

Dear NBEPC Family:

In this month's newsletter, I feel led to report to you on both things going on at home for me, and in the continued transitional process for the church.

As many of you know, Connie has been in hospice care since January. Her transition to eternity has become more pronounced. She is bedridden now and we have moved her hospital bed up to the master bedroom. She is on a catheter and when she is able or wants to eat, she needs assistance because she cannot grip things very well. The nurse that visited yesterday (Sunday, April 30) thought when Connie asked her that we might be looking at just a few more weeks, or less.

Your prayers, notes, meals and love and caring overall have been a blessing to both of us, and to friends and family who have visited to assist in Connie's care.

When it comes to news at the church, Steve Fox as the Session and congregational liaison on the Pastor Search Team has reported that the Church Information Form (CIF) is now on the national EPC website. If you want to view it, go to epc.org and look for a section called, "Ministry Opportunities." He also reported that two Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) have been received for the team to review.

Much discussion took place in the most recent Session meeting regarding communicating the Church Life and Ministry Vision to the congregation. It is said that someone has to hear a piece of information over and over again for it to become embedded in his or her mind. I shared some information in the last newsletter to go along with the presentations the Vision Team did in the fall of 2022. Over the weeks to follow, you will continue to hear more, including now. This is a reiteration of what I shared last month.

The vision, mission and purpose of NBEPC as approved by the Session is to "Love, Know and Serve the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." This also describes the pathway to spiritual growth for which each member of the congregation is encouraged to partake.

Love God is the first step, which involves worshipping God through the church's worship services. Know God is when smaller groups of people gather together to learn more deeply from God's word and grow in fellowship with each other. It is an expectation that to grow in the Lord, every member of the church be involved in some kind of small group. Right now these are represented by Sunday School classes, men's groups and women's Circles. Adding to that mix will be what the Church Life and Ministry Vision calls Growth Groups, of which a few of those groups should be developed by the fall. Serve God is found through serving the church either inside or outside the walls. Outside the walls is vitally important, because that is how needs are met within the community, relationships are built, the good news of Jesus is shared (through the Three Circles presentation) and new people are invited to start the Love God, Know God, Serve God track to spiritual growth by starting to attend this church.

Preaching the word remains a vital component of the Love God step. In the month of May I will finish the "Can't Catch a Break" series and also welcome for Youth Sunday on May 21 Bill Likens of Cabwaylingo Food Distribution Ministry to share highlights of his work for us. His is the

mission trip which New Bedford youth participate in every year. May will end with the beginning of a new sermon series about the Holy Spirit, to coincide with Pentecost Sunday, called simply “Energized.”

I can’t thank you enough for how energized I get serving you in this transitional ministry. On tough days at home, it is such a blessing to be around you and worship with you.

May God bless you, and this wonderful church.

Pastor Dan and Connie

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS 4/27/23

- The Pastor Search Team has begun receiving applications for the permanent pastor position (Teaching Elder). Our job notice is posted on the EPC website.
- Choir Director Ashley Graziani submitted her resignation effective May 1, which the Session accepted with regret, noting appreciation for her dedicated service. The Personnel Committee of the church begins a search for a new director. In the meantime, Donna Fox will lead the choir, Amy Geisinger will lead the worship team, and Pam Maloney will play the piano.
- The Easter Egg Hunt at the church attracted 56 children and many more parents and volunteers.
- The Session continues recruiting members for the Vision Implementation Team.
- Due to inclement weather, the Mission Committee postponed the prayer walks at trailer parks in Frizzleburg and New Bedford from April 1 to May 20.
- Vacation Bible School will be held June 12-16, and signups for volunteers are being taken in the vestibule on Sundays. Kids who wish to attend can begin signing up in May.
- Bill Likens of Cabwaylingo Ministries will preach in a combined worship service on May 21 at 10:30 a.m. Our Youth Group has taken numerous mission trips to help Likens’ ministry in West Virginia.
- The Session is seeking out drivers for people in need of transportation using the church van. Contact Elder Doug Houk if interested.
- The next Session Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 25.



