

Prayer is bringing  
your wishes and worries  
to God; faith is leaving  
them there.



**AUGUST 2024**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!**

**WE ARE ONE YEAR OLD AS A GMC  
CHURCH ON AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>**

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

### “New Screen” Meeting

June 23, 2024

(NOT APPROVED)

Meeting immediately after service. Pastor Sharon described the issue we have with the screen we have at present. The lightbulb is burned out and the unit itself is out dated. The picture is faded out when the sun shines and some words are lost in the process.

She stated that she had a gentleman come in on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to give us an estimate and explain how his system would work. Dann Jones, Ken Hughes and Pastor Sharon were present. The new system consists of three 85 inch screens and would work with wireless control. The longevity of the system would be many years and as the gentleman said, “It will outlive us.” The cost would be approximately \$6500.00. Bruce stated that we would have to take the money out of savings and then replace it with donations, fund raisers, etc. Pastor Sharon said she will be able easily work with this system.

The congregation had many questions:

Would it be cheaper to replace lightbulb and projector instead of new items?

How and where would the screens be place?

Will we have someone to contact if we have issues?

How long will this take?

After much discussion a motion was made by Ken Hughes to proceed with the purchase of 3 screens and any other material needed to replace our current system and the money to be replaced by donations, fund raisers, etc.

Gina Gasior seconded it.

A vote was taken. All in favor.

Ken will be in charge of this project and thanked all for wanting to modernize our beautiful church.

Bruce thanked the congregation.

Meeting adjourned.

Judie Shannon  
Church Secretary

May your month of August  
be filled with wonderful  
blessings of good health,  
love, peace, happiness and  
prosperity.

Read Love  
And Learn



## A NEW FEATURE

WE WILL BE PLACING OUR “CHANGE FOR CHANGE” OFFERING AMOUNT IN THE NEWSLETTER AND IN THE FIRST BULLETIN OF EACH MONTH. WE HAVE BEEN SO BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE DESERVING ORGANIZATIONS. THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING OUR “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**

### **GOD'S GIFT OF MUSIC**



What helps you sort out what you're feeling, or experience an emotion more deeply? What allows you to let loose and cry, or fully celebrate when you're joyful? Nature helps some of us get in touch with our feelings, perhaps because it removes us from screens and other distractions.

But when getting out isn't possible — no mountain lake is nearby, or the weather isn't tranquil — consider the gift of music. Often instrumental or vocal music helps us access the depths of our soul like nothing else can. God may even speak to us through music — whether in song lyrics, our own inner thoughts or wordless stirrings of the heart.

Albert Schweitzer, a pastor, musicologist, physician and more, said, "Joy, sorrow, tears, lamentation, laughter — to all these music gives voice, but in such a way that we are transported from the world of unrest to a world of peace, and see reality in a new way, as if we were sitting by a mountain lake and contemplating hills and woods and clouds in the tranquil and fathomless water."

Make some playlists for various emotions: joy, grief, anxiety, hope. Then imagine yourself relaxing in nature, and experience God's love.



Dear New Florence MC,

Thank you for participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign at Precious Life! Your grand total came to **\$433.28**. We are so grateful for your continued prayers and support.

Jodi Boyd

## **Sermon Titles for AUGUST**

**AUGUST 4 - Ezekiel**

**AUGUST 11 - Ezekiel**

**AUGUST 18 - Ezekiel**

**AUGUST 25 - Ezekiel**

### **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 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 that God continues to answer our prayers for healing.

Pray, just pray!

Be honest with God in your prayers. He knows everything anyhow and he loves you just the way you are!

Pray that we hear that gentle and soft voice of God directing our path. He is faithful.

Pray that the new school year is a safe and happy one for students and staff.

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



### **A short prayer for honesty**

Almighty God, I come before You today to ask for the gift of honesty. Help me to always speak the truth, act with integrity, and be transparent in all my dealings. May my words and actions reflect Your goodness and righteousness, and may I be a shining example of honesty to those around me. I ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

## **LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST**

**AUGUST 4 – DANN JONES**

**AUGUST 11 – KATHY HAYES**

**AUGUST 18 – PATTY ALBAUGH**

**AUGUST 25 – RICK WOZNIAK**



**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!**

**A song I like says, "Oh child, don't you know I love just as you are!  
He does, and isn't it wonderful!!!"**



### **A DAY AWAY IN A QUIET PLACE**

Maya Angelou said, "Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us." Similarly, when Jesus' disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31, NIV).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek "a day away" not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away — not just alone, but *with him* — to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with a friend. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and

silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28, NIV).



- 8 4 Samantha Anderson
- 8 5 Harold Rummel
- 8 7 Araina Hamley
- 8 9 Sophia Gemas
- 8 13 Dorothy Ferris
- 8 13 Sydney Miller
- 8 14 Diane Cramer
- 8 16 Paula Blankenbicker
- 8 17 Ashleigh Bowman
- 8 17 Madelyn Roberts
- 8 17 Judie Shannon
- 8 17 Bonnie Trimble
- 8 19 Richard Ray
- 8 23 Gabriel Valentine
- 8 25 Donna Bryson
- 8 26 Gina Gasior
- 8 28 Kaden Valentine
- 8 30 Kathryn Bartlebaugh
- 8 30 Betty Houston

- 8 2 Mr. & Mrs. Gina Gasior
- 8 2 Mr. & Mrs. Dave Shannon
- 8 8 Mr. & Mrs. Adam Clawson
- 8 8 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Little
- 8 15 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wozniak
- 8 26 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Albaugh

### **Prayer from the heart**

John Bunyan said, "In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart." A story told by a 19th-century Jewish rabbi shares the same idea: A disheveled old man entered a synagogue for the first time. Not realizing he was holding the prayer book upside down, he tried to follow the congregation's singing, but his words were incorrect. Finally, he simply looked toward heaven, repeating one Hebrew word over and over.

After worship, some people complained to the rabbi, "Why didn't you ask him to leave?" He replied, "That man said more to God with his one word than some of us will ever say in our whole lives. God hears the words of the heart."



# August



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				1 SCOUTS 7:00	2 3
5		6 AA Meeting 12:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00	7	8 SCOUTS 7:00	9 10
12		13 AA Meeting 12:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00	14	15 SCOUTS 7:00	16 17
19		20 AA Meeting 12:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00	21	22 SCOUTS 7:00	23 24
26		27 AA Meeting 12:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00	28	29 SCOUTS 7:00	30 31