

**Dear NBEPC Family:**

**First and foremost, thank you for all the prayers for Connie, not only now but throughout these past almost two years I have served as your transitional pastor.**

**As of this writing, and as I have shared with some one-on-one when it has come up in conversation, Connie has made the decision to discontinue chemotherapy treatments and to place herself in the Lord's hands. We have a good hospice organization to manage her symptoms now, without treating the disease anymore. She has good days and bad days, but my continued prayer is that she be kept as pain-free and comfortable as possible, until God calls her home. It is a blessing to be just across the parking lot from her, and to be able to get there quickly, as needed.**

**It has also been a blessing to get family support. My 40+ year friends Bill and Mary Ellen (Mel) spent a week with us recently, with Mel doing an awesome impression of Florence Nightingale with the care that she gave her. When they left to go back to Canada on Saturday morning, I picked up Connie's sister Kathleen from the airport, and she is going to be staying with us for three weeks or more. With God we are never alone through all the circumstances of life, and I am so grateful that He is giving Connie and me visible evidence of that, with those who are staying with us. He also gives us evidence through the care you all have shown us, too. Thank you with all of my heart.**

**Here at the church, and as of this writing, the Pastor Search Team will have held their second meeting. Thanks to the training from the presbytery, there is now a game plan in place for how to proceed.**

**And God continues to bless me in ministry to interpret and apply His word for you in such a time as this. It seems fitting with all I have talked about in this newsletter that our sermon series for February is called, "Timeless Tips for Taking Care of Each Other," from the New Testament book of James. And it is during this series that we will kick off the season of Lent, with an Ash Wednesday service to be held on February 22, which points us to the hope and certainty of the resurrection to eternal life.**

**Psalm 121 says, "I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my hope come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth." May you feel His help in all the seasons of life, and may you be used as a vessel to be His hands and feet for others. How good it is to love each other while we worship and serve the Lord, together.**

**Blessings,**

**Pastor Dan and Connie**

## DECEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- The church completed a purchase of the empty lot next to the manse.
- New church officers will be installed during worship services on Sunday, January 29.
- The pastor search committee has begun its work of discerning God's will for who the church should call as new teaching elder.
- The session contracted Kelly's Commercial Cleaning Service to handle custodial services at the church.

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There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023 during the Sunday School hour at 9:30. The purpose of this meeting is for reviewing the Annual Report.

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The 2023 Offering Envelopes are ready and on a table by the office. If you cannot find your box or would like a box, please see Bonnie. Thank You!

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*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  
Harry Cornman-----Edison Manor  
Gene Bicehouse-----Garden Way Place



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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!! To everyone that helped out with this years Angel Tree!! We were able to help out 7 local families with Christmas gifts for their children and gift cards for Christmas dinner! Your generosity is so much appreciated!!



We would like to THANK everyone that helped with Breakfast In Bethlehem this year! Whether you helped with hauling everything into the church, or the many nights of setting up, helped the day of BIB, with bringing animals in, or with the tear down and put away! THANK YOU! This Community outreach is not possible without your help! Blessings – Brad & Marty Marshall

I would like to send a heartfelt thank-you to all the Deacons I have served with over the past 3 years. We made it through the worst of Covid with some inventive ideas. Now it's time to step back for a little while and let someone else have all the fun! Bless you all – Helen

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**UPCOMING PITTSBURGH FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION DATES....**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> & FRIDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**3:00PM UNTIL 4:00PM**

### Birthdays in January

01/01 – Jakki Gardner  
01/03 – Bud Freeman  
01/04 – Olivia Eppinger  
01/04 – Corigan Quinn  
01/05 – Lois Adams  
01/05 – Phillip Book  
01/05 – Edie Dougherty  
01/05 – Ashley Fox  
01/05 – Shirley Janoski  
01/05 – Jacob Taylor

01/06 – Nancy Bretz  
01/06 – Joel Phillips  
01/09 – Brenda Miller  
01/11 – Marshall Whiting  
01/12 – Linda Feil  
01/12 – Diane McConnell  
01/14 – Gary Geisinger  
01/14 – Allen Jones  
01/17 – Terri Quinn  
01/19 – Rosie Moore

