Dear NBPC Family:

As I write this, we are a few days from celebrating the greatest event in history: Jesus' resurrection and the gift of eternal life for all who believe in, trust Him, and follow Him. It is the great good news (gospel) that we are to share with the world.

Part of that sharing is being poised for the future and, in the role of your Transitional Pastor, I am pleased to use a portion of my space here to report on progress so far, and to walk you through parts of the transitional process once again.

To date (when this is written) I have interviewed 44 people for SWOT interviews. My goal is to get to as many of you as I can before April 30. After April 30, I will form a SWOT analysis team to consolidate all the interviews and find common themes when it comes to your church's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. This analysis will be presented to Session, with a summary made available to the congregation, with Session approval. From there, a Vision Team will be formed to address all the areas described and prayerfully put together a Church Life and Ministry Vision. This, too, will be reviewed by the Session and with their approval, will be distributed to the congregation. Contained in the Church Life and Ministry Vision will be initial strategies to address each area and a first look at the type of pastor the church will need to implement the vision.

An Implementation Team will be formed after this to start, well, implementing the ideas, under the auspices of the Session. Shortly after this, the Search Committee will be put together, developing a Pastor Profile and establishing their own means for finding candidates and interviewing.

What is the time frame to get to this stage? Typically it takes a year to get to the formulation of the Search Team, from the time the Transitional Pastor first comes on board. That would make it sometime in February 2022 more or less when it will be time to move to that stage of the transitional process.

In the interim, it continues to be a blessing to meet you all and to share God's word with you. This is a challenging time for Christians in our nation, and with that in mind, I want to share with you the sermon series I will be preaching following Easter. Entitled "Turning it Around," we will be looking at the state of affairs in the southern Kingdom of Israel during the time of the prophet Zephaniah, whose Old Testament book will be the basis for the series. The goal is to relate what happened then with what is happening in our society now, and recognize the need to repent, to "turn it around" and come back to God and His sovereign patterns for living.

May each of you and your families enjoy a blessed Easter. He is risen. He is risen indeed. And that means hope, for you, our nation and the world.

Pastor Dan and Connie

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Approved the baptism of Ruth Emery on May 9.**
- **Approved the marriage of Kimberly McConnell and Shawn Gibson on April 17.**
- **Approved a request by Sandy Ruby to start a prayer group that will meet weekly immediately following the second worship service.**
- **Received the Auditor's report for 2020. All books are in order.**
- **Approved a lock-in for grades 3-6 tentatively scheduled for April 23-24.**
- **Approved a Community Easter Egg Hunt for April 3.**
- **Approved a special Easter Offering for Laura & Edgar Cojon.**
- **Choir will sing on Palm Sunday and Easter and will continue bi-weekly after Easter.**

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There are sign-up sheets in the vestibule for SWOT Interviews with Pastor Dan. These interviews will go on through the end of April. If you would like to take part in the SWOT interviews, please sign-up! Interviews can be done by phone, via Zoom or in person.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – Thursday, April 1 at 7:00P.M. Communion will be served at this service.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – Friday, April 2 at 7:00P.M.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT & ACTIVITIES – Saturday, April 3 at 9:30-11:30A.M. (this is for all children age 2 through grade 6 and their families)

CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION WORSHIP SERVICES – Sunday, April 4 at 8:30A.M. and 10:40A.M.

Birthdays in April

4/01 – Lillian Emery
4/01 – Clay Fulkman
4/04 – Barbara Pence
4/06 – Bill Harshbarger
4/07 – Andy Hostetler
4/08 – Jamie McCarthy
4/09 – Richard Harris
4/09 – David Magee
4/12 – Rhys Harris
4/13 – Leo Krisuk
4/19 – David Carr
4/19 – Ty Phillips
4/22 – Donna Fox
4/23 – Bonnie Glogowski
4/26 – Patty Wade
4/27 – Ed Rudzik
4/28 – Madeline Whiting

Birthdays in May

5/02 – Debi Fynes
5/05 – Grant Dieter
5/05 – Zoey Janoski
5/06 – Jason Clark
5/08 – Ed Miller
5/08 – Maelee Whiting
5/09 – Kim Runyan
5/12 – Doris Spence
5/14 – Duane Boyles
5/15 – Ryan Withers
5/16 – Julie O'Brien
5/19 – Ashley Shaffer
5/22 – Brandilyn Buxton
5/22 – Owyn Harris
5/25 – Shirley Tremba
5/26 – Linda Punneo
5/27 – Roy Komar
5/29 – Ron Tremba



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
Larry Pence----------Shenango Home
Nancy Phillis----------Home
Erma Gorley----------Nugent's Nursing Home

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the Ruby family for the passing of Norman John Ruby. This is Helen's brother and Jonathan's father. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.