Birthdays in May

5/02 – Debi Fynes
5/05 – Grant Dieter
5/05 – Zoey Janoski
5/08 – Ed Miller
5/08 – Maelee Whiting

5/09 – Kim Runyan
5/12 – Doris Spence
5/14 – Duane Boyles
5/22 – Brandi Buxton

5/25 – Shirley Tremba
5/26 – Linda Porter
5/27 – Roy Komar
5/29 – Ron Tremba

Birthdays in June

6/01 – Karah Deal
6/07 – Lisa Craig
6/07 – Dennis Jones
6/07 – Autumn Marshall
6/10 – Edison Horodyski
6/12 – Marissa Carr
6/12 – Ray Janoski

6/12 – June Smith
6/18 – Sam Varano
6/19 – Christian Fulkman
6/22 – Geniene Jones
6/22 – Carrie Kaufman
6/24 – Margie Matthews
6/25 – Rori Fulkman

6/25 – Shirley Sikora
6/26 – Amy Geisinger
6/27 – Tim Smith
6/28 – Ashlynn McAllen
6/29 – John Anderson
6/29 – Dorothy Rishell



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

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
Gene Bicehouse-----Garden Way Place
Gay Ann Miller-----Home
Connie Muttart-----Home
Jane Eppinger-----Farrell Hospital





THANK YOU to everyone that helped with this years Community Easter Egg Hunt and Activity day!! Whether you donated candy or helped with the activities, we could not have done this event without your help!!
-Evangelism Committee

My Dear Church Family,

I am truly humbled by the support I have received during my recent illness. It might have been a call, visit, cards or text. Your prayers were heard and greatly appreciated. My journey is not finished, but I am home and enjoying life. I am truly blessed to have all of you in my life!

-Gay Ann Miller

The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations to the City Rescue Mission portal. There were five large boxes of sheets, comforters, blankets and pillows collected. Thank you for your generosity!

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the Gorley family for the passing of Erma on 4/8. Erma will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

"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



As a church we believe in the value of summer camp for our children and youth. Many, many young people take significant steps of faith at Summer Camp. We encourage registering for Miracle Mountain Ranch or Seneca Hills Bible Camp. There are brochures for both camps on the table in the entryway or you can sign up online. To encourage children and youth to sign up for camp the church offers a 1/2 scholarship for camp. Sign up now to go to camp! Please call the office if you have any questions.



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

MEMORIAL DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 127th annual New Bedford Memorial Day program will be held on Saturday, May 27th at 11:00a.m. at Memorial Park near Hopewell Cemetery in New Bedford. A parade will precede the program. All veterans from New Bedford, Pulaski and Frizzleburg are welcome to walk in the Memorial Day Parade. Anyone who has a vintage/classic car is also encouraged to join the parade. Parade participants will be meeting in the parking lot of the old New Bedford School near the Lion's Park by 10:15a.m. The parade should start by 10:30. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come honor our veterans at the parade and to stay for the heart-warming service at Memorial Park.

The program will be held at New Bedford EPC if it is raining that day. The parade will conclude at the New Bedford EPC if it is not raining, but the Memorial Park grounds are too muddy for use.





JUNE 12-16, 2023

5:00-5:25 DINNER 5:30-8:00 B.O.O.T. CAMP VBS

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. VBS IS FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-GRADE 6 AND AN ADULT WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS! BE PART OF THE LORD'S ARMY AS A FAMILY!

REGISTER TODAY!

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW & RETURN TO CHURCH OR SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE FORM REGISTER BY SUNDAY, MAY 28TH TO RECEIVE YOUR B.O.O.T. CAMP VBS T-SHIRT AT VBS

RECRUITING MEN & WOMEN TO DECORATE, LEAD, AND PRAY FOR B.O.O.T. CAMP VBS!

Vacation Bible School is coming up, and we need your help! Help us to minister to children by creating a fun and exciting atmosphere in which to learn about the truth of God's Word. Contact Dawn or stop by the VBS table in the vestibule to see how you can serve at B.O.O.T. Camp VBS!

The VBS theme is military: if you have any items that could be used to decorate during the week please **drop them off at the church by June 4th**, please mark items with your name so they can be returned to you after VBS. Items include: tarps, hunting blinds, tent, 'army style' tent, indoor/outdoor grass carpet, military fatigues,

VBS WORK DAYS

Wednesdays in May 17, 24 & 31 and June 7 from 10:00am-12:00pm will be VBS work days. Help with preparing decorations, nametags, craft items, and anything & everything VBS. If you are able to come and help for 1 week, 2 weeks, or all the weeks let me know. All skills are needed. Come together with a friend and enjoy time together while we prepare for the VBS ministry. If you would like to help with prep but can't make it on Wednesdays, let Dawn know...we can make something work with your schedule!

Decorating, room and table set up on Sunday, June 11th after 10:30 Service, please plan to stay and assist with preparing for B.O.O.T. Camp VBS.

Dawn Harris call/text: 330-881-8110 email: dawnhnbpc@aol.com



If you or your child/children are graduating from High School, Trade School, or College please contact the Church Office so that all graduates can be recognized.

