

BECAUSE OF
God
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STRONGER. SAVED
Hopeful. Loved
FORGIVEN. FOUND
Blessed. Inspired

MAY 2026



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2026

7:00 PM

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

Bruce read from Joshua 1: 1-9

God tells Joshua that if you listen to me all will go well. If Israel listens to you as you speak my words all will go well. I will always be with you.

May we listen and obey God always.

MINUTES:

Minutes read from last month. Barbara motioned to accept the minutes as read, with a few minor changes. Kathy seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Parsonage bathroom windows need paid off. We can make 5 monthly payments of \$557.00 to avoid any interest. Paula motioned to make these payments. Ken seconded. All in favor.

Church Mutual in canceling the trailer insurance. We need to find the title by June 7th.

Scouts will need coverage before camp.

Ken will look into paper work for a new title.

Ken motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Barbara seconded. All in favor.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Holy week/Seder Meal went well

Pastor Sharon preached at Seward Methodist on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday Service was beautiful and went very well. The Children's Chimes and Araina were fantastic. It was wonderful to see a full church. (Let's try to make this a normal event).

America 250 Concert was nice and enjoyed by all who came (about 35 present). Paula mentioned that she was happy to hear that the two singers were going to sing a Native American work song over a Native American worship song. She found that very respectful to both out church and to the Native Americans. The singers were very attentive to the little things.

Pastor Sharon would love to have more community events in the future.

Bible2School will end April 29th. The B2S program will be held here during worship service on May 3rd. Pastor Sharon said that it was a good year, but the staff is tired. We thank them for all their hard work.

The Healing Service will be April 26th during worship.

Pastor Sharon will preach at Laurel View on May 3rd.

PTO Carnival is May 15 at LVE. We will need helpers. Rain date May 22nd.

The Ladies Tea is May 16th.

Holly Lightner's Recital is May 16th at 4:00 pm.

Blessing of the Bikes is May 17th. We will need food for after service. Pastor Sharon is asking for hot dogs, buns, chips and water. She will bless both motorcycles and peddle bikes. The peddle bikes will be in the sanctuary. Precautions will be taken to protect the carpet.

The Fire Hall will also have a blessing of the Bikes on June 20th. Pastor Sharon is not changing our date for two reasons.

1. There is about a month between the two events.
2. Some bikers might not want to step into a church so the fire department is another option.

SPRC:

We filled out our church profile. The meeting to fill it out went well and the answer to the questions helped us to see areas where we shine and areas where we need to improve in our ministry.

TRUSTEES:

The lawn tractor is running rough. Dann knows and is going to order needed part. The boiler is still leaking. Ken believes it is the pressure release valve. He has done the suggested things to hopefully stop the leaking. If those things do not work he will replace the needed part. The water cooler died. We realized that we got about 8 years out of it. There was a discussion whether we should purchase another one. We found that the cooler gets a lot of use throughout the week and it is worth getting another one. Ken motioned that we use funds from the Charles Hurt Fund to purchase a new one. This is perfect as Mr. Hurt helped create the Coffee Area, which was dedicated to his wife and mother. Paula seconded. All in favor.

Sparkle Day will be May 23rd, 9:00 – 12:00. There will be a clipboard list sent around the church with the chores that need to be done. We will encourage the church to sign up and help so we can make our church shine inside and out.

MISSIONS:

The final touches of the Ladies' Tea is being done.

WORSHIP:

Thank you to all who set up and tore down the Holy Week and Easter decorations.
Thank you, Kathy for preaching on April 19. Job well done!

SCOUTS:

“Scouting for Food” collected a little over 200 items for our food pantry.
The Scouts will hold a yard sale during New Florence Days. If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them to the church basement.

OLD:

Money was given to Barry and Sandy. They sent Pastor Sharon a digital Thank You card. They were very thankful and said it came at the perfect time. It was much appreciated.

NEW:

Pastor Sharon mentioned that she is trying to see if there is an interest in putting together a community America 150 Block Party. There has been some interest. There are some businesses who have stated that they are willing to help.

The big unknown is the cost of the food. Pending the answers received from Fox's, Biggenz and Ligonier Street Café will determined if this event will happen or not. Pastor Sharon is hoping to have answers by next month. Also the event will happen either the end of June or start of August.

