Dear NBEPC Family:

What a glorious Holy Week we all enjoyed with Awana, the conclusion (for now) of Alpha, the Passover Seder, the Good Friday Tenebrae service, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the wonderful celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

After a week off myself visiting friends and family in Canada, it is good to get back into the rhythm of ministry with all of you, this most incredible church family.

Throughout the years I have been here, first as your Transitional Pastor and now as your Senior Pastor, I have welcomed people to share with me ideas for books or sections of the Bible from which they'd like to hear sermons. It was last Spring 2023 in my Sunday School class that Lori Smith suggested she would love to explore the life of Gideon, one of the individuals whom God used to rescue Israel, as recorded in the Old Testament book of Judges.

That has led to the sermon series I will be preaching for Spring 2024, called "Gideon: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly." Gideon was at best a reluctant hero, at worst a deeply flawed one. This series will look at Gideon's call, God's ability to give confirming signs, God's sovereign ability over powerful forces, Gideon's vindictiveness, and Gideon's movement from reluctant hero to corrupting influence. Prayerfully, his life will serve alternately as a lesson and/or a warning for us.

In the midst of this series, there will also be a celebration Sunday for the fabulous gift that Jesus gave to every believer, the Holy Spirit. Pentecost Sunday will feature a special message dedicated to that wonderful reality.

I pray that as the new growth of this season literally springs up all around us that you will take a moment to reflect on the creative hand of our God, who has blessed us in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio with so much beauty. To Him be the glory for all that He does!

Blessings,

Pastor Dan

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- **A motion was made to approve Marti Marshall as a new Deacon. The motion was approved.**
- **A motion to re-carpet the pre-K/pre-school room with $1800 out of the building fund was approved.**
- **A motion was made to fix a roof separation issue using up to $1000 from the building fund was passed.**
- **A motion was made to name Taylor Velez as a volunteer to the Youth Group Leader as she continues her college education in Youth Ministries.**
- **Letters for revitalization were sent out 30+ with one response. Others will be moved to inactive list.**
- **The special Easter offering was directed to Game changers.**
- **A motion was made to coordinate care packages for out-of-country, local armed service members funded by congregational donations. The motion was passed.**
- **The New Castle Mobile Library will be contacted about setting up in the parking lot at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.**
- **Next Presbytery Meeting is Saturday, May 18,2024, at Hillside EPC, Greenville, PA.**
- **Family Fun Day is Saturday, April 27th from 1-3 p.m.**
- **The next Session meeting will be held Thursday April 25th at 7p.m.**

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Thank you to my church Family,
for all the calls, cards, messages and visits (and lap robe) while I was in the Hospital and recuperating at home! I really appreciate all of you. Special thanks to Pastor Dan for finding time to come to the hospital in Pittsburgh during Holy Week. I continue to heal and feel your prayers. Your Brother in Christ,
Scott Phillips

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The Mission Committee would like to thank you for the support of the Fish Fry which we made $1,605.00 and for your generous donations for the Easter Offering of $2,075.00 for Gamechangers.

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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.

Birthdays in April

04/01 – Lillian Emery
04/01 – Clay Fulkman
04/04 – Barbara Pence
04/06 – Bill Harshbarger
04/07 – Andy Hostetler
04/08 – Liz Fraley
04/08 – Jaime McCarthy
04/09 – David Magee
04/11 – Julian Krisuk
04/13 – Leo Krisuk
04/19 – Dave Carr
04/19 – Ty Phillips
04/22 – Donna Fox
04/23 – Bonnie Glogowski
04/26 – Patty Wade
04/27 – Edward Rudzik
04/28 – Madeline Whiting

Birthdays in May

05/02 – Debi Fynes
05/05 – Grant Dieter
05/05 – Zoey Janoski
05/08 – Ed Miller
05/08 – Maelee Whiting
05/08 -- Ann Morris
05/09—Kim Runyan
05/12 – Doris Spence
05/14 – Duane Boyles
05/15 – Ryan Withers
05/16 – Julie O'Brien
05/19 – Ashley Shaffer
05/22 – Brandi Buxton
05/25 – Shirley Tremba
05/26 – Linda Porter
05/27 – Roy Komar
05/29 – 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
Nancy Phillis----------Home
Gene Bicehouse----------Garden Way Place
Ted Chrobac----------Home
Shirley Trimba----------Nursing Home

Evangelism Committee is hosting Family Fun Day April 27 from 1-3 PM. Veggie trays and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite dessert to share and favorite game(s) to play. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. This is just for us to have an idea of how much food is needed.

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SAVE THE DATES…VBS WILL BE JUNE 10-14

All firefighters, prepare for duty! Join the staff at Station 316, where kids will be trained to extinguish the fires of their own sin, and also how to help rescue others from the fire!

Sign-ups will begin Sunday April 21st in the Vestibule.
Check out the special tree and table to see how you can be part of VBS 2024!

VBS Work Days

Wednesdays in May 8, 15, & 29, June 5 begin at 9:30 am-will be VBS work days. Help with preparing decorations, nametags, craft items, and anything & everything VBS. If you are able to come and help for 1 week, 2 weeks, 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. If you would like to help with prep but can't make it on Wednesdays, let Dawn know...we can make something work with your schedule!

Decorating the float for the Memorial Day parade Friday, May 24th /Saturday, May 25th

Decorating, room and table set up on Sunday, June 19th after 10:30 Service, please plan to stay and assist with preparing for Fire Fighters VBS.

