

Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church

A couple months ago in our newsletter I shared information about mission projects that we support. I shared information about our Youth, about the church plant we are supporting in Youngstown and the church plant we are supporting in Fintonia, Sierra Leone. Seeing the hand of God at work in our area and in the world is exciting. It is great privilege we have to share in small ways in these ministries.

For a number of years we have had the joy of sharing in the ministry of Matt and Stacy Ayers in Haiti. Almost every summer we are able to spend some time with Matt and Stacy and their three girls. Matt and Stacy serve as Emmaus Seminary in Cap Haitian, Haiti. Matt serves as the President of the Seminary and teaches Old Testament and Hebrew. Stacy teaches English and works directly with the students. They are directly touching hundreds of lives in their ministry. They are training young men and women to touch thousands of lives with the Gospel of Christ. Matt and Stacy are wonderful communicators. You can follow their lives and ministry at their web site. ... mshaiti.blogspot.com.

Also in Haiti is Autumn Marshall. Again, it is a great joy to see a woman from our church serve the Lord in the mission field. We all know Autumn and many of us support Autumn. Autumn is an Occupational Therapist with a ministry that touches the lives of many, many special needs children in Haiti. She works with children in an orphanage in Northern Haiti, (very difficult to get to). She has an outreach ministry to this town. She trains student Haitian O.T.'s in this orphanage. She teaches O.T. classes in a school in Port a Prince. She serves as President of the O.T. Society of Haiti. Go to her web site...autumnsreflections.blogspot.com. to see a detailed summary of Autumn's ministries.

One of the largest Mission Agencies we support is the New Castle City Rescue Mission. This is also a mission we have supported for many years. A group of over 30 volunteers, under the leadership of Lori and June Smith, just traveled to the Mission to do volunteer work and to prepare and serve a meal for the residents at the Mission. The City Rescue Mission touches the lives of homeless men and also women and children in crisis situations. They stand firm on the truth of God's word. The director of the Mission is Kevin Greene.

Closer to home we support Adam Marshall in his ministry at Miracle Mountain Ranch. We had the opportunity last November to get a detailed update from Adam. We had a group from our church drive up to the Ranch for a tour last summer. Miracle Mountain Ranch is a camp with a western theme which allows the campers to ride the many horses at the camp. The staff is centered on Jesus Christ and they love the opportunity to share their love with the many campers during Summer Camp. Miracle Mountain Ranch also has a School of Discipleship. This is where young people, after High School graduation, spend one to two years at the ranch in a time of discipleship and service. Adam's role is to directly disciple the young men in the School of Discipleship. Adam also works in all areas of maintenance in the camp. Just ask how many bales of hay Adam harvested last summer.

Another camp we support in Seneca Hills. Our church has a long history of going to Seneca Hills for retreats and for Summer Camp. Seneca Hills is located in Franklin, PA. I have the blessing of serving on the Board of Directors for Seneca Hills. Seneca Hills, through the ministry of loving caring counselors, shares the love of Jesus Christ in fun, Christ centered atmosphere. My children, both Adam and Erin, would state that Seneca Hills had a critically important role in their faith walk. Erin met and married her husband at Seneca Hills. My grandchildren now attend Seneca Hills.

Now is the time to sign up for Summer Camp. We have brochures for both Miracle Mountain Ranch and Seneca Hills on the table in the entranceway. We believe camp is so important in the lives of our young people that the church will offer a ½ scholarship to any child of the church that desires to attend camp. Children from age four to eighteen are encouraged to attend Camp this summer. Contact me for more information.

It is such a joy to support ministries that are truly impacting the world and our area with the message of Christ.

In Christ,

Doug

Session Highlights

Received the Financial Report. As of the end of February our income has exceed our expenditures by \$6906.

Scheduled a work day at the church for April 9th at 9:30 following the men's Bible Study.

Received a report from Awana.

Announced that the new members (confirmation class) will be received on Sunday may 22nd.

Received a report from the Woman's and the Men's ministries.

Elected Brad Marshall as the delegate to General Assembly meeting in Detroit in June.

Elected Gary Greene and Brenda Hostetler as Presbytery Delegates for the April Presbytery meeting in Indiana, PA.

