

Dear NBEPC Family:

Meet Bob Stauffer: A Legacy of Leadership and Faith

Bob Stauffer is a proud native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and grew up in the charming town of Gibsonia. His athletic talents shone brightly during his years at Pine Richland High School, where he excelled in football, basketball, track, and baseball. Bob's musical abilities were also recognized, as he was selected for the Pennsylvania All-State Chorus.

After graduating from Pine Richland, Bob pursued higher education at Westminster College, where he played baseball and earned a double major: a B.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in Religion. His theological journey continued at Princeton Theological Seminary for one year, followed by two years at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where he graduated with a Master of Divinity degree. In 1994, he furthered his studies by earning a Doctor of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi.

Bob's commitment to youth ministry began with his work at Youth Guidance, a ministry dedicated to assisting young people who had encountered legal challenges. He was then called to serve as Associate Pastor at Mellwood Presbytery Church in Pittsburgh, which later became North Park EPC—one of the first churches in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) denomination. Bob was ordained in the inaugural class of the EPC, marking the beginning of a distinguished ministry career.

His journey included four years as a church planter at Carmel Valley EPC in San Diego, California, followed by an impressive 26 years as pastor at Tabernacle EPC in Youngstown, Ohio. Bob later served as a regional director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, overseeing ministry efforts across five states. He then took on the role of National Outreach Director for the EPC, focusing on church health, planting, and crisis assistance.

Bob's path continued as he became the church planter for Gateway EPC in Slippery Rock, PA, and Church Development Coordinator for the newly formed Presbytery of the Alleghenies. After dedicating nine years to the Presbytery, he contributed to Covenant EPC in Sharon, PA, alongside his brother, focusing on enhancing church vitality. He also served as Transitional Pastor at Bethany EPC in Mercer, PA, marking his third transitional pastorate in recent years. On September 1, 2021, Bob assumed the role of National Director of Church Health at the EPC General Assembly offices.

Throughout his extensive career, Bob has held diverse positions within the EPC, serving across seven presbyteries—transferring four times without relocating as the denomination expanded.

In addition to his ecclesiastical roles, Bob has been a high school baseball and strength and conditioning coach for over 34 years, actively engaging in various sports opportunities. However, his greatest joys come from his family: his beloved wife, Debbie, of 48 years, their three children—Nathan, Serah, and Jeremiah—all involved in ministry, and their nine grandchildren. Bob and Debbie are also thrilled to soon welcome their first great-grandchild, expected to arrive in April 2025.

The Pastoral Search Committee at New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church has met twice and is actively engaged in the early stages of the search process. We are learning about current trends in pastoral ministry, including the growing shortage of pastors, which has shifted the dynamic—applicants now have more options and greater leverage in the search process. This means it's important for us as a church to present ourselves well and communicate clearly who we are and what we offer not only to our congregation but to our community. At this time, we would like to ask each of you to please keep the search committee in your prayers so we can discern God's will in this process.

In addition, please also note that our interim pastor, Bob Stauffer is serving in a part-time capacity during this transition. We are including the list of all our current Elders and Deacons with their phone numbers below, for you to have as a reference in case a need emerges in the congregation while we are still in the process of hiring a Full Time Pastor.

Thank you again for your support as we move forward with discernment, wisdom and hope. To God be the glory!

Respectfully,
Pastoral Search Committee

ELDERS

*Remember to dial 724 for the area code

- Don Dougherty....651-5488
- Brad Marshall.....944-8290
- Nathan Book.....964-8392
- Doug Houk.....714-7707
- Gary Geisinger.....480-5713
- Taylor Velez.....651-2429
- Bob Bell.....652-7063
- Christian Fulkman..992-9829

DEACONS

*Remember to dial 724 for the area code

- Geniene Jones...674-4230
- Tim Pogozelec...964-8380
- Bobbi Anderson.510-1286
- Ed Miller.....510-9013
- Janice Davis.....964-8025
- Gary Anderson...510-1286
- Martha Miller.....964-8747
- Chuck Bell.....651-1253
- Retta Dutton.....964-8695
- Marti Marshall.....944-8290
- Diane Bell.....651-2598
- Diana Halt.....964-8208

Baptisms

May 4th Rusty James Nail was Baptized. Rusty's parents are Andy and Kayla Nail. His grandparents are Gary & Tracy Smith and James & Melody Nail.

May 18th Bennett Joseph Krisuk was Baptized. His parents are Mike and Carla Krisuk, grandparents are Ed and Janet Krisuk, and Fred and Marie Gentile. Standing with and supporting the family were Mike Burkett and Maureen Gentile

Adult Baptism of Abigail Marissa Dockery was performed May 18th. It is truly special in the life of any church when an adult comes to faith in Jesus and is baptized for the first time. Abigail Dockery is like a granddaughter to member Jim Parris and has been attending with him for some time. She came to first-time faith through our Sunday services. Congratulations Abigail and welcome to the family of faith.



