

May 17, 2026

10:30A.M.



*The mission, vision, and purpose of New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church is to love, know and serve the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We Love God through worship, Know God through Growth Groups, and Serve God by using our gifts both outside and inside the church.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HANDBELL PRELUDE- O Worship the King**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP- Psalm 52**

**Leader: The steadfast love of God endures all the day!**

**People: We will trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever!**

**Leader: We will thank you for what you have done!**

**People: We will wait for your name because it is good!**

**Leader: The righteous shall see and fear him.**

**People: We shall trust in God as our strength and refuge!**

**\*A HYMN OF PRAISE # 365 Trust and Obey**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER-**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**CHOIR ANTHEM- “Raise a Hallelujah”**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*A HYMN OF PREPARATION # 250 I Know Who Holds**

**Tomorrow**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE LESSON – Revelation 6: 1-17**

**SERMON- "Spiritual Maginot Line"**

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN - It is Well With My Soul**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING**

**To God be the glory, To God be the glory,  
To God be the glory For things he has done.  
With His blood He has saved me;  
With His power He has raised me;  
To God be the glory For the things He has done.**

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**Pastoral candidate: Rev. Elija Bombeck**

**Head Usher: Christian Fulkman**

**Director of Music Ministry: Donna Fox**

**Praise Team Director: Jocilyn Csernyik**

**Director/Family Ministry: Lee Harris**

**Director/Children’s Ministry: Dawn Harris**

**Sound/Video Technician: Nathan Book**

**Nursery Attendant: Brenda Miller**

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*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**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

- 9:00A.M. Meet & Greet Pot Luck Breakfast
- 10:30A.M. Unified Worship Service
- 6:00P.M. Faithbook Workshop

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026**

- 9:30A.M. Ruth Circle meets

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

- 7am-8pm Primary Election Day
- 9:00A.M. The Weight group meets
- 9:30A.M. Deborah Circle meets
- 6:30P.M. Mission Committee meets
- 7:00P.M. Christian Education Committee meets

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**

- 5:00P.M. Senior High Youth Group meets
- 6:00P.M. Junior High Youth Group meets
- 7:00P.M. Bible Study

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**

- 11:00A.M. E.P.I.C. meets
- 6:30P.M. Elizabeth Circle meets
- 6:30P.M. Veterans Bible study

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026**

- 10:30A.M. Memorial Day parade and program

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Please fill out a yellow Welcome slip located in the pews or on the Welcome Cart in the Narthex. These are for prayer requests and/or visitors who would like more information about our church. Place it in the offering plate on the Welcome Cart.

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There is a kid's table in the vestibule with coloring/activity papers and fidget items that can be used during the service. Please return items following the service.



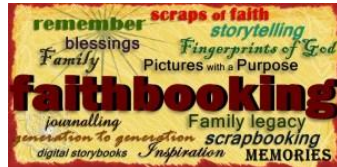
Please contact Taylor Velez, Clerk of Session if you have any correspondence or business for the Session. Her contact information is: phone 724-651-2429, email [tayloraskelding@gmail.com](mailto:tayloraskelding@gmail.com)

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 **JAM Kids will not be held today**

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Faithbook Workshop today, May 17 at 6:00pm. Anyone wanting to start a Faithbook or continue with one is welcome to attend.



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If you or your child/children are graduating from High School, Trade School, or College please contact the Church Office so that all graduates can be recognized. We will be having Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday on Sunday, May 31, at 10:30 AM. The deadline for graduate information is May 17th.

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The Deacons invite you to join us in celebrating our graduates with cupcakes and drink on Sunday May 31 following the service.



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**Redeeming Times Newsletter.** We will be doing a combine June/July Newsletter. All information and/or articles need to be submitted by Noon on

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> to be included in the June/July newsletter.

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The Church office will be open regular hours the last week of the month, Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>. Except Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> the office will be closed.



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.



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**MEMORIAL DAY 2026**

The 130<sup>th</sup> annual New Bedford Memorial Day program will be held on Saturday, May 23<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m. at Memorial Park near Hopewell Cemetery in New Bedford. A parade will precede the program. All veterans from New Bedford, Pulaski and Frizzleburg are welcome to walk in the Memorial Day Parade. Anyone who has a vintage/classic car is also encouraged

to join the parade. Local businesses may join in the parade. Parade participants will be meeting in the parking lot of the old New Bedford School near the Lion's Park by 10:00 a.m. The parade should start by 10:30 a.m.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come honor our veterans at the parade and to stay for the heart-warming service at Memorial Park.

The program will be held at New Bedford EPC if it is raining that day. The parade will conclude at the NBEPCC if it is not raining, but the Memorial Park grounds are too muddy for use.

## 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.





*\*J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) Kids during the 10:30 service.....Children in PreK – Gr. 3 are invited for a Bible lesson, craft, games. Parents can pick up their child after the service in the education wing.*

Extra copies of the April Redeeming Times Newsletter are available on the Welcome cart if you don't already receive one. If you would like to receive the newsletter, by email or paper copy, please leave a note on Jaime's desk with your name and email or mailing address.



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