:00 -1:00  |
| 8<br><br>LENTEN SERVICE HERE AT 6:30  | 9<br><br>NATIONAL NAPPING DAY               | 10<br><br><b>PRAYER GROUP 11:00</b><br><b>BELLS 6:00</b>  | 11<br>WORLD DREAM DAY<br>                | 12<br><br>SCOUTS 7:00  | 13<br>The Good Samaritan<br>        | 14<br>FRIDAY, MARCH 14<br>National Write Your Story Day<br> |
| 15<br>LENTEN SERVICE ROBINDALE UNION CHURCH 6:30  | 16<br><br><b>COUNCIL 7:00</b>  | 17<br><br><b>PRAYER GROUP 11:00</b><br><b>BELLS 6:00</b>  | 18<br><br>NATIONAL SLOPPY JOE DAY       | 19<br><br>SCOUTS 7:00 | 20<br>WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?<br> | 21<br>ABSOLUTELY <i>incredible</i> KID DAY®  |
| 22<br>LENTEN SERVICE AT ROBINSON CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN 6:30  | 23<br><br>NATIONAL PUPPY DAY<br>MARCH 23    | 24<br><br><b>PRAYER GROUP 11:00</b><br><b>BELLS 6:00</b>  | 25<br><br>AMERICAN RED CROSS GIVING DAY | 26<br><br>SCOUTS 7:00 | 27<br>National Skipping Day<br>     | 28<br><br><br>BOLIVAR EASTER EGG HUNT                       |
| 29<br>Palm Sunday<br> | 30<br>NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY<br>30 MARCH<br> | 31<br>National Tater Day<br> |  |   |  |  |

