

Dear NBEPC Family:

We begin the season of Lent in 2022 with uncertainty in the world. The invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces has shocked everyone. Those of us who are students of history note the parallels to Hitler's "historic claims" to territory not his own and his willingness to use cruel and brutal force to get it. At home, we continue to see moral drift in the governmental halls of Washington, DC, as political expediency and an anti-biblical, anti-christian agenda is promoted by some in power. Top it all off with continued concerns about Covid and you have a formidable recipe for some to feel hopeless.

But not so for the Christian. First and foremost, we know that our ultimate home is heaven. Second, we trust as it says in Hebrews that, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever," (Heb. 13:8 NIV). Third, we know that God's plan is playing out, a plan that, as Jesus said, does include "wars and rumors of wars," (Matt. 24:6 NIV). Fourth, we know that Jesus will one day return and bring perfect justice along with the new heavens and new earth. And fifth, we know that as Christians, we can do our part to make this world a better place, one family, one neighborhood, one community at a time until Jesus returns.

It is this last sentiment that will be the basis for our March sermon series, from 1 Timothy, called "Next Level Living." In the letter, Paul shares with his young protege Timothy to both instruct him as an apostolic representative in Ephesus and to help the growing church in Ephesus go to the next level in terms of their faith and practices. What he is inspired to discuss has practical implications for you and me, no matter what is going on internationally, nationally or personally.

As I said in a recent message, it all begins with you and with God working through you. Spend time with him during this Lenten season, in the word, in prayer and the things of this world and in your life will be put in the proper perspective.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan and Connie

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

- The Vision Team has made progress on a discipleship statement toward a roadmap for the church's new mission, vision, and values.
- The Session will study missional leadership and a Session Retreat is being planned for the spring.
- Nancy Bretz is approaching a lawyer to help get the church's correct name on critical documents.
- Jim Emery is repairing the broken rocking chair from the vestibule.
- Session approved the purchase of new equipment to improve the quality of vocals in the sanctuary.
- The administration committee would like to address sidewalk repair in front of the church when the weather gets warmer.
- Volunteers are still needed to lead the JAM Kids program during either worship service; Christian Education committee recognized leaders in December and January, Mollie Fulkman, Erika Taylor, and Ashley Graziani.
- Session approved a new curriculum for this year's confirmation class.
- A youth retreat is scheduled for February 18-20 at the Hampton Inn, West Middlesex. There will be no Pioneers class or Jr./Sr. High Sunday School or youth group that weekend.
- A couple's retreat is scheduled for February 25 & 26 at the Hampton Inn, West Middlesex.
- Session approved purchase of a Bell Tree, a stand that allows one ringer to play multiple bells at the same time.
- Communion dates for the year are February 6, April 14 (Maundy Thursday), June 5, August 7, and October 2 (World Communion Day).
- The Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 7 p.m. on March 2, 2022.
- Choir Director Ashley Graziani is planning an Easter cantata for Palm Sunday.

FEBRUARY

- The Vision Team continues to make timely progress.
- Presbytery of the Alleghenies met at First Presbyterian of Beaver on February 18 & 19. Pastor Muttart attended virtually and reported on activity at the meeting:
 - The Presbytery's Church Development Committee will be in touch with our clerk of session with some questions
 - Chaplain Abby Opal is seeking support from Mission Committees on mental health research
 - Four minor, technical language edits to the Book of Order were approved
 - General Assembly is weighing a change in how it is funded considering a move away from per member basis to percentage of church income
 - Covenant Church of Sharon is hosting a Jeremy Casella concert on March 20
- The church recorded two births to members (Arie Lillian Fulkman and Calvin Michael Krisuk) and one member who passed away (Art Spence).
- Information about using the online giving site Tithely will be provided in this newsletter
- Any members who have not picked up their annual giving envelopes should do so ASAP
- The Youth will go to West Virginia on a mission trip once again this summer, July 24-26.
- Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 at our church
- The next Session Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24.