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Mitchell and Cassidy Whiting on the birth of their Baby girl. Her name is Noelle (Ellie) Lynn Whiting. She was born on June 16th at 2:12 A.M. She weighed 7pounds 15 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Do you enjoy camping? Would you like to get to know other members of the congregation that also enjoy camping? Planning is underway for two camping trips one on August 22-24 at Pymatuning State Park, Jamestown Campground and the other on October 17-19 at Pymatuning State Park, Tuttle Campground. You can get a campsite for the weekend or even join us for the day on Saturday. Campsites fill up quickly, so we recommend you get this on your calendar soon. For more information call Judy Riethmiller at 724-730-6495 or Cindy Bell at 724-674-5160.



Session Highlights

Spoke with Bob Stauffer about our transitional pastor needs. He is nationally known with the EPC. He is still going to be wearing many different hats with the EPC. He is a PA resident, went to Westminster College, went to Princeton Seminary, and got his Doctoral. He has been in 8 different Presbyteries. He has worked in the National office since the beginning of the EPC. He has been a pastor at 5 different churches. He has been in the POA since the beginning. He and Doug Runyan go all the way back to 1979. He is retiring at General Assembly this summer.

Administration

- The playground has been moving forward. The dedication will be in July.
- The trees have all been cut down. Bob and Chuck Bell cut all the trees, removed stumps, and filled the holes. A few logs were saved and sold.
- A motion was made to approve the April 2025 Financial Report. The motion passed.

Evangelism

- Bows and Donuts scheduled for June 26th
- T Shirts: Sold 106. There will be a website set up so you can go and order them in whatever color or size!

Mission

- Passed a motion for Elizabeth Fraley to be a counselor at Miracle Mountain.
- Prayer walk moved to the fall.
- Going back to Idora to serve lunch.
- Education: Getting a table for the golf dinner and auction night. There are 10 spots reserved.
- Cala Krisuk is doing another Adaptive Service on the 3rd Sunday between 2-3:30pm.
- Community Days: August 2nd at 11am. Trying to get the K-9 unit.

Worship

- There were 40 people for the Lenten Supper and 120 for breakfast.
- Outdoor service on August 10th

The Evangelism Committee will be collecting school supplies for the Community Day event in August. Items needed are crayons, markers, notebooks, plastic folders, bookbags etc. Please have the items here by July 27th. There will be a collection box in the Narthex.





Outdoor Service

Outdoor Worship Service is scheduled for August 10th. There will be No Sunday School on this Day. Details will be coming in the upcoming bulletins.

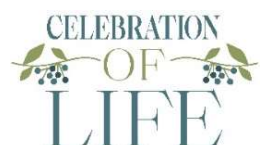
Just a Note: The Deacons will be taking a little break this summer and will not be providing "Coffee Time". We will resume again the first Sunday in October.



Save the Date: July 26th our playground dedication with Pastor Dan officiating. Coffee, tea, juice and donuts at 9:30 with the dedication starting at 10:00. This is the Dedication of the James D. Emery playground, the Donald (Sam) Jones swing and the dedication of 4 benches inside the playground fence for Jason Clark, Tiffany Bell, Chad Taylor and Lillian Fulkman.

Save the Date: Saturday August 2nd we will be having our annual Community Day outreach at Lyons Park. More information to come at a later date.

August 3rd Noon – 2 P.M. Memorial Service: Come Help us celebrate the life of Pete Carlisle. Military honors followed by food & fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at here at New Bedford EPC.



Birthdays in June

6/07 – Lisa Craig
6/07 – Dennis Jones
6/07 – Autumn Marshall
6/10 – Edison Horodyski
6/12 – Ray Janoski

6/12 – June Smith
6/16 – Noelle Whiting
6/19 – Christian Fulkman
6/22 – Geniene Jones
6/22 – Carrie Kaufman
6/24 – Margie Matthews

6/25 – Shirley Sikora
6/25 – Rori Fulkman
6/26 – Amy Geisinger
6/27 – Tim Smith

Birthdays in July

7/04 – Brandon Harris
7/04 – Ethan Harris
7/05 – Mary Beckman
7/05 – Tim Pogozelec
7/07 – Nathan Book
7/09 – Scott Phillips

7/12 – Gary Greene
7/17 – Gail Phillips
7/18 – Sharon Book
7/18 – Maverick Whiting
7/19 – Jessica Piccola
7/26 – Diane Bell

7/27 – Billy Ray Moore
7/27 – Jacob Moore
7/27 – Nicholas Moore
7/27 – Samuel Moore
7/29 – Sheala McCarthy
7/30 – Pam Maloney

Birthdays in August

8/03 – Eli Fulkman
8/05 – Dave Hunt
8/08 – Paden McCarthy
8/09 – Joann Defreshia
8/10 – Gisela Dieter
8/10 – Ronan Kaufman

8/13 – Terri Emery
8/15 – Nichol Fenati
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
8/29 – Emily Pence

Have a Blessed 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
Doris Spence-----Ridgecrest of McCandless





Mackenzie McCarthy

Mackenzie is the daughter of Jaime McCarthy and is graduating from Wilmington Area High School. Her activities include being a member of the schools Bocce team as well as the Girl Scouts. In her free time, Mackenzie enjoys writing, drawing, and watching documentaries.

