

Dear NBEPC Family:

As part of the Discipleship class that I have been teaching (and thank you to Janice Davis for taking my regular Sunday class while I am doing this) one of the topics we have discussed is prayer.

What I shared with the group was something monumental that one of my pastors, Erwin Lutzer, retired pastor of Moody Church in Chicago, shared once during a sermon.

The concept he talked about was “praying through the Scriptures” and it changed my prayer life.

What you do is take a passage of Scripture, say a psalm or a chapter of one the books of the Bible. Before you begin reading, you ask the Holy Spirit to so speak to you so that He influences what you pray as you read through the passage. Then you start reading. The moment you feel any kind of pause in your spirit, that is the Holy Spirit nudging you. Simply stop and pray something. A particular verse you just read could be used by the Holy Spirit to nudge you to praise God for something, or confess something, or thank God for something, to pray a petition for yourself, or an intercessory prayer for someone else.

Here is an example from my own time in the word recently. As you know, I use the Bible in One Year app (now called The Bible with Nicky and Pippa Gumbel). The day I wrote this, one of the sections I read was 2 Timothy 3:1-17.

I read verses one to four: “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.” The Holy Spirit paused me there, and I felt led to say in my prayers, “We are living in those times, Lord. I pray for revival in this nation, that many would come to saving faith in you.”

The verses went on: “...as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of.” I stopped and paused and prayed a prayer a petition for myself: “Lord, help me to continue to grow in you, and to have opportunities to share faith with others.”

Finally, when I got to the part that said, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,” I thanked God for His inspired word, and prayed, “Help me to handle it correctly when writing sermons to apply it to people’s lives.”

I have been praying through Scriptures like this for almost 25 years now. It makes prayer new and exciting every day because the Scriptures are different, and how the Holy Spirit nudges you is therefore different, too.

Give it a try, and if you are looking for a method for going through the Bible, might I suggest again the app now called “The Bible with Nicky and Pippa Gumbel.”

Blessings,

Pastor Dan and Joanna

Session meeting Highlights from September 26, 2024

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Dan gave an update on his pastoral care visits.
- New classes are being introduced:
 - Janice Davis is leading (Lee Strobel's "10 Toughest Questions in Christianity")
 - Pastor Dan is teaching a discipleship class from that he learned about at the General Assembly meeting. It consists of 10 lessons and will be held during Sunday School hour with four participants.
 - The Alpha class did not have any attendees yet, so a Zoom version will be offered in October.

Administration

- A motion was made to approve the August '24 Financial Report. The motion passed.
- A motion was made to spend up to \$11,000 from the Building Fund for repair work on gutters and the roof at the manse, as well as the pavilion roof and a potential ceiling. The motion passed.
- Thomas Nursery will replace dead arborvitae at the manse.
- A motion was made to contract a service to scrub church floors, up to \$300. The motion passed.
- A motion was made to add a patio cover at the manse with expenses paid by Dan and Joanna Muttart. The motion passed.

Christian Education

- Grief share group will start in October.
- Nathan Book to start a study on the Tabernacle, a Perry Stone DVD series.
- A teaching rotation of 1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School will allow teachers Gina Ankney, Geniene Jones, and Doug Hanna to attend some adult Sunday School sessions during the year.

Evangelism

- A Prayer Walk will be Oct. 19 at 1 p.m.
- A motion was made to send Thank Offering to Edu Nations. The motion was approved.

The Angel Tree project will be headed up by Terri Emery.

Nominating

- The Nominating Committee members have started meeting and updated the list of Boards, Committees, and Personnel. Elders will be praying for God to raise up a new class of leaders for the next year.

Ministry Reports

- Men's Ministry – no report.
- Women's Ministry – An all-church women event, Harvesting Gratitude, will take place on Nov. 9, 9-noon.

Old Business

- Next Presbytery Meeting, Sat., Nov. 16, 2024, at Calvin EPC, Ellwood City, PA



There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 24th following the 2nd Worship service. The purpose of this meeting is for electing new officers and for receiving the budget.

Haiti Fundraiser, Open House and Dinner \$20 in advance & \$25 at the door. Sunday December 8, 2024. 11a.m.-4:30p.m. Haitian Sensation 76 Shenango Ave. Sharon, PA 16146

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM will be on Saturday, December 14th 8:30A.M.-11:30A.M. Please invite your friends and neighbors. This event is FUN for children and adults of all ages! Breakfast will be served until 10:00AM. If you have never come, please try to come this year! The church is transformed into the streets of Bethlehem. There are live animals for petting, a Christmas movie, two craft rooms, face painting, and much more! If you are able to help set up, please see Brad Marshall. Any and all help is needed & welcome.





