

**Dear NBPC Family:**

**I don't know if you agree with me, but it seems like September arrived awfully quickly this year!**

**Our transitional process continues with the release, as of this writing, of the SWOT report and the Missional Posture Survey report for the Session to review. This fall, I move on to the next two parts of the transitional process.**

**At some point in September, we will be combining adult Sunday school classes for a couple of Sundays so that I can share with you all a condensed version of the EPC Vitality Seminar, which will help you discern where New Bedford Church is on what is referred to as the "church life cycle." Are you still growing in ministry? Are you plateaued? Are you declining? That will set the stage for forming the Vision Team. Their role will be to take the SWOT Analysis Report, the Missional Posture Survey Report, and some of the thoughts coming out of the Vitality Teaching and over time, create a Church Life and Ministry Vision for Session review, editing and approval.**

**While this is going on, I continue to be encouraged, as your Transitional Pastor, by more evidence of church health. In late August, the Evangelism Committee and other dedicated volunteers held an event at the Heritage Hills Trailer Park, a school backpack giveaway that also included crafts and hot dogs and chips for lunch. The supplies came from a massive outpouring of generosity from each of you. This is precisely the type of mission focus that the EPC is encouraging in its churches — to go where the people are and to build relationships in order to share the good news of Jesus.**

**With all this going on, it is also vitally important that each believer continue to grow in their faith, despite so many things going on in the world around us. This will be the basis from my September sermon series, "Living in the Here and Now." Based on Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, the idea behind the series is that what we do as Christians in the world matters, that no matter our age, we still have contributions to make; so that while we should look forward to the second coming of Jesus, we shouldn't spend all our time dwelling on it, which is an easy thing to do when you see the state of the world today.**

**As we enter the fall, Connie and I continue to be blessed by your friendliness, your love, your generosity and the fact that you are all just plain wonderful people. We look forward to continuing this transitional ministry with you and to experience all this beautiful region will showcase with its fall colors.**

**God bless you all,**

**Pastor Dan and Connie**

## SESSION NOTES

- The Missional Posture Survey results were received
- The SWOT report should be ready for the Session by the September meeting
- A vitality seminar is recommended by the Presbytery – Pastor Dan is considering doing it over one or two Sundays during Sunday School time
- The Vision Team will be formed in September
- Manse report - \$23,990.44 total cost, \$20,326.00 donations received
- All Sunday School teacher positions have been filled.
- Promotion Sunday is scheduled for September 12
- AWANA – registration is September 1, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is September 8
- Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group will begin on September 12
- Plans are in the works for a college age Bible study
- The Heritage Hills event was a success with 27 backpacks, filled with school supplies, distributed. Postcards with NBEPC information were sent to all those who provided their addresses.
- Elders will resume their Head Usher duties in September including handing out bulletins at the entrance to the sanctuary
- Nominating Committee will begin their work soon. Please be in prayer for those serving on the committee and those whom God is calling to serve in a leadership capacity.

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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.

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**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 8<sup>th</sup>.



## 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

## 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  
10/12 – Sam Jones

10/15 – Jack Keesey  
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 – Dylan Dieter

10/22 – Elaine Hepler  
10/25 – Wyatt Dean  
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



BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

*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

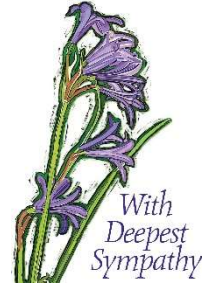


Congratulations to Shane & Carrie Kaufman on the birth of their son, Ronan Alan Kaufman. Ronan was born August 10<sup>th</sup>, he was 5 weeks early and weighed 4lbs. 15oz. Ronan is still in the hospital, please keep him in your prayers. Rob & Nancy Bretz are the proud grandparents of this precious baby boy!

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Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to the Bretz family on the passing of Robert Bretz Sr., he passed away on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

*"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



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The Let's Talk About Mental Health Ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Beaver is hosting a seminar "Pregnancy, Loss, & Mental Health".

Saturday, September 25, 2021 9 AM - 3 PM  
First Presbyterian Church  
252 College Ave. Beaver PA 15009

Please RSVP by Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> by calling the church 724-774-6398, at [fpcbeaver.com](http://fpcbeaver.com), or by sending an email to : [chaplain.abby.opal@gmail.com](mailto:chaplain.abby.opal@gmail.com)

For more information there are brochures of schedule and speakers in the vestibule of NBEP.

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### PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION DATES

Greater Pittsburgh



SEPTEMBER: Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

OCTOBER: Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

NOVEMBER: Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

DECEMBER: Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

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There is a Women's Association meeting Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30P.M. at the church. All women are invited and encouraged to attend!



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

J.A.M. Kids will begin September 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Lessons and materials are provided....the series they will be studying is about the Armor of God. Leaders are needed to disciple these young children on how to suit up! Sign up in the Vestibule for a day and service ☺

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## **Promotion Sunday Sunday September 12th at 9:30 AM**

Meet in the Sanctuary for the new 'year' of  
Sunday School for everyone, Ages 2 to Adult

All Sunday School classes for Nursery to Adult will  
begin on Sept 12th



### ***Sunday School for Children***

Nursery – Mrs. Dawn Harris  
Preschool - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman  
Grades K-2 - Mrs. Jean Chrobak  
Grades 3-6 – Mrs. Diane Bell  
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: 834 5933 9283*  
Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson - Bible-In-Life Series

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## **Regular Club Night begins September 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 PM**



***We are kicking off the new year with  
MISMATCHED/CRAZY SOCK NIGHT!!***

**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.

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

*Please be in prayer for this ministry.*

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



### Youth Group Dates for September

Sept. 12 – Jr high 12:30-2/Sr high 2:30-4:30  
**(There will be a parent meeting from 2-2:30.  
We will be discussing plans for the fall.)**

Sept. 19-Jr high 12:30-2/Sr high 2-4

Sept. 26-Jr high 12:30-2/Sr high 2-4

The E.P.I.C. boating trip has  
been rescheduled for  
**September 7**. Please sign-up  
in the vestibule if you would  
like to attend.



### Meeting dates

September: 2 & 14

11am-1pm

We are currently studying the  
book of John. Please join us for  
a wonderful time of fellowship  
and Bible study!

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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**