No other business to discuss.

Ken motioned to adjourn. Barbara seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

MAY HAPPENINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH BIBLE DISCUSSION 7:00

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH MOTHER'S DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH LIVE CARNIVAL 3:30 START

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH LADIES TEA 1:00-3:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH HOLLY LIGHTNER'S RECITAL 4:00

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH BLESSING OF THE BIKES

SATURDAY, MAY 23 SPARKLE DAY 9:00 – 12:00

**SUNDAY, MAY 24TH COMMUNITY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE @
NFM**

MONDAY, MAY 25TH MEMORIAL DAY!



COME JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MAY 23RD TO HELP OUR CHURCH "SPARKLE". WE WILL BE DOING SOME YARD CLEAN UP, SANCTUARY CLEAN UP AND SOME GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING. SHARE A FEW HOURS WITH US TO HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH AND SURROUNDING GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL!

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

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

Sermon Titles for MAY

MAY 3 TRINITY: GROWING IN MYSTERY

MAY 10 FATHER: GROWING IN CREATION

MAY 17 SON: GROWING IN REDEMPTION

MAY 24: SPIRIT: GROWING IN UNITY

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 your family and friends daily.

Pray for our leaders to make good decisions.

Pray for those who question God's existence.

Pray for all wars to cease.

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

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR MAY

MAY 3 PEGGY GROSS

MAY 10 GINA GASIOR

MAY 17 KEN HUGHES

MAY 24 KATHY HAYES

MAY 31

From Gratitude to Faithful Praise



Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. May you talk with God every day.





BIRTHDAYS

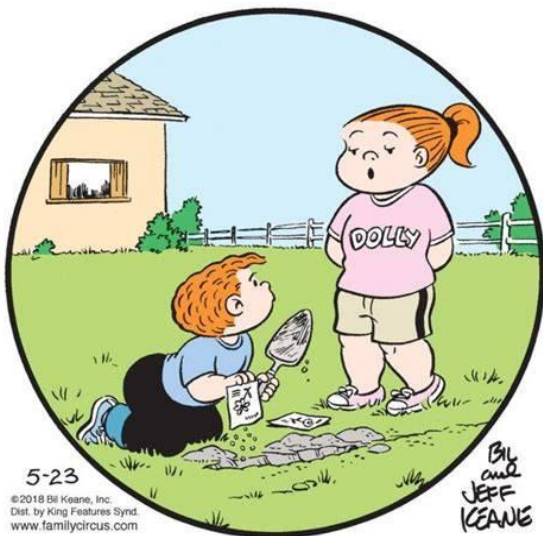
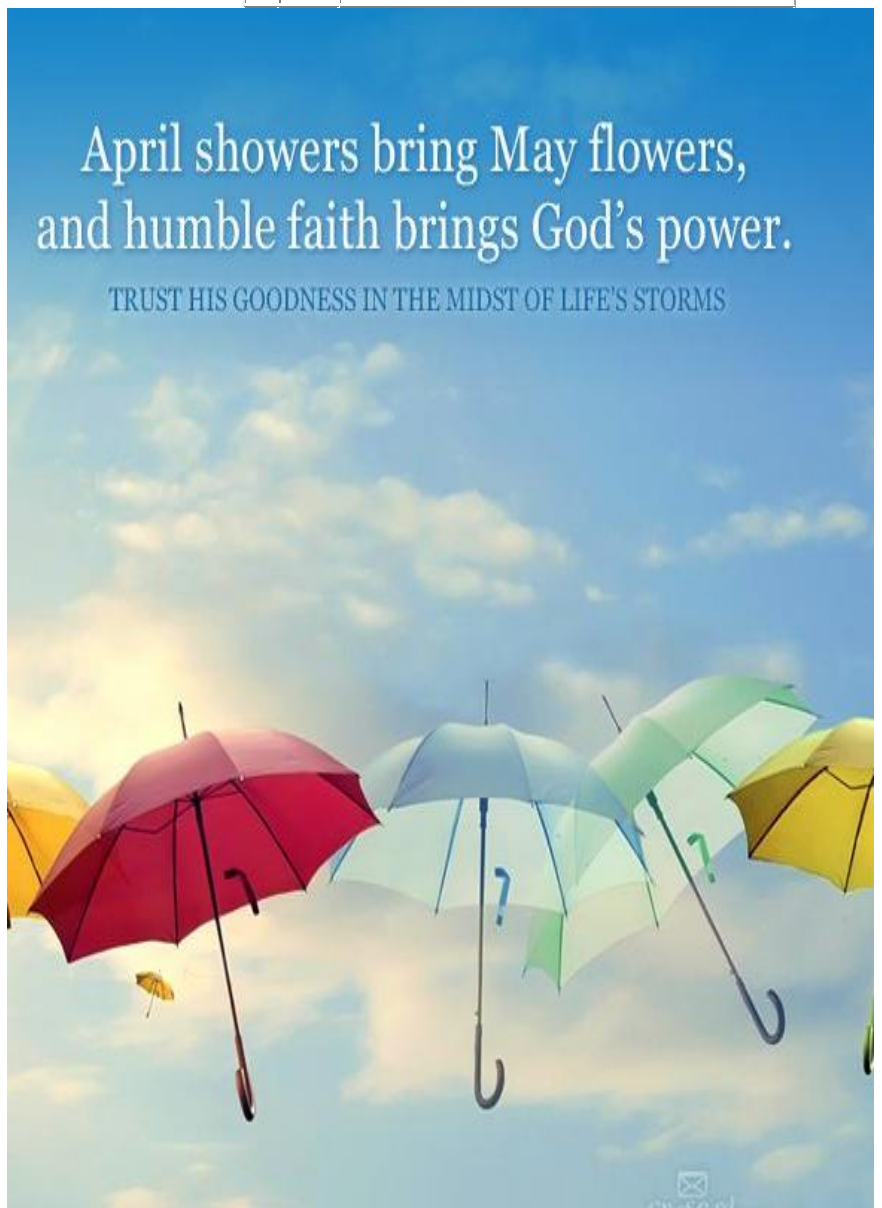
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5	8	Paula Crusan
5	10	Charlotte Jones
5	11	Cara Blankenbicker
5	18	Jenn Valentine
5	21	Kenneth Hollen
5	21	Tabitha Leary
5	24	Edward Blankenbicker, Jr.
5	25	Terri Fuller
5	30	Carter Reyes
5	31	Sueann Hawkins

