

Dear NBEPC Family:

As we enter the last full month of summer, I am pleased to report that in relation to the transitional process, the date of August 23 has been set for the Vision Team to present a Church Life and Ministry Vision to the Session in a special meeting. As I reported in my last newsletter update, following Session's editing and approval, the Vision Team will host a series of informational meetings, hopefully in September, with an Implementation Team and Pastor Search Team appointed just after that.

It is also a privilege to report that this year's EPC General Assembly, held in Detroit the last week of June was outstanding. As I shared during my "Hey Jude" sermon series, a highlight was hearing from Andrew Brunson and his timely message about the persecution the American Church will face in the not-too-distant future. Another keynote speaker was Ed Stetzer, President of Wheaton College, who spoke about our "cultural convulsion." His thesis was that America has not faced one but rather six pandemics — a pandemic of disease most certainly, but also one of distrust of culture, defamation of technology, disorientation in identity, disruption of mental health, and division in the church. In the midst of outstanding worship and prayer, these talks were indeed a call of EPC churches to be aware of what is going on in the culture around us.

Ed Stetzer talked in his speech about an opportunity, however, for the American Church, and that is to address the aching hunger that is out there for meaning in life. It is an opportunity to share the hope that we have in Jesus, which is why you will see me incorporating a key faith-sharing component — something the EPC is promoting called "The Three Circles" — in worship services this fall.

And speaking of the fall, we will lead into fall this August with a sermon series from the book of Colossians that I hinted about in my last newsletter note to you. It is called "Missing Pieces: Is There Something I Need Besides Jesus to Be Spiritual?" The idea behind this is that the first century city of Colosse developed some strange thoughts about spirituality that needed to be corrected, namely the idea that you needed "Jesus and..." The goal is to relate this to other means that people today use, in addition to Jesus, to have what they would call spiritual enlightenment.

As always, I want to share again what an absolute blessing it is for Connie and I to be with you, and to serve you in this capacity as Transitional Pastor.

May God bless you all with a healthy and fun August.

Pastor Dan and Connie

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- The Church Life & Vision Team will present their work to Session on August 23.
- Pastor Dan reported on presentations from General Assembly by Ed Stetzer and Pastor Andrew Brunson regarding the challenges and opportunities for the Christian church in the U.S.
- The Administration Committee will be installing propane tanks.
- Approved \$300 sponsorship of a table at the EduNations Golf Tournament to benefit schools in Sierra Leone.
- Nancy Bretz conducted a dishwasher training session on July 25.
- Calvin Krisuk, son of Mike and Carla Krisuk, will be baptized on August 7 during the 8:30 a.m. service as approved by Session.
- There will be an outdoor, combined worship service on August 28 with no Sunday School.
- The Christian Education committee still needs a teacher for 3rd-6th grade Sunday School. Other teachers will be Glenda Fulkman (Pre-K & K); Gina Ankney (1st & 2nd); and Erika Taylor (Jr. & Sr. High).
- The CE committee is planning to send the church van to Heritage Hills Trailer Park every Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. to pick up children for Awana.
- 14 youth and chaperones attended the ALIVE Christian Music Concert in July, and 12 youth and adults went to Dunlow, WV, on a service mission trip. The Youth Group intends to return in November, as well.
- Communion will be served on Sunday, August 7, 2022.
- The next Session Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- The next EPC Presbytery of the Alleghenies meeting will be held at Seneca Hills Bible Camp on September 16-17, 2022.

VISION TEAM – Below is a list of the Vision Team members and their phone numbers. They have been working very hard during this transitional process. They will be presenting Session with a Church Life and Ministry Vision this month. Then, upon Session approval they will be presenting the congregation with a series of informational meetings. If at anytime during this process, you have any questions regarding the information they are sharing, please call one of the Vision Team members.

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Lee Harris 330-881-8114

Sam Jones 724-964-8833

Doug Houk 724-656-8079

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
 8/10 – Ronan Kaufman
 8/13 – Tammy Anderson

8/13 – Terri Emery
 8/13 – Melvin Kauffman
 8/14 – Ciarra McAllen
 8/15 – Nichol Fenati
 8/15 – Ursula Pence
 8/16 – Sandy Courson
 8/16 – Shirley Goist
 8/16 – Mary Hartzell

8/19 – Renee Persky
 8/20 – Macie Whiting
 8/21 – Meadow Whiting
 8/25 – Mitchell Whiting
 8/26 – Kelly Fox
 8/27 – Jacob Smith
 8/29 – Emily Pence
 8/31 – Julie Harris

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 – 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



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
Elizabeth Dehaven-----	Home
Renee Persky-----	Home
Gene Bicehouse-----	Garden Way Place



Recent word has been received of the death of Jean Frye, a former resident of the community and of this church. In recent years she made her home with her daughter in Indiana. The family extends its many thanks for the many cards and prayers that Jean received through the church circles throughout the years.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jean's family and friends.

