Dear NBEPC Family:

It is not quite official yet, but this is the last message I write to you all as Transitional Pastor, as a congregational vote is scheduled for September 10 to receive me as your next Senior Pastor. Actually, let me express that with how my heart feels: your next Senior Pastor! Yay!!!

It did not take me very long to fall in love with all of you. Every church has its own personality, and this church's personality is one of love and caring. I felt it from the moment I walked in here. Connie felt it too. And Doug and Kim Runyan also shared with me, as their parting words to me in retirement, how special you all are.

One of the advantages God has given me in leading me to you in this about-to-be-assumed new role is that he already had me interview many of you, as part of transitional process, for what you perceived to be strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the life of the church. He also gave me a front row seat to facilitate the Vision Team meetings for all those months, and to see them develop the Church Life and Ministry Vision. One of the qualities the Search Team was looking for in a pastor was that they would support the church's new vision. I wholeheartedly do, because I believe it is from God. Its real life execution may have slight tweaks to what the Vision Team put on paper, but the spiritual growth process of Loving God through worship, Knowing God through Growth Groups, and Serving God by witnessing for Jesus out in our community is something to build a church legacy on.

To communicate that, after the congregational vote on September 10, I am planning a special message for Sunday September 17 that I am calling "Vision Weekend." As part of that Sunday as well, I know the Christian Education Committee is planning something special with regard to Growth Groups.

I am excited to see what God is going to have us do in this community together. Come Holy Spirit, and fill us to overflowing that we may be all used by you to spread the good news of Jesus and give all glory to God in the process.

God bless you,

Pastor Dan

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS 8/29/23

- **The Session approved the permanent pastor terms of call.**
- **The congregation will vote on the appointment of The Rev. Dan Muttart at the congregational meeting on Sep. 10, 2023.**
- **The Session approved a single worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sep. 10. Sunday school will happen, but there will be no early service. The goal is to gather congregants for the pastor appointment vote following the service.**
- **The Session accepted the resignation of church secretary Addie Moore. A candidate search is underway.**
- **A new microwave oven was installed at the manse.**
- **New basketball hoops were donated by Rhetta Dutton and approved for installation by the Session.**
- **At the Community Days event in August, the church gave out 57 back-to-school backpacks to area children.**
- **The Mission Committee of the Session will support the Faith Family Freedom Festival with a money donation. The event takes place on Sep. 7.**
- **The next Session Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sep. 28.**

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Congratulations to Curtis & Courtney Bretz on the birth of their daughter, Avery Jolene. Avery was born on August 13th. Jackson is a big brother and Rob & Nancy Bretz are the proud grandparents of this precious baby girl!

Congratulations to Jake & Lillian Emery on the birth of their daughter, Remi Lynn. Remi was born on August 21st. Ruthie is now a big sister and Jim & Terri Emery are the proud Mimi & Papa to this precious baby girl!

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The Mission Committee and the Evangelism Committee would like to thank the congregation for all your help and support during our recent Community Days. We could not have done it without you! It was a great day extending the hand of Jesus to the community!

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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING – Mark your calendars!! There will be a Women's Association meeting on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30P.M. here at the church.

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Birthdays in September

9/03 – Juanita Cornman
9/03 – Bobby Liddell
9/04 – Aaron Ealy
9/04 – Autumn Ealy
9/10 – Nancy Cummings
9/11 – Madison Shields
9/13 – Rosalie Black
9/13 – Brad Marshall
9/14 – Doug Runyan
9/15 – Jim Buxton
9/15 – Ted Hilliard
9/16 – Larry Pence
9/17 – Carol Madden
9/18 – Erin Teachy
9/22 – Madison Liddell
9/23 – Ethan Pence
9/28 – Lori Jones
9/29 – Helen Ruby

Birthdays in October

10/01 – Cindy Bell
10/04 – Don Hartzell
10/05 – Katie Magee
10/05 – Connie Shick
10/08 – Jean Chrobak
10/08 – Connor O'Brien
10/08 – Marilyn Pelles
10/09 – Don Dougherty
10/10 – Amanda Rudzik
10/11 – Ruthie Emery
10/12 – Sam Jones
10/15 – Jack Keesey
10/15 – James Maloney
10/16 – Brandy McAllen
10/17 – Ariana Carr
10/18 – Emily Bretz
10/18 – Kristi Kaufman
10/19 – Brock Janoski
10/21 – Jocilyn Csernyik
10/22 – Dylan Dieter
10/22 – Elaine Hepler
10/25 – Kelly Miller
10/25 – Debbie Pogozelec
10/26 – Bev Varano
10/30 – Shawn Kendall
10/31 – Bob Exley
10/31 – Marilyn McConahy

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
Gene Bicehouse----------Garden Way Place

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All 7-12th graders are welcome to join us Sundays from 1-3pm as we continue our study of how science relates to creation.

We will NOT be meeting on September 3rd.

