

Welcome Pastor Elija Bombeck!

New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church is delighted to welcome Pastor Elija Bombeck and his wife, Leah, as Elija begins his ministry as our new senior pastor. A native of Hermitage, Pennsylvania, Pastor Elija brings with him a sincere love for Christ, a heart for the local church, and a testimony of God's faithful guidance through each step of his journey to ministry. He and Leah have already seen the Lord work beautifully in their lives, and we look forward to seeing how God will use them among us in this new season. Pastor Elija's first day will be Monday, July 20, and his first Sunday in the pulpit will be Sunday, July 26. Please join us in warmly welcoming Pastor Elija and Leah to the NBEPC church family.

Elija Bombeck Bio

My name is Elija Bombeck. I was born and raised in Hermitage PA, where my parents still reside. My father is the director of the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce, and my mother is a retired 5th grade teacher from the Hermitage School District. I was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, but my family changed to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Sharon where everyone except me remains. To be honest, my résumé is quite odd at first glance as God has taken me on a wild ride to get to my call to ministry. After graduating from Hickory High School in 2014, I attended Grove City College to study Chemistry in preparation for Medical School. I was miserable and felt very unfulfilled. When I graduated in 2018, I obtained my EMT license and took a year off to study for my MCATs while becoming more disillusioned with my career choice and more involved with my Church. In the midst of this, I finally understood my call to ministry and attended Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 2019 to go into the Army as a chaplain. During the summer between my third and fourth year 2022, I worked a night shift at the front desk of a hotel where I met my now wife, Leah. She lived there due to a house fire. It was awesome to see God beautifully work in our lives through such tragic circumstances. She works at Taylor Winfield in Youngstown as a Mechanical Engineer and Project Manager. We married in August of 2025. Upon graduation from Seminary, I was in a pickle with the Army. They require two years of experience post seminary, but I did not want to deceive a church into working there full time with intentions of leaving shortly thereafter. To mediate this tension, Bob Stauffer recommended a role as a Transitional Pastor for two years and then going into the military. God then took Leah and I to Mountville Presbyterian Church in Portersville PA. Through our time there, we both discerned that we do not feel called to full time military service and instead love ministry in the local church. I still plan to serve as a reserve chaplain in the future but am dedicated to God's Church for our lives' ministry. My time as a Transition Pastor at Mountville concludes this July and Leah and I plan to plant permanent roots closer to home and serve God and the Community to which he calls us.

Please contact Taylor Velez, Clerk of Session if you have any correspondence or business for the Session. Her contact information is: phone 724-651-2429, email tayloraskelding@gmail.com

Just a Note: The Deacons will be taking a little break this summer and will not be providing "Coffee Time". We will resume again the fall.



Do you enjoy camping? Would you like to get to know other members of the congregation that also enjoy camping? Planning is underway for one camping trip on October 16-18 at Pymatuning State Park, Tuttle Campground. You can get a campsite for the weekend or even join us for the day on Saturday. Campsites fill up quickly, so we recommend you get this on your calendar soon. For more information, call Judy Riethmiller at 724-730-6495 or Cindy Bell at 724-674-5160.





Thank you so much to our Church family for all the prayers, cards and calls during Bob's stay at the Cleveland Clinic. Your caring and concerns were greatly appreciated. – Shirley Snyder and Bob Rudzik family

Thank you for supporting this summer's youth mission trip through the donations at the Pastoral Meet & Greet Breakfast. Because of your generosity almost \$200 was received. The mission trip is meaningful to us and we appreciate the support. Love, NBEPC Youth



Dear Church family, thank you for all the cards, texts, food, and gifts but most of all for your prayers, hugs and love. We cherish you all! The family of Sandra Conte - Angela Houk's mother.



Our Deepest Sympathies to The Fulkman Family on the passing of Gary Fulkman's older brother Jack. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Sunday, June 28th @ 5-7 PM



Driven Purpose Ministry will host 'Bows & Donuts' at New Bedford Church. It will be a great evening to teach kids and adults the sport of archery and share the Gospel. Followed by food and fellowship around a campfire. Archery is for ages 5 and older. All ages are welcome. It is an event for the community and the church, church members are needed to help with safety during the event.



