Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

This is my last newsletter as Pastor of New Bedford Church. I have had the privilege of serving here for 23 ½ years.

Let me begin by saying this. I am excited about the future of New Bedford Church. On the next page the new Transitional Pastor, Dan Muttart, will be introduced. Dan is a fellow Pastor in the Presbytery and a friend. Dan will do an excellent job for the next year or two guiding the church as we move away from the Covid crisis and prepare for the future.

Next I want to say, "Thank you."

- It has been my great joy to share wonderful times of joy with all of you. I have loved the laughter and the many celebrations we have had together. I have had the joy of baptizing 111 people in my time here. I have officiated at 25 weddings. New Bedford Church is truly a great place of joy.
- I have also had the privilege of sharing many times of sorrow with most of you. As I was organizing my files (and throwing away many of them) I counted that in my time here I officiated at 103 funerals.
- I have loved sharing the Word of God every week with you. There is no greater privilege a pastor has than to study the Word of God and sharing it with his congregation. I have had the joy of seeing many people grow in faith as the Holy Spirit touches their lives.
- I have had the joy of working with so many great, great people. I have seen the dedication of the staff at our church as they serve the Lord. Many, many of you have served as Elders or Deacons and I have had the joy of working side by side with you in guiding and serving the congregation.
- I want to thank you for embracing my family. Kim, Erin and Adam were part of this church family for many years. This church was instrumental in our growth as Christians. The church was with us in our times of joy and in our times of sorrow.

We live in a time where many churches, especially community family churches, have struggled. New Bedford Church has remained healthy and growing. Our outreach and our service to our community has remained strong. As has been the case with all churches, the Covid crisis has been difficult. Thank you for continuing your support for our church. The income for this year is almost identical with our income from 2019. I pray that when we move past this crisis New Bedford church will once again begin to grow and will continue to serve the Lord.

Again, thank you and God Bless you,

Doug and Kim

Greetings All,

The Session of New Bedford Presbyterian Church is pleased to present our new Transitional Pastor, Dan Muttart.

Dan was first ordained in 2003 by First Presbyterian Orlando (then PC USA). His ordination was transferred to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church through the Presbytery of the Alleghenies in May 2012. Dan received his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2016. At that time, he also retired as Senior Pastor from First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown (2008-2016). He then took the position of Transitional Pastor at Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church (2016-2021). Finishing in his service at Natrona in January 2021, Dan felt led by God to apply for the Transitional Pastor opening here at New Bedford Church.

The Session after many hours of prayer, meetings, discussion, and interviews with several candidates felt led by God to formally offer this position to Pastor Muttart. He has agreed to lead us through this transitional period and help guide us to find our next pastor called by the congregation to serve long term. We look forward to ministering with Dan as we go through these transitional times!

On behalf of the Session, please give a warm New Bedford welcome to Pastor Dan and his wife Connie!

In His Service,

Scott Phillips, Elder
Chair of the Transitional Pastor Committee

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Received the financial report of the month.**
- **Approved the 2021 Mission Budget.**
- **Approved giving Donna and Ashley permission to cancel hand bell and church choir rehearsals at their discretion.**
- **Approved hiring Dan Muttart as Transitional Pastor and approved the contract.**
- **Approved Pastor Doug rental of manse garage for furniture storage at $300.00 per month for 5 months. Doug and Kim will also leave the house minimally furnished for the next 4 months for use by Pastor Dan in case of winter weather.**
- **Approved gift card Christmas bonuses for all the staff.**
- **Called a Congregational meeting for December 27th or any Sunday following where a quorum is present for the election of a Deacon.**
- **Called a Congregational meeting for January 24th to receive the annual report.**

Birthdays in January

1/01 – Jakki Gardner
1/03 – Bud Freeman
1/04 – Olivia Eppinger
1/04 – Corigan Quinn
1/05 – Lois Adams
1/05 – Phillip Book
1/05 – Edie Dougherty
1/05 – Ashley Fox
1/05 – Shirley Janoski
1/05 – Jacob Taylor
1/06 – Nancy Bretz
1/06 – Joel Phillips
1/09 – Brenda Miller
1/11 – Marshall Whiting
1/12 – Linda Feil
1/12 – Diane McConnell
1/14 – Gary Geisinger
1/14 – Allen Jones
1/17 – Terri Quinn
1/19 – Rosie Moore
1/19 – Willie Moore
1/20 – Amanda Miller
1/24 – Lori Smith
1/26 – Mike Duffy
1/26 – Mackenzie McCarthy
1/26 – Julie Whiting
1/27 – Joyce Goist
1/27 – Morgan Whiting
1/28 – Taylor Allison

Birthdays in February

2/02 – Paul Cummings
2/02 – Aleah Deal
2/02 – Nancy Phillis
2/03 – Dawn Harris
2/03 – Roberta Moorehead
2/04 – Harry Cornman
2/04 – Shirley Freeman
2/04 – Alexandra Lambert
2/04 – Austin Whiting
2/05 – Pam Liddell
2/07 – Marty Marshall
2/07 – Martha Miller
2/07 – Nancy Rudzik
2/08 – Len Halt
2/08 – Laura Harshbarger
2/09 – Barbara Sander
2/15 – Bowen Fulkman
2/15 – Shirley Snyder
2/22 – Lisa Magee
2/22 – Amanda Quinn
2/26 – Donald Pence
2/27 – Don Craig



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
Dot Shillingburg----------Home
Erma Gorley----------Nugent's Nursing Home



OFFICER TRAINING 2021 – On Saturday, January 9th from 8:30AM until NOON. All Officers, Elders and Deacons, returning and new, are encouraged to attend this training. This training is required by our Book of Order and is also a great time of fellowship and for making goals for the upcoming year.

