Dear NBEPC Family:

Happy New Year to all of you as we share this month with you a combined newsletter for January and February.

2025 - hard to even say that because I remember so distinctly when it turned 2000! - will likely be a year for many of you of what Nicky Gumbel calls "battles and blessings." On the hand, there will be trials, sometimes very difficult ones. On the other hand, you will experience blessings as well. I think of what I mentioned in a sermon recently - a quote from Pastor Rick Warren. He said that life is like twin rails of a railway track. You'll have good things go on in life, but almost simultaneously you'll have challenging times too.

It is with that in mind that I share with you that the first sermon series of the new year will be called "Seven Letters From Jesus." When the apostle John was going through a battle — in his case being exiled in 90 AD to the Greek island of Patmos — he also experienced the blessing of a heavenly vision Jesus gave him, which became the New Testament Book of Revelation.

At the beginning of the book, Jesus dictates to John seven letters to actual churches John would have ministered to in the region. But these churches are also symbolic of what all churches and individual Christians might experience in their Christian walk. The purpose of this series will be to prayerfully interpret those letters and apply them to our lives as Christians and as the church today.

Whatever 2025 holds for you, it is the prayer of Joanna and me that you feel His presence and His guidance in everything.

The battles and blessings are still under His sovereign control, and He loves you so very much.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan and Joanna

Session Highlights
December 19, 2024

Pastor's Report

- **Pastor Muttart updated the Session on the condition and needs of congregants, including Doris Spence who is residing at The Haven. Pete Carlisle who is home after a CHF diagnosis and now on palliative care, and others.**

Clerk's Report

- **A motion was made to record new members into the church roll: Erin Dawson, Clint & Chrissy Buckwalter, Joanne & Richard DiFrischia, Joanna Muttart, Mackenzie McCarthy, Paden McCarthy, Sharon Devite, Emil Ozzy Velez, and Mike Costarell.**
- **A motion was made to record the passing of Shirley Tremba. It was approved.**
- **There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sun., Jan. 26 to review the Annual Report.**

Mission

- **The Mission Committee took part in a couple missions: Autumn Marshall's Haitian Sensation fundraiser and Breakfast in Bethlehem at the church, an event that had its best attendance ever with over 250 attendees.**
- **Elder Brad Marshall informed Session that his son Adam bought a farm adjoining the ranch at Miracle Mountain with donations being used to renovate existing home for living space.**

Worship

- **Participated in a busy Christmas Season but did not formally meet.**
- **A focus in 2025 will be working with Pastor Dan regarding serving communion to shut-ins.**

Personnel

- **New elder committee assignments: Nathan Book – Worship, Taylor Velez – CE, Christian – Admin.**

Deacons Report

- **Deacons distributed Thanksgiving gift cards.**
- **Packed over-80 fruit trays**

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Mission Committee is asking for donations for Hope for Renewal, for the month of January. There will be a box in the Narthex to place the items in.
The items needed are: Individually wrapped fruit cups, peaches, applesauce, oranges, pears etc.
Individually wrapped Chip bags, Snack cakes, Fruit snacks, Rice Krispie Treats
Crayons
Bubbles
Coloring Books
Playdough
Sidewalk chalk
Zip Lock Bags: Gallon & Sandwich size



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED



THANK YOU!!!! To everyone that helped out with this year's Angel Tree!! We were able to help out 8 local families and 5 school families with Christmas gifts for their children and gift cards for Christmas dinner! Your generosity is so much appreciated!!

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We would like to THANK everyone that helped with Breakfast in Bethlehem this year! Whether you helped with hauling everything into the church, or the many nights of setting up, or helped the day of Breakfast in Bethlehem with bringing animals in, or with the tear down and put away! THANK YOU! This Community outreach is not possible without your help!

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God has blessed us over and over. One of His many blessings, is our Church family who has faithfully supported us in prayer. Thank you for the visits, the meal and cards that helped to lift our spirits during the tough days. We are forever grateful for your support.

Ray & Shirley Janoski

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"My dear church family, thank you so much for the cards and telephone calls for the death of my son Jeffrey and my illness caused by a small stroke. Presently, I am recuperating at Haven in New Castle." Doris Spence



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There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2025. The purpose of this meeting is for reviewing the Annual Report.

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The 2025 Offering Envelopes are ready and on a table by the office. If you have not picked yours up yet, please do so. If you would like a box please see Bonnie. Thank You!

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Coming Soon: A shelving unit placed between the entrance doors of the church. This will be used to put items from the Blessing Box that might freeze or be damaged during the winter season. It will be available to the public during regular office hours Tues–Fri 9am-2pm and during church services.

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Attention all women and friends of the church. The Women's Ministry will be hosting a winter Snowball lunch at noon on Saturday, February 1st. It's free for all women and girls. Don't pack away all your snow globes because we're asking you to bring one of your favorites to share. Get ready to warm up with friends on a cold winter day at the hot cocoa bar.

