

Dear NBPC Family:

Connie and I are looking forward to spending our first summer with you in transitional ministry. As of this writing, I have just about assembled the SWOT Analysis Team, who will spend time analyzing data from all the SWOT interviews and producing a report for Session. Once the Session has had a chance to review this, that will lead to the selection of a Vision Team, which God willing should be in place by September. At the same time, I will work with Addie to tabulate results from the Mission Posture Surveys that you completed.

While all this goes on, Connie and I look forward to being physically closer to you. We will be moving into the manse for the remainder of our transitional ministry on June 16. I have been joking with people that my commute will change from an hour and five minutes to one minute and fifty seconds! That will be great!

From June 21 through June 25, I will be attending our denomination's General Assembly in Memphis, a live event which gives yet another reminder of God releasing our nation from the grips of Covid.

One of the joys of not just this summer but the whole of this ministry thus far has been the opportunity to work with such a capable, dedicated and prayerful staff. Dawn and her numerous volunteers are pouring their hearts into this year's Vacation Bible School, whose Olympic-oriented theme is "Torchbearers." I encourage you to encourage children in your neighborhood to attend this life-changing event.

July will also bring Lee's Youth Group Mission Trip to West Virginia. Think back on your own individual Christian walks and you know that trips like this can deepen a child's faith or be used by God to lead a child to first-time saving faith in Jesus.

Summer is here, and with it the chance to get back to a semblance of normal and enjoy the joys of the Lord, which are many!

God bless you all,

Pastor Dan and Connie

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Heard a report from Pastor Dan regarding the SWOT Analysis report and Missional Survey report which he hopes to have ready for the July Session meeting.
- Approved the baptisms of Amara, Lilyana and Emma Graziani.
- Revised our Covid Protocols as listed:
 - June 6
 - Communion
 - Going forward communion will be served at both services following the first service format. (Four Elders, two on each side on the floor in front of the pews, will have a tray of bread (in cups) and a tray of juice. The congregation will be asked to come forward to receive the bread and juice. Those who are unable to come forward will be served in their seat either by the Pastor or a serving Elder.)
 - All rope dividers in the center section of pews will be removed. Rope dividers will remain in the two outer pew sections.
 - Cleaning of pews between services will be discontinued.
 - The fellowship hall area will still be designated as an area for masking and distancing.
 - June 28
 - All mask requirements are removed.
 - Remainder of rope dividers are removed.
 - Touchless hand sanitizer will be made available in the sanctuary for the congregation.
 - Head ushers will begin second service duties.
 - September
 - Worship committee will begin scheduling greeters for the second service.
- Administration committee reported work on the manse is progressing nicely. \$11,840 has been spent on the manse project to date. The Building Fund has a current balance of \$14,043.
- Reported our church insurance company is asking us to resubmit our letter of incorporation. They suggest drawing up new corporate documents because our current documents have a name that is different than New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which is the name we officially use.
- Approved authorizing Nancy Bretz to work with attorney, Robert Clark, to help us get our corporate documents and all other relevant church documents in order and then proceed with a corporate meeting to approve the changes.
- Dedication for VBS leaders will be June 13.
- The VBS mission offering will be collected for Gideons International.
- Christian Education committee reported that three seniors will be giving their testimony on Youth Sunday, Taylor Skelding, Grace Fenati, and Morgan Whiting.
- Mission committee will be sending a letter to Bethany Christian Services telling them why we are no longer supporting them as a congregation.

Birthdays in June

6/01 – Karah Deal
6/07 – Lisa Craig
6/07 – Dennis Jones
6/07 – Autumn Marshall
6/12 – Marissa Carr
6/12 – Ray Janoski

6/12 – June Smith
6/18 – Sam Varano
6/19 – Christian Fulkman
6/22 – Geniene Jones
6/22 – Carrie Kaufman
6/24 – Margie Matthews

6/25 – Shirley Sikora
6/26 – Amy Geisinger
6/27 – Tim Smith
6/28 – Ashlynn McAllen
6/29 – John Anderson
6/29 – Dorothy Rishell

Birthdays in July

7/03 – Linda Harris
7/04 – Brandon Harris
7/04 – Ethan Harris
7/05 – Mary Beckman
7/05 – Tim Pogozelec
7/07 – Nate Book
7/09 – Scott Phillips
7/11 – Jane Eppinger

