

**A Special Announcement:  
Candidate Sunday is May 17!**

The Pastoral Search Committee is thrilled to announce that we have called a pastoral candidate to preach before the congregation on Sunday, May 17. This is a pivotal moment in the life of our church, and we invite everyone to participate in this day of discernment and fellowship.

**Schedule of Events:**

**• 9:00 AM – Meet & Greet Breakfast:**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a pot luck breakfast and get to know the candidate in an informal setting.

**• 10:15 AM – Search Committee Presentation:**

Meet in the Sanctuary as the committee shares details about the selection process and the qualities that led us to recommend this candidate.

**• 10:30 AM – Unified Worship Service:**

We will gather for a single service to hear the candidate preach.

**• Immediately Following Service – Congregational Vote:** Members will stay for a formal ballot vote to officially call our next pastor.

We ask that you join us in prayer as we approach this significant day. Let us pray for our candidate, and for our own hearts to be open as we discern God's will for the future of our congregation together

Birthdays in May

05/01 – Mason Cruz  
05/02 – Debi Fynes  
05/05 – Grant Dieter  
05/05 – Zoey Janoski  
05/05 – Alex Csernyik  
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 – Noah Kaufman  
05/24 – Gina Ankney  
05/25 – Tyler Perdue

05/25 – Makenna Kaufman  
05/26 – Bob Shafer  
05/26 – Linda Porter  
05/26 – Dave Ankney  
05/27 – Mike Krisuk  
05/27 – Roy Komar  
05/30 – Natalie Williams

Birthdays in June

6/06 – Mary Morris  
6/07 – Lisa Craig  
6/07 – Dennis Jones  
6/07 – Autumn Marshall  
6/07 – Crystal Rayner  
6/09 – Harry Riethmiller  
6/10 – Edison Horodyski

6/12 – June Smith  
6/15 – Aldon Lockhart  
6/16 – Noelle Whiting  
6/19 – Christian Fulkman  
6/22 – Geniene Jones  
6/22 – Carrie Kaufman  
6/23 – Santana Riethmiller

6/24 – Margie Matthews  
6/25 – Rori Fulkman  
6/25 – Shirley Sikora  
6/26 – Amy Geisinger  
6/27 – Tim Smith  
6/29 – Virginia Zinza



*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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Our Deepest Sympathy's to the Family of Lavon Rogers, her daughter Barb Shaffer, Granddaughter Kristen Picariello and great granddaughter Adleigh Picariello and all family members. Lavon went to be with the Lord April 2<sup>nd</sup>. She was a long time and active member of New Bedford Church. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.



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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Do you enjoy camping? Would you like to get to know other members of the congregation that also enjoy camping? Planning is underway for one camping trip on October 16-18 at Pymatuning State Park, Tuttle Campground. Campsites fill up quickly, so we recommend you get this on your calendar and schedule your campsite soon. For more information call Judy Riethmiller at 724-730-6495 or Cindy Bell at 724-674-5160.



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Veterans Bible study meets every other Thursday at 6:30p.m. at the church. For May dates are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. All veterans are encouraged and welcome to join in and study with us.

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A "Puzzle Swap" is available on the top shelf of the coat rack in the hallway by the Pastor's office door. Take a puzzle / leave a puzzle! If you have any questions, see Diane Bell.



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**Save the Date:** Saturday August 1<sup>nd</sup> we will be hosting our annual Community Day outreach at Lyons Park. More information to come at a later date.

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Donations for new or gently used baby clothing or any baby items (diapers, wipes, etc.) are being taken for a Community Pay It Forward campaign. There will be a box in the Narthex to place the items in. Any questions please contact Beth Kendall at 724-714-7642.

A very special Thank you to everyone that has donated so far!

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THANK YOU to our Military - past and present - for their willingness to protect and serve our county so that we may all continue to enjoy our freedom of religion.



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Congratulations to Jacob and Alexis Lockhart on the birth of their second son Arlo Jones Lockhart. He was born on March 31st weighing in at 9 lbs. 14 oz and 22 in. long. The proud grandma is Geniene Jones and proud great-grandma Sandy Courson.

The morning of April 12th Pastor Dan Muttart performed the Sacrament of Baptism of Rita James Emery. Rita's parents are Jake & Lillian Emery. The proud grandmothers are Lynn Wood and Terri Emery.



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It's time to think about SUMMER CAMP!!! NBEPc supports two Christian Camps, Seneca Hills and Miracle Mountain Ranch. The church will sponsor children that attend either camp financially. For more info about the camps visit their website: Miracle Mountain Ranch – [www.MMRM.org](http://www.MMRM.org) Seneca Hills – [www.senecahills.org](http://www.senecahills.org)

If you have any questions about scholarships, contact Dawn [330-881-8110/dawnhnbpc@aol.com](mailto:330-881-8110/dawnhnbpc@aol.com)

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## Miracle Mountain Ranch Open House

Memorial Day, May 25th, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us on Memorial Day for a day filled with fun, western activities. Open House is a great time for you to find out what Miracle Mountain Ranch is all about! Doors open at 10:00 am and festivities wrap up at 5:00 pm. This is a free event.



No registration is required for Open House. Trail Rides: \$10.00 per person. (Ages: 8+. There is a weight limit of 250 lbs. to ride a horse. Covered shoes are required.)

For more information please visit our website at [www.MMR.org](http://www.MMR.org)

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**\*WEEKLY BULLETIN** – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted **no later than 12:00P.M. on Thursday afternoon** to be printed in that Sundays bulletin.

**\* MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS** – Please have all newsletter articles and/or information/announcements submitted **no later than Noon on the 25<sup>TH</sup> of every month** unless otherwise indicated in the bulletin to be included in the upcoming months newsletter.

