

Dear NBEPC Family:

I am writing to you for this combined June and July newsletter with tremendous joy in my heart, and that is for a number of reasons.

Personally, as you know, God has brought Joanna Jones into my life these past seven months, and has led us to become engaged and married on Saturday July 13 at 3:00, an event to which you are all invited. In this relationship, God has shown once again that He is in the restoration business. He is restoring me from the grief of being at both Susan and Connie's side as God called my wife of 31 years, and then my wife of nine years, home to be with Him. He is also restoring Joanna from the hardest thing any parent could go through, the sudden and expected passing of her son Josh two-and-a-half years ago. But in addition to restoration, He is preparing us for what we both believe will be an exciting ministry together.

But the joy extends beyond the personal. For I have seen the Holy Spirit working in all of you collectively as a congregation. I literally feel Him flowing through all of you as you sing and worship Him during the services, and as you greet each other with such love. A pinnacle I felt was Youth Sunday weekend. You sang to God like a heavenly chorus that day!

And the joy also extends to what is coming up this summer. As I write this, Dawn and her team are preparing for VBS and the firefighter theme. It will be a great Vacation Bible School week! Then I think of Community Days in August, and opportunities to serve throughout the summer. Truly the church is beginning to live by our pathway to spiritual growth: Love God through worship; Know God through Growth Groups; and Serve God here, there and everywhere.

As part of all this joy, it is also a blessing to revisit the Romans sermon series I did in the fall. Picking up on where we left off, the new sermon series is called, "On the Road Again - Romans Style" and will I pray be the source of tremendous hope to all of you.

Our mission, vision and purpose as New Bedford Church is to Love, Know and Serve the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It's happening, folks. It's happening!

Blessings,

Pastor Dan

Do you enjoy camping? Would you like to get to know other members of the congregation that also enjoy camping? Planning is underway for a camping trip on August 16-18 at Pymatuning State Park, Jamestown 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.





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 first Sunday in October.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers, support, donations and kindness to me and my family during the loss of my parents. I am honored to know and love all of you and thankful every day that God brought us to this church and here we found our forever home. God Bless

Virginia Zinza & family





SPECIAL THANKS: I want to thank everyone on the bus to Lancaster for helping me. Nathan, Paul & Nancy Cummings & my roommate Janice Davis especially. They all contributed to my enjoyment & safety. Others who took my arm when walking made my breakfast, and served me coffee. So many reached out with love and caring. I can't list them all because I'm afraid I'd miss someone really important. As Pastor Dan has said, I am so fortunate to have a church family that is special in every way! God has blessed me in so many ways and I owe my life to his Grace & Mercy.

**Thank You All,
Sandy Courson**

Confirmation Class



Congratulations to the newest members of our church family. They attended the confirmation class, took their vows and were received by the congregation on May 26th during the Contemporary service at 8:30 A.M. They are Kayla & Duane Bicek, Edie Chrobak, Sue Goodwin, Doug & Amelia Hanna and Joe Yohman.



Father's Day is Sunday June 16.

Birthdays in June

6/01 – Karah Deal
6/07 – Lisa Craig
6/07 – Dennis Jones
6/07 – Autumn Marshall
6/10 – Edison Horodyski
6/12 – Marissa Carr
6/12 – Ray Janoski

6/12 – June Smith
6/18 – Sam Varano
6/19 – Christian Fulkman
6/22 – Geniene Jones
6/22 – Carrie Kaufman
6/24 – Margie Matthews
6/25 – Rori Fulkman

6/25 – Shirley Sikora
6/26 – Amy Geisinger
6/27 – Tim Smith
6/28 – Ashlynn McAllen
6/29 – John Anderson
6/29 – Dorothy Rishell

Birthdays in July

7/03 – Linda Harris
7/04 – Brandon Harris
7/04 – Ethan Harris
7/05 – Mary Beckman
7/05 – Tim Pogozelec
7/07 – Nathan Book
7/09 – Scott Phillips
7/12 – Gary Greene
7/15 – Jaxon Jones

7/17 – Gail Phillips
7/18 – Sharon Book
7/18 – Barb Carr
7/18 – Maverick Whiting
7/19 – Jessica Piccola
7/21 – Alyson Boyer
7/21 – Aryn Boyer
7/26 – Diane Bell

