

Dear NBEPC Family:

As I write this on an unexpectedly bitter cold day in late March (whatever happened to that “in like a lion, out like a lamb” stuff?) I am pleased to report that the transitional process is moving along very nicely. As I have shared since coming here, there is a step-by-step, prayerful guide that the EPC recommends whenever a church like yours has a beloved pastor retire and you bring in a Transitional Pastor.

Thus far, we have gone through SWOT Interviews (which stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats), a missional posture survey, reports generated from those two tasks, a vitality “seminar” held as two all-church Sunday school classes, and the formation and work of the Vision Team. The Vision Team along with their prayer partners have been mandated to prayerfully discern God’s mission, vision and purpose for NBEPC and from there, to devise a Church Life and Ministry Vision along with a Preliminary Pastor Profile.

As of this writing, the team has discerned the mission, vision and purpose and devised a simple pathway to spiritual growth for church members and the community around us. As part of that initial work, they have also discerned a specific “mission focus,” an area outside the walls of the church but relatively close to the church, where local mission efforts can be concentrated. At this point, the team is now relooking at the SWOT Analysis Report and Missional Posture Survey Reports as work now begins on fleshing out the Church Life and Ministry Vision. It has been and continues to be a blessing working with these creative, prayerful and wonderful church members on an every-second-week basis.

But while all this is going on, the most important work of preparing ALL our hearts for the greatest news in the world — the resurrection of Jesus — goes on. As of this writing, I launched a sermon series that will take us through Easter Sunday called “Handyman,” the idea being that the risen Lord Jesus Christ can repair what spiritually ails you and me and make us into all that He wants us to be, as He prepares us for eternal life in heaven.

And THIS is all taking place as the wonderful AWANA program wraps up its programming year. What praise we can give to God for Dawn and Lee, and for all the teachers and volunteers who make this program such a wonderful pathway to spiritual growth in its own right for the children of this church and community.

God is good, and it is a privilege to see the work He continues to do in all our hearts during this season of Lent. To God be the glory!

Blessings,

Pastor Dan and Connie

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- The Vision Team continues to achieve milestones and define a process. The next step is to define church values based on the SWOT Report.
- Pastor Dan will be leading an adult new members class this spring. Any adults interested in joining the church should contact Pastor Dan or Addie Moore, church secretary.
- The Confirmation Class began on March 27 and will continue meeting into June.
- Session members continue focusing on development of spiritual leadership and evangelism skills.
- The church recorded the passing of member Roberta “Bobbi” Morehead in March.
- The Administration Committee replaced lights in the back of the Sanctuary and is considering several repairs needed at the manse.
- There will be a Spring Cleaning Family Event at the church on Saturday, April 9 to clean up the church grounds.
- The church cashed out a Certificate of Deposit due to low return on investment.
- The Christian Education Committee will host Vacation Bible School June 6-10 from 5-7 or 7:30 with dinner provided.
- Awana Awards Night and Dinner will be Wednesday, March 30 at 5 p.m.
- A new series for J.A.M Kids started on March 27, “Resurrection Eggs.”
- Name tag Sundays will be held the first Sunday of each month beginning on April 3. The purpose is to help members and visitors get to know each other.
- An annual Easter Egg Hunt is being planned by the Evangelism Committee.
- The Mission Committee and Pastor Dan signed up the church with the Care Portal mobile application program to connect local ministries with local needs. Through the New Castle City Rescue Mission, people can list their needs (physical or monetary) on the app and our church and others will have the opportunity to meet some of them.
- A cantata led by choir director Ashley Graziani will be performed on Sunday, April 10 at 4 p.m. The church’s new bell tree, a stand allowing one ringer to play multiple bells, will make its debut at the cantata.
- The 12 Disciples play will be performed on Maundy Thursday, April 14 with communion being served.
- Prayer requests are being accepted by Addie Moore for the Easter Prayer Vigil taking place immediately after the Good Friday Tenebrae service up through Easter morning.
- The Worship Committee approved a return to using the hymnals at second worship service and removing the project lyrics because of frequent inconsistency between the electronic lyrics and other sources. The singing already sounds better.
- Rev. Mitch Tepper will fill the pulpit in Pastor Dan’s absence on Sunday, April 24.



The Easter Offering this year will go towards Samaritan’s Purse efforts in the Ukraine. As you are aware, the Ukrainian families are hurting and are in desperate need of physical aid and prayer during this difficult time. Samaritan’s Purse has established several emergency field hospitals and they are operating a 24 hour medical clinic at the train station in Livi. They also are providing hygiene kits, blankets and food to the refugees. Please join with us in supporting a worthy cause. You will find an Easter Offering envelope in the bulletins on 4/10 and 4/17.