**\*\*All bulletin and newsletter submissions can be sent to [newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com](mailto:newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com) or left on Jaime's desk.**

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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!



**Office Hours**

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

# SAVE THE DATES.....

## VBS ...JUNE 15-19



**Your Mission: To Serve, Lead, and have Fun at VBS**  
**Join us for Hero Hotline VBS as we are Called Together to Serve God!**  
**Hero Hotline Verse: Romans 14:19 So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.**

**Seeking Help: DRAMA...MUSIC...CRAFTS...SCIENCE...RECREATION...SNACK**

It takes many people to come together to make Vacation Bible School happen.....many people using the different gifts that God has given them...praying, planning, preparing, participating! It takes a church to raise up disciples!

Be in prayer for how you can serve in this ministry...check the VBS display at church.

### VBS Work Days--May 27 & June 10 begin at 9:30 am

Help with preparing decorations, craft items, and anything & everything VBS. If you are able to come and help for 1 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. Can't make it to a work day but willing to take items home to complete check the Serve Behind the Scene boxes on the VBS table at the church.

**Week of June 8<sup>nd</sup>** Decorate for VBS –Day/Evening...Let me know times **you are available!** I have flexible hours that week

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** Decorate/Set Up Fellowship after 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

### Memorial Day Parade – May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ride the church float in the parade on Saturday. Meet at the church at 9:30 to decorate the float and ride to the Pulaski Twp. park for the parade.



9:30 AM Sunday Mornings – Sunday School

#### *Sunday School for Children & Youth*

*Meet in the Education Wing of the church*

PreK/K - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman

Grades 1-2 - Ms. Ginny Zinza, Mrs. Dawn Harris

Grades 3-4 Mrs. Geniene Jones, Miss Lori Smith

Grades 5-7 – Mr. Steve Fox

Jr & Sr High – Mr. Lee Harris

#### *Sunday School for Adults*

Young Adult – Mrs. Taylor Velez

The Pioneers – Dan & Gisela Dieter

*(young children are welcome to stay with parents in the Pioneer class)*

The Seekers & Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson

Mr. Don Dougherty, Mrs. Shirley Janoski

**\*\*\*Note: There will not be Sunday School on May 17<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

**SERVE SUNDAYS** – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:30-10:15 AM THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR SINGING AND TO COMPLETE A SERVICE PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A SERVICE PROJECT THE CHILDREN COULD DO OR INTERESTED IN ASSISTING THE KIDS, CONTACT DAWN

Dawn Harris, Director of Children's Ministry 330-881-8110

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**New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church 151 Woodland Dr. Pulaski PA 16143**



# HERO Hotline VBS JUNE 15-19, 2026 6-8 PM

At Hero Hotline VBS the Professor, Super Meer, and our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world.

**REGISTER BY MAY 31<sup>st</sup> to receive a special prize!**

Scan the Code to Register



## VBS REGISTRATION FORM

### CHILDREN ENTERING K – ENTERING GRADE 6 IN THE FALL 2026

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering Fall 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Share any other information that will be helpful to serve your child: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: Youth: YXS YS YM YL Adult: AS AM AL AXL

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering Fall 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Permission to photograph your child for use on church website/social media? YES NO**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Phone Number of Person Responsible for Picking up Child after VBS: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



Youth Group will continue meeting on Wednesday evenings from 5-7pm thru the month of May. Starting in June, Youth meetings will take place on Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** the youth will be taking a trip to Kennywood. Anyone in 7-12 grade is welcome to join us. For more details please talk to Lee or pick up an information sheet in the vestibule. The last day to register is May 24<sup>th</sup>.

This month's EPIC dates:

**May 7<sup>th</sup>:** lunch will be chicken/egg/ham salad sandwiches with dessert.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>:** after Bible study we will be going to Hubbard VFW for lunch. There is a sign up sheet on the EPIC billboard in the educational wing. Please sign up today so we know how many to make the reservation for.

Bible study starts at 11am for both dates listed above. We would love to have you join us as we continue our study of the Gospels.



# **Session Highlights**

## **Administration**

- Church Clean Up day was April 11th.
- A motion was made to approve the nursery flooring to be replaced. The motion was seconded and passed.
- A motion was made to approve the Feb. '26 Financial Report. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **Christian Education**

- The couple's study went well. Had a total of 5 couples join.
- Awana award dinner is on March 25th.
- There was a motion to approve the date for Youth Sunday, which is May 31st. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **Evangelism**

- Lots of preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th.
- The Serve Growth Group was invited to the meeting but unable to attend.
- There was a motion to approve the date for Bows and Donuts, which is June 28th. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **Mission**

- Approved a \$500 donation to Vision Ministry Dinner at the New Englander for 8 free tickets. The dinner is April 19th.

## **Worship**

- All choir songs planned through Easter.
- Next Communion is April 2nd.
- Prayer Vigil will start after Good Friday service and run through Easter morning.  
Easter Brunch was April 5th in between services.

## **Deacons Report**

- Janice sent/delivered 7 Get Well/Encouragement, 1 Sympathy, and 11 Valentine Day Cards.
- 37 tulips were ordered for Easter.
- A motion was made to receive the Deacon's Report for January and February '26. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **Ministry Reports**

- Men's Ministry – no report.
- Women's Ministry – Women's retreat on March 20th-21st at The Castle in Franklin, PA.

## **New Business**

- Updates on Search Committee; Steve Fox and Josh Brown o Things have really been moving. There has been one candidate that came through above the rest. We called him in for a meet and greet. He was shown the church and the manse. We had a lengthy discussion and decided to move forward with a formal interview.

## **MEMORIAL DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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. Parade participants will be meeting in the parking lot of the old New Bedford School near the Lion's Park by 10:00a.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**