We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Ted & Mary Jane Hilliard. Mary Jane's sister passed away last week.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

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We would like to thank everyone for their cards and especially their prayers during our moms passing. Your compassion has comforted us during this time of loss.
Many Blessings to all – The Fenati and Ammeen families

Dear New Bedford Church,
I am beyond grateful for the endless love and support. I am feeling much better now that I have recovered from Covid and I am back at college. Thank you for the gifts and thoughtful letters, this has always been such a generous church!
God Bless everyone! – Ashlynn McAllen

Dear New Bedford Family,
I just wanted to say thank you for all the snacks that ya'll gifted me! They were great for times during classes and for a quick snack. Hope everyone is doing great! – Olivia Eppinger

Jonathan and I and the rest of the family would like to thank you for your many prayers, cards and words of comfort. When you suddenly lose a close family member, it's a comfort to know we have a loving extended family to lean on. -Helen Ruby

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SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING – This years Easter Offering will go to Edgar & Laura Cojon. Edgar and Laura are missionaries that we help support in Guatemala. There will be special offering envelopes in the bulletin Easter Sunday.



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The May Redeeming Times Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, April 27th. All articles and/or announcements can be left on my desk or sent to addietwinstrips@gmail.com or newbedfordchurch@verizon.net . Thank You – Addie

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In-Person Club will meet 5:00-6:45 PM
Drop off is at the Main Doors for kids to go to the Sanctuary
Pick up is at the Education Hall doors.
Please wear a mask & **bring a water bottle**
as the water fountain is unavailable.
If you want more information about Awana please contact Dawn

Puggles-Ages 2 & 3 Cubbies–Preschool Sparks–Gr. K-2 T&T-Gr. 3-6

Date	Puggles/Cubbies/Sparks Meets	T&T Meets
April 7th	In-Person Meet	Zoom Meet with Miss Lori
April 14th	At Home	In-Person Meet
April 21st	In-Person Meet- LAST NIGHT	Zoom Meet with Miss Lori
April 28th		In-Person Meet-LAST NIGHT

An email will be sent out Tues. of each week with the Zoom Meeting ID for the Club Meetings.

If you are willing to 'mask up' and feel lead to serve in this ministry please contact Dawn.
Thank you for the continued prayers for the children's ministries at NBEPC.

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LOCK-IN for kids!

Kids in Grades 3-6 are welcome to come to a church lock-in.

Friday, April 23rd – Saturday, April 24th

Cost $7.00

Check in begins at 6:30 pm bring your stuff!! sleeping bag, blankets, PJs, Bible, & pillow. Food, games, Bible study, and fun!! will be provided. Check Out begins at 9:30 am Saturday.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 21st

For required Permission Slip and more information contact Dawn Harris, 330-881-8110/dawnhnbpc@aol.com

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is open. We invite you to join us at 9:30 AM.
All classes are held in the Education Hall of the church.
Preschool – Mrs. Glenda Fulkman
Grades K-2 – Mrs. Jean Chrobak
Grades 3-6 – Mrs. Jocilyn Csernyik
Jr & Sr High – Mr. Steve Fox
The Pioneers Young Adult – Mr. Lee Harris
Digging Deeper – Pastor Dan Muttart
*****The Digging Deeper Class it is available to join via Zoom.*
The Meeting ID is 834 5933 9283.

For any questions contact Dawn Harris, Director of Children's Ministry
Call/Text: 330-881-8110 Email: Dawnhnbpc@aol.com



THANK YOU: for the help to EGG HOUSES



Thank you to Mary, June, Nancy, GayAnn, Sandra, Helen, and Lee for prepping the egging kits.

Thank you to the many 'eggers' who took the kits to egg the houses. Thank you for helping in this ministry of sharing the sweet message of Jesus to the kids of our community.

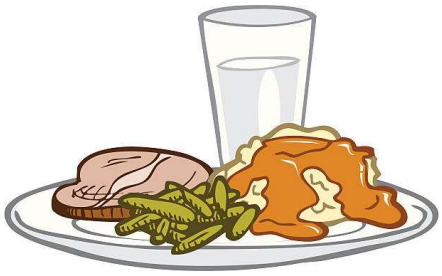
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Not able to attend the Couple's Retreat? Plan a date night at home….the study material can be accessed on YouTube. Pick up a "What Happy Couples Know" booklet in the vestibule for the information. Great for all couples…dating, engaged and married.



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The Pulaski Twp. Volunteer Fire Company's Auxiliary
Is hosting their Annual Ham Dinner To-Go!



Sunday, April 25th

12:00 – 3:00PM * To-Go ONLY

Tickets sold in advance and at the door - $12

Pulaski Station #2 * Evergreen Rd. in New Bedford

Menu: Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Applesauce, Coleslaw, Fresh Dinner Rolls, Homemade Desserts & Beverages.

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	April 2021					
Sun	**Mon**	**Tue**	**Wed**	**Thu**	**Fri**	**Sat**
				1	**2**	**3**
4 Happy Easter!! No youth group today	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
11 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 2:30-4:30	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17** Youth pasta dinner 4-7pm Take out only
18 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 2:30-4:30	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**
25 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 2:30-4:30	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	

PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 17, 2021
4:00-7:00 PM

Menu: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, & Dessert
Ticket Prices: Large - $10 Small - $5
Where: New Bedford EPC
151 Woodland Dr.
Pulaski PA, 16143

Drive thru <u>ONLY</u>

Pre-sale tickets are available after both church services or you can make reservations by calling the church office 724-964-8055. Payment collected at pick-up.

Reservations not needed but appreciated

All proceeds benefit the NBEPC Youth mission trip

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service