



THANK YOU!!!! To everyone that helped out with this year's Angel Tree!! We were able to help out 11 local families and 10 school families with Christmas gifts for their children and gift cards for Christmas dinner! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we at the Marshall household are praying that you each had a wonderful Christ filled Christmas and have a wonderful New Year. We are very thankful for all who participated in Breakfast in Bethlehem. This was the 26th year and due to all who helped in any way a great success. God blessed us with 195 registered participants attending. We estimate that with Wilmington Chorus, all those

manning stations, making and serving food, bringing animals and the puppet show, there was over 250 attending. With your help we were able to share a bit of the true reason for Christmas with many families in a fun and memorable way. Thank you to all who participated. It takes the whole church to pull it off. Thank you for giving of your time and love to sharing Christ's love with so many. God bless you all!!

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and phone calls during my 3-month leukemia transplant stay in Cleveland. Please continue your prayers as I am on the road to recovery. God has blessed me with a transplant doner. I received great care at Cleveland Clinic and loving friends or family.

God Bless to all of you. Renee Burrows Persky



The 2026 Offering Envelopes are ready and on a table by the office. If you have not picked yours up yet, please do so. If you would like a box please see Bonnie. Thank You!

Communion Sunday will be celebrated February 1, 2026. Our first communion of the new year. We invite you to the Lord's Table to celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion). All who love the Lord are welcome to the table to share in this special meal of remembrance and fellowship.

Future Communion dates are April 5th, June 7th, August 2nd, October 4th, & December 6th.



Annual Reports: All committee and board secretaries or chairmen should start thinking about getting their Annual Reports ready. ALL REPORTS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th to be included in the 2025 Annual Report. The reports can be left on my desk or you can email your report to me at newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com Thank You!!

Officer Training meeting will be held January 17th 9A.M.- Noon. All Officers, Elders and Deacons, returning and new, are encouraged to attend this training. This training is required by our Book of Order and is also a great time of fellowship and for making goals for the upcoming year.

Birthdays in January

01/01 – Diesel McDeavitt
01/05 – Lois Adams
01/05 – Phillip Book
01/05 – Edie Dougherty
01/05 – Shirley Janoski
01/05 – Jacob Taylor
01/06 – Nancy Bretz
01/27 – Morgan Whiting
01/06 – Liz Helms
01/06 – Kayla Bicek
01/07 – Autumn Marshall

01/09 – Brenda Miller
01/11 – Marshall Whiting
01/12 – Linda Feil
01/14 – Gary Geisinger
01/14 – Allen Jones
01/18 – Amelia Hanna
01/19 – Calvin Krisuk
01/19 – Rosie Moore
01/19 – Willie Moore

1/20 – Amanda Miller Wenke
01/24 – Lori Smith
01/24 – Bennett Whiting
01/26 – Mackenzie McCarthy
01/26 – Julie Whiting
01/27 – Joyce Goist
01/27 – Morgan Whiting

Birthdays in February

02/02 – Paul Cummings
02/02 – Matthew Buly
02/03 – Arie Fulkman
02/03 – Dawn Harris
02/04 – Shirley Freeman
02/04 – Austin Whiting
02/05 – Pam Liddel

02/07 – Marti Marshall
02/07 – Martha Miller
02-07—Nancy Rudzik
02/08 – Len Halt
02/10 – Weston Whiting
02/13 – Bobbi Andreson
02/14 – Jackson Ankney

02/15 – Bowen Fulkman
02/15 – Shirley Snyder
02/15 – Julia Adamo
02/16 – Judy Riethmiller
02/24 – Lilly Kaufman
02/28 – Cassidy Whiting

Birthdays in March

03/03 – Steve Fox
03/06 – Sophia McDeavitt
03/07 – Eivin Rayner
03/08 – Sue Bluedorn
03/10 – Glenda Fulkman
03/11 – Ozzy Velez
03/12 – Mira Fulkman
03/12 – John Morris
03/13 – Doug Houk

03/15 – Larry Bluedorn
03/15 – Isabelle Edwards
03/15 – Jared Kaufman
03/17 – Jake Emery
03/19 – Dan Dieter
03/20 – Ed Rudzik
03/20 – Richard Defreshia
03/21 – Sheila Eppinger-Epper

03/22 – Beth Kendall
03/23 – Weston Buckwalter
03/24 – Luke Edwards
03/25 – John Book
03/27 – Robert Bretz