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IMPORTANT - Annual Reports: All committee and board secretaries or chairmen should start thinking about getting their Annual Reports ready to be turned in. ALL REPORTS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THEN MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH to be included in the 2020 Annual Report. There is a folder on my desk or you can email your reports to me at newbedfordchurch@verizon.net or addietwinstrips@gmail.com Thank You!! Addie

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On Sunday, January 24th there will be a Congregational Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is for receiving the Annual Report. This meeting will be during the Sunday School hour in between Church Services.



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The Mission Committee will be collecting pounds of coffee during the month of January in support of the City Rescue Mission. Each winter the City Rescue Mission serves thousands of cups of coffee to those seeking shelter and warmth. This is a way we can help to care for the hurting and homeless by donating to The City Rescue Missions "FILL OUR CUP" drive. You may drop your coffee donations in the box in the vestibule anytime in the month of January. The Mission Committee thanks you for your support!

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The Women's Association will have a take-out soup sale on Saturday, February 20th from 9:00A.M. until NOON. The cost is $7.00/quart. Available soups will be Potato, Broccoli Cheese, Tomato Basil, Wedding, Beef Vegetable, Stuffed Pepper and Chicken Noodle. Someone will be in the narthex Sunday, February 7th & 14th for you to sign-up for available quarts or you can call the church office during working hours. You will pick up your soup in your car at the church entrance.



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SAVE THE DATE – JANUARY 31



There will be a commemorative service on January 31st honoring Pastor Doug and Kim as they begin retirement. There will be one combined service at 10:30A.M. with a PowerPoint beginning at 10:15A.M.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and gifts during this past year. You are loved more than you know!

Love you All – Dot Shillingburg

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We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of Pearl Reed. Pearl passed away on December 24th.



"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

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College Care Packages: As a way to encourage the college students returning to school this semester care packages are being put together for Ashlynn McAllen, Grant Dieter, Phoebe Woods, Madison Liddell, & Olivia Eppinger. There is a tree in the vestibule with tags listing items to purchase for the care packages. Stop by the church to get a tag or pick one up on Sunday morning. Purchase the item on the tag and return it to the church by Jan 31st. As well as items we would love to include notes of encouragement to them as they attend school during the CoVid pandemic. There are some blank note cards located in the vestibule for you to use. A box will also be in the vestibule for the collection. Please bring items by Sunday, January 31st so boxes can be shipped in February. Thank you for showing love and helping to brighten the day of the college students.

Grab your favorite snack and computer & break up the chilly winter blues with a fun time together!!



NBEPC FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday January 22nd at 7:00 PM-8:00 PM
Hosted by Lee & Dawn Harris on Zoom
EVERYONE is welcome to join in for a fun family game.
Email Dawn at Dawnhnbpc@aol.com for the Zoom Code.
It will be emailed out Thursday January 21st to anyone that wants to join in!

Children's Sunday School: *Preschool-Grade 6 will be 'old school' and have a combo Sunday school class, like a one room schoolhouse. We will meet in the double Sunday School room for a lesson, songs, game, and craft.*

Adult Sunday School: *In-Person Adult Sunday School classes are not meeting at this time. If there is anyone that would be willing to lead a time of devotions and prayer, either Sunday at 9:30 or during the week, contact Dawn.*

Awana Clubs

Club will meet 5:00-6:45 PM
Drop off is at the Main Doors for kids to go to the Sanctuary
Doors will open at 5:00
Please wear a mask & bring a water bottle
as the water fountain is unavailable.
If you want more information about Awana please contact Dawn

Puggles-Ages 2 & 3 Cubbies-Preschool Sparks-Gr. K-2 T&T-Gr. 3-6

Schedule for Puggles/Cubbies/Sparks TBA - will be emailed to families
Schedule for T&T in-person meeting nights will be January 13th & January 20th

If you are willing to 'mask up' and feel lead to serve in this ministry please contact Dawn.
Thank you for the continued prayers for the children's ministries at NBEPC.

For any questions contact Dawn Harris, Director of Children's Ministry
Call/Text: 330-881-8110 Email: Dawnhnbpc@aol.com

Family Ministries Calendar
January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 2:30-4:30	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 2:30-4:30 (gift exchange)	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 2:30-4:30	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 2:30-4:30	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 2:30-4:30						

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Children's Sunday School

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service