Birthdays in April

4/01 – Lillian Emery
4/01 – Clay Fulkman
4/04 – Barbara Pence
4/06 – Bill Harshbarger
4/07 – Andy Hostetler
4/08 – Jamie McCarthy

4/09 – Richard Harris
4/09 – David Magee
4/12 – Rhys Harris
4/13 – Leo Krisuk
4/19 – David Carr
4/19 – Ty Phillips

4/22 – Donna Fox
4/23 – Bonnie Glogowski
4/26 – Patty Wade
4/27 – Edward Rudzik
4/28 – Madeline Whiting

Birthdays in May

5/02 – Debi Fynes
5/05 – Grant Dieter
5/05 – Zoey Janoski
5/08 – Ed Miller
5/08 – Maelee Whiting
5/09 – Kim Runyan

5/12 – Doris Spence
5/14 – Duane Boyles
5/16 – Julie O'Brien
5/19 – Ashley Shaffer
5/22 – Brandilyn Buxton

5/22 – Owyn Harris
5/25 – Shirley Tremba
5/26 – Linda Porter
5/27 – Roy Komar
5/29 – Ron Tremba



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
Gene Bicehouse-----Garden Way Place



We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Retta Dutton and her family, on the passing of her mother, Bobbi Morehead. Bobbi passed away on 3/17/22. Bobbi will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

“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, Congregation! On behalf of the Mission Committee, we commend and thank you for your giving to the City Rescue Mission Women’s Shelter. We delivered 84 boxes of Kleenex; 57 jugs of laundry soap and 39 bottles of hand soap along with some other miscellaneous items. Thank you and well done!

“Thank you” to our church family for all the kindness you have shown to our family at the time of Art’s illness and death. Thank you to Pastor Dan, Pastor Doug and Chuck, to the choir, Amy, the Deacons and to everyone who sent cards, made phone calls, sent food, and prayed for us both then and now. He loved his church and spending time here whether it was in worship or helping out when needed.
-Doris Spence and Family

The Deacons are placing a children’s book entitled “The Giving Tree” in the library in memory of Bobbi Morehead.



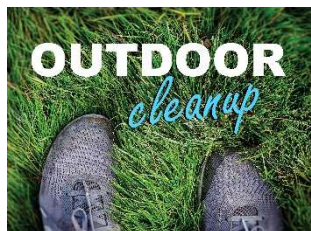
Palm Sunday Worship Services – Sunday, April 10th at 8:30am and 10:40am.

Choral Easter Cantata and Lenten Supper – Sunday, April 10th, the Choir will perform an Easter Cantata followed by a Lenten Supper.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – April 14th at 7pm.

Good Friday Worship Service – April 15th at 7pm.

Resurrection Morning Worship Services – April 17th at 8:30am and 10:40am. Breakfast will be served in between worship services at 9:30am during the Sunday School hour.



A Spring Cleaning Family Event is being planned to clean up the church grounds on Saturday, April 9. Look for more details in your upcoming bulletins.



Awana has concluded for the 2021-2022 year. It was a blessing to be able to serve the children of NBEPC and the community. It would not be possible without the faithful servants who serve the Awana ministry. Thank you is so little to say for how much you do!
THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Mary Beckman

Julie Fulkman

Lisa Caughey

Carla Krisuk

Janice Davis

Retta Dutton

Erika Taylor

GayAnn Miller

Dama Fraley

Sandra Ruby

Beth Kendall

Lee Harris

Youth Helpers:

Layla Maggie

Ethan Harris

Brandon Harris

Elizabeth Fraley

Madison Shields

Loving Memory of Bobbi Moorehead, who faithfully served in the Awana ministry



WANTED: PEOPLE to ~~EGG~~ HOUSES



Egging Houses has returned!!!! Don't worry.....we are not using real eggs.....the 'egging' is done with 12 plastic eggs filled with candy and an activity that reveals the story of Jesus' death and resurrection! Also an invitation to all the Easter activities at New Bedford Church will be left at each house too!

How can you help?

(1) Prepping the Egging Kits – Tuesday April 5th at 10:00 AM

Meet me in the Fellowship Hall to stuff the eggs and prepare the kits to be distributed to the 'eggers'.

