

Dear NBEPC Family:

It is my pleasure to report to you, from the Transitional Pastor viewpoint, the continued progress of the Pastor Search Team, which as of this writing, will prepare for its fourth meeting. Along with the gradual implementation of the Vision Team-produced and Session-approved Church Life and Ministry Vision — which will be ongoing over the months and years — the Pastor Search Team represents a final stage in the transitional process that began with Pastor Doug’s retirement on January 31, 2021.

A chief goal of the Pastor Search Team in this early stage of their work is to develop a Church Information Form (CIF). This is a detailed document that the denomination requires — kind of a church resume if you will. Once it is approved by the Session and the Ministerial Committee of our presbytery, the document will be posted under the “Ministry Opportunities” section of the national EPC website. The team will then be able to receive inquiries and Personal Information Forms (a PIF, the pastor’s equivalent of a resume) from interested candidates for the pastor position.

My role with the team at this point is to be a support person and advisor until the CIF is complete. I can personally report the diligence with which your team is approaching the task. Those members are:

**Chair - Christian Fulkman
Vice-Chair - Gary Geisinger
Recording Secretary - Lori Smith
Session and Congregational Liaison - Steve Fox
Elder Ericka Taylor
Deacon Geniene Jones**

Of course, while this practical matter of church life is going on, the church also finds itself spiritually in the season of Lent. Our Lenten sermon series will begin on March 5, entitled “This is Your Song.” The series will look at the four “servant songs” predicting the work of Jesus, as contained in the latter chapters of the Old Testament Book of Isaiah.

In all the seasons of life, the Bible tells us the Lord is with us wherever we go. Keep that in mind during these 40 days of preparation, preparation to celebrate the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan and Connie

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Pastor Search Team began the official process with work on the Church Information Form (CIF)
- Session approved the Search Team's recommendation for pastor terms of call.
- New Elders will be reading the Simple Church book.
- Pastor Dan brought up the revival going on at Asbury College in Kentucky with a mention of a desire that the Holy Spirit would move here in Western PA
- The passing of Harry Cornman and birth of Weston Daniel Whiting (son of Mitchell and Cassidy Whiting) were entered into the record.
- Brad Marshall and Gregg McMillan audited the church's financial books and noted meticulous bookkeeping.
- The Administration Committee invites help for the church's Annual Spring Cleaning Day on March 25.
- The Session approved amending the church use policy by adding a \$130 cleaning fee to be paid by renters unless they do their own cleaning.
- A Couple's Retreat will be held on March 10-11 at the Hampton Inn in West Middlesex.
- The AWANA Award Ceremony takes place on March 29.
- The Mission Committee noted that the last day to drop off donations for the linen drive is March 12.
- A prayer walk through local trailer parks is scheduled for Saturday, April 1. People interested should meet at the church at 1 p.m.
- Lenten Suppers will be held at 5:30 p.m. on March 5 (baked potato), March 19 (soups), and April 2 (sandwiches). A Bible Study/Devotion will be led by Pastor Dan prior to the light meal.
- Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 12-16 in the early evenings.
- The Worship Committee recognized Jane Eppinger for 40 years of making the communion bread. Cindy Bell will take over this role.
- The next Session Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 23.

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!



Gene Bicehouse will be celebrating his 90th Birthday on March 3rd! Let's shower him with cards! Gene's address is –
2400 Garden Way Apt. 121, Hermitage, PA 16148. Have a very Blessed Birthday, Gene!!

Gay Ann Miller is currently staying at her sister's house. Please send all cards/correspondence to:
Gay Ann Miller, c/o Lori Province, 2002 Carolyn St., Farrell, PA 16121

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

Birthdays in April

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

04/09 – Richard Harris
04/09 – David Magee
04/11 – Julian Krisuk
04/12 – Rhys Harris
04/13 – Leo Krisuk
04/19 – Dave Carr

04/19 – Ty Phillips
04/22 – Donna Fox
04/23 – Bonnie Glogowski
04/26 – Patty Wade
04/27 – Edward Rudzik
04/28 – Madeline Whiting



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
Gene Bicehouse-----Garden Way Place
Gay Ann Miller-----Sister's house
Connie Muttart-----Home



We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Juanita Cornman on the passing of Harry. Harry passed away on 2/9. Harry will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the Hilliard family on the passing of Ron. Ron passed away on 1/2.



"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 Mitchell & Cassidy Whiting on the birth of their son, Weston Daniel. Weston was born on 2/10/2023, he weighed 6lb 15oz and is 18.5 inches long. Bennett is the proud big brother and Austin & Julie are the proud grandparents!!

Thank you to all who remembered me with cards, calls and especially with prayers during my hospital stay and recuperation at home. – June Smith

And He said, *"My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."* Exodus 3:14

Much thanks to Pastor Dan for the good service for Ron Hilliard and to the Deacons for the delicious meal served afterwards.

-Ted & Mary Jane Hilliard and family



Nancy Phillis would like to thank everyone for all of the well wishes for her 102nd birthday! She received many cards and calls, she appreciates all of it! Thank You!!

The outpouring of love and concern from our church family was overwhelming. Thank you for the many prayers, food brought over, help at the house, trips to see Harry and more! Thank you for the Get Well cards, the abundance of Birthday cards and now Condolence cards. Thank you to the Deacons for the excellent dinner and a very special thank you to Pastor Dan for the beautiful celebration of life service for Harry. There was so many good things said about the service.