Birthdays in June

6/06 – Mary Morris
6/07 – Dennis Jones
6/07 – Autumn Marshall
6/07 – Crystal Rayner
6/10 – Harry Riethmiller
6/10 – Edison Horodyski

6/12 – June Smith
6/15 – Aldon Lockhart
6/16 – Noelle Whiting
6/19 – Christian Fulkman
6/22 – Geniene Jones
6/22 – Carrie Kaufman

6/23 – Santana Riethmiller
6/24 – Margie Matthews
6/25 – Shirley Sikora
6/25 – Rori Fulkman
6/26 – Amy Geisinger
6/27 – Tim Smith
6/29 – Virginia Zinza

Birthdays in July

7/01 – Mike Costanell
7/04 – Brandon Harris
7/04 – Ethan Harris
7/05 – Mary Beckman
7/05 – Tim Pogozelec
7/07 – Nathan Book
7/07 – Brooks Buly
7/09 – Scott Phillips
7/12 – Matthew Miller
7/12 – Gary Greene

7/15 – Jaxon Jones
7/17 – Gail Phillips
7/18 – Barb Carr
7/18 – Sharon Book
7/18 – Maverick Whiting
7/19 – Debbie Ammeen
7/19 – Jessica Piccola
7/22 – Erika Taylor
7/24 – Margie Matthews
7/24 – Violet Horodyski

7/26 – Diane Bell
7/26 – Clint Buckwalter
7/27 – Billy Ray Moore
7/27 – Jacob Moore
7/27 – Nicholas Moore
7/27 – Samuel Moore
7/29 – Sheala McCarthy
7/29 – Jesse Helms
7/30 – Pam Maloney

Birthdays in August

8/03 – Eli Fulkman
8/04 – Marie Chrobak
8/05 – Dave Hunt
8/06 – Colton Riethmiller
8/08 – Paden McCarthy
8/09 – Joann Defreshia
8/10 – Gisela Dieter
8/10 – Ronan Kaufman

8/12 – Julie Fulkman
8/13 – Terri Emery
8/14 – Benny Krisuk
8/14 – Hank Glogowski
8/15 – Nichol Fenati
8/16 – Sandy Courson
8/16 – Shirley Goist
8/19 – Renee Persky
8/20 – Macie Whiting

8/21 – Arizona Bicek
8/21 – Remi Emery
8/21 – Meadow Reno
8/23 – Victor Rayner
8/25 – Mitchell Whiting
8/26 – Kelly Fox
8/26 – Ava Cruz
8/29 – Emily Pence

Have a Blessed Birthday!!!

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

Doris Spence-----Ridgecrest of McCandless

Pray
FOR *Healing* 

Christmas in July

3 PHASES. 1 MISSION. CHANGING LIVES.



Bringing HOPE, HELP, and HEALING to children and families in Haiti through the love of Jesus. ❤️

We're changing things up this year! Instead of trying to raise everything in just 4-5 weeks, we're launching in 3 phases so we can plan well, give intentionally, and impact more families in Haiti!



YOU CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!
Just \$25 CAN BLESS A FAMILY! ❤️

PHASE 1

SECRET SANTA "BENEDIKSYON SEKRE" FOOD BLESSINGS

LAUNCHING TODAY!
GOAL: \$4,500

Each month (August 2025–August 2027), we will hand deliver 27th food blessing bags to 15 families most in need. A practical gift with a personal touch and a reminder that God sees, hears, and cares!



- EACH BAG INCLUDES:**
- Flour
 - Rice
 - Beans
 - Cornmeal
 - Oil
 - Dried Fish
 - Garlic
 - Maggie
 - Spaghetti
 - Tomato Paste
 - Soap

PHASE 2

BACKPACKS & SHIPPING

Help us raise money to cover the cost of 300 backpacks and shipping expenses.

LAUNCHING JUNE 1
GOAL: \$3,000



Providing children with essential school supplies to learn, grow, and build a brighter future! ❤️

PHASE 3

HYGIENE & PROTEIN COLLECTION

Collecting needed items + raising funds for shipping and our Christmas party!