Dawn Harris call/text: 330-881-8110 email: dawnhnbpc@aol.com

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

Awana has concluded for the 2023-2024 year. It was a blessing to be able to serve the children of NBEPC and the community. It would not be possible without the faithful servants who serve the Awana ministry. Thank you is so little to say for how much you do!

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Mary Beckman	**Ginny Zinza**	**Ed Ammeen**
Julie Fulkman	**Mike Krisuk**	**Debbie Ammeen**
Dani Greene	**Lee Harris**	**Paden McCarthy**
Carla Krisuk	**Gerri Adamo**	**Madison Shields**
Janice Davis	**Retta Dutton**	**Ethan Harris**
Erika Taylor	**Elizabeth Fraley**	**Brandon Harris**

9:30 AM Sunday Mornings

All classes meet in the Education wing of the church

Sunday School for Children & Youth

Toddlers & Preschool - Mrs. Dawn Harris
PreK/K - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman
Grades 1-2 - Mrs. Gina Ankney
Grades 3-6 – Mr. Steve Fox
Jr & Sr High – Mrs. Erika Taylor

Sunday School for Adults

The Pioneers - Mr. Lee Harris – Study of the Gideon
(young children are welcome to stay with parents in the Pioneer class)
The Seekers – Pastor Dan Muttart – Digging Deeper into Pastor Dan's previous week's sermon
Join The Seekers via Zoom Meeting ID: 279 499 8008
Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson & Mr. Don Dougherty

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.

Mark your calendar now for this great family time together!

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Fire Fighters Family VBS

Are you ready to do something fun and exciting? Come on over to "Fire Station 316" and learn how to become a firefighter! At the Fire Fighters Vacation Bible School, you'll learn how to fight the fires of evil and how to 'fireproof' yourself through Jesus Christ, all in a safe, loving environment! Packed with fun skits, music, crafts, games, and more, Fire Fighters is a VBS adventure you don't want to miss!

Register: return this form to the church office **OR** Scan the QR Code

REGISTER BY MAY 26th to receive your Fire Fighters VBS T-Shirt at VBS

June 10-14, 2024 5:00-5:25 Dinner 5:30-8:00 VBS

VBS REGISTRATION FORM – CHILDREN AGE 4 - GR. 6

(CHILD MUST BE AGE 4 BY JUNE 1ST)

Child's Name_____Grade Completed:_____ /Age:_____
Allergies/Medical Needs:_____
T-Shirt Size: Youth: YXS YS YM YL Adult: AS AM AL AXL

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Allergies/Medical Needs:_____
T-Shirt Size: Youth: YXS YS YM YL Adult: AS AM AL AXL

Names of Adults Attending the Adult Workshop _____

Permission to photograph your child for use in church? YES NO

How many will be attending dinner each night? Please write the number in the blank.
This is to assist with our planning. All are welcome to come even if you don't know at time of registering.

_____Monday _____Tuesday _____Wednesday _____Thursday _____Friday

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

_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO
Name_____ Phone Number_____

Call the church office 724-964-8055 if Van Transportation is needed

For more info/questions call or text Dawn Harris at 330-881-8110 or dawnhnbpc@aol.com

Youth group will be moving back to Sundays for the months of April and May.

Our next meeting is Sunday April 14 from 1-3pm

There will also be a parent meeting on Sunday May 5th at 12:30pm to discuss our plans for the summer. Please plan to attend, especially if you child is interested in attending the mission trip or Alive.

Join us for our upcoming E.P.I.C. meetings as we continue to study the book of Daniel in preparation for our trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster. Future dates include: April 18, May 2, May 16. Bible Study is 11am with lunch at 12pm.

Anyone that would be willing to make food for lunch can sign up on the EPIC bulletin board in the hallway.

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, June 2, at 10:30 AM Service.

MEMORIAL DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 128th annual New Bedford Memorial Day program will be held on Saturday, May 25th 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. Parade participants will be meeting in the parking lot of the old New Bedford School near the Lion's Park by 10:15a.m. The parade should start by 10:30. 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 New Bedford EPC if it is not raining, but the Memorial Park grounds are too muddy for use.

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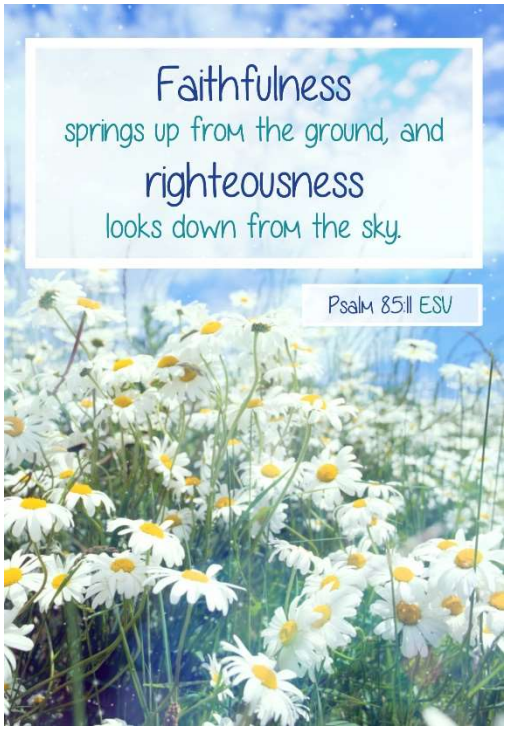

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School

10:30a.m. – Traditional Worship Service