

Dear NBPC Family:

It is hard to believe that November is upon us already! And that means we will get a chance formally to give thanks to God for all the good things He has done for us. Connie and I are so grateful to be with you through this transitional season. You have shown such tremendous kindness to us as Connie continues to battle her illness. Words cannot even begin to express our gratitude what all that you have done, from the moment we moved into the manse and even before.

For my part, my commitment is to give you all my pastoral heart and soul in this transitional season. And in that season, I can report to you with this newsletter that the next phase of the process has begun. I have been prayerfully led to Cindy Bell, Debi Fynes, Lee Harris, Doug Houk, Sam Jones and Erika Taylor to be members of the Vision Team, and each has agreed to serve.

The Vision Team will be prayerfully tasked with creating a Church Life and Ministry Vision which, when approved by Session, will be the blueprint for implementing strategies in the church to position you to be an even more vital 21st century church as we begin, believe it or not, as you move fully into the third decade of the 21st century. They will also, based on that vision, look to the qualities needed for your next permanent pastor. Once the Vision Team completes its work, which will likely take six months to a year, an Implementation Team will be formed, along with a Pastoral Search Committee.

For preaching in the month of November, we will finish off the sermon series from 2 Kings, entitled “Sewing the Seeds of Revival.” In addition, we will have the traditional Women’s Association Thank Offering service the Sunday before thanksgiving. This year’s guest speaker will be Rev. Gary Weston, who has been instrumental in creating and sustaining the Honduras Hope Mission, a comprehensive mission ministry that I had involvement in in its formative stages. You’ll find more about Gary and the Honduras Hope Mission in this newsletter.

I would also be remiss if I didn’t mention a special training that the Presbytery of the Alleghenies is hosting on Saturday, November 13. It will feature the authors of the book, “Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations;” if you would like to attend the meeting, held at North Park EPC Church, let me now.

As you can see, there are many things for which to be thankful — not the least of which is the promise of eternal life found through Jesus. God bless you, church family!

Pastor Dan and Connie

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Members of the Vision Team are Debi Fynes, Cindy Bell, Erika Taylor, Sam Jones, Doug Houk and Lee Harris.
- Recorded the marriages of Linda Puneo and Bill Porter on September 28, 2021, and Kristi Jones and Jared Kaufman on October 16, 2021.
- All carpets in the classrooms and nursery were professionally cleaned.
- The sanctuary and choir loft carpet and pews were professionally cleaned and sanitized.
- No Sunday School classes on November 7th (Evangelism breakfast) and December 26th (only one service that day).
- An all-church breakfast is scheduled for November 7th during the Sunday School hour.
- The Family Christmas Pageant will be presented on December 4th at 4:00 p.m. followed by the all-church Christmas Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
- Approved a special Christmas offering for the Hope for Renewal Church in Idora.
- Hanging of the Greens will be on Saturday, November 27th at 9:00 a.m.
- Reported our next Communion will be December 5th.
- Approved a combined worship service on December 26th at 10:40 a.m.
- Gary Weston, on the board of the Honduras Hope Mission, will be pulpit supply on November 21st. Thank offering will be given to the Honduras Hope Mission.
- Called a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 28th for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the Nominating Committee's report for church officers, electing of members to serve on the Nominating Committee and for receiving the 2022 church budget. The motion was approved.
- Approved Breakfast in Bethlehem for December 11th.
- Approved the Rebecca Circle request to plant one to two trees on the church grounds in memory of Jason Clark.

Help Needed

Would you be willing to help the Deacons in our ministry of providing needed meals to several families in our congregation? If interested in "working for the Lord" – Colossians 3:23 (NIV), please contact Sharon Book at 724-964-8392 for details.





Rides Available

The Deacons are offering transportation for people who need a ride to the second Church Service. Please contact Lori Jones at 724-658-6304, if you would like a ride.

We are also looking for drivers to help with this mission. You may sign up for pick-up, drop-off or both. Please contact Lori Jones for more information.

The Deacons are planning a special indoor 'Drive-In' Movie Night in January. More details will be coming after the holidays.

Birthdays in November

11/04 – Anna Taylor
11/06 – Deneen Greene
11/08 – Jim Emery
11/11 – Dana Gardner

11/14 – Aubrey Fulkman
11/16 – Brenda Hostetler
11/25 – Bernice Boyer
11/27 – Lee Harris

11/29 – Alyssa Boyer
11/29 – Curtis Bretz
11/29 – Barrett Craig

Birthdays in December

12/01 – Adam Marshall
12/02 – Diana Halt
12/03 – Titus Marshall
12/05 – Betty Komar
12/07 – Kyle Jones
12/09 – Chuck Bell
12/09 – Bob Bell
12/09 – Alexis Jones

12/11 – Caroletta Doverspike
12/13 – Grace Fenati
12/13 – Katee Paglia
12/14 – Evelyn Exley
12/16 – Wanda Boyles
12/16 – Hannah O'Brien
12/17 – Angela Houk

12/17 – Addie Moore
12/19 – Rebecca Halt
12/20 – Eric Keller
12/21 – Ruth Hunt
12/21 – Lavon Rogers
12/24 – Florence Allison
12/28 – Darlene Robison



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

On behalf of the family of Jason Clark, thank you for the cards, the kind & caring words, the food, the memorial donations, and prayers. We would like to thank those who were able to attend the Celebration of Life Service and to Pastor Dan, Donna Fox, the Men's Quartet, & Nathan Book for making the service exactly what was needed, & the Deacons for the wonderful luncheon that followed. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by such a gracious, earthly "cloud of witnesses & saints".