Thank You Again – Junanita

The Deacons would like to give a special thank you to all those who donated food for the funeral dinners that were held at our church over the last several weeks and to those who helped clean up afterwards. It has been a busy six weeks for the Deacons and we so appreciated the help from everyone. New Bedford EPC church is very blessed to have so many willing to serve when needed.

Thank you again and God Bless you.

The Deacons

Thank you to all who helped with the soup sale. A special shout out to the Fulkman Farms for donating meat and to our honorary Women's Association members', Doug Houk and Jake & Lillian Emery for making soup. Sale day was truly a day of fellowship with a wonderful group of women!

-Helen Ruby



The Deacons will once again be taking orders for Easter Tulips this year. We invite you to honor or remember a loved one, these will be printed and placed in the bulletins on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$10.00 each, with the option of **purple**, **red** or **yellow**. There will be Easter Tulip cards in the bulletins on 3/5, this will be the last day to place tulip orders. Please see Evelyn Exley between services on these days for any questions or to place your orders.

The Evangelism Committee is collecting bags of individually wrapped candy for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th. There will be a tote in the narthex until 3/26 for donations. Thank You!!





LENTEN CALENDAR

Lenten devotions & supper – Sunday, March 5TH, devotions will begin at 5:00 with a baked potato supper following at 5:30.

Lenten devotions & supper – Sunday, March 19TH, devotions will begin at 5:00 with a soup supper following at 5:30.

Palm Sunday Worship Services – Sunday, April 2nd at 8:30am and 10:30am.

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Maundy Thursday Worship Service – April 6th at 7:00pm.

Good Friday Worship Service – April 7th at 7:00pm.

Community Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 8th 10:00am – Noon.

Resurrection Morning Worship Services – April 9th at 8:30am and 10:30am. A light breakfast will be served in between worship services at 9:30am.



On Saturday, March 25th there will be a Church Clean-up Day! This will begin at 8A.M. This will include church grounds and anything that may need fixed or replaced inside the church. Please come and help prepare the church for our upcoming Easter activities.



Office Hours

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

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 22nd***. 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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER for Awana: we are in March 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******

March 1st - Regular Club Night

March 8th - Animal Kingdom Night

Clubbers bring your favorite stuffed animal



March 15th - Double Point Night

March 22nd - Wear a Hat Night



Clubbers wear your favorite hat or create one of your own.

March 29th - Awards Night & Dinner 5:00 Awards followed by Potluck Dinner

ALL are welcome to come and celebrate the year of Awana!

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 1st or 2nd service. *For Sundays that there are no volunteers, J.A.M. Kids will only be offered during the 10:30 service.*



SAVE THE DATES...

VBS WILL BE JUNE 12-16, 2023!

ATTENTION! YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW! IT'S WAR OUT THERE, AND THE PURPOSE OF BOOT CAMP IS TO TRAIN, PREPARE AND EQUIP ALL OF OUR "LITTLE SOLDIERS" TO STAND THEIR GROUND AND FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT IN THE AGELESS BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH AT 7:00 PM - *PLANNING MEETING FOR B.O.O.T CAMP*
IT TAKES MANY PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER TO MAKE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HAPPEN.....MANY PEOPLE USING THE DIFFERENT GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN THEM! BE IN PRAYER FOR HOW YOU CAN SERVE IN THIS MINISTRY.



9:30 AM Sunday Mornings
All classes meet in the Education wing of the church

Sunday School for Children & Youth

Toddlers & Preschool – Mrs. Dawn Harris
PreK/K – Mrs. Glenda Fulkman
Grades 1-2 - Mrs. Gina Ankney
Grades 3-6 – Mr. Steve Fox
Jr & Sr High – Mrs. Erika Taylor

Sunday School for Adults

The Pioneers – Mr. Lee Harris – The Gospel Project
(young children are welcome to stay with parents in the Pioneer class)
The Seekers – Pastor Dan Muttart – Digging Deeper into Pastor Dan's previous week's sermons
Join The Seekers via Zoom Meeting ID: 279 499 8008
Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson & Mr. Don Dougherty
Bible- In-Life Series – Jesus Calls Us: Study of the Gospels & Acts



Upcoming youth group dates:

March 5, 12, 19, 26

All meetings are from 1-3pm



Experienced People in Christ

Hello Everyone, we are looking for all retired New Bedford EPC members, or those who are free during the day,.....and their friends, that might be interested in learning more about the book of Revelation. EPIC is starting a new Bible study on the book of Revelation and we would love for you to join us.

Lee Harris will be teaching our EPIC group throughout this very interesting book of the Bible. It is a wonderful book of blessings and hope. Its central message is that God and good will win over evil, no matter how bad things may look today.

When do we meet? The first and third Thursday of the month

Time: Bible Study begins at 11:00

Lunch: 12:00 - March 2nd - Lunch provided

March 16th - Potluck Thursday -

Bring your favorite small dish to share. Maybe you would like to make an Irish dish or something green for St. Patrick's Day. Dessert provided.



Games: Begin around 1:00

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.

Sunday March 5th is the last day to register.



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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

****Look inside for the 2023 Lenten schedule****