

Dear NBEPC Family:

Okay, I'm going to admit it (in fact I think I did in one of the services!) I have HATED this winter! The first flakes of winter were beautiful. The first few snowfalls were gorgeous. But sub-zero and never-ending ice and snow all through late January and February? If anybody wants to join me in tracking down Punxsutawney Phil, I'm game!

But with March comes spring, and the season of Lent, and Easter Egg hunts and a little bit of warmer weather and...bring it on!

Lent is also a time of reflection and preparation for the greatest event in history — Jesus' resurrection. And so in the spirit of that, and with desire to *let go* of all my negative thoughts of winter, our Lenten sermon series is going to be *called* "Letting Go."

Lent is a time to assess ourselves and make adjustments, to perhaps *let go* of some things that hold you and I back from growing in our walk with Jesus. This sermon series, focusing on the life and words of Jesus, is designed to do just that, culminating in the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection and all that means for you and me.

Okay, as I am finishing this up, I *am* again looking out my office window. There *is* a lot of snow on the ground, but yeah, I'll admit it grudgingly. I guess it *is* still pretty. Time to let go!

Blessings,

Pastor Dan and Joanna

Birthdays in March

03/03 – Steve Fox
03/07 – Vinnie Fenati
03/08 – Sue Bluedorn
03/12 – Mira Fulkman
03/13 – Doug Houk

03/15 – Larry Bluedorn
03/17 – Jake Emery
03/19 – Dan Dieter
03/20 – Ed Rudzik
03/20 – Richard Defreshia
03/21 – Sheila Eppinger-Epper

03/22 – Beth Kendall
03/25 – John Book
03/27 – Robert Bretz
03/29 – Judy Stuhlmann

Birthdays in April

04/01 – Lillian Emery
04/01 – Clay Fulkman
04/02 – Sharon Devite
04/04 – Barbara Pence
04/07 – Andy Hostetler
04/08 – Liz Fraley
04/08 – Jaime McCarthy

04/09 - David Magee
04/09 – Erin Dawson
04/11 – Julian Krisuk
04/13 – Leo Krisuk
04/19 – Dave Carr
04/19 – Ty Phillips
04/22 – Donna Fox

04/23 – Bonnie Glogowski
04/27 – Edward Rudzik
04/28 – Madeline Whiting



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
Jim Weise-----Home
Doris Spence-----Home
Pete Carlisle-----Home



Session Highlights

Administration

- The deed for the extra land that was purchased, there is an idea of combining the two lots so the new parcel is joined with the church parcel.
- A list of improvements and projects for 2025 has been generated.

Christian Education

- Kids/Youth Sunday School will begin as normal on Jan. 26th
- Awana Awards night will be March 26th with a potluck dinner.
- Awana Bible Quizzing will be March 1st and we have 3 planning to attend.
- Vacation Bible School is planned for June 9-13, 2025

Evangelism

- Discussed plans for the upcoming year including, Easter Egg Hunt, Bows and Donuts, and Trunk or Treat.

Mission

- Taking collections for Idora. Looking for snacks and other items.
- Autumn is going to be state side for a while. She has surgery on January 24, 2025 and it'll take 2 to 3 months for the healing process.

MAN CAMP- March 7-9 2025 at

Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center

276 Damascus Rd. Polk, PA 16342

For more information, visit our website at SenecaHills.org

Or see Steve Fox for more information.





Soup & Bake Sale - March 8

Women's Ministry will be sponsoring a Soup & Bake Sale at the church on March 8 from 10 am - 12:00. This will be our only fundraiser for the year, and we would like to purchase a piece of equipment for the new playground. We need your help! If you could make soup or baked goods to help our endeavor, it would be greatly appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!

Save the Date for our next Very Special Ministry focusing on Easter on Sunday, April 6th from 2:00 to 3:30. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please email Carla at carkrisuk@gmail.com or contact by phone at 980-225-3645. There will be a brief training and preparation meeting on Sunday, March 23rd from 1:00 to 2:00. Thank you to all that helped out on February 16th!