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Doris Spence New Address is
Ridgecrest of McCandless
8870 Duncan Ave
Apt 403
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Scott & Gail Phillips New address
11011 Highway Z
Falcon MO 65470



Birthdays in January

01/04 – Olivia Eppinger
01/05 – Lois Adams
01/05 – Phillip Book
01/05 – Edie Dougherty
01/05 – Shirley Janoski
01/05 – Jacob Taylor
01/06 – Nancy Bretz
01/09 – Brenda Miller
01/11 – Marshall Whiting
01/12 – Linda Feil
01/14 – Gary Geisinger
01/14 – Allen Jones
01/18 - Amelia Hanna
01/19 – Rosie Moore
01/19 – Willie Moore
01/24 – Lori Smith
01/24 – Bennett Whiting
01/26 – Mackenzie McCarthy
01/26 – Julie Whiting
01/27 – Joyce Goist
01/27 – Morgan Whiting

Birthdays in February

02/02 – Paul Cummings
02/03 – Dawn Harris
02/04 – Shirley Freeman
02/04 – Austin Whiting
02/05 – Pam Liddel
02/07 – Marti Marshall
02/07 – Martha Miller
02-07—Nancy Rudzik
02/08 – Len Halt
02/10 – Weston Whiting
02/15 – Bowen Fulkman
02/15 – Shirley Snyder
02/27 – Don Craig

Birthdays in March

03/03 – Steve Fox
03/07 – Vinnie Fenati
03/08 – Sue Bluedorn
03/11 – Ozzy Velez
03/12 – Mira Fulkman
03/13 – Doug Houk
03/15 – Larry Bluedorn
03/17 – Jake Emery
03/19 – Dan Dieter
03/20 – Ed Rudzik
03/20 – Richard Defreshia
03/21 – Sheila Eppinger-Epper
03/22 – Beth Kendall
03/25 – John Book
03/27 – Robert Bretz
03/29 – Judy Stuhlmann



Please remember in prayer the following persons who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have requested prayer.

Lavon Rogers----------John XXIII Nursing Home
Jim Weise----------Home
Doris Spence----------Home
Pete Carlisle----------Home



Donation Opportunity----In March, the AWANA Clubbers will have the opportunity to go shopping in our 'church' marketplace. They get to buy items with the points they earned. They can earn points each week for; attendance, bringing a Bible, bringing their Handbook, completing sections, and wearing uniform. Many kids have earned a lot of points and they look forward to shopping with them at the end of Awana. ***If you would be able to donate items for the marketplace please leave them in the box in the vestibule. Items can be donated until Sunday, March 16th***. Many great items could be purchased from a dollar store or in the clearance section. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks for your help in rewarding the kids for their commitment in Awana and earning points.

Wednesdays 5:00-7:00
Ages 2 – Grade 6

Please lift the faithful servants in prayer as they serve the children of our church and community. Also keep in prayer for God to move in the hearts for more people to serve in the Awana Ministry as substitutes and helpers. Please see Dawn if you have any questions on what the responsibilities are for these positions. *Prayerfully consider being a life changer at Awana.*

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER for Awana: we are in January and we might have to deal with inclement weather…I will send an email by 3:00 PM on Wednesday to inform you of Club being cancelled for the evening. We do not always follow what the school district does for the day.

******UPCOMING CLUB NIGHTS******

January 15th – Double Double Point Night
January 22nd – Glow Night Let Your Light Shine for Jesus Night!
January 29th – Regular Club Night

February 5th – Regular Club Night (make a Valentine at home and bring it to be mailed to the elderly)
Bookmobile 4-5 PM
February 12th – Valentine Night Clubbers wear your red/pink/white/Valentine theme clothes
February 19th – Double Double Points Night
February 26th – Wear a Hat Night

J.A.M. Kids is a time during the 10:30 AM Sunday service for the young children to have a lesson time of their own. Lessons and materials are provided. Leaders are needed to disciple these young children. Sign up in the Vestibule for the day of your preference. ☺

Dawn Harris, Director of Children's Ministry 330-881-8110 dawnhnbpc@aol.com

YOUTH GROUP News

After a short break for the Christmas holiday, youth group has resumed our Wednesday meetings, 5-7 PM. We are starting a new discipleship study and any teen that would like to join us is always welcome.

In addition, the youth retreat will be January 24-26. Please contact Lee for more details.

If you are an "experienced" adult consider joining us at one of our upcoming EPIC meetings. Our next meeting is January 16th and again on February 6th & 20th. Our study of the post-exile books continues at 11am with lunch to follow at 12. We would love to see you there! Just a reminder that during the winter months if Wilmington cancels school for the day, EPIC is also cancelled.

EPIC

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The annual New Bedford EPC couple's retreat will be March 7 & 8. Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule for more details and to register.



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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Children's Sunday School

10:30a.m. – Traditional Worship Service

WEEKLY BULLETIN – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted no later than 1:00P.M. on Thursday afternoon to be printed in that Sundays bulletin.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS – Please have all newsletter articles and/or information/announcements submitted no later than noon on the 25TH of every month unless otherwise indicated in the bulletin to be included in the upcoming months newsletter.



****All bulletin and newsletter submissions can be sent to newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com or left on Jaime's desk.**

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Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am-2:00pm, unless otherwise indicated in the bulletin.

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IMPORTANT: Our mailing address is –

New Bedford EPC, 151 Woodland Dr., PULASKI, PA 16143

Even though our church is located in New Bedford, all mail must be sent to the above mailing address or it will be returned to you by the Post Office. Thank You!

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