(2) 'Egging' Houses of our church & Awana families – week of April 10th

On April 10th, the 'Egging' Kits will be available to pick up in the vestibule. Please 'egg' the house at a day and time of your convenience before April 14th. The family name and address will be on each kit. Please stop by the table to pick up a bag or two to help 'egg' houses. 'Egging' entails going to the address, placing the eggs in the yard, hanging the bag on the door of the house, and keeping the family in prayer during Holy Week. Please consider joining me in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to families in our community.

Lastly, if you know of a family that has children that you would like to 'egg', please contact me by April 3rd with the family information/address and a kit will be prepared for them as well.

Dawn Harris dawnhnbpc@aol.com 330-881-8110

SAVE THE DATES.....VBS will be June 6-10, 2022!



Confirmation class has officially begun! Please lift our youngest potential members in prayer during this time of learning and spiritual growth.

Upcoming Youth group dates:

April 3rd

April 10th

April 24th

All times are 1-3pm



Saturday, May 14, 2022

4:00-7:00 PM

Menu: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Dessert

Meal Prices:

Large - \$10 Small - \$5

Where: New Bedford EPC

151 Woodland Dr.

Pulaski PA, 16143

Drive Thru ONLY

Starting April 10th - Pre-sale tickets will be available after both church services or you can make reservations by calling the church office 724-964-8055. Payment collected at pick-up.

Reservations not needed but appreciated

**All proceeds benefit the
NBEPC Youth Mission Trip**





***** EPIC *****



Experienced People In Christ

11:00 Bible Study – Leader-Lee Harris

Current Study: David

April 7 - 1 Samuel 18

April 21 - 1 Samuel 19



**Do you want to know what the five stones that David used represented?
Please join us at Epic and learn more about the life of David.**

12:00 LUNCH

April 7 - Lunch provided

April 21 - Lunch at a local restaurant

Our potluck lunch on St. Patrick's Day was delicious! Do not be green with envy, but we had many tasty "green" dishes to enjoy.

1:00 Game Time

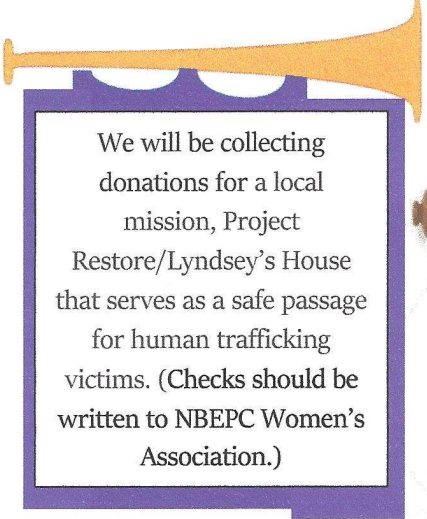


OUR BUS IS FULL! We have over 45 people planning to attend our Lancaster/David trip. Thank you to all that signed up.

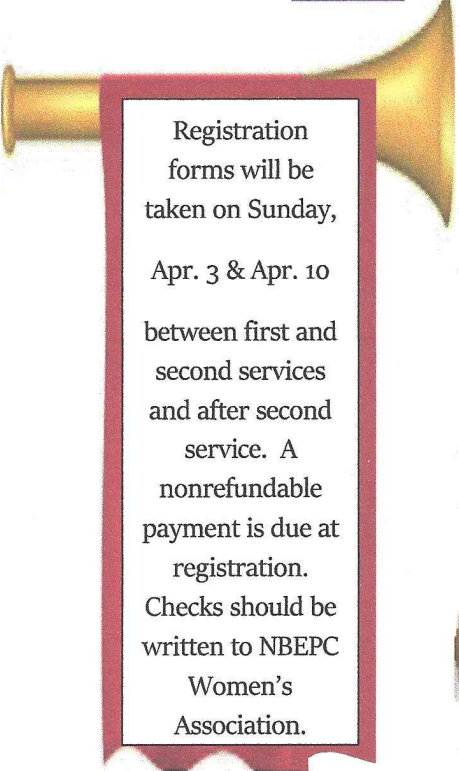
Reminder: Final payment is due by April 10.

Many Blessing are wished for you and your family this Easter Season.





We will be collecting donations for a local mission, Project Restore/Lyndsey's House that serves as a safe passage for human trafficking victims. (Checks should be written to NBEPC Women's Association.)



Registration forms will be taken on Sunday, Apr. 3 & Apr. 10 between first and second services and after second service. A nonrefundable payment is due at registration. Checks should be written to NBEPC Women's Association.



An additional night of lodging is available on Thurs., May 19 at the rate of \$12.00 per night.



A Royal Encounter

Join us the weekend of
Fri., May 20 (6:30 PM) -
Sat., May 21 (4:30 PM)
for our women's
retreat where we
will take a journey
to discover the
personal qualities
of a Godly
woman.