Join us at E.P.I.C. on September 7th & 21st as we continue our study of the book of revelation. Bible study starts at 11am. Following our lesson, lunch is provided:

September 7th: Hot Ham Sandwiches

September 21st: Hot Dogs

If you would be willing to provide a side dish or dessert for any of the above dates, please contact Dawn Harris, Nancy Cummings, or Debbie Ammeen. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Sunday School for Children

Nursery – 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 – The Gospel Project
The Seekers – Pastor Dan Muttart – Digging Deeper into the previous week's sermons
Join The Seekers class via Zoom – Meeting ID: 279 499 8008
Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson - Bible-In-Life Series

Sunday September 10th will be Promotion Sunday and the beginning of the new Fall quarter. Please meet in the Church Sanctuary at 9:30 AM

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J.A.M. Kids!! (Jesus And Me Kids)
J.A.M. Kids is a time during the service for the young children to have a lesson time of their own. Lessons and materials are provided. Leaders are needed to disciple these young children. Sign up in the Vestibule for a day and service ☺

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

Awana Clubs

Wednesday, September 6th 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 13th 5:00-7:00 First Awana Club Night

Q: What is Awana? A: Awana is an international, non-denominational ministry to help churches and parents to raise children and youth to know, love, and serve Christ.
Q: Who can come to Awana? Awana is an evening program for **children ages 2 to grade 6.** Children need to be potty trained, if not a parent may stay with their child at Awana.
Q: What do the kids do at Awana? A: The schedule includes *Handbook Time*-this is the time dedicated to Bible verse memorization and application using age-appropriate handbooks. All Bible verses are taken word-for-word from the Bible. *Large Group Time*-this is the time of prayer and an age-appropriate Bible message is presented. *Game Time*-this is a time for the Clubbers to practice teamwork and good sportsmanship by competing in fun, organized games.
Q: How can I be involved with Awana? A: The ministry of Awana can only exist with the support of the congregation and community. Please be in prayer to discover how God can use you in this children's ministry.

Following is a list and brief description of areas where you could make an eternal difference.

Prayer Partner- pray for the ministry of Awana and/or partner with a Clubber to lift in prayer during the months of Awana.
Leader- Leaders will guide their group of Clubbers to the Game Time and Large Group Time. Leaders will build relationships with their Clubbers and encourage their walk with the Lord. Leaders will assist the Clubbers during Handbook Time, helping them to work through their handbook and understand what they are learning.
Record Keeper – help with record keeping of the handbook sections completed and distribution of awards
Reward Keeper - organize the rewards and work with the record keeper to distribute awards when earned
Award Maker – assist with cutting the felt and preparing the awards
Van Driver - drive the church van to pick up/drop off kids on Wednesdays
Listener - listeners are needed during 6:25-6:55 to listen to a Clubber recite Bible verses.

There is a place for you to be a life changer through Awana

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Registration Form 2023-2024

Please Print Clearly

Clubber's Name:_____ Birth Date:_____ Grade:_____

Registering for Club: Puggles (Potty Trained Ages 2-3 If your child is not potty trained, a parent must be at the church during Awana.) Cubbies (Age 4-5) Sparks (Grades K-2) T & T (Grades 3-6)

Shirt Size: 2T 3T 4T 5T
YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL
(circle size)

Street Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Parent's Name:_____

Parent's Contact Number during Club Time:_____

Email Address:_____

Home Church:_____

Please list any and all allergies, medical conditions, and medications being taken that we should be aware of:

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Physician:_____ Physician's Phone Number:_____

In the event a parent/guardian cannot be reached in an emergency situation, please contact:

Name:_____ Relationship:_____ Phone_____

Terms and Conditions -- Please Initial the space IF YOU ACCEPT:

____I understand that my child may participate in physical activities such as those held during Game Time. As with any physical activity, there is a risk of injury. I fully accept this risk and hold harmless from any legal liability, New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church and any persons involved in the Awana Club ministry.

_____I understand and fully accept the risk of possible exposure to an illness of my child from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.

_____In the event of an emergency that requires medical treatment for the above named child, I understand every effort will be made to contact me or my emergency contact. However, if I/we cannot be reached, I give my permission to the Awana volunteers to secure the services of a licensed physician to provide the care necessary for my child's well being. I assume all costs connected to treatment of my child.

_____I grant permission for a photo of my child to appear in church powerpoint presentation, bulletin boards, newsletters, and church inserts.

_____I understand that all Awana Leaders have had a No Record status on the PA Criminal History and Child Abuse Clearance before being permitted to volunteer at Awana.

_____All information contained in this form is confidential.

_____A $15 donation to cover material costs is suggested, but not required for attendance.

I have read the Terms and Conditions as stated above:

X_____ _____ _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian Print Name of Parent/Guardian Date

If you have any questions please contact Dawn Harris
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please keep all of the students, teachers and parents in your prayers as everyone heads back to school*

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