01/19 – Willie Moore  
01/20 – Amanda Miller  
01/24 – Lori Smith  
01/24 – Bennett Whiting  
01/26 – Mackenzie McCarthy  
01/26 – Julie Whiting  
01/27 – Joyce Goist  
01/27 – Morgan Whiting  
01/28 – Taylor Allison

### Birthdays in February

02/02 – Paul Cummings  
02/02 – Aleah Deal  
02/02 – Nancy Phillis  
02/03 – Dawn Harris  
02/04 – Harry Cornman  
02/04 – Shirley Freeman  
02/04 – Alexandra Lambert

02/04 – Austin Whiting  
02/05 – Pam Liddell  
02/07 – Marti Marshall  
02/07 – Martha Marshall  
02/07 – Nancy Rudzik  
02/08 – Len Halt  
02/08 – Laura Harshbarger

02/09 – Barbara Sander  
02/15 – Bowen Fulkman  
02/15 – Shirley Snyder  
02/22 – Lisa Magee  
02/22 – Amanda Quinn  
02/26 – Donald Pence  
02/27 – Don Craig

### Birthdays in March

03/03 – Gene Bicehouse  
03/03 – Steve Fox  
03/07 – Vinnie Fenati  
03/08 – Sue Bluedorn  
03/12 – Mira Fulkman  
03/13 – Doug Houk

03/15 – Larry Bluedorn  
03/17 – Jake Emery  
03/19 – Dan Dieter  
03/20 – Ed Rudzik  
03/21 – Sheila Eppinger-Epper

03/22 – Beth Kendall  
03/24 – Jennifer Saulpaugh  
03/25 – John Book  
03/27 – Robert Bretz  
03/29 – Judy Stuhlmann



Harry Cornman is currently at Edison Manor Rehab. Center, 222 West Edison Ave., New Castle, PA 16101. Harry is turning 90 years old on February 4<sup>th</sup>, let's shower him with cards! Happy Birthday, Harry!!

Nancy Phillis is turning 102 on February 2<sup>nd</sup>! Let's shower Nancy with cards!! Her address is 1103 Cheriwood Rd., Pulaski, PA 16143. Happy Birthday, Nancy!!

**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 26<sup>th</sup>*** . 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.*

You are welcome to stop in and visit any Wednesday evening, 5:00-7:00.

***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 18<sup>th</sup> – Double Point Night**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> – Glow Night Let Your Light Shine for Jesus Night!**

**February 1<sup>st</sup> – Double Point Night**

**February 8<sup>th</sup> – Valentine night....Bring a Valentine to be sent to a church shut-in**

Clubbers wear your red/pink/white/Valentine theme clothes to celebrate love

**February 15<sup>th</sup> – Regular Club Night**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Inside Out/ Backward Night**

Clubbers wear clothes inside out and/or backwards

The Lord's Prayer  
Matthew 6: 9-13



**J.A.M. Kids!! (Jesus And Me Kids)**

for children during 10:40 Service

for children during 8:30 Service based on volunteer availability

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.....the series they are studying the The Lord's Prayer. Leaders are needed to disciple these young children. Sign up in the Vestibule for the day and service of your preference. ☺ Feel free to volunteer for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> service. *For Sundays that there are no volunteers, J.A.M. Kids will only be offered during the 10:30 service.*



## Youth group dates:

January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

All meetings are from 1-3pm.

This years youth retreat will be February 18-20. Please pray for a time of rest and rejuvenation for our young people.

Our next E.P.I.C. meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup>. Dates for February are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Bible study starts at 11am with lunch to follow.

On February 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having a special catered Valentines lunch. We hope to see you there!!



New Bedford EPC's annual couples retreat will be held March 10-11. More information and a sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. We would love for you to join us!



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Beginning January 29, 2023 the Mission Committee will begin collecting NEW single bed sheets, single blankets, single bedspreads and pillows for The City Rescue Mission "Care Portal". One of the goals of the "Care Portal" is to assist families in Lawrence county. In filling this particular need, the Rescue Mission will donate the bed and mattress to a family in need and our donations will fill the bedding need. This will assist families in keeping families together and the children out of the Foster Care System. You may place your donations in marked boxes in the vestibule. We truly thank you!  
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**There will be an Ash Wednesday Worship Service on**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 7:00P.M.**



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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**