

Dear NBPC Family:

Christmas is the season of giving, and this being our first Christmas with you in this transitional pastorate, Connie and I want to share with you just how blessed we are to witness what a giving and loving congregation you are.

Watching Terri Emery announce every week that all the angels on the angel tree have been taken; watching the deacons come alongside families who have lost loved ones; and seeing all the prayers and meals that go out from this church to people in need, God has blessed you all with a spirit of love and generosity.

In this difficult season with Connie's health, you have blessed us in more ways than we can count. From the meals we have received, to the cards, to the visits, to especially the prayers, we agree that while God has called us to you in this transitional time, He has also placed you all in our lives to minister to us, as well. We will never forget all you have done and, I will use the word for now the third time in this message: the LOVE you have shown.

It is out of love for all of us that we celebrate at Christmas God coming to earth as Jesus, fragile and in a manger, showing that He can relate to the fragility of life that so many of us have experienced this year. A star — likely the same light of God's glory that led the Israelites in the wilderness — shone over the place in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Thanks to the gift of eternal life and the Holy Spirit that Jesus gave through His life, death, resurrection and ascension to heaven, that light is still shining. It shines in the hearts of wonderful Christian people like you, and it shines in churches throughout the world that proclaim the good news of Jesus to a world that needs to hear it.

As we move in 2022, as the Vision Team prayerfully seeks a vision, mission and purpose for New Bedford Church going forward, overseen and approved by the Session, it is our prayer that however God directs this wonderful church going forward, you will continue to shine Jesus light, and that your love and generosity will be a beacon to the community around you.

God bless you, and Merry Christmas.

Pastor Dan and Connie

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 23, 2021

- Approved the 2022 Church Budget
- Approved the 2022 Mission Budget
- The pastor reported the Vision Team will begin to meet on December 7 and will continue to meet bi-weekly.
- A Bible quiz event will be held on February 26 for the T&T kids.
- Youth Christmas dinner and gift exchange will be December 19.
- Worship committee reported we will not livestream the Christmas Eve Service due to copyright issues, however we will ask Nathan to record the service and post it on YouTube. The combined service on December 26 will be livestreamed.
- Lee Harris plans to take vacation on December 26–31, 2021.
- Terminated Pastor Muttart's current Terms of Call as of December 31, 2021. Approved Terms of Call for Pastor Muttart beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.
- Ordination and installation of officers will be December 19.
- Officer training will be January 8, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 30, 2022 for the purpose of receiving the annual reports.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 28, 2021

- Approved the election of Elders, Deacons and the 2022 Nominating Committee

Elders

- Dan Dieter
- Steve Fox
- Gary Fulkman

Deacons

- Evelyn Exley
- Nancy Cummings
- Paul Cummings
- Edie Daugherty
- Geniene Jones (1 year)

2022 Nominating Committee

- Florence Allison
- Bob Bell
- Martha Miller
- Received the 2022 Church budget

Birthdays in December

12/01 – Adam Marshall
12/02 – Diana Halt
12/03 – Titus Marshall
12/05 – Betty Komar
12/07 – Kyle Jones
12/09 – Chuck Bell
12/09 – Bob Bell
12/09 – Alexis Jones

12/11 – Caroletta Doverspike
12/13 – Grace Fenati
12/13 – Katee Paglia
12/14 – Evelyn Exley
12/16 – Wanda Boyles
12/16 – Hannah O'Brien
12/17 – Angela Houk

12/17 – Addie Moore
12/19 – Rebecca Halt
12/20 – Eric Keller
12/21 – Ruth Hunt
12/21 – Lavon Rogers
12/24 – Florence Allison
12/28 – Darlene Robison

Birthdays in January

1/01 – Jakki Gardner
1/03 – Bud Freeman
1/04 – Olivia Eppinger
1/04 – Corigan Quinn
1/05 – Lois Adams
1/05 – Phillip Book
1/05 – Edie Dougherty
1/05 – Ashley Fox
1/05 – Shirley Janoski
1/05 – Jacob Taylor

1/06 – Nancy Bretz
1/06 – Joel Phillips
1/09 – Brenda Miller
1/11 – Marshall Whiting
1/12 – Linda Feil
1/12 – Diane McConnell
1/14 – Gary Geisinger
1/14 – Allen Jones
1/17 – Terri Quinn
1/19 – Rosie Moore

1/19 – Willie Moore
1/20 – Amanda Miller
1/24 – Lori Smith
1/24 – Bennett Whiting
1/26 – Mike Duffy
1/26 – Mackenzie McCarthy
1/26 – Julie Whiting
1/27 – Joyce Goist
1/27 – Morgan Whiting
1/28 – Taylor Allison



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY



Lavon Rogers will be celebrating her 95th Birthday on December 21st, please let's shower her with cards. Lavon used to be our church secretary many, many years ago! Her address is – Lavon Rogers, St. John XXIII Home, 2250 Shenango Valley Fwy., Hermitage, PA 16148

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



We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Linda (Punneo) Porter on the passing of her husband, Bill on 11/18/21.

