

Dear NBEPC Family,

This past month I had the honor of officiating Nathan and Joy Book's Wedding alongside of a former teacher of mine and Nathan's. Nathan and Joy went to her before my arrival here and asked her to do their wedding and then graciously included me. Marcia is the Pastor of Pulaski Village Church a local Methodist Church and taught my music class in Hermitage when I was in 3rd and 4th grade. One of the coolest aspects was the grace and unity she showed despite our denominational differences.

In our day and age, we like to magnify differences between our own identity group and other groups—staking our flag for our people and our corner, over against the discrepancies we have with others. Often in the church, this looks like a refusal to work across denominational lines, or a refusal to set aside minor differences in theology for the sake of broader kingdom building.

This reminds me of a passage in Mark 9:38-40 where the disciple John comes across another man casting out demons in the name of Jesus. John recognizes that he is not in Jesus' little group but likely heard about him from someone else during his ministry and so he tries to stop him 'because he was not following us. (v. 38)' Jesus rebukes him with this beautiful exhortation towards unity: 'Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. (39-40).' John tries to draw out the differences between believers; Jesus rebuts by leaning on the similarities as more ultimate. 'One who is not against us' or those who likewise call upon Jesus' name for salvation for the building up of his kingdom are most ultimately on our side, despite what name they bear or what church they attend.

This does not require us to abandon our theological distinctives for pure liberal tolerance but is a call to know your friends and your enemies. It is my distinct hope that the believers and churches in our area may be united in their disagreements because of the supremacy of Christ. And as the new church, *Mercy House* comes to our area, allow our shared union in Christ to dominate our actions and intentions with our fellow sister church as we labor together for the sake of the Gospel!

Pastor Elija

Birthdays in September

9/02 – Juanita Cornman
9/02 – Shari McMillian
9/04 – Aaron Ealy
9/04 – Autumn Ealy
9/06 – Retta Dutton
9/07 – Abby Buckwalter
9/09 – Lilly Cooper
9/10 – Nancy Cummings
9/11 – Madison Shields

9/11 – Parker Hanna
9/12 – Barry Japak
9/13 – Rosalie Black
9/13 – Brad Marshall
9/13 – Dani Greene
9/14 – Doug Runyan
9/15 – Jim Buxton
9/15 – Ted Hilliard
9/17 – Carol Madden

9/18 – Henry Csernyik
9/18 – Erin Teachy
9/20 – Dave Morris
9/20 – Waylon Bicek
9/20 – John Powers
9/23 – Ethan Pence
9/28 – Lori Jones
9/29 – Wes Jones
9/29 – Shane Kaufman

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 – Ed Horodyski
10/09 – Don Dougherty
10/10 – Amanda Rudzik
10/11 – Ruthie Emery

10/13 – Royce Buckwalter
10/15 – James Maloney
10/16 – Brandy McAllen
10/17 – Ariana Carr
10/18 – Emily Bretz
10/18 – Kristi Kaufman
10/18 – Kristi Jones
10/19 – Brock Janoski
10/19 – Celann Edwards

10/21 – Jocilyn Csernyik
10/22 – Justin Rayner
10/22 – Dylan Dieter
10/22 – Elaine Hepler
10/23 – Kathy Japak
10/25 – Debbie Pogozelec
10/25 – Deann Davis
10/27 – Owen Helms
10/30 – Shawn Kendall
10/31 – Bob Exley



Please remember in prayer the following persons who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have requested prayer.

Doris Spence-----Ridgecrest of McCandless



The 5th annual River Valley Fall Festival in Pulaski will feature a free outdoor concert with The Doral's performing hits from the '50s, '60s, '70s and beyond. The free festival will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 12 at the River Valley Complex, which is the former Pulaski Elementary School. The event will include vendors, Bingo, kickball tournament, parade, bouncy house, kids' games, car cruise and open mic talent show. An opening ceremony for the new library at the complex will be held.



Parade participants and kickball tournament teams are sought. For more information, call 724-652-6183 or email RiverValleyComplex@gmail.com

To my dear church family,
We want to express our deepest gratitude for the comforting calls, texts, cards, and warm hugs we received after the passing of my dad. Your constant prayers lifted us up during a difficult time, and we felt God's love through each of you. Praise God for always being with us and for blessing us with such a loving and supportive community. With love and blessings,

Teddy & Marie Chrobak, and family



Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and thoughts while I was in the hospital and recovering at home. - Edie Dougherty

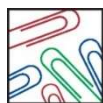


Do you enjoy camping? Would you like to get to know other members of the congregation that also enjoy camping? Planning is underway for one camping trip on October 16-18 at Pymatuning State Park, Tuttle Campground. You can get a campsite for the weekend or even join us for the day on Saturday. Campsites 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.