Birthdays in March

3/03 – Gene Bicehouse
3/03 – Steve Fox
3/07 – Vinnie Fenati
3/08 – Sue Bluedorn
3/12 – Mira Fulkman
3/13 – Doug Houk

3/15 – Larry Bluedorn
3/16 – Dakota Boyer
3/17 – Jake Emery
3/19 – Dan Dieter
3/20 – Ed Rudzik
3/21 – Sheila Eppinger-Epper

3/22 – Beth Kendall
3/24 – Jennifer Saulpaugh
3/25 – John Book
3/27 – Rob Bretz
3/27 – Ryan Morse
3/29 – Judy Stuhlmann

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 – Edward Rudzik
4/28 – Madeline Whiting
4/29 – Sabrina Devite



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

*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
Elizabeth Dehaven-----Home
Renee Persky-----Home

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Mike and Carla Krisuk on the birth of a son, Calvin Michael. Calvin was born on 1/19, he weighs 9lbs. 6oz. There is a Dutch Cradle Cross at the front of the sanctuary in honor of this baby's birth.

Congratulations to Collin and Mollie Fulkman on the birth of their daughter, Arie Lillian Fulkman, born on February 3rd. She was 21 inches long and 8lb. 13oz. Gary & Glenda Fulkman and Gregg & Shari McMillan are the proud grandparents. A dutch cradle cross has been placed in her honor.



We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Doris Spence and her family, on the passing of Art. Art passed away on 1/28/22. Art will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Don and Edie Dougherty, on the passing of their son, Sean. Sean passed away on 2/3/22.

"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



My family would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the thoughts, prayers, cards, food, caroling!!, kindness and visits during the time of my father's (Myron Morris) illness and death in December. We are so blessed with such a caring church/extended family. -Brenda Hostetler and family

Consider Online Giving To Make Your Tithing Easier

Did you know that NBEPC has the means for you to give electronically to the church?

We do, and it's easy! Simply visit the church's website, newbedfordepchurch.org and when you come to the main page, click on Online Giving at the top. From there, click on the green Give button on the page, and you will be directed to a page where you can indicate the amount you want to give, whether it will be a recurring donation, and your pertinent information such as name and the card you will use for giving.

Try it out. It's convenient and a means to ensure that whether here, out of town on business or on vacation, you can support God's Kingdom work in this community.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service – March 2nd at 7pm.

Lenten Supper – Sunday, March 13th at 5pm.

Lenten Supper – Sunday, March 20th at 5pm.

Palm Sunday Worship Services – Sunday, April 10th at 8:30am and 10:40am.

Choral Easter Cantata and Lenten Supper – Sunday, April 10th, the Choir will perform an Easter Cantata followed by a Lenten Supper.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – April 14th at 7pm.

Good Friday Worship Service – April 15th at 7pm.

Resurrection Morning Worship Services – April 17th at 8:30am and 10:40am. Breakfast will be served in between worship services at 9:30am during the Sunday School hour.



The Deacons will once again be taking orders for Easter Tulips this year. We invite you to honor or remember a loved one, these will be printed and placed in the bulletins on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$9.00 each. There will be cards in your bulletins on 3/6 and 3/13 to place your orders.



SAVE THE DATES.....VBS will be June 6-10, 2022!

Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 PM - ***Planning meeting for On The Case VBS*** in church Parlor. It takes many people to come together to make Vacation Bible School happen.....many people using the different gifts that God has given them! Come see how you can serve in this ministry.

J.A.M. Kids!! (Jesus And Me Kids)

for children during 10:40 Service

for children during 8:30 Service based on volunteer availability

J.A.M. Kids is a time during the service for the young children to have a lesson time of their own. Lessons and materials are provided.....the series they are studying is Parables of Jesus then Resurrection Eggs. Leaders are needed to disciple these young children. Sign up in the Vestibule for the day and service of your preference. ☺ Feel free to volunteer for the 1st or 2nd service. *For Sundays that there are no volunteers, J.A.M. Kids will only be offered during the 10:30 service.*

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, wearing uniform, and attending church. 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 by March 20th.*** 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.



**Regular Club Night
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.*

You are welcome to stop in and visit any Wednesday evening, 5:00-7:00.