STARTING JULY 1
GOAL: \$4,500

- HYGIENE ITEMS TO COLLECT**
(Goal: 300 of each)
- ✓ Full Star Toothpaste
 - ✓ Toothbrushes
 - ✓ Women's Deodorant
 - ✓ Men's Deodorant
 - ✓ Bar Soap
 - ✓ Body Powder
 - ✓ Lotion

- PROTEIN PACKETS TO COLLECT**
(Goal: 300 of each)
- ✓ Canned Chicken
 - ✓ Tuna
 - ✓ Jars of Peanut Butter
- These items make a BIG impact in the nutrition, health, and dignity of the families we serve!

TOGETHER, we can be the hands and heart of God.
El Roi - The God Who Sees.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Zelle:** 724-944-8290
- VENMO:** fivestarglobalministry
- PAYPAL:** contact@5star-ministry.com
- OR ON OUR WEBSITE:** www.5star-ministry.com

www.5star-ministry.com Thank you for helping us bring hope, practical help, and the love of Jesus to families in Haiti! ❤️

YOUTH GROUP

I have had a couple questions about why youth group will not be meeting on Wednesdays starting in June. During the summer months meeting dates vary due to the schedules of our families. In an effort to better accommodate these schedules, meeting dates are determined by the youth and parents a week or two in advance. This way we can have more youth in attendance than a fixed day and time model would allow. I hope this helps to clear up any confusion. **Youth and Families check your email regularly for summer information.**

The youth will be attending “Buck night” at the Mahoning Valley Scrappers game on July 16th at 7:05 PM. \$1 General Admission Ticket, \$1 12oz Fountain Drink, \$1 Hot Dogs. Please sign up in the vestibule to give us a head count for how many are going.



EPIC!

EPIC will be taking a break from serving lunch during the summer months, but we promise you will only hunger spiritually! Come join us as we look at Jesus life and ministry as told in all four Gospels.

Upcoming meetings are at 11 AM on:

Thursdays, June 4th & 18th

Thursdays, July 2nd & 16th

We look forward to seeing you!

2026 Summer Mission Trip



TO: Dunlow Community Center Ministry of the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission Dunlow, West Virginia

It is exciting to share that our upcoming **Dunlow Mission Trip** is just around the corner — happening **July 19-25**. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, share God’s love, and build lasting relationships with the community. NBEPC has been to Dunlow eleven times in the last 5 years serving the community through the monthly food bank and coming along Bill, the director, to assist where needs arise. Along with working in the food bank, past mission teams have worked on deck railings, organized storage shed, prepped the house build for drywall, and more. It has been interesting to see firsthand how God is working through the week and we can’t wait to see how God will work in us and through us again this year. **Participants Grades 7 to Adult are welcome to join the trip. Participants Grade 6 and younger may attend accompanied by a parent/guardian. (For safety reasons, no one under the age of 8 can attend)**

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration to hold your spot. Registration ends on June 21st.

For those that are interested, more Mission Trip details are available by contacting Lee Harris.

Cell:330-881-8114 (Call or text) Email: Leehnbpc@aol.com

You can also support us by praying for the trip, the community of Dunlow, and the NBEPC Mission Team.

New Bedford EP Church Community Days

1st Saturday in August 11AM-3PM (August 1st)

This is a free event Rain or Shine

Free Hot Dogs

Free Book Bags and School Supplies

Bounce House

Water Play

Games

Petting Zoo

Fire Trucks

Hayrides

Police

Book Mobile from The

Ambulance

New Castle Library

Face Painting

Event will be at New Bedford EP Church
151 Woodland Drive
Pulaski, PA 16143

You're Invited to a 250th All American Celebration

Sunday, June 28, 2026

River Valley Complex 320 Shenango Street, Pulaski PA

Food - Corn Hole Tournament – Music - Bake Sale - Basket Raffle - Kids games

Celebration starts at noon

BBQ DINNER & MORE

BBQ Dinner- \$15

PRE-ORDER ONLY

Half Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert, Cold Drink

Hot Dog Combo - \$5

Hot Dog

Chips Fruit Roll-up

BBQ DINNERS are RRE ORDER ONLY. For DINNER TICKETS, please visit

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/250-All-American-Celebration> -

or call 724-652-6183.

Last day to order BBQ dinner tickets is Saturday, June 20.

SAVE THE DATES.....