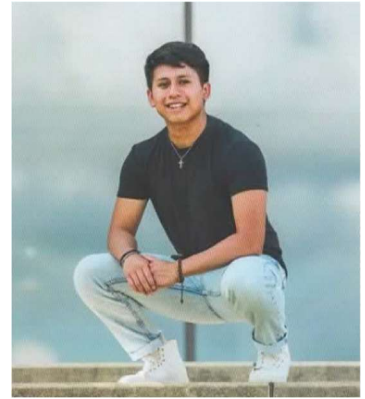
In the future, Mackenzie is planning on becoming a project search intern at UPMC Jameson.

We would also like to thank Mackenzie for designing the bulletin cover this year.

Dylan Dieter

Dylan is the son of Dan and Gisela Dieter and is graduating from Slippery Rock Area High School. His activities include soccer, basketball, chamber singers, and being a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club. When Dylan is not working at Famous Footwear he enjoys lifting weights, hanging out with friends, listening to music, attending Sunday School and morning worship, as well as being with family and his girlfriend Arabella.

In the future, Dylan plans to attend Slippery Rock University where he will major in Exercise Science and Pre Physical Therapy.

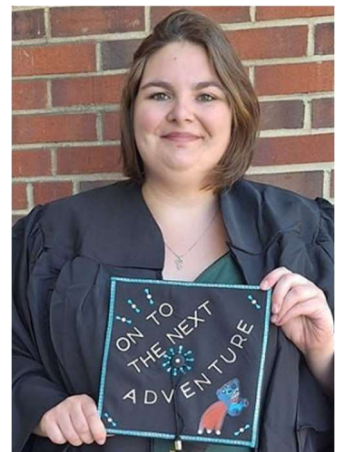


Jocilyn Csernyik

Jocilyn graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Master's Degree in Student Affairs and College Counseling. She is currently employed at Butler Community College as their Student Success Coach as well as the Praise Team Director at New Bedford EPC.

Grace Fenati

Grace recently graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor's Degree in Recreational Therapy. She plans to use her degree in her current job as part of the skilled unit at Sherwood Oaks Retirement Community.



Maelee Whiting

Maelee graduated from the Casal Aveda Academy with a degree in Cosmetology. She is currently employed at Lakeland Dairy and Nashua Meat Processing, as well as operating out of her home as a nail technician. In the future Maelee plans on being a hair stylist for special occasions and also working at a nail salon.

Church Directories

It is time to update the CHURCH DIRECTORY. The last directory was a long time ago, actually B.C. (Before Covid). In order to make sure that everyone is included, we will be doing two directories (digital and tangible). We will be doing the directory ourselves to avoid the costs and pressure to buy with photo sets. We want everyone included.

To make the photos look uniform and to look great, a photo backdrop with photography lighting is set-up in the Narthex. Please use this for your individual profile and family photos. For the family photo, we ask that the children be arranged oldest to youngest. A pew is placed to assist with the directory Photos. Stand behind the pew, sit on the pew, mix it up; your choice. Keep it tight, reduce unnecessary gaps. When taking the photo, leave room to crop, get the backdrop on the top and sides so it can be trimmed to fit. A phone holder is available, use the timer or ask someone to "HIT THE BUTTON". Do not use selfie mode, use the forward-facing camera to avoid a mirrored look.

First, the digital directory is a free option to the church through Church Center software. A QR Code will be provided at church to install the app on your mobile device, there you can register. An invitation to the directory will be sent via e-mail to you. The digital directory is secure, only those who accept the invitation to the digital directory can access it. The invitation has options available for the info you would like to share or not share on the directory.

Upload your individual profile photo to the directory. Upload your family photo to the "household". Only one in the household needs to generate it, link the spouse and children accounts. Some households may already be set-up if you have used the online registration for VBS, AWANA, Breakfast- in-Bethlehem, Bows N Doughnuts, Community Days...

For the non-technical people, see Nathan after services. We want you in the digital and tangible directories.

Second, the tangible directory will be compiled at church. Family photos can be –emailed to the email address provided at church. Include Names, address, phone number in the e-mail. If your e-mail software gives the option of (small, large, largest, don't modify) use either the don't modify or largest so the print quality will be retained.