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

March 2nd - Double Points Night

March 9th - Hat Night

March 16th - Regular Club Night

March 23rd - Regular Club Night

March 30th - Awards Night & Dinner - 5:00 Awards followed by Potluck Dinner

ALL are welcome to come and celebrate the year of Awana!

AWARDS NIGHT

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

5:00 PM

Everyone is invited to join us in recognizing this year's Awana Clubbers. We are excited about their accomplishments and this will be a special ending to our year. A potluck dinner will follow the Awards Ceremony.

It's time to think about SUMMER CAMP!!! NBEPC supports 2 Christian Camps, look at their websites for camps and dates. The church will sponsor children that attend either camp financially. If you have any questions, contact Dawn.

Miracle Mountain Ranch - www.MMRM.org Seneca Hills - www.senecahills.org

EPIC

EXPERIENCED PEOPLE IN CHRIST

11:00 BIBLE STUDY - Leader - Lee Harris

CURRENT STUDY: David

March 3 - 1 Samuel 16-18



March 17 - 1 Samuel 19-26

April 7 - 1 Samuel 27-31

Please join us to learn more about the life of King David

12:00 LUNCH

March 3 Lunch Provided

March 17 Potluck - St Patrick's Day - Please bring a small "pot" to share.
Dessert provided.

April 7 Lunch Provided

We had "monkey meat" for lunch in February. Please join us to see
what **surprises** we will have for lunch on St. Patrick's Day.

1:00 GAMES - Bring your favorite game(s) to play and share in the fellowship.

******* EPIC SPONSORED BUS TRIP TO SEE "DAVID" *******

At Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa

When: May 24-25 Cost: \$380.00 Per Person/Double Occupancy
\$100.00 Deposit Required at sign up

Sign Ups will be on March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10. Invite a friend. For further
information please see the bulletin board in the hallway or contact Nancy Cummings or Lee
Harris. Please consider joining us.



TOUR INCLUDES: ONE NIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS, BREAKFAST AND LUNCH -
DAY 2, KEIDER FARM, CHOO CHOO TRAIN MUSEUM, MENNONITE LIFE CENTER
(TABERNACLE) DINNER AMISH FAMILY STYLE - DAY 1, SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE AND BIRD-IN-
HAND BAKE SHOP.

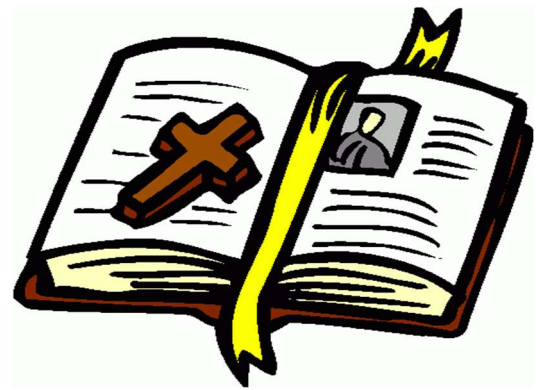


March Youth Group Dates:

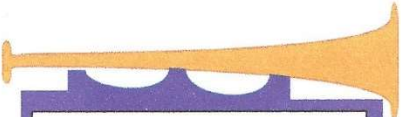
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