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
Doris Spence-----Ridgecrest of McCandless
Ron Tremba-----O'Brian Memorial Health Care Cent..
Carlotta Doverspike-----The Grove nursing home
Elaine Hepler-----St Elizabeth/Mercy Health Hospital



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Jake & Lillian Emery on the birth of their daughter Rita James Emery. She was born on December 11th. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

December 14th at the Contemporary 8:30A.m. service, we celebrated & Pastor Dan performed the Sacrament of Baptism of Henry Douglas Csernyik. Henry's parents are Alex and Jocilyn Houk Csernyik. The proud grandparents are Doug & Angela Houk and Alex Csernyik & Debbie Rogers



December 14th at the Traditional 10:30A.M. service, we celebrated & Pastor Dan performed the Sacrament of Baptism of Lily Jo Cribbs. Lily's parents are Cody & Emily Cribbs. The proud grandparents are Robert & Nancy Bretz and Mike & Amy Cribbs.

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** unless otherwise indicated in the bulletin 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!

Church website: www.newbedfordepchurch.org

Church e-mail: newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com



There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2026. The purpose of this meeting is for reviewing the Annual Report. The time TBD.

Ash Wednesday will be February 18, 2026. This day we begin our 40-day journey to Easter. As we mark our foreheads with ashes, we are reminded that we are beloved dust, returning to the Lord in humility and prayer.





Youth Group will resume on Wednesday January 7th, after taking a break for the holidays. Meetings will continue on Wednesdays from 5-7pm.

This year's winter youth retreat will be February 6-8. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Our next EPIC meeting is on January 15th. Bible study starts at 11am with lunch to follow. February meetings will take place on February 5th & 19th. Please join us as we continue our study of Jesus' life as found in all 4 gospels.



We'd love to see your 'mug' at EPIC. Bring a mug with you to the next meeting to enjoy a warm beverage as you study God's Word. Mugs will be kept at church to be used at future meetings.

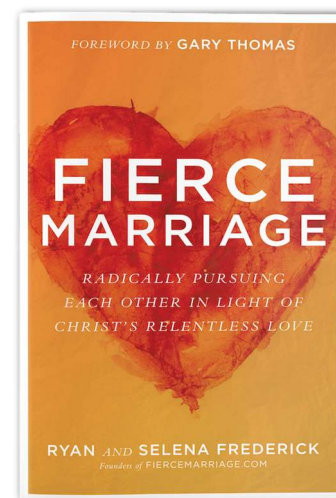
Registration for our couple's study will begin January 11th

Study will begin: Friday, February 13th at the church.

Time: 6-7:30 pm

This study will meet on Friday evenings for 6 sessions and will wrap up on March 20th.

If childcare is needed for couples to attend the study, volunteers are needed to help. There will be sign-up sheet for those that are available and can help provide childcare.



Coffee (or tea) & Chat



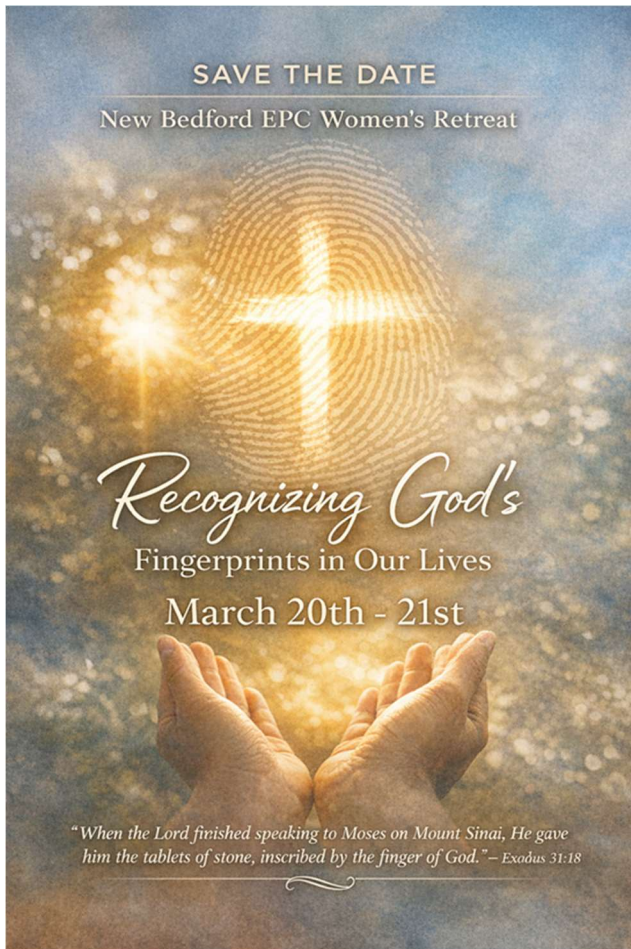
When: Last Tuesday of the month, January 27, February 24, March 31

