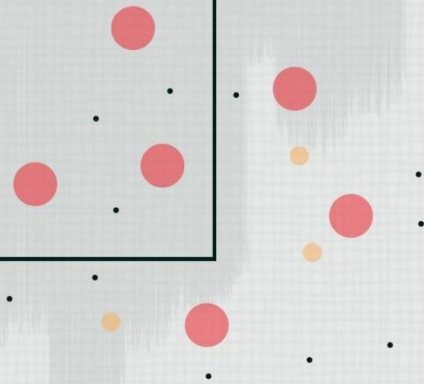
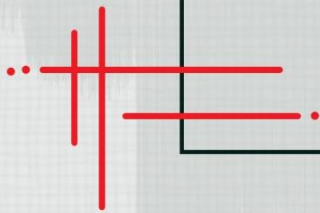
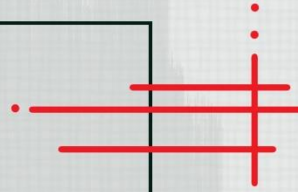


WE WISH
YOU A
MERRY
LITTLE
CHRISTMAS!



DECEMBER – 2024

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024 7:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bruce Williams, Barbara Lynne, Kathy Hayes, John Hayes, Ken Hughes, Laura Huston, Paula Gregory, Pastor Sharon, Judie Shannon. Bruce read from the Book of Daniel, Chapter 6. We are very familiar with this story, yet sometimes we don't realize the depth of faith that Daniel had. To go against the King and worship his God was taking the chance of facing death, which he eventually did – in the lion's den. He never wavered and his God sent an angel into that den and would not allow the lion to devour Daniel. Faith in his God kept him safe, just our faith in our God keeps us safe.

MINUTES:

The Minutes were read. Barbara motioned to approve the minutes, Kathy seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Laura had the budget report completed and it was gone over. She stated that we do not have the funds to the big renovations of the Parsonage. John will update us on more of the Parsonage repairs in the Trustee's Report. There were a few questions asked regarding the budget that Laura answered. John made a motion to approve the budget, Ken seconded. All in favor.

The Treasurer's Report in whole was read over and Ken made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, John seconded. All in favor.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Sharon stated that the Halloween Table was good, but thought that there weren't as many kids as usual. The Boba Tea went over pretty well. We will do it again during New Florence Days.

All Saints' Sunday was a very nice service.

Pastor Sharon had the opportunity to bless the New Florence Fire Department's new fire trucks.

She attended the Veteran's Breakfast at the New Florence VFW. She offered the prayer and benediction. She said the event was nicely attended.

Game Night was fun. May try to have another one in the spring.

Sharon, Kathy and Paula B. attended the Awaken Conference. They said it was a wonderful time and encourages all of the congregation to try to attend these events.

We packed 50 Shoeboxes on Sunday and they have been delivered.

The Community Thanksgiving will be here on November 24 at 6:30.

We will prepare for the Hanging of the Greens service by laying out the decorations on Saturday, Nov. 30.

December 1st is the first Sunday of Advent (Hanging of the Greens).

Communion will be December 8th.

The Blue Christmas Service will be December 22nd at 6:30.

Our "Watch Night" will be December 31st from 8:00 am through 12:00 am.

SPRC:

Ken stated that John, Dann and Paula had a walk thru of the Parsonage. John will inform us later in the Trustees report.

TRUSTEES' REPORT:

John said that he would like it noted how God provides. Some materials that were left over from the installation of the lift have been exactly what we need to complete some of the jobs at the Parsonage.

The lights above the kitchen sink and an outlet in the upstairs bathroom need looked at. Some items needed addresses are:

1. The back porch railing needs replaced
2. The baseboard needs replaced
3. The front porch needs replaced (This will wait until Spring)
4. The floors need refinishing
5. The windows need replaced. (This, hopefully will be done by next winter)

Kathy suggested a fund raiser for the windows. We will discuss this at the next council meeting in January.

John asked if we'd like to continue to have Orville Saunders take care of the snow removal. The charge last year was \$20 per removal. After some discussion, we decided to ask Orville if he is interested in continuing this year.

John also stated that he has extra yellow tape that he used to place in front of the lift door at ground level, and wanted to know if he should do the same at every door opening. Yes. He will do it.

MISSIONS:

Information regarding the Mission Tree has been distributed. Several of the Ministerium churches have inquired about the items needed for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and have stated that they will have a Christmas offering of those items needed.

WORSHIP:

All we can say is that we are going to be very busy!

SCOUTS:

Pastor Sharon stated that the older Scouts are struggling a bit.

The Cubs are going strong. Their Popcorn fund raiser looked like a huge success.

OLD:

N/A

NEW:

N/A

Ken made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Kathy seconded.