All meetings are from 1-3pm

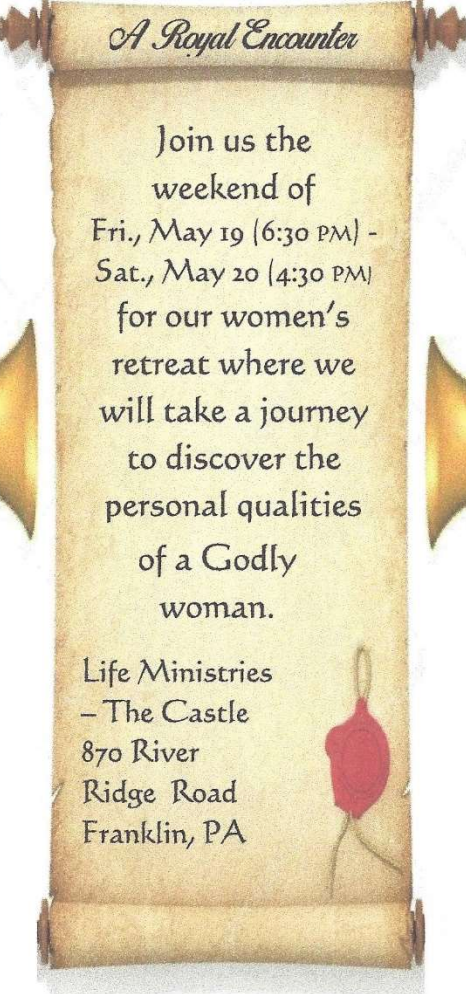
On March 20th at 3:00pm, New Bedford EPC will be hosting parent meeting about our upcoming confirmation class. The class is open to any student, 7th grade and higher, who is interested in exploring and discovering more in his/her faith walk. This "short course" in Christianity looks at redemptive history, sacraments, and what it means to be a member of NBEPC. At the conclusion of the class there will be an opportunity to decide to become a member of New Bedford EPC. If you would like to receive more information about the class, please call the church office and leave your name and address.



To everyone who so lovingly donated items to the college care packages. The generosity of our church family was very appreciated by our students.



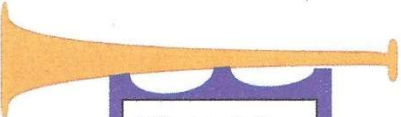
Our Mission:
We will be collecting
donations for a local
mission, Project
Restore/Lyndsey's House
that serves as a safe passage
for human trafficking
victims.



A Royal Encounter

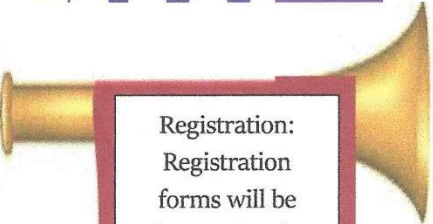
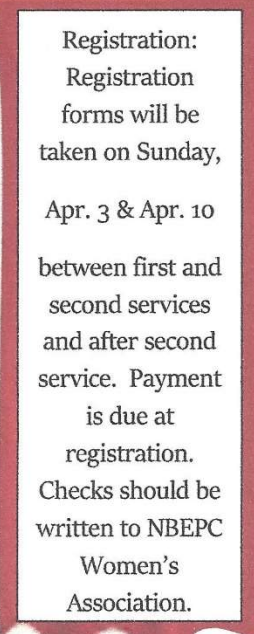
Join us the
weekend of
Fri., May 19 (6:30 PM) -
Sat., May 20 (4:30 PM)
for our women's
retreat where we
will take a journey
to discover the
personal qualities
of a Godly
woman.

Life Ministries
- The Castle
870 River
Ridge Road
Franklin, PA

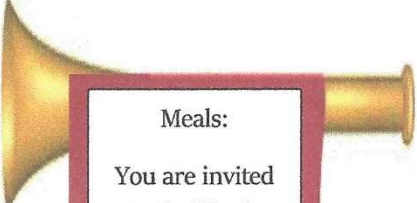
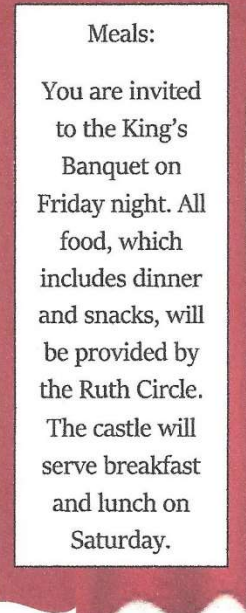


What to Bring:

Sheets &
Pillowcase
Towels
Toiletries
Bible
Bag to carry
your Bible and
journal.

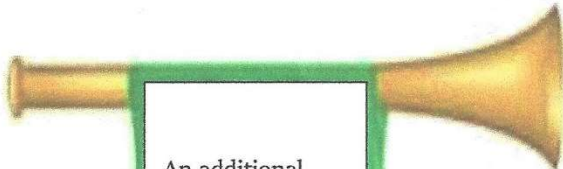


Registration:
Registration
forms will be
taken on Sunday,
Apr. 3 & Apr. 10
between first and
second services
and after second
service. Payment
is due at
registration.
Checks should be
written to NBEP
Women's
Association.

