



JANUARY – 2025

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

(NO COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER)

Socks of any size (remember these are elementary kiddos)

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9 – Chicken Noodle Soup Sale

(we will be making the soup on February 8th)

MLK ON WHAT REALLY MATTERS



Exactly two months before his assassination, Martin Luther King Jr. preached his final sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. On February 4, 1968, the civil-rights icon spoke about how he wanted to be remembered at his funeral. He preferred that people recall not his education or achievements but that he “tried to give his life serving others” and “tried to love somebody.”

Adapting a 1952 homily by J. Wallace Hamilton, King decried the “drum major instinct — a desire to be out front, a desire to lead the parade.” Humans often want to be great and first, as evidenced by the disciples James and John requesting prime seats in paradise. But King urged listeners to focus on the “reordered priorities” of Jesus, who wants us to “be first in love.”

As Jesus showed, “everybody can serve,” King said. Your background or status doesn’t matter, as long as you have “a heart full of grace” and “a soul generated by love.”

CHANGE – FOR - CHANGE

JANUARY – ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION - \$75.40

FEBRUARY – SCOUTS - \$109.71

MARCH – NF LIBRARY - \$294.62

APRIL – FOUR FOOTED FRIENDS - \$173.05

MAY – COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL – \$97.38

JUNE – CUB SCOUTS – \$133.28

JULY – JOEY’S JACKETS - \$132.36

AUGUST – LINUS PROJECT - \$148.15

SEPT - INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS - \$168.59

OCTOBER – NEW FLORENCE VFW – \$139.93

NOVEMBER – WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – \$149.56

DECEMBER -

Sermon Titles for JANUARY

JANUARY – 5 Isaiah’s call

JANUARY – 12 God our refuge

JANUARY 19 – The Lord, our help

JANUARY – 26 God’s people comforted

OUR CHURCH

Tithing:

Thank you for being so faithful in your giving. Just a reminder that 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.

We were blessed by having a beautiful wedding at our church over Christmas!

Prayers for a happy, healthy NEW YEAR!

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.

HOPES GREAT AND SMALL

“The Christian lives with three hopes, two great and one small,” writes Bryan Wolfmueller. In his “Wednesday What-Not” blog, the pastor explains: “Our first great hope is in Christ our Redeemer, whose death and resurrection are our forgiveness, life, salvation and great hope. Our second great hope is in Christ the King returning soon to judge the living [and] the dead, and establish the new heaven and earth where the righteous dwell. This is our hope for the resurrection and the life of the world to come.”

Amazingly, there’s more! “Sandwiched between these two great hopes is our small hope, our lesser hope, our hope for tomorrow, our hope that we might begin to love and serve our neighbor, and do some little something to bless the people around us,” Wolfmueller continues. “This is the hope that energizes our vocations, that motivates

our love, and that is the reason we make New Year's resolutions. We hope that we might do something a little bit better tomorrow than we did yesterday."

The pastor concludes, "If this was our only hope, it would be despair. But sandwiched between the love of Christ and the joy of the resurrection, this little hope is wonderful, and certainly not to be despised."



LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

JANUARY 5 – PATTY ALBAUGH

JANUARY 12 – JUDIE SHANNON

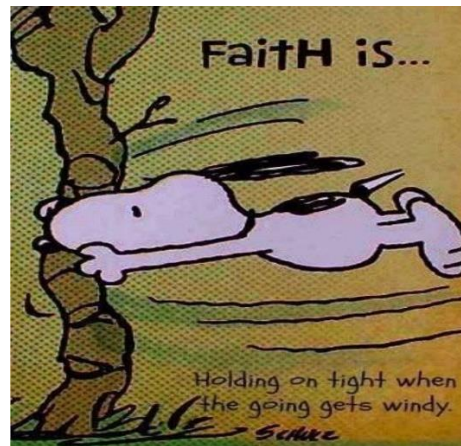
JANUARY 19 – RICK WOZNIAK

JANUARY 26 – ED KELEMEN

Prayer Chain



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!**



NONE!

1	5	William Walch
1	8	Kristen Teeter
1	10	Emily Albaugh
1	10	Todd Hepner
1	12	Burl Knupp
1	13	Mary Ann Caldwell
1	17	Erika Falbo
1	17	Aubrey Fuller
1	27	Megan Morrow
1	27	Ryder Warren
1	28	Darlene Peters

January

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 SCOUTS 7:00	3 MOTIVATION DAY	4 T
 DAY	6 WEIGH IN DAY	7 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	8 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL	9 SCOUTS 7:00	10 BUBBLEBATH DAY	11 A
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 DAY	20 TIN CAN DAY	21 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:0	22 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL	23 SCOUTS 7:00	24 PUZZEL DAY	25 Q
 S DAY	27 NOTHING DAY	28 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:0	29 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL	30 SCOUTS 7:00	31 CHINESE NEW YEAR	