Daylight Savings Time begins March 9th. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.





Ash Wednesday Worship Service-
Wednesday March 5th at 7:00P.M.

New Addresses

Doris Spence
Ridgecrest of McCandless
8870 Duncan Ave Apt 403
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Scott & Gail Phillips
11011 Highway Z
Falcon, MO 65470



I can never thank my church sisters and church family enough for kicking me out of the kitchen, banning me from the Snowball lunch and totally taking over. A Special thank you to Glenda & Shirley. It could not have been the good time I heard everyone had without their efforts. I thank God every day for putting you all in my life. - Helen



*** WEEKLY BULLETIN** – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted **no later than 1:00P.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 25th 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 or left on Jaime's desk.**

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.

Donation Opportunity----In March, the AWANA Clubbers will have the opportunity to go shopping in our 'church' marketplace. They get to buy items with the points they earned. They can earn points each week for; attendance, bringing a Bible, bringing their Handbook, completing sections, and wearing uniform. Many kids have earned a lot of points and they look forward to shopping with them at the end of Awana. ***If you would be able to donate items for the marketplace please leave them in the box in the vestibule. Items can be donated until Sunday March 16th.*** Many great items could be purchased from a dollar store or in the clearance section. Thanks for your help in rewarding the kids for their commitment in Awana and earning points.

Church Marketplace Assistance: Areas of help needed:

Store Set-up: Monday, March 17 - Noon- 3:00 PM

Store Set-up: Wednesday, March 19 – 11 AM

Shopper Assistant: Wednesday, March 19 - 5:30-7:00 – The Clubbers shop with the points that they earn throughout Awana. A Shopper Assistant will help the kids select items and spend their points.

Please see Dawn if you have any questions or are able to help.



Wednesdays 5:00-7:00
Ages 2 - Grade 6

Please lift the faithful servants in prayer as they serve the children of our church and community.

******UPCOMING CLUB NIGHTS******

March 5th - Double Point Night (BookMobile 4-5 PM) Dismissal will be at 6:50 due to Ash Wednesday Service at 7.



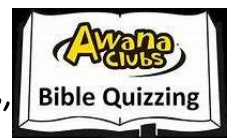
March 12th - Aloha Night

March 19th - Marketplace shopping night

March 26th - Awards Night & Dinner 5:00 Awards followed by Potluck Dinner

ALL are welcome to come and celebrate the year of Awana!

Pray for the T&T Clubbers that will be participating at the Western PA Awana Bible Quizzing on March 1st. Clubbers are Anna Taylor, Kinley Williams, Hailee Cline, Violet Horodyski, Julia Adamo, Kassidy Embree, and Jacob Taylor.



J.A.M. Kids is a time during the 10:30 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 is in the Vestibule.

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SAVE THE DATES.....

VBS WILL BE JUNE 9-13

Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM - Planning meeting for VBS

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.

Looking forward to seeing you on April 1st!

Open Climb at Seneca Hills Bible Camp



Seneca Hills facility features top-roping, ample bouldering terrain, and lead-climbing. The facility was designed to suit all types of climbers: beginners, outdoor crushers, competitors, those who have adaptive needs, youth, and families.

When: Wednesday, April 16th 4:00-8:00 PM

Cost: \$10 for Helmet & Harness Rental

**Chalk bags and climbing shoes available to rent for \$2.*

Ages of Climber: age 5 and older

More information will be given closer to the event

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YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group will continue to meet on Wednesdays through the month of March. Come and join us from 5-7 pm as we continue our look at discipleship.

Join us while we study the book of Esther as part of our post exile series. Bible study starts at 11am with lunch to follow.

March 6th we will be heading to the Eagle Grille in Hubbard Ohio for lunch.

March 20th is our annual St. Patrick's Day pot luck. Join us for Bible study and bring a dish to share.

Sign-up sheets for both events are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

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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