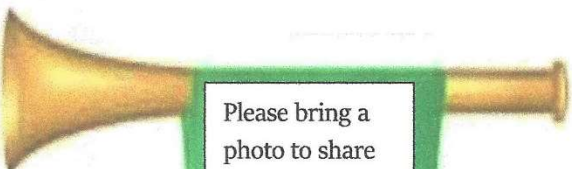
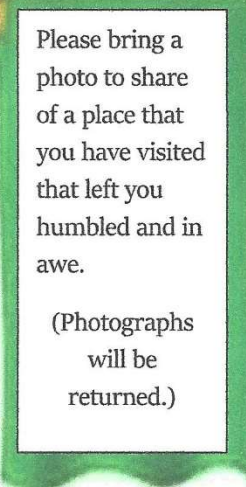


Meals:

You are invited
to the King's
Banquet on
Friday night. All
food, which
includes dinner
and snacks, will
be provided by
the Ruth Circle.
The castle will
serve breakfast
and lunch on
Saturday.



An additional
night of lodging
is available on
Thurs., May 19.
at the rate of
\$12.00 per night.



Please bring a
photo to share
of a place that
you have visited
that left you
humbled and in
awe.

(Photographs
will be
returned.)

Women's Retreat - A Royal Encounter



Mission Project

Our mission this year is Project Restore/Lyndsey's House. The mission encompasses a local-faith based mission serving women, children and youth that have been affected by the world of human trafficking. Project Restore is centered on the hope, healing and restoration that comes from the love of Jesus Christ.

What can you do to support this mission work?

- 1) Bring a needed item to the retreat. We will be collecting household or personal supplies to be used in the restoration homes (a small package of toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.).
- 2) Make a monetary donation. At the castle, we will have a box for donations. Please write your check to "NBEPC Women's Association" with Project Restore on the memo line.

Additional information about this mission can be found at:

<https://www.projectrestore.org/>

Items to Bring to the Castle

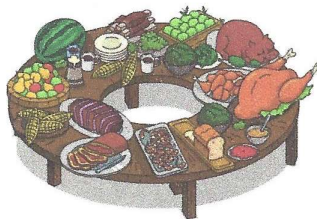
sheets, pillowcases, clothing, towels, toiletries, Bible,
and a bag to carry your Bible and journal



***** Please bring a photo of a place you have visited that has left you humbled and in awe. This photo will be returned. *****

Friday Night Dinner & Snack

The Ruth Circle will be providing all food for Friday Evening's King Buffet Dinner as well as snacks, coffee, tea, and bottled water.



Registration: * **The final day to register for the retreat is Sunday, April 10.** (Late registrations will only be accepted if there has been a cancelation.)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____

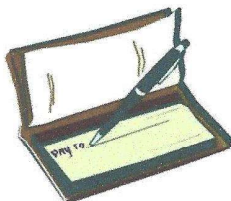
Roommate Requests: Please confirm with roommates before completing this section.

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |



Checks are to be written to:

N.B.E.P.C. Women's Association



Suggestion:

Do not complete check amount until room choice is confirmed.

Lodging Choices:

No. in a Room	Room Options	Retreat Fee
1	Double Bed	\$95.00
2	Double Bed Bunk Bed Queen Bed Queen Bed (First Floor)	\$75.00
3	Double & Bunk Bed Queen & Single Bed Queen & Bunk Bed	\$70.00
4 or more	Queen & Bunk Bed Basement Dorm Second Floor Dorm	\$65.00

Payment:

Retreat Fee (Includes meals & lodging)

Optional Thursday Evening Lodging (\$12.00 a person)

Optional Scholarship Fund Donation

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:

**NEW BEDFORD EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
151 Woodland Drive
Pulaski, PA 16143
Phone: 724-964-8055

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Church e-mail: newbedfordchurch@verizon.net



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service