With our whole hearts we thank you,
Debi Clark-Fynes, Tom & Steven Begert-Clark, Thom Clark & family, & Katie Reed & Timmy

Thank you for sympathy and kindnesses shown to us at the recent unexpected passing of our precious daughter, sister and aunt, Tiffany Brooke Bell. The love, thoughts, support, flowers, gifts, food and especially the prayers from our congregation, family and friends are so appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Dan for His comforting words, the Deacons for the family dinner, and to all those who helped with our family memorial service for Tiffany. You have all held us up at a time when our world simply dropped out from under us.

We are so grateful and ask for your continued prayers as we move forward. We miss her tremendously, but we find comfort knowing without a doubt that Jesus is holding her in His loving arms now.

In His love – Diane, Chuck and Justin Bell and Natalie, Bryan and Kinley Williams

I can never begin to thank my church family enough for all your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, texts, soup and oh yeah ice cream since my surgery. You are all truly God's chosen people and express His love and caring with every breath you take! Sometimes I think if I even dared to sneeze, one of you would magically appear beside me with a kleenex.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Helen



Congratulations to Allison Bertolino and Tyler Falk on their wedding September 18th. The ceremony took place at Buhl Park Lakeside. Officiating the ceremony were Pastor David Hunt and Pastor Judy Riethmiller. The reception immediately followed in the Avalon Ballroom.

We were blessed with a beautiful day for a beautiful bride and groom. Pastors Hunt and Riethmiller did an amazing job making the service personal since they both have known Allison for a very long time! Thank you both for your hard work.

Blessings and prayers to this newly married couple for a happy, healthy and long life as they both have so much to offer this crazy world we live in. -Susan Bertolino



NBEPC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION SOUP & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

11A.M. – 2P.M.

**SOME CRAFT ITEMS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE
NO ADVANCE ORDERS, FIRST COME, FIRST GET
ALL OF OUR USUAL SOUPS PLUS SOME NEW ONES
VARIETY OF BAKED AND CANNED GOODS**

****WEATHER PERMITTING, WE HOPE TO BE SET UP OUTSIDE, PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY****

PIE SALE



Coconut Custard

Raspberry

Pumpkin

Blueberry

Fuji Apple

Egg Custard

Dutch Apple

Cherry

Peach

ALL ORDER FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11/7

DELIVERY WILL BE 11/17 6-8PM

****MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED UPON DELIVERY ONLY****

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE NBEPC YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group has been condensed to one group that meets on Sundays from 1-3pm.

Meeting dates for November are:

November 7, 14, 21, 28.

E.P.I.C. Dates for November:

4 & 18



PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION DATES

Greater Pittsburgh



NOVEMBER: Friday, November 5th

DECEMBER: Friday, December 3rd

****pick up at New Bedford Church (151 Woodland Dr.) is from 3:00P.M. until 4:15P.M.****



There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 28th following the 2nd Worship service. The purpose of this meeting is for electing new officers and for receiving the budget.

2021 Thank Offering Service Will Support the Honduras Hope Mission

November 21 will see the church's annual Thank Offering Service, hosted and organized by the Women's Association. This year, in consultation with Pastor Dan, the Women's Association have asked Rev. Gary Weston of the Honduras Hope Mission to be the guest preacher.

Gary is a retired pastor, having served during his career at Memorial Park Church, Valencia Presbyterian Church, the First Presbyterian Church Bakerstown, and Glade Run Presbyterian Church. Currently he spends most of his time serving with the Honduras Hope Mission, Rich-Mar Rotary Club, Pulpit Supply Preaching, and doing Member Care and Visitation for the First Presbyterian Church Bakerstown where he and his wife, Bev, worship weekly. Gary and Bev live in Mars, PA and when Gary is not serving in ministry in some way, he can usually be found on the golf course, or getting together with some of his 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

The Honduras Hope Mission is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization which has a mission statement to share God's love in tangible ways with the Honduran people. Their vision is to provide underserved Hondurans access to medical care, food, clean water, housing and educational opportunities. The chief focus over the years has been in two areas, yearly medical brigades and ongoing support for what they call Hope Families.

The Hope Families are among the poorest of the poor in La Villa de San Francisco, Honduras. Most of these families live in shacks, with several members sleeping in one bed or on a dirt floor. Among the challenges they face are single mothers who cannot provide sufficient food for their children, unclean drinking water laden with parasites, no access to medical treatment, and no money to purchase school uniforms which are mandatory to attend school in Honduras.

Seeing the need, the Honduras Hope Mission established the Hope Family Sponsorship Program which to meet and overcome all the issues described above, in addition to helping Hope Mothers establish and maintain micro-businesses. More information about the Honduras Hope Mission can be found on their website, hondurashopemission.org.

****There will be Special Envelopes in the bulletins on 11/14 and 11/21 for this mission****



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**Count
Your
Blessings**

**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