Session plans to have the tangible directory sent to print after the new pastor is installed. Please don't delay with submitting your photos. Between layout, and confirmations this process will take some work time. A spreadsheet with name, address, phone number will be provided after the digital directory is running for the non-technical to have contact information until the photo directory is printed.



This is hard to believe but our mission trip to Dunlow West Virginia is rapidly approaching. The dates for this year's trip are July 20-26. Please for the following:

- The residents of Dunlow and the surrounding area.
- Everyone from New Bedford that will be attending the trip.
- The planning and preparation efforts.

E.P.I.C. meeting dates for the remaining summer months are:
July 17th

August 7th & 21st

Lunch will not be provided on these days, but you are more than welcome to join us as we feast on God's word! Our study of the book of Nehemiah continues at 11am.



***WEEKLY BULLETIN** – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted **no later than 12:00P.M. on Thursday afternoon** to be printed in that Sundays 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 months 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!

TrueRassic Park VBS Recap

TrueRassic Park VBS was a great time of learning how to distinguish between Scientific Fact, Theory, and Faith. Highlights from the week were the nightly skits with Doc, Becky, Dr. Deceit, Perry the Dinosaur, fun songs, games, and awesome prayer time!! And most importantly seeing the kids dig deeper into God's Word to combat the false theories like the Big Bang and evolution.

Those serving in the TrueRassic Park VBS did a DINO-mite job!!! I'm RAWR-ing with GRATITUDE for those who served in prep work, set up, during, and tear down VBS....

Alex Csernyik	Cheryl Powers	Dani Greene	Mary Beckman	Shirley Snyder
Jocilyn Csernyik	Taylor Velez	Alexzya Eggleston	Dama Fraley	Helen Ruby
Lee Harris	Ozzy Velez	Noah Weber	Myriah Callen	Elaine Hepler
Ashley Houk	Ginny Zinza	Marshall Whiting	GayAnn Miller	Shirley Janoski
Janice Davis	Ethan Harris	Edie Chrobak	Gisela Dieter	Paden McCarthy
Retta Dutton	Brandon Harris	Mike Chrobak	Carla Krisuk	Nora Weber
		Madison Shields	Erin Dawson	Dean Weber

Summer Sunday School is in Session in August

Listed below are the classes and teachers. Classes are held in Pastor's Office or Education Wing of the church.

Sunday School for Children

Preschool - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman
Grades K-2 - Mrs. Giny Zinza, Mrs. Dawn Harris
Mrs. Chrissy Buckwalter
Grades 3-6 – Mr. Steve Fox
Jr & Sr High – Mr. Lee Harris

Sunday School for Adults

Young Adult – Mrs. Taylor Velez
The Pioneers – Dan & Gisela Dieter
The Seekers & Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson

Young People...post high school, college, twenty-somethings...

Are you looking for a group to connect with others your age? Are you looking to meet for Bible study? Are you looking to do some social outings? Meet in the Senior Pastor's office at 9:30 on Sunday morning to get plugged in with others and to join the text group to stay up to date on happenings.

SERVE SUNDAYS – 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 INTERESTED IN ASSISTING THE KIDS, CONTACT DAWN

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 during the 10:30 Sunday Service. Lessons and materials are provided. Leaders are needed to disciple these young children. Contact Dawn if interested in serving in this ministry.



To help with preparations scan the QR to register for Bows & Donuts

[Bows N Doughnuts - New Bedford Church](#)

Thursday, June 26th @ 6-7 PM

Driven Purpose Ministry will host 'Bows & Donuts' at New Bedford Church. It will be a great evening to teach kids and adults the sport of archery and share the Gospel. Followed by food and fellowship around a campfire. Archery is for ages 4 and older. All ages are welcome. It is an event for the community and the church, church members are needed to help with safety during the event.

Mark your calendar now for this great family time together!

Monarch Miracle

Wednesday, August 20th @ 6 PM



[Monarch Miracle - New Bedford Church](#)

Learn about one of God's miracle creations - the Monarch Butterfly! Mrs. Diane Bell will teach how this amazing creature goes through the changes from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. See them up close and learn how you can find and raise them too! We will have a snack, craft and story too! Walk-ins welcome however, registration is encouraged so we can plan accordingly! Parent/guardian must attend with child.



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

Wednesday, September 3rd 5:00-6:00 @ picnic shelter

We are kicking off Awana with a Family Night to register for the coming year. Ages 2-Grade 6

Join us to register for Awana, meet the Awana leaders, and enjoy a treat from the ice cream truck.

Wednesday, September 10th 5:00-7:00 First Awana Club Night

Questions....Need More Info...Contact Dawn Harris at 330-881-8110 or dawnhnbpc@aol.com

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

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