Congratulations on the Baptism of Duane and Kayla Bicek's Children Duane Frank., Arizona Paige, and Walyon Jasper Bicik on October 13th.

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



Birthdays in November

11/04 – Anna Taylor
11/06 – Deneen Greene
11/06 – Duane Bicek
11/13 – Daniel Hanna

11/14 – Aubrey Fulkman
11/16 – Brenda Hostetler
11/25 – Bernice Boyer
11/27 – Lee Harris
11/29 – Curtis Bretz

Birthdays in December

12/01 – Adam Marshall
12/02 – Diana Halt
12/03 – Titus Marshall
12/07 – Kyle Jones

12/09 – Chuck Bell
12/09 – Bob Bell
12/09 – Alexis Lockhart

12/11 – Caroletta Doverspike
12/13 – Grace Fenati
12/14 – Evelyn Exley
12/14 – Logan Jones
12/16 – Wanda Boyles
12/17 – Angela Houk
12/17 – Addie Moore

12/20 – Eric Keller
12/21 – Lavon Rogers
12/24 – Florence Allison
12/28 – Darlene Robison



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
Nancy Phillis-----Home
Shirley Trimba-----Shepherd of the Valley





The Harvest of Gratitude

Oh – the wonder of the fall harvest! The colorful leaves, crisp apples, towering cornstalks and the plump pumpkins abound. Autumn displays much for which we are grateful.

But what happens to gratitude if the soil lacks nutrients, a drought hits, unseasonable temperatures linger, weeds threaten or pests invade before the harvest?

If we choose to let go of gratitude, what will the harvest look like?

If we choose to hold on to gratitude, what will the harvest look like?

The Women's Ministry invites you to gather on

Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9:00 - noon
in the fellowship hall

around the backyard bonfire.

Enjoy this time of fellowship along with coffee, tea, and pastries

as we discover THE HARVEST OF GRATITUDE.



Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 5:30-8:30 pm at The Gatherings

Buffet dinner will be served. Cost for the dinner will be \$25.00, for those under the age of 80.

For those who are 80+, from our church, the cost will be \$20.00.

Please bring a \$10 gift to be exchanged.

Sign-ups will be November 3, 10 & 17 in the vestibule.

Reservations must be paid at the time of sign-up.

Last day to sign up will be November 17.



Christmas Dinner

SPECIAL
thank offering



2024 Thank Offering Sunday is November 24th. EduNations is the mission that we will be collecting the Thank Offering for. This Ministry is also supported by our Presbytery. EduNations is a faith-based non-profit organization that builds and operates schools in under-resourced communities where there are no other schools. It's located in Sierra Leone; Africa. We will have a guest Speaker to inform us of this Mission.

Sunday School for Children

PreSchool – Mrs. Dawn Harris
Kindergarten - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman
Grades 1-2 - Mrs. Geniene Jones
Grades 3-6 – Mr. Steve Fox
Jr & Sr High – Mr. Lee Harris

Sunday School for Adults

The Pioneers – Mr. Dan Dieter & Mrs. Gisela Dieter
The Seekers – Janice Davis
Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson - Bible-In-Life Series

The 1st Sunday of the Month is Serve Sunday. All kid classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a time of singing and to work on a project.

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. Lessons and materials are provided. Leaders are needed to disciple these young children. Sign up in the Vestibule for a day and service ☺



**Regular Club Night
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, listeners, and helpers. Please see Dawn if you have any questions about the responsibilities. *Prayerfully consider being a disciple maker at Awana.* You are welcome to stop in and visit any Wednesday evening, 5:00-7:00.

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

November 6th - Dots & Stripes Night

November 13th - Double Double Points Night (New Castle Library Book Mobile - 4:00-5:00)

November 20th - Count your Blessings Night

November 27th - NO Awana - Happy Thanksgiving!



Dates Kids are Singing in Church:

November 10th & December 8th - Children singing at 10:30 Church Service

December 16th - 6:00 PM - Christmas Music Night

Dawn Harris

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YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will continue to meet on **Wednesdays** during Awana from **5-7pm**.

We will be taking our fall mission trip again this November to Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission in Dunlow, WV. We will be leaving on Tuesday, November 19th and returning on Saturday, November 23rd.

Please consider participating in the envelope fundraiser currently being held by the youth. All you have to do is take an envelope off the whiteboard in the vestibule, fill it with the amount on the front, then return it to the basket hanging on the whiteboard. 100% of your donation goes directly to the youth.



EPIC

The only EPIC meeting of the month will be on November 7th. This meeting will also double as our annual Medicare luncheon. Bible study starts at 11am and will be followed by lunch at 12:15 along with Liz Kanche to discuss Medicare options.

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**Count
Your
Blessings**

**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