

Dear NBEPC Family:

At General Assembly this summer, I got a chance to spend some one-on-one time with a gifted pastor who now works for a counseling organization called PastorServe.

I booked a free appointment with him and expressed my strong desire to add a missing link to my ministry, which was finding a way to disciple relatively new believers.

What he shared with me was an approach he used in a large church where he served on staff, a training called “Seven Conversations.”

At its heart, this training is about developing habits, habits that are based on conversations Jesus had with people during his earthly ministry, conversations that took listeners into a deeper relationship with Him, His Father, and the Holy Spirit.

What I am doing this fall is bringing this training to a small group of newer or re-upped believers in our church, and I thought it would be helpful to share what I’ll be teaching over ten weeks, with the prayer that it might stimulate your thinking as well.

The seven conversations are:

- * The Jesus conversation. This involves being Jesus centered and bringing people to Jesus.**
- * The Bible conversation. This focuses on being Bible-driven and developing the habit of engaging with the Bible at least four times per week.**
- * The Prayer conversation. This teaches the idea praying like Jesus and developing the habit of listening for, recognizing and responding to His voice.**
- * The Spirit conversation. This explores the concept of being Spirit-led and developing the habit of living surrendered to the Spirit**
- * The Father conversation. This discusses how to develop a relationship with Father God, and the habit of experiencing His love and forgiveness.**
- * The Together conversation. This involves developing healthy relationships with the goal of living together in a Bible-driven, Jesus-centered, Spirit-led community.**
- * The Multiply conversation. This describes how to multiply disciples like Jesus and the habit of multiplying individually and collectively.**

I am excited and prayerful about where this teaching will lead, and ask for your prayers for its success and well, it’s ability to multiply as well. Have a great month!

Blessings,

Pastor Dan and Joanna

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
10/15 – James Maloney
10/16 – Brandy McAllen
10/17 – Ariana Carr
10/18 – Emily Bretz
10/18 – Kristi Jones
10/19 – Brock Janoski
10/21 – Jocilyn Csernyik

10/22 – Elaine Hepler
10/22 – Dylan Dieter
10/25 – Kelly Miller
10/25 – Tyler Craig
10/25 – Debbie Pogozelec
10/26 – Bev Varano
10/30 – Shawn Kendall
10/31 – Bob Exley
10/31 – Marilyn McConahy

Birthdays in November

11/04 – Anna Taylor
11/06 – Deneen Greene
11/11 – Dana Gardner

11/13 – Layla Maggie
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



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
Nancy Phillis-----Home
Shirley Tremba-----Sheppard of the Valley



Session Highlights

Playground Update

- Lillian Emery reported that ground broke, equipment ordered, work day in October to put everything together. Insurance wants a fence and signs for “play at your own risk” and “closed after dark.” She will provide Administration Committee with mockups with signs before production.
- A motion was made to include a plaque listing corporate sponsors that have donated materials or funds to the playground project. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report

- Alpha Update, 9/11 @ 6:30 p.m. – restarting with Facebook organic encouragement for Church members to share through personal networks. Dama Fraley looking at teen Alpha.
- Discipleship Initiative – 10-week program for a few new members of the church. Walk away with habits of spiritual growth and to use it with their friends. Starting on a Tuesday evening.

Administration

- A motion was made to approve the Financial Report for June and July 2024. The motion was approved.
- A motion was made to fund a concrete pad at the back of the manse. The motion passed.
- Committee added privacy/do not disturb signs to the pastor's office as a place for nursing mothers.
- Committee brought to Session's attention a lingering budget deficit and mentioned the possibility to make an announcement to the congregation about the need for giving during a Sunday Worship service.
- The Committee discussed adding surveillance cameras around the playground and the church.
- Some repair work on gutters and the roof at the manse may need to be repaired, the Committee reported.

Evangelism

- Roles of active and inactive members now available.
- Reported that 32 kids and 77 adults attended Bows and Donuts on Jun. 30.
- Reported a lot of supplies given out during Community Day on Aug. 3.
- Beginning in Jan. 2025, the committee is planning potluck breakfasts between Sunday worship services about twice a year.

