

Dear NBEPC Family:

Pastoral Search Committee Update

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to meet regularly and has organized into three dedicated teams to help move the process forward. One team is focused on revamping our church website to better reflect who we are as a congregation. To support this effort, we are asking all members to contribute by sending photos of church events from the past couple of years. These photos will help showcase the life and vibrancy of our community. Please email your pictures to Nathan Book at technbpc@gmail.com.

A second team is working on ensuring the Manse is in the best possible condition. While the Manse underwent some remodeling recently, some repairs needed to be done. As of now, almost all patch work has been completed, and what remains are final touches such as sanding, painting, and a thorough cleaning to bring it back to its original splendor. We want it to truly shine as an incredible asset to any prospective pastor.

The third team is updating our Church Information Form (CIF), a required document for the EPC that outlines key information about our church. Though we completed a CIF three years ago, a new format is now required. This updated version will reflect our recent growth and expanded ministries. Once completed, the revised CIF will be submitted to Session for approval before being posted on the EPC website for prospective pastors to view. We appreciate your prayers and support as we continue this important work.

**** Church Event Photos Needed! ****

The Pastoral Search Committee is gathering photos from past church events to showcase the life and ministry of our church on our website! If you have pictures from events such as VBS, Game Night, Breakfast in Bethlehem, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Outreach Back-to-School Events, Very Special Service, Trunk or Treat, Christmas programs, Women's Ministry events, Youth, EPIC events, AWANA, Sunday School gatherings, or any other church-sponsored activities, we would love for you to share them with us. Please note that while not all submitted photos will be used, any photo you share must be approved for potential posting online. Thank you for helping us tell the story of how God is working through our church family! You can e-mail your pictures to Nathan Book at: technbpc@gmail.com





3rd Annual FAITH FAMILY FREEDOM FESTIVAL: Sunday Sept 7th 1-7P.M. at Irons Mill Farmstead 252 Greenfield Rd New Wilmington, PA 16142. This is a FREE event. For more information see the bulletin board in the educational Hall way and there are leaflets on the table in the Narthex.

Birthdays in August

8/03 – Eli Fulkman
8/08 – Paden McCarthy
8/09 – Joann Defreshia
8/10 – Gisela Dieter
8/10 – Ronan Kaufman
8/11 – Bryce Jones
8/13 – Terri Emery

8/14 – Bennett Krisuk
8/15 – Nichol Fenati
8/16 – Sandy Courson
8/16 – Shirley Goist
8/19 – Renee Persky
8/20 – Macie Whiting

8/21 – Arizona Bicek
8/21 – Meadow Whiting
8/21 – Remi Emery
8/25 – Mitchell Whiting
8/26 – Kelly Fox

Birthdays in September

9/03 – Juanita Cornman
9/10 – Nancy Cummings
9/11 – Parker Hanna
9/13 – Rosalie Black

9/13 – Brad Marshall
9/14 – Doug Runyan
9/15 – Ted Hilliard
9/17 – Carol Madden

9/20 – Waylon Bicek
9/20 – Dave Morris
9/28 – Lori Jones
9/29 – Helen Ruby



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
Doris Spence-----Ridgecrest of McCandless



My dear church family.... I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for the cards, texts, and calls during my long recovery. But most of all for all the prayers sent my way. My scans are all showing clear and I am sure it was for all the prayers sent my way. Thank you, dear friends, Gay Ann Miller

Thank you to my church family for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, books and meals as I await another bone marrow/stem cell transplant. The Lord has sent me a donor and I am scheduled for admission to Cleveland Clinic August 8th. Please continue to pray that my body will accept this donor's stem cells and rid me of leukemia. I will be in the hospital for 4-6 weeks and remain in the Cleveland Clinic area for 100 days for follow up treatment. Thank you,

Renee Burrows-Persky



New Bedford EP Church

COMMUNITY DAYS

**1ST SATURDAY
IN AUGUST**

**FREE
EVENT**

11 AM – 3 PM

*Rain or
Shine*



2 Bounce Houses
Games
Hayrides
Fire Trucks
Police
Free Hot Dogs
Face Painting
Water Play



School House Rd. | Lions Park
New Bedford

Come and join with the Mission Committee and our congregation on Saturday, August 2nd 11:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. at the former New Bedford Lion's Club Park as we celebrate Our 3rd annual "Community Days". This is open to everyone in the Pulaski Township community area ages 1 to 121! There will be free hotdogs and drinks, and there will be free prize drawings for the adults. For the kids there will be two bounce houses, games with prizes for all, hayrides, a small animal petting area and a slip and slide. Yes, our township firetruck will also be there! Everything is free, invite your friends and neighbors as we extend our church hand of friendship to the community. The Evangelism Committee will also be joining us and handing out back-to-school backpacks. This event will happen rain or shine.

Sunday August 3rd Noon – 2 P.M. Memorial Service: Come Help us celebrate the life of Pete Carlisle. Military honors followed by food & fellowship in the Fellowship Hall here at New Bedford EPC.





There will be Outdoor Worship Services on Sunday, August 10th at 8:30AM and 10:30AM. There will not be Sunday School instead in between services there will be a Pot-Luck brunch. If you are able to, please bring a breakfast dish to share. The Worship Committee will supply some donuts & drinks.

If you would like to order tee shirts or sweat shirts with the church logo on it, see the bulletin boards in the education wing for more info. There is a flyer with a QR code to place your order.



Church Directories

It is time to update the CHURCH DIRECTORY. The last directory was a long time ago, actually B.C. (Before Covid). In order to make sure that everyone is included, we will be doing two directories (digital and tangible). We will be doing the directory ourselves to avoid the costs and pressure to buy with photo sets. We want everyone included.