WEEKLY BULLETIN – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted no **later than 1:00 P.M. on Thursday** mornings to be printed in that Sunday's bulletin.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS – Please have all newsletter articles and/or information/announcements submitted no later than **noon the 25TH of every month** to be included in the upcoming month's newsletter.

****All bulletin and newsletter submissions can be sent to newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com or left on the church office desk.**



Office Hours

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:00am-2:00pm, unless otherwise indicated in the bulletin.





Sunday September 13th - Promotion Sunday

Meet in the Church Sanctuary at 9:30 AM
to 'pop up' to the next grade!

There is Sunday School for all ages...you are invited to pop in and check out a class. All classes are held in the education wing.

Sunday School for Children

Preschool & K - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman

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

Grades 3-4-5 - Mrs. Geniene Jones & Miss Lori Smith

Grades 6-7-8 - Mr. Steve Fox

Jr & Sr High - Mr. Lee Harris

Sunday School for Adults

Young Adults – Mrs. Taylor Velez

The Pioneers – Dan & Gisela Dieter

Seekers & Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson

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. *Beginning September 20th J.A.M Kids will be offered during the 8:30 Sunday Service as well.* Materials are provided. Leaders are needed to disciple these young children. Contact Dawn if interested in serving at either service for this ministry.



Helping Hands are Needed for prepping material for Sunday School, Awana, and other ministries as they arise. In the coming weeks packets will be available in the church vestibule. You can 'Serve Behind the Scene' by picking up a packet from the box. There will be instructions in the baggie for what to do, prepping may include: cutting, sorting,

perforating cutouts, etc. All can be done at home then returned when completed. Thank you to all that have completed 'Serve Behind the Scene' packets in previous months!! Your help is GREATLY APPRECIATED. Contact Dawn with any questions.

SAVE the DATE: Annual Trunk or Treat

When: Wednesday, October 28th 5:00-7:00 PM

More info will be coming later... be thinking of decorating ideas for your car.





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

Wednesday, September 2nd 5:00-6:00 @ picnic shelter

We are kicking off Awana with a Family Night to register for the coming year.
Join us to register for Awana, meet the Awana leaders, and enjoy a treat from the ice cream truck.

Wednesday, September 9th 5:00-7:00 First Awana Club Night

Register Online

Scan the QR code or
use the web address



<https://newbedfordepc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3798645>

New Bedford EP Church is
excited to announce another year of.....



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 5**. 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.

Awana will kick off on Wednesday, September 9th. 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, helpers, and listeners. Please see Dawn if you have any questions on what the responsibilities are for these positions. *Prayerfully consider being a life changer at Awana.*
You are welcome to stop in and visit any Wednesday evening, 5:00-7:00.

******SEPTEMBER CLUB NIGHTS******

September 9th - Wear Red, White, & Blue Night

September 16th - Double Double Points Night

Clubbers will get double the points for attendance, bringing their Bible and Handbook, and completing sections. Remember points accumulate through the year to shop at the marketplace in March

September 23rd - B.A.R.F. Night -- Bring A Real Friend Night

Give the invitation to a friend and invite them to come to Awana

Pick one of the colors to wear to Club: Black, Red, Blue, White, Green, Yellow



Starting on **September 13th** youth group will be moving to Sundays. Moving forward the schedule will look like this:

Grades 9-12: 1-3pm

Grades 6-8: 2:30-4:30pm

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on September 13th! Join us as we discuss study topics that interest the kids, and start making plans for the fall/winter quarters.

Also, thank you to everyone that helped to make this year's youth boating trip a big success!

Experienced People In Christ

In September, lunch makes its return to our EPIC meetings. Come join us for Bible Study, food, and fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

Study starts at 11 AM with lunch to follow.

September 3rd – Potluck Lunch - please bring a dish to share!

September 17th – Lunch TBD



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*****please keep all of the students,
teachers and parents in your
prayers as everyone heads back to
school*****

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