Mission

- A sensory friendly service will be held in mid-October.
- The bucket challenge was very successful in providing materials for Autumn Marshall's Haiti ministry.

New Business

- Nathan suggested an idea for the 125th anniversary of the church – a preparatory service on Saturday night before Communion could be music ministry, guest speakers, etc.

GRIEF SHARE COMING TO OUR CHURCH

With the amount of loss this church has experienced in the last few years, Joanna Muttart has felt very led to bring Grief Share to NBEPC, having been aided by this program herself. With over one million people having gone through the 13-week program, Grief Share is a safe, welcoming place where people can better understand the difficult emotions of grief. Each session begins with a 30-minute video featuring experts on grief-related topics such as loneliness, fear, anger, regrets and relationships. Joanna assisted by Pastor Dan will lead discussion following the video. Sign up at the table in the vestibule. The program will begin on Tuesday October 8 at 7:00 p.m. and will include a participant guide for each attendee.



We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Diana Halt and all of the Halt and Bicehouse family on the passing of her father, Gene Bicehouse. He will be deeply missed by our church family and all who knew him.

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Lee Harris and all of the Harris family on the passing of his father Chuck. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.





Thank you to our New Bedford Church family for all of the cards, gifts, thoughts and prayers in the passing of Angela's father, John Conte. Many of you have prayed and supported us through his many health challenges over the years. Your love and caring throughout it all has been tremendous. We love you and we thank you. The Conte-Houk family

Women's Ministry Fall Gathering Harvesting Gratitude



Oh – the wonder of the fall harvest! The colorful leaves, crisp apples, towering cornstalks and the plump pumpkins abound. Autumn displays much for which we are grateful.

But what happens if the soil lacks nutrients, a drought hits, unseasonable temperatures linger, weeds threaten or pests invade before the harvest? How do we hold on to gratitude?



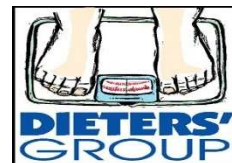
The Women's Ministry invites you to gather on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9:00am - noon in the fellowship hall around the backyard bonfire. Enjoy this time of fellowship along with coffee, tea, and pastries as we discover how we can move towards HARVESTING GRATITUDE.

The final day to sign up for this event is Sunday, Oct. 27. We hope to see you there!

Secrets of the Holy Place Growth Group

Starting Sunday October 20 at 1:30 p.m., Nathan Book will be hosting a new Growth Group focused on the Old Testament Israelite Tabernacle, which God had Moses construct during Israel's wilderness wanderings. Using DVDs, Nathan's class will show the tie-in between items in the tabernacle and our understanding and worship of God. Topics include insights and messages contained in the sacred furniture, secrets of the priesthood and the priestly garments, the mystery of the blood sacrifices, and more.

T.O.P.S: Take Off Pounds Sensibly group want to invite you to join in their journey in weight loss. Any age, male or female are welcome we meet Tuesday mornings at 9:30a.m.



Food Donations

Blessing Box: If you would like to donate food, items needed are non-perishables such as canned or box foods. There is a tote bin located in the Narthex for these items.

Flowers were given in honor of Mary Beckman for her years of service as Sunday School Superintendent. Thank you for your faithful dedication serving on Sunday mornings. God bless you and well done!



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 Sunday's bulletin.



MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS – Please have all newsletter articles and/or information/announcements submitted **no later than Noon on the 25TH of every month** to be included in the upcoming month's newsletter.

****All bulletin and newsletter submissions can be sent to newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com or left on Jaime's desk.**



Office Hours

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

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!



Come to the Wall Worship

Wallace Memorial Chapel

Sunday, October 6, 2024

@ 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker

Justin Hartwig



Retired Pittsburgh Steelers

Center - 2009 Super Bowl Champs

NFL TEAMS

2002-2005 Tennessee Titans - Center

2006-2007 Carolina Panthers - Center

2008-2010 Pittsburgh Steelers - Center

The service is open to the Campus and Community.