VBS ...JUNE 15-19



Your Mission: To Serve, Lead, and have Fun at VBS
Join us for Hero Hotline VBS as we are Called Together to Serve God!
Hero Hotline Verse: Romans 14:19 So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.

Seeking Help: DRAMA...MUSIC...CRAFTS...SCIENCE...RECREATION...SNACK

It takes many people to come together to make Vacation Bible School happen.....many people using the different gifts that God has given them...praying, planning, preparing, participating! It takes a church to raise up disciples!

Be in prayer for how you can serve in this ministry...check the VBS display at church.

VBS Work Days--May 27 & June 10 begin at 9:30 am

Help with preparing decorations, craft items, and anything & everything VBS. If you are able to come and help for 1 or all the weeks let me know. All skills are needed. Come together with a friend and enjoy time together while we prepare for the VBS ministry. Can't make it to a work day but willing to take items home to complete check the Serve Behind the Scene boxes on the VBS table at the church.

Week of June 8nd Decorate for VBS –Day/Evening...Let me know times **you are available!** I have flexible hours that week

Sunday, June 14th Decorate/Set Up Fellowship after 2nd Service

Memorial Day Parade – May 23rd

Ride the church float in the parade on Saturday. Meet at the church at 9:30 to decorate the float and ride to the Pulaski Twp park for the parade.



9:30 AM Sunday Mornings – Sunday School

Sunday School for Children & Youth

Meet in the Education Wing of the church

PreK/K - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman

Grades 1-2 - Ms. Ginny Zinza, Mrs. Dawn Harris

Grades 3-4 Mrs. Geniene Jones, Miss Lori Smith

Grades 5-7 – Mr. Steve Fox

Jr & Sr High – Mr. Lee Harris

Sunday School for Adults

Young Adult – Mrs. Taylor Velez

The Pioneers – Dan & Gisela Dieter

(young children are welcome to stay with parents in the Pioneer class)

The Seekers & Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson

Mr. Don Dougherty, Mrs. Shirley Janoski

*****Note: There will not be Sunday School on May 17th*****

SERVE SUNDAYS – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:30-10:15 AM THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR SINGING AND TO COMPLETE A SERVICE PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A SERVICE PROJECT THE CHILDREN COULD DO OR INTERESTED IN ASSISTING THE KIDS, CONTACT DAWN

Dawn Harris, Director of Children's Ministry 330-881-8110 dawnhnbpc@aol.com
New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church 151 Woodland Dr. Pulaski PA 16143



HERO Hotline VBS JUNE 15-19, 2026 6-8 PM

At Hero Hotline VBS the Professor, Super Meer, and our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world.

REGISTER BY MAY 31st to receive a special prize!

Scan the Code to Register



VBS REGISTRATION FORM

CHILDREN ENTERING K – ENTERING GRADE 6 IN THE FALL 2026

Child's Name _____ Grade Entering Fall 2026: _____

Allergies/Medical Needs: _____

Share any other information that will be helpful to serve your child: _____

T-Shirt Size: Youth: YXS YS YM YL Adult: AS AM AL AXL

Child's Name _____ Grade Entering Fall 2026: _____

Allergies/Medical Needs: _____

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Permission to photograph your child for use on church website/social media? YES NO

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Name and Phone Number of Person Responsible for Picking up Child after VBS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Name _____ Phone Number _____



It's time to think about SUMMER CAMP!!! NBEPc supports two Christian Camps, Seneca Hills and Miracle Mountain Ranch. The church will sponsor children that attend either camp financially. For more info about the camps visit their website: Miracle Mountain Ranch – www.MMRM.org
 Seneca Hills – www.senecahills.org
 If you have any questions about scholarships contact Brad Marshall or Dawn Harris at 330-881-8110/dawnhnbpc@aol.com

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Scan the QR Code To Order Today!

Youth and Adult items available!
 Please allow up to 10 Business days for shipping or delivery!

***WEEKLY BULLETIN** – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted **no later than 12:00P.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.**



Office Hours

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

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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SUMMER JUNE/JULY 2026**

Church website: www.newbedfordepchurch.org
Church e-mail: newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

**8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service
9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
10:30a.m. – Traditional Worship Service**