

Dear NBPC Family:

With the publication of this newsletter, there are lots of moving parts both in the life of the church and in my transitional ministry with you — which of course is all part of God's plan.

As of this writing, the SWOT Analysis Team of Nancy Cummings, Greg McMillen and Lori Smith are pouring through the interviews I conducted in the winter and spring. They are looking for common themes and have a few different reporting models to choose from in creating their report for Session review.

Thanks to the excellent and laborious work of Addie Moore, all the Mission Posture Survey results have been tabulated. I was then able to use the scoring chart contained in Transitional Ministry Training Manual to draw some preliminary conclusions. My expectation is to create a full report during the month of August.

At the Session level, Session completed a study began during our Session retreat — a book called “Turning Everyday Conversations Into Gospel Conversations.” Lee Harris also used a teaching based on the book to teach the adult portion of Vacation Bible School. The Evangelism Committee is looking at this as a teaching tool for the entire church, as well as moving forward with an exciting initiative in August.

Speaking of Vacation Bible School, Dawn and her many volunteers hosted an excellent VBS this year with the theme of “Torchbearers.” It was also great, at the end of the week, for her to share in our Sunday services a biblical meaning behind the Olympics-like five rings that were hanging above the chancel and captured the theme of the week.

Yesterday, I received an incredible report from both Dawn and Lee about the mission trip the youth took to Dunlow West Virginia. There they lived out their week-long evening study of the book of James, providing food and useful household items to many many impoverished families.

In the midst of all of this, Connie and I — with some very welcome and loving help from this church — got moved into the manse. We are both thoroughly enjoying getting to know this community, and I am loving my one minute twenty second commute!

Going forward, it is my prayer that the Lord will continue to prepare the church for its exciting future. The fall will see the creation and first meetings of a Vision Team, which will be tasked in taking the SWOT Team Report when completed and reviewed by Session, and crafting a Church Life and Ministry Vision, a prayerful look at where they sense God leading the church.

In the meantime, our sermon series are also designed to add the all-important biblical perspective. Our series for August will be from 1 Kings and is entitled “Temple Builders.”

I pray that you would thoroughly enjoy the rest of your summer, as you and your families travel and move in many directions — many moving parts in play there, too.

God bless you all,

Pastor Dan and Connie

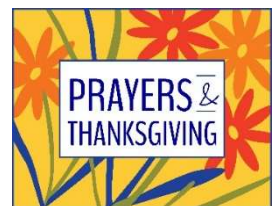
SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Revised Pastor Dan's Terms of Call since they are now living in the manse.
- Pastor Dan reported the SWOT Analysis Team is working to prepare a report for the Session based on the interviews he conducted earlier this year.
- Pastor Dan reported that once the SWOT analysis report is done and before the Vision Team is formed the Presbytery recommends doing a modified version of the Vitality Seminar at the church.
- Administration Committee reported that the total cost for the manse renovation was \$23,972.28. We received donations of \$20,326.00 for the Building Fund. The total balance in the Building Fund after the manse renovations is \$11,044.50.
- Sunday School is still looking for teachers for the Seekers class, grades 3-6 and Jr./Sr. High
- Promotion Sunday is scheduled for September 12.
- AWANA – Registration Kickoff will be Wed., September 1. Club will resume September 8 to the weekly, full-club schedule.
- Mission Committee reported they will be serving hot dogs at Idora Park on August 4 at 5:00P.M. They will also provide cookies and a craft.
- Communion will be August 6.
- On August 29, both services will be outdoors under the pavilion with a pot-luck brunch between services.
- Women's Association reported they will not hold a Bazaar this year, instead there will be a Soup and Bake Sale on the first Saturday of November.

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
Erma Gorley-----Nugent's Nursing Home
Renee Burrows Persky.....Home
Elizabeth Dehaven.....Home

TIME OF PRAYER – Following the second worship service every Sunday, there will be a Special Prayer Time in the vestibule. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Birthdays in August

8/03 – Eli Fulkman
8/04 – Pete Carlisle
8/05 – Ted Chrobak
8/05 – Dave Hunt
8/07 – Erma Gorley
8/08 – Paden McCarthy
8/10 – Gisela Dieter
8/13 – Tammy Anderson

8/13 – Terri Emery
8/13 – Melvin Kauffman
8/14 – Ciarra McAllen
8/15 – Robert Bretz Sr.
8/15 – Nichol Fenati
8/15 – Ursula Pence
8/16 – Sandy Courson
8/16 – Shirley Goist

8/16 – Mary Hartzell
8/19 – Renee Persky
8/21 – Meadow Whiting
8/25 – Mitchell Whiting
8/26 – Kelly Fox
8/27 – Jacob Smith
8/29 – Emily Pence
8/31 – Julie Harris
8/31 – Jim Matthews

Birthdays in September

9/03 – Juanita Cornman
9/03 – Bobby Liddell
9/04 – Aaron Ealy
9/04 – Autumn Ealy
9/10 – Nancy Cummings
9/13 – Rosalie Black

9/13 – Brad Marshall
9/14 – Doug Runyan
9/15 – James 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





Rides Available

The Deacons are offering transportation for people who need a ride to the second Church Service. Please contact Lori Jones at 724-658-6304, if you would like a ride.