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*There is Sunday School for all ages...you are invited to check out a class.
All classes are held in the education wing.*

Sunday School for Children

Nursery - Mrs. Dawn Harris
Preschool & K - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman
Grades 1-2 - Mrs. Gina Ankney
Grades 3-6 - Mr. Steve Fox
Jr & Sr High - Mr. Lee Harris

Sunday School for Adults

The Pioneers - Dan & Gisela Dieter
The Seekers - Janice Davis - Video Series by Lee Strobel
10 Toughest Questions
Ambassadors - Mrs. Sandy Courson - Bible-In-Life Series

Serve Sundays - The First Sunday of each month at 9:30-10:30 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

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 during the 10:30 Sunday Service. Lessons and materials are provided. Leaders are needed to disciple these young children. Contact Dawn if interested in serving in this ministry.



SAVE the DATE 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat

When: Wednesday, October 30th 5:00 PM

Where: Church Parking Lot

Decorated cars are needed for kids to visit for Trunk or Treat. Decorate with a Bible story, Bible verse, Christian Theme. Sign up in the Vestibule beginning Sunday, Oct 6th.

Donations of treats (candy and non-edible treats) to pass out to the kids will be collected until Sunday Oct.

Dates Kids are Singing in Church:

November 10th - Children singing at Church Service

December 8th - Children singing at Church Service

December 16th - 6:00 PM - Christmas Music Night



Contact Dawn Harris with any questions about the above info... 330-881-8110/dawnhnbpc@aol.com

Awana Happenings - October 2024

ADULTS: Awana is off to a great start of training kids to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. **There is still need for adult helpers with Awana.** Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry, as a listener, game helper, or small group helper.

KIDS: Are you age 2 to Grade 6? It's not too late to join this year's Awana Club! Come and join in the fun games and Bible stories to learn more about God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Awana is Wednesdays 5:00-7:00

Want to help but can't be at Awana on Wednesdays? Help is needed with copying, cutting, preparing the award banners. If you can assist in this area, contact Dawn.

Awana CAN make a difference for the CITY RESCUE MISSION

This year's Mission Project **The New Castle City Rescue Mission**. It is a Christian ministry providing spiritual and physical care to the hurting, hunger and homeless of our community. Visit www.cityrescuemission.org for more information. Awana Club is collecting items for the Thanksgiving Baskets that get distributed during the holiday. This collection will start today and continue till November 6th. Our goal is to collect 150 items for the Thanksgiving Baskets!

The Items Needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets:

Evaporated Milk	Canned Gravy	Pie Crust Mix	Cranberry Sauce
Pumpkin Pie Filling	Canned Yams	Stuffing Mix	Vegetables

The City Rescue Mission cannot accept food that is expired. Please check the 'Best by' or 'Use By' Dates. Thank you!

Thank you for helping to provide this ministry with food for families in need.

October 2nd - Double Double Points Night

Clubbers will get double the points for attendance, bringing their Bible and Handbook, and completing sections. Remember points accumulate through the year to shop at the marketplace in March

October 9th - Fashion Disaster Night

Wear a crazy, mismatched fashion!

October 16th - Regular Awana Club Night

New Castle Library Book Mobile - 4:00-5:00

October 23rd - Favorite Team Night

Wear the shirt, jersey, uniform of your Favorite Sports Team!

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Youth group is back to meeting on Wednesdays from 5-7pm. On October 30th we will be assisting with the "Trunk or Treat" from 5-6pm. We will be outside for most of the evening so please plan/dress accordingly.

The youth envelope fundraiser will be starting the first Sunday in October. If you would like to donate, please do so by visiting the white board in the church vestibule.



EPIC will be meeting on October 3rd & 17th. Please join us as we study through the books of Ezra, Esther, and Nehemiah on our way to the end of the Old Testament. Bible study starts at 11am with lunch to follow. If you would like to make a contribution for lunch please see Nancy Cummings or Debbie Ammeen to sign up.

The Harris family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who offered their condolences in any way during the last couple of weeks after the passing of Lee's father. Every gesture was greatly appreciated as we navigate this time of loss.



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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