We will be having Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday on Sunday, May 21st, 10:30 AM Service



9:30 A.M. 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 - Study of the Book of Revelation (*young children are welcome to stay with parents in the Pioneer class*)

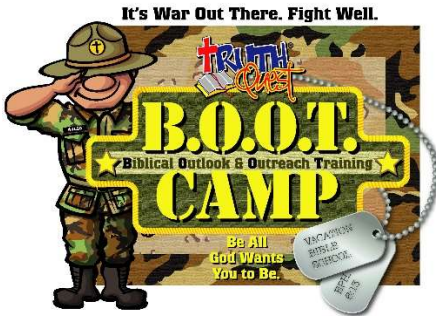
The Seekers - Pastor Dan Muttart - Digging Deeper into Pastor Dan's previous week's sermon

Join The Seekers via Zoom Meeting ID: 279 499 8008

Ambassadors - Mrs. Sandy Courson & Mr. Don Dougherty

New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church 151 Woodland Dr. Pulaski PA 16143

REGISTER: Return this form to church office **or** scan the QR Code



B.O.O.T. CAMP VBS

Join this fun Bible Adventure in the Lord's Army! There'll be games, crafts, fun skits, music, and more all in a fun Army boot camp setting! Best of all, you'll learn how to think the way the Bible teaches and how to share God's Word with others! Be a soldier for the Lord and come to BOOT Camp! The Army was never so much fun!

**REGISTER BY MAY 28th TO RECEIVE YOUR
B.O.O.T. CAMP VBS T-SHIRT AT VBS**

June 12-16, 2023

5:00-5:25 Dinner

5:30-8:00 VBS

VBS REGISTRATION FORM – CHILDREN AGE 4 - GR. 6

(CHILD MUST BE AGE 4 BY JUNE 1ST)

Child's Name _____ Grade Completed: _____ /Age: _____

Allergies/Medical Needs: _____

T-Shirt Size: Youth: YXS YS YM YL Adult: AS AM AL AXL

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Names of Adults Attending the Adult Workshop _____

Permission to photograph your child for use in church? **YES NO**

How many will be attending dinner each night? Please write the number in the blank.

This is to assist with our planning. All are welcome to come even if you don't know at time of registering.

_____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Name and Phone Number of Person Responsible for Picking up Child after VBS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Call the church office 724-964-8055 if Van Transportation is needed

For more info/questions call or text Dawn Harris at 330-881-8110 or dawnhnbpc@aol.com



EPIC

EXPERIENCED PEOPLE IN CHRIST

We would love to have you join us at our EPIC meetings. Everyone is welcome. All that is required is your desire to learn more about what God has planned for His believers.

This month we will be studying Chapter 4 of the Book of Revelation. In this chapter of Revelation, John has a vision and sees a door standing open to heaven. John hears Jesus calling out to him and he hears Jesus say, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place....." Would you like to know more about what Chapter 4 has to say? If so, please join us on Thursday, May 4th and 18th at eleven o'clock. Lee Harris will be leading our study and will tell us more about what was revealed to John.

Following our lesson, lunch is provided:

May 4th: Ham/Turkey Sliders

May 18th: BBQ Shredded Chicken & Mac n Cheese

June 1st: Ham Salad & Chicken Salad Sandwiches

June 15th: Potluck Picnic – hot dogs & fixins'

If you would be willing to provide a jello, salad, or dessert for any of the above dates, please contact Dawn Harris, Nancy Cummings, or Debbie Ammeen. A sign up sheet will be at the meetings as well/

Hopefully, we will have time for a game or two. So, with that being said.....what are you waiting for?

Reminder: All reservations for the Hartville outing on June 22nd must be made and money paid by Sunday, May 14th. (See Lee or Nancy)

Looking Ahead: EPIC outing to Erie will be July 19th. More info later.



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May we always remember



Upcoming Youth meetings:

May 7th & 28th

**Regular meetings take place from
1-3pm**

**This year's youth Sunday will be May 21st
during a combined 10:30 service. Bill
Likens from Cabwaylingo Appalachian
Mission will be the guest speaker as well
as testimonies given by some of our
graduating seniors.**



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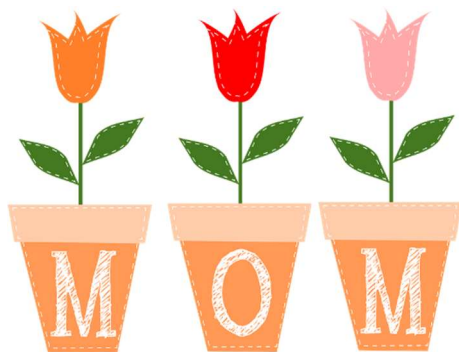
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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30a.m. – Traditional Worship Service