A GLORIOUS HOPE



Let us today go down to Bethlehem, and in company with wondering shepherds and adoring Magi, let us see him who was born King of the Jews, for we by faith can claim an interest in him, and can sing, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." Jesus is Jehovah incarnate, our Lord and our God, and yet our brother and friend; let us adore and admire. ...

Let us reverently bow before the holy Child whose innocence restores to [humankind] its ancient glory; and let us pray that he may be formed in us, the hope of glory. —C.H. Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening*

MISSIONS REQUEST

The Missions committee is asking for your help again this year to bring joy to local families this Christmas. The Mission tree will be in need of underwear for boys and girls as well as socks, socks, socks! Please help them provide these items for those little ones!

Boys underwear in sizes 6, 8, 10 & 12

Girls underwear in sized 6,8, & 12
Socks of any size (remember these are elementary kiddos)

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Sunday, Dec. 1: Hanging of the Greens Service: We will be decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Come join us.

Sunday, Dec. 22. We will have our **BLUE CHRISTMAS** service at 6:30 pm. This is a wonderful service that is truly for everyone. Need to relax.?, this service is for you. Mourning the loss of a loved one- this service will be a time to give comfort, mourning change in family traditions- this service address that as well

Tuesday. 24th 7pm Christmas Eve service



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL PIZZA ESTABLISHMENT

HUNGRY FOR PIZZA? REMEMBER FOX'S PIZZA! THEY HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED PIZZAS FOR THE BIBLE2SCHOOL PROGRAM. PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS BUSINESS AS THEY ARE SUPPORTING US!

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 –

DECEMBER -

Sermon Titles for DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1 – Prophecy of Jesus (Hanging of the Greens)

DECEMBER 8 –People Have Seen (COMMUNION)

DECEMBER 15 – Conquering King

DECEMBER 22 –

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 29 – Love Feast

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



ADVENT COLORS — One of the season’s symbolic colors is blue, representing hope. During Advent, we wait in hope to celebrate again God’s coming in human form. We also look forward in hope to Christ’s coming in glory at the end of the age. Purple symbolizes the royalty of Jesus, the coming Prince of Peace, and the penitence with which we receive him. Some congregations also use pink or white candles in Advent wreaths, with pink symbolizing joy and white symbolizing the Christ Child.

LOOK UPON LOVE



Let us then meditate upon the Nativity just as we see it happening in our own babies. I would not have you contemplate the deity of Christ, the majesty of Christ, but rather his flesh. Look upon the baby Jesus. Divinity may terrify people. Inexpressible majesty will crush them. That is why God took on our human flesh and blood, that God should not terrify us but rather that with love and favor God would console and comfort us. —Martin Luther

OUR CHURCH

Tithing:

Thank you for being so faithful in your giving. Just a reminder that 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 that God blesses our country with peace, prosperity and love.

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.

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1 – PEGGY GROSS

DECEMBER 8 – GINA GASIOR (COMMUNION)

DECEMBER 15 – DANN JONES

DECEMBER 22 – KEN HUGHES

DECEMBER 29 KATHY HAYES (LOVE FEAST)



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!



12 4 Dennis Kaufman
12 6 Carolyn Clawson
12 12 Tami Hughes
12 12 Tyler Hughes
12 15 George Caldwell
12 17 Parker Rivera
12 19 Christopher Jones
12 19 Jill Smith
12 20 Rita Rector
12 22 Kathryn Hayes
12 22 Kari Wyman
12 27 Joe Zakucia
12 29 Mark Ferris
12 29 Klayton Hawkins
12 30 Donna Larendecker

12 10 Mr. & Mrs. William Cunningham
12 11 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Rummel
12 13 Mr. & Mrs. David Howard
12 22 Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Williams
12 27 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Leslie
12 28 Mr. & Mrs. T. Todd Bucklen

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Hanging of the Greens HANGING OF THE GREENS	2 MISSIONS 1:00	3 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	4  NO BAKE COOKIE DAY	5  SCOUTS 7:00	6  EVERGLADES PARK DAY	7  COTTON CANDY DAY
8  FRUIT CAKE DAY	9  CHRISTMAS CARD DAY	10 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	11  INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY	12  SCOUTS 7:00	13  CANDLE LIGHTING DAY	14  HOWDY DOODY DAY
15  BLUE CHRISTMAS	16  Happy Chocolate Covered Anything Day	17 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	18  UGLY SWEATER DAY	19  SCOUTS 7:00	20  RIBBON CANDY DAY	21  FIRST DAY OF WINTER
22  CANDY CANE DAY	23  EGGNOG DAY	24  Christmas Eve SERVICE	25  MERRY Christmas	26  SCOUTS 7:00	27  CANDY CANE DAY	28  CARD PLAYING DAY
29  GO CAROLING DAY	30  BACON DAY	31  hello 2025				