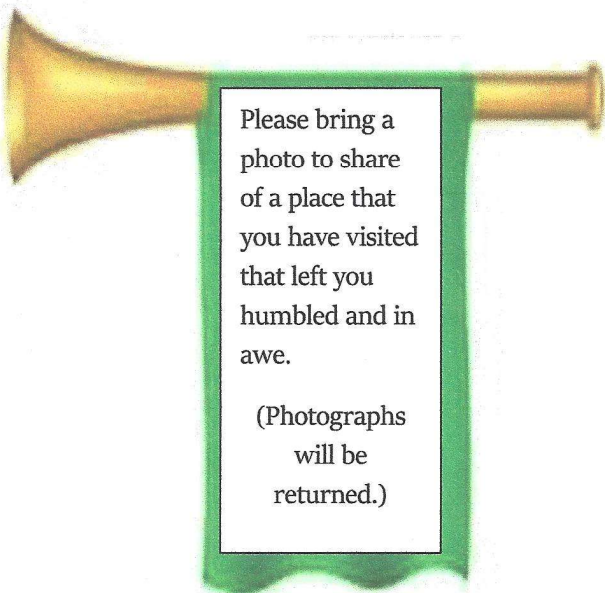
Life Ministries
- The Castle
870 River
Ridge Road
Franklin, PA

What to Bring:

Sheets &
Pillowcase
Towels
Toiletries
Bible
Bag to carry
your Bible and
journal.

Meals:

You are invited to the King's Banquet on Friday night. All food, which includes dinner and snacks, will be provided by the Ruth Circle. The castle will serve breakfast and lunch on Saturday.



Please bring a photo to share of a place that you have visited that left you humbled and in awe.

(Photographs
will be
returned.)

Women's Retreat - A Royal Encounter



Mission Project

Our mission this year is Project Restore/Lyndsey's House. The mission encompasses a local-faith based mission serving women, children and youth that have been affected by the world of human trafficking. Project Restore is centered on the hope, healing and restoration that comes from the love of Jesus Christ.

What can you do to support this mission work?

- 1) Bring a needed item to the retreat. We will be collecting household or personal supplies to be used in the restoration homes (a small package of toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.).
- 2) Make a monetary donation. At the castle, we will have a box for donations. Please write your check to "NBEPC Women's Association" with Project Restore on the memo line.

Additional information about this mission can be found at:

<https://www.projectrestore.org/>

Items to Bring to the Castle

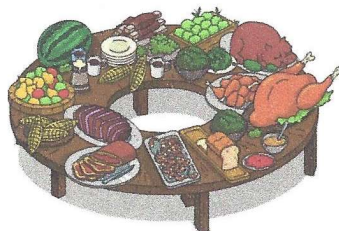
sheets, pillowcases, clothing, towels, toiletries, Bible,
and a bag to carry your Bible and journal



***** Please bring a photo of a place you have visited that has left you humbled and in awe. This photo will be returned. *****

Friday Night Dinner & Snack

The Ruth Circle will be providing all food for Friday Evening's King Buffet Dinner as well as snacks, coffee, tea, and bottled water.



Registration: * **The final day to register for the retreat is Sunday, April 10.** (Late registrations will only by accepted if there has been a cancelation.)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

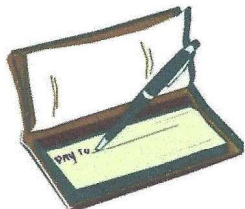
Email: _____

Roommate Requests: Please confirm with roommates before completing this section.

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |



Checks are to be written to: 
N.B.E.P.C. Women's Association



Suggestion:

Do not complete check amount until room choice is confirmed.

Lodging Choices:

No. in a Room	Room Options	Retreat Fee
1	Double Bed	\$95.00
2	Double Bed Bunk Bed Queen Bed Queen Bed (First Floor)	\$75.00
3	Double & Bunk Bed Queen & Single Bed Queen & Bunk Bed	\$70.00
4 or more	Queen & Bunk Bed Basement Dorm Second Floor Dorm	\$65.00

Payment:

Retreat Fee (Includes meals & lodging) _____

Optional Thursday Evening Lodging (\$12.00 a person) _____

Optional Scholarship Fund Donation _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:

**NEW BEDFORD EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
151 Woodland Drive
Pulaski, PA 16143
Phone: 724-964-8055

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New Castle, PA 16101**



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Church e-mail: newbedfordchurch@verizon.net



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service
9:30a.m. – Sunday School
10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service