7/26 – Natalie Carr
7/27 – Billy Ray Moore
7/27 – Jacob Moore
7/27 – Nicholas Moore
7/27 – Samuel Moore
7/27 – Richard Pence
7/29 – Sheala McCarthy
7/30 – Pam Maloney

Birthdays in August

8/03 – Eli Fulkman
8/04 – Pete Carlisle
8/05 – Ted Chrobak
8/05 – Dave Hunt

8/08 – Paden McCarthy
8/10 – Gisela Dieter
8/10 – Ronan Kaufman
8/13 – Tammy Anderson

8/13 – Terri Emery
8/14 – Ciarra McAllen
8/15 – Nichol Fenati
8/15 – Ursula Pence
8/16 – Sandy Courson
8/16 – Shirley Goist
8/16 – Mary Hartzell

8/19 – Renee Persky
8/20 – Macie Whiting
8/21 – Meadow Whiting
8/25 – Mitchell Whiting
8/26 – Kelly Fox
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.

Lavon Rogers-----John XXIII Nursing Home
Shirley Trimba-----Nursing Home
Nancy Phillis-----Home
Gene Bicehouse-----Garden Way Place
Ted Chrobac-----Home



The Prayer of Cyrus Brown

(Samuel Walter Foss)

"The proper way for a man to pray,"
Said Deacon Lemuel Keyes,
"And the only proper attitude
Is down upon his knees."

"No, I should say the way to pray,"
Said Rev. Doctor Wise,
"Is standing straight with outstretched arms
And rapt and upturned eyes."

"On, no, no, no," said Elder Slow,
Such posture is too proud.
A man should prayer with eyes fast closed
And head contritely bowed."

"It seems to me his hands should be
Austerely clasped in front.
With both hands pointing toward the ground, "
Said Rev. Doctor Blunt.

"Last year I fell in Hodgkin's well,
Head first," said Cyrus Brown.
"With both my heels a stickin' up
My head a pointing down."

"An' I made a prayer right then an' there -
Best prayer I ever said,
The prayingest prayer I ever prayed, A-standing
on my head."

Thank you for our wonderful, supportive church
family. Whether it was a card, a call, a visit, or a
meal, your kindness helped so very much.

From whatever position you were in, we
especially want to thank you for the many
prayers given before, during, and continue after
Ray's surgery.

With gratitude,
Ray & Shirley Janoski



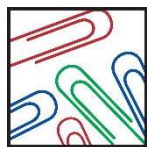
Sunday June 9th we will be help finish the decorating for VBS during youth group. After that regular meetings will resume in July. The dates for those meetings are: July 7th and July 14th.

After which we will be leaving for our combined Alive/Mission trip. We will be heading out on the morning of July 18th and returning on July 28th. Please pray for all involved in making this trip a reality.



Thank you to all who attended our EPIC bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster. It was a wonderful time together and quite an amazing experience we shared as a church family.

Due to the crazy summer schedule this year our next regular epic meeting will be July 11th. As always Bible study is at 11am with lunch to follow. Hope to see you there!



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!



To help with preparations
scan the QR to register for
Bows & Donuts

Sunday, June 30th 5:00 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 4 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.

Mark your calendar now for this great family time together!



**I Scream...You Scream...We all Scream for.....
AWANA & ICE CREAM!!!!**

Wednesday, September 4th 5:00-6:00 @ picnic shelter

We are kicking off Awana with a Family Night to register for the coming year. Join us to register for Awana, meet the Awana leaders, and enjoy a treat from the ice cream truck.

Wednesday, September 11th 5:00-7:00 First Awana Club Night



Ava McManis

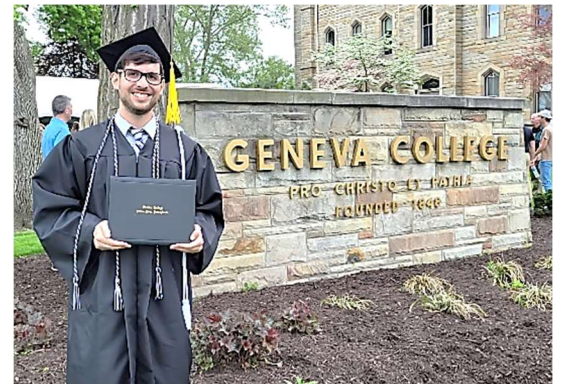
Ava is the daughter of Mike and Danielle McManis and is graduating from Wilmington Area High School. Her activities include being a member of FFA, student council, and Save club. When Ava is not working at Shenango on the Green she enjoys listening to music, going to the gym, and drawing.