Time: 8:30-10:30 AM

Where: Pulse Coffee Company, 138 S Market Street, New Wilmington PA

What: Lee & Dawn will be starting the day at The Pulse Coffee Company

Who: Anyone and Everyone.....Dropping the kids off at school? Starting your morning errands? Wanting company during the morning? Stop by, grab a beverage, and say "Hi!"



Women's Retreat

Recognizing God's Fingerprints in Our Lives

Have you ever looked back on a moment and realized it wasn't random at all, that God was quietly, intentionally at work?

Fingerprints are unique. They don't change with time. Even after injury, they remain. In the same way, God leaves lasting marks on our lives, through people, moments, detours, prayers, and grace we might have not even recognized until later.

This retreat is an invitation to slow down and pay attention. To reflect on the *God moments*, the *ah-ha moments*, the gentle *God winks*, those times when we suddenly realize: *God was here*.

This retreat is for all women, regardless of age or life stage. Whether your faith feels strong, uncertain, busy, worn, or growing, you are welcome. You don't need to

have your story figured out. You don't need the right words. You just need a heart that is seeking and open.

Date: Friday, March 20th to Saturday, March 21st

Location: The Castle in Franklin (Life Ministries Inc. 870 River Ridge Rd, Franklin, PA 16323)

Time: starts at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 3/20 until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, 3/21

Registration: coming soon

Take a breath.

Let the noise of the day fade away.

You don't have to share anything you're not ready for.

Just listen for God's whispering to your soul.

SOUP & BAKE SALE - MARCH 7

Mark your calendar! Women's Ministry is having a Soup and Bake Sale at the church on March 7 from 10am - noon. We will need soup makers and also bakers!! Signup will begin soon!

Anyone who would like to help with planning this event is welcome!



Donation Opportunity----In March, the AWANA Clubbers will have the opportunity to go shopping in our 'church' marketplace. They get to buy items with the points they earned. They can earn points each week for; attendance, bringing a Bible, bringing their Handbook, completing sections, and wearing uniform. Many kids have earned a lot of points and they look forward to shopping with them at the end of Awana. ***If you would be able to donate items for the marketplace please leave them in the box in the vestibule. Items can be donated until Sunday, March 15th.*** Many great items could be purchased from a dollar store or in the clearance section. If you have any questions please let me know. Thanks for your help in rewarding the kids for their commitment in Awana and earning points.



Wednesdays 5:00-7:00
Ages 2 - Grade 6

Please lift the faithful servants in prayer as they serve the children of our church and community. Also keep in prayer for God to move in the hearts for more people to serve in the Awana Ministry as substitutes and helpers. Please see Dawn if you have any questions on what the responsibilities are for these positions. *Prayerfully consider being a life changer at Awana.*

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER for Awana: we are in January and we might have to deal with inclement weather...I will send an email by 3:00 PM on Wednesday to inform you of Club being cancelled for the evening. We do not always follow what the school district does for the day.

******UPCOMING CLUB NIGHTS******

January 7th – Pajama Night

January 14th – Double Double Point Night

January 21st – Glow Night Let Your Light Shine for Jesus Night!

January 28th – Regular Club Night

February 4th – Regular Club Night (make a Valentine at home and bring it to be mailed to the elderly)

February 11th – Valentine Night Clubbers wear your red/pink/white/Valentine theme clothes

February 18th – Double Double Points Night

February 25th – Wear a Hat Night

All classes are held in the Education Wing of the church.

Sunday School for Children

Preschool-K - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman

Grades 1-2 - Mrs. Ginny Zinza & Mrs. Dawn Harris

Grades 3-6 – Mr. Steve Fox

Jr & Sr High – Mr. Lee Harris

Sunday School for Adults

Young Adult Class – Taylor Velez

The Pioneers – Dan & Gisela Dieter

The Seekers & Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson

Serve Sunday – 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 to assist the kids, contact Dawn

Dawn Harris, Director of Children's Ministry 330-881-8110

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service
9:30a.m. – Children's Sunday School
10:30a.m. – Traditional Worship Service