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Jane Clingan.....	.02
Ashley Houk.....	.02
Esther Bruce.....	.03
Evan Lambert.....	.04
Marcie Lambert.....	.04
Barbara Pence.....	.04
Peggy Hilliard.....	.05
Bill Harshbarger.....	.06
Andy Hostetler.....	.07
Jodi Allison.....	.08
Jamie McCarthy.....	.08
David Magee.....	.09
David Carr.....	.19
Ty Phillips.....	.19
Henry Reed.....	.21
Collin Duffy.....	.22
Donna Fox.....	.22
Bonnie Glogowski.....	.23
Patty Wade.....	.26
Ed Rudzik.....	.27
Ruth McClanahan.....	.28
Madeline Whiting.....	.28
Sabrina DeVite.....	.29

April Welcome Warriors

Ashley Houk and Jake Emery

April Head Usher

Gary Geisinger

April Greeters

April 3rd ~ Barb & Natalie Carr

April 10th ~ Brad & Marti Marshall

April 17th ~ Sue & Larry Bluedorn

**April 24th ~ Bobby Morehead &
Reeta Dutton**



Please remember in prayer the following persons who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have requested prayer.

Nancy Templeton.....Overlook
Dot Jones.....Avalon Nursing Home
Marie Snyder.....Home
Gladys Barnhart.....Home
Jo Ruby.....Home
Henry & Pearl Reed.....Overlook
Don Jones.....Avalon Nursing Home-Rehab
Carl Black.....Clen-Moore Place
Ruth McClanahan...Nugent's Ret. Com





Word has been received of the death of Martha Paraska on February 21. She had been residing in the Concordia Lutheran Home in Cabot. We remember her as a friend and faithful member of our church serving as a Deacon and using her musical ability to play for early church and Bible School for many years. Contributions may be made in memory of Martha to Good Samaritan Hospice Unit, 134 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023 or to the charity of donor's choice. Words of remembrance may be sent to Martha's son, Robert Paraska, 17896 Captain's Cove, Lakewood, OH 44107-1021.



Thank you to the 13 Willing men who participated in the Maundy Thursday drama. Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated. A special thank you to our 5 new participants. Nate Book we also thank you for always "being there", you make it work with such ease!

-Debi and Lori

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To All My Church Family & Friends, I want to thank you all so much for visits, cards, flowers, food and most of all your prayers. And all other acts of kindness during my recent illness.

Greatly Appreciated with Love & Blessings,

Linda Canami

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The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Lenten Movie Night and a special Thank You to the Worship Committee for making the delicious Stuffed Pepper and Chicken Noodle Soups. A big thank you also, to all those who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt – Geniene for arranging the puppet show, the Youth for participating in the puppet show and for filling all the eggs, to Jackie Hall for doing the crafts, to all of you who donated candy and to Brad for putting our outdoor signs up. We praise God for your support and generous donations for this event. We were very blessed to have over 100+ attend the Easter Egg Hunt this year.

Continuing in God's Service,

The Evangelism Committee

Women's News

April Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle - Tuesday, April 12th at 9:30a.m. at the Church

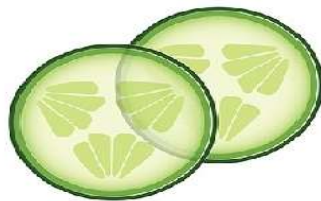
Ruth Circle - Monday, April 18th at 9:30a.m. at the Church

Lydia Circle - Monday, April 18th at 1:00p.m. at the Church

Elizabeth Circle - Thursday, April 21st at 6:30p.m. at the Church

Rebecca Circle - Saturday, April 30th at 9:00a.m. at Bedford Trails
Restaurant (this meeting is for April & May)

Don't forget to register for the Women's Retreat! April 15 & 16 at the Castle in Franklin PA we will join together as sisters in Christ to grow our relationships with Christ and each other. Come be refreshed at the *Lavender Springs Spa*. Sunday, April 10th is the last day to register for this retreat!



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April 15-16

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LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY.....

On Saturday, May 21st @ 9:30a.m.

All Women, Ladies and Girls (of any age) are invited to

The Ladies' Love & Laughter Breakfast!!

The theme is "Fashion through the Eras"

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors for a great morning of food and fellowship!



Congratulations to Meadow Whiting for her outstanding softball game last week. She had three home runs, two of them were GRAND SLAMS and she pitched the team to a win! Meadow is a freshmen at Wilmington Area High School!





Thank you to Deneen Greene for your service as Church Treasurer for the past five years. You have done an outstanding job and you will be missed!! We Welcome Nancy Bretz as our new Church Treasurer. Thank you for taking on this position, we know you will do an amazing job!

This Saturday, April 9, is Spring Clean-Up Day!! We will meet at 9:30a.m. for outdoor and indoor Spring Cleaning! Please bring your own tools or supplies.





On Sunday, May 7th from 9:00a.m. to 2:30p.m., Mahoning Presbyterian Church is having a Blood Drive for American Red Cross. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex here at our church. Please sign-up if you are able!

On Wednesday, April 13th there will be an Awana Leader meeting from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Join Dawn in the Parlor to review the Awana year. What suggestions do you have so we can better serve the children in our church and community and serve God?