"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

Congratulations to Adam & Chelsea Marshall on the birth of their daughter, Eliza Mae Marshall. Eliza was born on 11/11, she weighs 7lb 8oz. Brad & Marty are the proud grandparents ♥

CONGRATULATIONS





I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and gifts during the passing of my husband. Thank you to the Deacons for the delicious luncheon after the funeral service. Thank you and God Bless all of my church family. -Linda Porter



**Gene Bicehouse has a new address, he moved into Garden Way Place in Hermitage last weekend.
2400 Garden Way, Apt. 121, Hermitage, PA 16148**

**The church has a new email address: newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com
We have discontinued use of newbedfordchurch@verizon.net**



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: On Friday, December 24th at 7:00P.M., please plan on joining us for our Christmas Eve Worship Service. There will be Christmas Carols, music from our amazing Choir and a Message of Hope and Joy.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: This years Special Christmas Offering will go to the ministry of Hope for Renewal. Hope for Renewal has opened Glenwood Grounds in the Idora neighborhood of Youngstown, Ohio. They are ministering to the local community in the new building where they are serving coffee and starting worship services. They are continuing to add to the kitchen and remodel the rest of the building to allow for more programs to build their ministry. There will be Special Envelopes in your bulletins on 12/19 and 12/24.



FOOD BOXES: The Deacons are collecting non-perishable food items for boxes to be given to those with a need at Christmas. There will be a box in the narthex until December 18 for you to place your donations. If you know of anyone in the church who turned 80 years young this year, please let Helen Ruby know so the Deacons can prepare a fruit tray for them for Christmas.

The Deacons will be meeting on Saturday, December 18th at 9:00A.M. to pack Christmas boxes. If you are a Deacon, please come to the church on this morning to help pack and distribute.



There will be a combined Worship Service on December 26th at 10:40A.M. There will NOT be an 8:30 service on this day.

OFFICER TRAINING 2022 – On Saturday, January 8th from 9:00A.M. until NOON. All Officers, Elders and Deacons, returning and new, are encouraged to attend this training. This training is required by our Book of Order and is also a great time of fellowship and for making goals for the upcoming year.



IMPORTANT - Annual Reports: All committee and board secretaries or chairmen should start thinking about getting their Annual Reports ready to be turned in. ALL REPORTS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 to be included in the 2021 Annual Report. There is a folder on my desk or you can email your reports to me at newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com or addietwinstrips@gmail.com Thank You!! Addie

UPCOMING PITTSBURGH FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION DATES....

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH & FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

3:00PM UNTIL 4:15PM

Roast Beef Sandwich & Pasta Benefit Dinner

Saturday, December 11, 2021 4:00-8:00 pm

Riverview Lounge - 213 Water St Lowellville OH 44436

Tickets \$15 -adult \$10-kids

Kayak raffle, 50/50 raffle & Chinese Auction

All proceeds and all profits will go directly to Don & Edie Dougherty son, Sean. Sean was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 Metastatic Bile Duct Cancer in Liver.

The Church Office will be closed beginning on Christmas Eve, the office will re-open on Tuesday, January 4th . Please have all information and/or announcements for the 12/24, 12/26 and 1/2 bulletins submitted by TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST . The staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!



M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S



Youth

December 12 – Regular youth group 1-3pm

December 17 – Youth Christmas dinner. Please RSVP by 12/12

December 19 – Youth gift exchange during youth group

****No youth group on December 26. We will resume January 2****

E.P.I.C.

Dinner & Christmas lights:

Thursday December 16 meet at church at 3:30.

Dinner at Das Dutch Haus and then the Christmas light display at Canfield Fairgrounds. Van transportation is available.

Please sign up in the church vestibule.

Money is only needed for dinner.

Regular meetings will resume on January 6th



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O Holy Night

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!
Sunday Schedule:**

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service

**Join us Christmas Eve at 7PM for our
Candlelight Worship Service!
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**