We are also looking for drivers to help with this mission. You may sign up for pick-up, drop-off or both. Please contact Lori Jones for more information.



On August 29th, both Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:40 will be outdoors. There will also be a pot-luck brunch between the services at 9:30. Please bring a dish to share. The Worship Committee will be providing plates/utensils and hot and cold drinks.

Ringers Needed! Anyone interested in ringing handbells this coming year please contact Donna Fox (724-714-4138). Experience not necessary, just a willingness to learn something new. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-8:30P.M., beginning September 8th.



Congratulations to Amanda (Miller) & Andrew Wenke on the birth of their daughter, Ameera Lee. Ameera was born on July 19th, she weighs 8 lbs. 8 oz. Brenda Miller is the proud grandmother! Congratulations on this precious new baby girl!





We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Gene Bicehouse & Diana Halt, and the rest of the Bicehouse/Halt families and friends on the passing of Helen on July 7th.

"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

Dear Church Family In Christ,

Many, many thanks for your well wishes with beautiful cards and loving sentiments and gifts for my birthday. Thank you Pastor Dan for your prayer from the pulpit. You all have blessed me deeply and I ask blessings for you in return. God loves you & so do I – Jane Eppinger



We would like to thank the congregation for their generosity! The socks and underwear that were collected have been distributed to the men's shelters. Thank you so much good and faithful servants! -The Mission Committee

PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION DATES

Greater Pittsburgh



AUGUST: Friday, August 6th

SEPTEMBER: Friday, September 3rd

OCTOBER: Friday, October 1st

NOVEMBER: Friday, November 5th

DECEMBER: Friday, December 3rd

****pick up at New Bedford Church (151 Woodland Dr.) is from 3:00P.M. until 4:15P.M.****



VBS 2021 headed to the Olympics & we had a Wonderful time!

We followed the path of one of the first torchbearers, Paul, and saw what it takes to take the gospel global. We learned how to carry the torch of the gospel to the nations in fulfillment of Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19. The VBS Mission Offering of \$617.00 went to The Gideons International. The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. To find more information visit the www.gideons.org.

The following people deserve a **GOLD** medal and a huge **THANK YOU**
for their involvement in Torchbearers VBS

Erika Taylor	Dennis Jones	Sheila Epperinger-Epper	Liz Fraley
Diane Bell	Sandra Ruby	Evelyn Exley	Brandon Harris
Nichol Fenati	Dama Fraley	Ashley Graziani	Ethan Harris
Grace Fenati	Mary Beckman	Donna Fox	Nathan Book
Vinnie Fenati	Janice Davis	Bob Bell	Cindy Malinowski
Lori Jones	Martha Marshall	Lee Harris aka Tiny	Don Dougherty

Sunday School is continuing through the summer months.....Join us! Preschool-Adult classes
Please note there is no Sunday School August 29th, as a potluck breakfast is being planned.

Psalm 45:17 (NLT) I will bring honor to your name in every generation. Therefore, the nations will praise you forever and ever.

Be in prayer for those that are serving in the Sunday School ministry and sharing Jesus with the next generation. There is a need for Sunday School Teachers for the following classes: Nursery and Grades 3-6, give prayerful consideration for who God is leading into this ministry.

Sunday September 12th will be Promotion Sunday and the beginning of the new Fall quarter.

Coming to the 8:30 Service....**J.A.M. Kids!!** (Jesus And Me Kids)

J.A.M. Kids will begin in September for both services!!! J.A.M. Kids is a time during the service for the young children to have a lesson time of their own. Sign up in the Vestibule ☺

New Bedford EP Church is excited to announce another year of.....



Regular Club Night begins in September

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.

Secretary – help with record keeping of the handbook sections completed and distribution of awards

Listener- Listeners are needed during 5:45-6:55 to listen to a Clubber recite Bible verses.

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

Please be in prayer for this ministry.

For more information contact Dawn. There will be sign up sheets in the vestibule on Sunday mornings



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

Wednesday, September 1st 5:30-6:30 @ 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 an ice cream treat.

Dawn Harris, Director of Children's Ministries call/text: 330-881-8110 dawnhnbpc@aol.com



During the month of August, Youth Group will be split into Boys & Girls Sessions. Boys will be from 12:30-2pm and Girls will be from 2-4pm. The Sunday dates are: August 1, 8, & 22.



The Youth Boating Trip to East Brady will be August 8th -10th. The van will leave right after youth group on Sunday and return around 8 PM on Tuesday. Please RSVP by August 6th.

Thursday August 12th the youth will be attending buck night at Eastwood field where hot dogs and drinks are just a dollar. The church will be paying for admission so all you need is money for concessions. Please RSVP by August 10th so I know if we need to arrange transportation. The van will be leaving at 5:30 PM and returning after the game is over.



E.P.I.C. will have a regular meeting on August 5th at 11am.

The August 19 meeting will be our boating trip to East Brady. The van will leave the church at 9am.

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service
9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service