To make the photos look uniform and to look great, a photo backdrop with photography lighting is set-up in the Narthex. Please use this for your individual profile and family photos. For the family photo, we ask that the children be arranged oldest to youngest. A pew is placed to assist with the directory Photos. Stand behind the pew, sit on the pew, mix it up; your choice. Keep it tight, reduce unnecessary gaps. When taking the photo, leave room to crop, get the backdrop on the top and sides so it can be trimmed to fit. A phone holder is available, use the timer or ask someone to "HIT THE BUTTON". Do not use selfie mode, use the forward-facing camera to avoid a mirrored look.

First, the digital directory is a free option to the church through Church Center software. A QR Code will be provided at church to install the app on your mobile device, there you can register. An invitation to the directory will be sent via e-mail to you. The digital directory is secure, only those who accept the invitation to the digital directory can access it. The invitation has options available for the info you would like to share or not share on the directory.

Upload your individual profile photo to the directory. Upload your family photo to the "household". Only one in the household needs to generate it, link the spouse and children accounts. Some households may already be set-up if you have used the online registration for VBS, AWANA, Breakfast- in- Bethlehem, Bows N Doughnuts, Community Days...

For the non-technical people, see Nathan after services. We want you in the digital and tangible directories.

Second, the tangible directory will be compiled at church. Family photos can be –emailed to the email address provided at church. Include Names, address, phone number in the e-mail. If your e-mail software gives the option of (small, large, largest, don't modify) use either the don't modify or largest so the print quality will be retained.

Session plans to have the tangible directory sent to print after the new pastor is installed. Please don't delay with submitting your photos. Between layout, and confirmations this process will take some work time. A spreadsheet with name, address, phone number will be provided after the digital directory is running for the non-technical to have contact information until the photo directory is printed.

Summer Sunday School is in Session in August

No Sunday School August 10th – Church Potluck Breakfast

Listed below are the classes and teachers. All classes are held in the Education Wing of the church.

Sunday School for Children

Preschool-K - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman
Grades 1-2 - Mrs. Ginny Zinza & Mrs. Dawn Harris
Grades 3-6 – Mr. Steve Fox
Jr & Sr High – Mr. Lee Harris

Sunday School for Adults

Young Adult Class – Taylor Velez
The Pioneers – Dan & Gisela Dieter
The Seekers & Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson

Serve Sunday – 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION DAY - SEPTEMBER 14TH

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. Lessons and materials are provided. Leaders are needed to disciple these young children. Contact Dawn if interested in serving in this ministry.

Wednesdays in August Popsicles at the Playground at New Bedford Church

Let the kids play while you hang out with other families.

August 6 – 6 PM - playdate

August 13 – 10 AM - playdate

August 20 – 6-8 PM – Monarch Miracle (Diane Bell)



Scan QR to register
Monarch Miracle



Learn about one of God's miracle creations - the Monarch Butterfly!

Mrs. Diane Bell will teach how this amazing creature goes through the changes from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. See them up close and learn how you can find and raise them too!

We will have a snack, craft and story too! Parent/guardian must attend with child.

August 27 – 10 AM - playdate



Very Special Ministry for Individuals with Special Needs will be held at New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church. This is open to all individuals with special needs along with families and caregivers. Join us Sunday, August 13th, from 2:00-3:30PM. There will be an adapted sermon, sensory activities, crafts, and therapy dogs. Please register so we can plan for supplies and volunteers. This event is open to ages 5 and up. Parents may drop off their child or, we hope, stay and participate. We look forward to seeing you here.

Sign-up: <https://newbedfordepc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3060705>



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

Wednesday, September 3rd 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 10th 5:00-7:00 First Awana Club Night



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 6**. 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.

Q: How can I be involved with Awana? A: The ministry of Awana can only exist with the support of the congregation and community. Please be in prayer to discover how God can use you in this children's ministry.

Following is a list and brief description of areas where you could make an eternal difference.

Prayer Partner- pray for the ministry of Awana and/or partner with a Clubber to lift in prayer during the months of Awana.

Registration – be available on Wednesdays from 4:45-5:30 to welcome and sign in Clubbers

Leader- Leaders will guide their group of Clubbers to the Game Time and Large Group Time. Leaders will build relationships with their Clubbers and encourage their walk with the Lord. Leaders will assist the Clubbers during Handbook Time, helping them to work through their handbook and understand what they are learning.

Record Keeper – help with record keeping of the handbook sections completed and distribution of awards

Reward Keeper - organize the rewards and work with the record keeper to distribute awards when earned

Award Maker – assist with cutting the felt and preparing the awards

Van Driver - drive the church van to pick up/drop off kids on Wednesdays

Listener - listeners are needed during 6:25-6:55 to listen to a Clubber recite Bible verses.

There is a place for you to be a life changer through Awana.

Please be in prayer for this ministry.

Dawn Harris

Call/Text 330-881-8110

dawnhnbpc@aol.com



Wednesday night youth group will be starting back up on September 3rd. Join us for an evening of ice cream and fun as we kick off our fall season.



Upcoming EPIC meetings are August 7th & 21st. Join us as we finish our post-exile study of the book of Nehemiah, and finish the Old Testament with the book of Malachi. Lunch will resume during our September meetings.

***WEEKLY BULLETIN** – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted **no later than 12:00P.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.**

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!



Office Hours

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

REMINDER: Please do not borrow tables and/or chairs from the garage without first checking the reservation list in the church office. Thank you!!

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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