7/12 – Gary Greene
7/17 – Gail Phillips
7/18 – Sharon Book
7/18 – Barb Carr
7/18 – Maverick Whiting
7/19 – Jessica Piccola
7/21 – Alyson Boyer
7/21 – Aryn Boyer

7/26 – Diane Bell
7/26 – Natalie Carr
7/27 – Billy Ray Moore
7/27 – Jacob Moore
7/27 – Nicholas Moore
7/27 – Samuel Moore
7/27 – Art Spence
7/29 – Sheala McCarthy
7/30 – Pam Maloney

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



To the Deacons, Art and I would like to thank you for the delicious meals that were brought to us recently. Not only were the meals sustaining to our bodies but seeing and talking to these great people was sustaining to our souls. God bless you.
Also, the Deborah Circle has been very kind to us. Thank you for remembering us through the last few months.

I have a favor to ask members of our church family. When you are talking to Art please tell him your name. He remembers faces but usually can't remember names. People with Alzheimers are still the same people inside. They just can't remember names or a lot of other things. He loves for people to talk to him. Thank You – Doris & Art Spence



The Administration Committee thanks each and everyone who came and worked at the manse the last few months. Some of the jobs were painting, dry walling, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, windows, flooring, shrubbery, electrical, and many other jobs.
Please know that your help is greatly appreciated. You are invited to stop by Sunday after church to see some of the improvements that have been made. -Administration Committee

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!



PRAYER KEY CHAINS – Sandy Ruby will be putting together prayer key chains for the congregation, if you are interested in helping with this project, please call or text Sandy at 386-601-1042. Help is needed cutting regular paper into marked shapes, making resin charms, and assembling keychains with charms.



WEEKLY BULLETIN – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted no later than Thursday mornings to be printed in that Sunday's bulletin (unless otherwise stated in that week's bulletin).
MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS – Please have all newsletter articles and/or information/announcements submitted no later than the 25TH of every month

to be included in the following month's newsletter (unless otherwise stated).

****All bulletin and newsletter submissions can be sent to newbedfordchurch@verizon.net or addietwinstrips@gmail.com or left on Addie's desk.**

****The next newsletter to be published will be for August Due date is July 27th.**

****If you have any questions or concerns please call the church office. Thank You 😊**



The Church Office will only be open Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 9:00AM until 2:00PM during the summer months.

PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK SUMMER DISTRIBUTION DATES

Greater Pittsburgh



JULY: Friday, July 2nd

AUGUST: Friday, August 6th

SEPTEMBER: Friday, September 3rd

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





June 14-18, 2021

5:30 Dinner 6:00-8:00 VBS

VBS 2021 is headed to the Olympics & we're excited for you to join the team

FOR KIDS (PreK-Grade 6) will follow the path of one of the first torchbearers, Paul, and see what it takes to take the gospel global. Torchbearers VBS will challenge the kids to carry the torch of the gospel to the nations in fulfillment of Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19.

FOR ADULTS A study of how to easily and with confidence share the gospel with others. This will be led by Lee Harris.

Register at www.myvbs.org/NewBedfordEPC

KIDS, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

CHURCH YARD BATTLE/NERF NIGHT

Friday, July 2nd Come to the church any time between 4:00-7:00 PM

Prizes will be hid in the church yard.....protected by Coach Lee and his crew. Come and try to find a prize while dodging the fire. Return fire is welcome so bring your own Nerf gun.....if you do not have one you can borrow one at the church. 😊



Awana is not in session during the summer.....but that doesn't mean the ministry stops. Please keep Awana in your prayers as planning and prep begins for the 2021-2022 year. All leaders, helpers, and those interested in the Awana Ministry are invited to attend a meeting. If you have any questions please contact Dawn

Tuesday, July 27th at 6:00 PM in the Picnic Shelter

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



June 13th Youth Sunday service 10:40am
Senior celebration (youth only) 2-4pm

July dates:

2nd registration deadline for mission trip

11th Boys-12:30-2pm
Girls- 2-4pm

15th Youth that are attending the mission trip
please be at EPIC from 12-1pm to meet and have
lunch with your prayer partner

18-24th Mission Trip

25th Boys 12:30-2pm
Girls 2-4pm

Meeting dates:

June 17th

July 1st

July 15th This will also be the
meeting that prayer partners are
chosen for the mission trip.



**If you would like to assist with providing lunch or dessert for a meeting. Please
contact Dawn.**

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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