ANNIVERSARIES

5	6	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Koch
5	21	Mr. & Mrs. John Hayes
5	22	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Peters
5	27	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stuart

April showers bring May flowers,
and humble faith brings God's power.

TRUST HIS GOODNESS IN THE MIDST OF LIFE'S STORMS




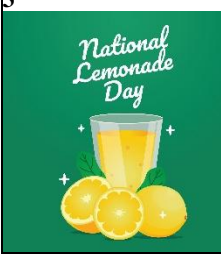










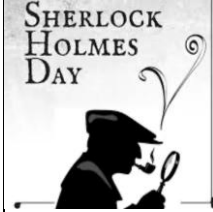



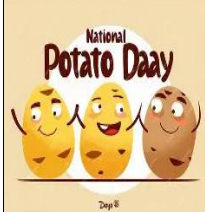
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**"If you really want them to grow fast,
you hafta say a prayer to
your gardening angel."**

Hello May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 	4 	5 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 BELLS 6:00 BIBLE DISCUSSION 7:00	6 	7  SCOUTS 7:00	8 	9 
10 	11  Looking for a Hostess with the Mostess!!	12 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 BELLS 6:00	13 	14  SCOUTS 7:00	15  Grow up Days	16  Recital
17 Blessing OF THE Bikes	18 	19 PRAYER GROUP 11:00 BELLS 6:00	20  World Bee Day	21  SCOUTS 7:00	22  SHERLOCK HOLMES DAY	23  WORLD TURTLE DAY
24  WORSHIPPING WITH TRINITY	25  MEMORIAL DAY	26 PRAYER GROUP 11:00	27  National Flip-Flop Day	28  SCOUTS 7:00	29  National Paperclip Day	30  National Potato Day