"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

Thank you for your encouraging cards, visits, phone calls and mostly prayers during my recovery from surgery and antibiotic reactions. It was so thoughtful and I appreciated all your greetings and answered prayers. We can trust in Jesus and His loving care.

-Elaine Hepler



Dear Church Family,

Many, many thanks for your beautiful birthday cards, online wishes and cookies. "Watermelon" was the theme of the day. So, adding to that theme, my church family is surely "One in a Melon"! So much love to you all! Again, "Thanks a Melon"!

-Jane Eppinger

Thank you so much for Pastor Dan visiting with me at the hospital and also for the Get Well cards and phone calls!

-John Book

We would like to thank our church family for all the phone calls, emails, messages and especially for all your prayers during the recent loss of our brother-in-law, Bob. Your thoughtfulness and kindness were and is very much appreciated. The support from our church family is such a blessing to all. Thank you again.

-Paul and Nancy Cummings



Congratulations to Brandon & Kelly (Craig) Miller on the birth of their daughter, Vivian Arden Miller. Vivian was born on 7/1/22, she was born weighing 9lbs 7oz and is 21 inches long. The proud grandparents are Lisa & Don Craig. Congratulations to the Miller's and Craig's on the blessing of this sweet baby girl!

Congratulations to Brandon & Gretchen (Haines) Hammerschmidt on the birth of their son, Bo Robert on 7/13. Bo weighed 8lbs 12oz and is 21.5 inches long! Bo is welcomed by his 3 big sisters, Jenna, Ashley and Aubrey. Phil & Diane Whiting are the proud grandparents!



On August 28th, there will be an Outdoor Worship Service. There will be NO Sunday School on this day. Details will be coming in the upcoming bulletins.



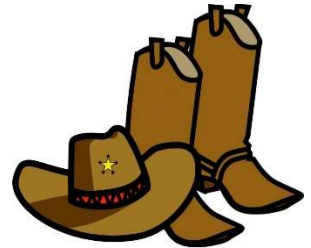
BIRTHDAY PARTY: Pete Carlisle's family would like to invite you to a 98th Birthday Celebration for Pete on Sunday, August 7th. It will begin immediately following the 2nd Worship Service under the Church Pavilion. If you are able, please bring a covered dish to share for a Lunch Social. No presents requested, just cards and fellowship!



The Deacons are looking for someone to help Brenda in the nursery on Sundays during services. This would be mainly during the early service at 8:30. If you are interested, please see Nancy Cummings or Helen Ruby. Thank You!!

****Brenda will be on vacation and will need a replacement for the nursery on 8/14 and 9/4. If you are available to take care of the nursery on either of those Sunday's or both of them, please let her know. Thank You!****

N.B.E.P.C. Women's Association
Ladies Love & Laughter Breakfast
Hoedown Style!



September 24, 2022
9:30A.M.

MENU: SILVER DOLLAR FLAPJACKS, WESTERN OMELETTES, SAUSAGE LINKS, BISCUITS AND FRUIT

Please consider joining the ladies of the church for fun, laughter, food and fellowship! There will also be entertainment! There will be a sign-up sheet in the church narthex, beginning this Sunday 8/7.

Hoedown

Summer Sunday School is in Session in August

Listed below are the classes and teachers. All classes are held in the Education Wing of the church. Please note there is no Sunday School August 28th, as a potluck breakfast is being planned.

Sunday School for Children

Preschool - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman

Grades K-2 - Mrs. Gina Ankney

Grades 3-6 – Mrs. Ashley Graziani

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 25th will be Promotion Sunday and the beginning of the new Fall quarter.

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.

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!!!!**

Wednesday, August 31st 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 14th 5:00-7:00 First Awana Club Night

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



Regular Club Night begins September 14th

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.

Please be in prayer for this ministry.

There are sign up sheets in the vestibule on Sunday mornings or contact Dawn.

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



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Registration Form 2022-2023

Please Print Clearly

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

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

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:

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**
Awana Director
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Youth group dates:

August 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

All August meetings are from 1-3pm

July was a crazy month with attending both Alive and the mission trip. Many thanks to all who made it a little easier with donations of food, time, or prayer.

thank you



Please join us at EPIC on August 4th & 18th at 11am as we continue to study the life of David.

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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