After high school, Ava plans to continue working while deciding what she would like to study in college. We would also like to thank her for creating our Youth Sunday bulletin cover for the last 3 years.



Grant Dieter

Grant is the son of Dan and Gisela Dieter. He recently graduated from Geneva College with a double major in Psychology and Social Services. He was also awarded a full-time position at Pressley Ridge. In the fall, Grant is planning to return to Geneva to begin pursuing a master's degree in Counseling.



Joanna Jones

Joanna recently graduated from Penn West University with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. She is also currently pursuing her Master's from Penn West's accelerated program.





William Moore

Willie is the son of Billy Ray and Addie Moore and is graduating from Wilmington Area High School. His activities include Baseball, Football, Wrestling, and being a member of the Conservation Club. In his spare time, he also enjoys hunting, fishing, going to the gym, and hanging out with friends.

After high school Willie plans to attend Penn State and pursue a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

Rosalie Moore

Rosie is the daughter of Billy Ray and Addie Moore and is graduating from Wilmington Area High School. Her activities include Softball (9th) & Volleyball (9th) as well as being a member of FFA. When Rosie is not working at Medures she enjoys spending time with friends and family and also reading, fishing, and hunting.

After high school Rosie plans to attend YSU to pursue a degree in nursing.



Jacob Lockhart

Jacob recently graduated from the IBEW electrical apprenticeship program officially making him a Journeyman. He is also the proud owner of Backwoods Woodworking and is expecting his first child any day now.



Session Highlights

Pastor's Report

- 50th Presbytery of the Alleghenies Meeting report: 71 congregations and 3 church plants. 1% growth in 2023 attendance, >5,000 individuals made professions of faith and joined churches in the denomination. Plans to build more schools in Sierra Leone. Pastoral letter on race and lament copies passed out to Ruling Elders.

Administration

- The Administrative Committee has arranged to remove two trees near the pavilion with plans to take down 5 more at no cost.

Christian Education

- VBS, Snatch Them From The Fire, will be June 10-14 from 5:30-8 p.m. for ages 4 to 6th grade. All leadership positions are filled. Children will sing at the second service on Jun. 16.
- The committee begins on May 26 to feature a Growth Group at every Sunday worship to highlight them and encourage more engagement.
- The Dieters will teach the Pioneer class beginning Jun. 23, and Lee will take over teaching of the Senior High Sunday School class.
- Graduating Wilmington senior Ava McManis gave her testimony on Youth Sunday, Jun. 2.

Evangelism

- Name Tag Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. Gina Ankney led the first one in May.
- The Blessing Box donations may need to be recorded.
- Planning is underway for Back-to-School Backpack drive for Community Day (Aug. 3), June 30 Bows and Donuts, Giving Day in July to pick up trash around the church and community, and more.

Mission

- Doug has been sending care packages to church and community service members who are deployed overseas.
- The Committee is planning many activities for Community Days, including rental of a dunk tank (T&M Hardware).
- Presbytery Golf Outing, Mon., Jun. 10, and dinner at 6 p.m.

Worship

- Donna Fox is organizing special music for the summer.
- Outdoor worship service will be on August 11.

Deacons Report

- The Deacons continue to visit shut-ins and host funeral dinners (25 people served for Jack Keesey funeral).
- Two people are being picked up for Sunday Worship Services.
- A motion was made to accept the Deacons Reports from May. It was approved.

New Business

- Service project with Giving Day team up with youth group to do clean up church and community.
- Playground plans document was presented and discussed.
- RE Scott Phillips informed the Session that he may be moving out of the area as soon as the fall. He is willing to help find a willing replacement on the Session.

The next regular Session meeting is Thu., Jun. 27, 2024, dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. in the pavilion with covered dishes and meat provided by Scott.

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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

