

Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

As you read this letter I, along with 7 others from our church will be in Haiti. We have the opportunity to minister with both Autumn Marshall and with Matt and Stacey Ayers. Please pray for myself, Mary Morris, Sam Jones, Geniene Jones, Lexis Jones, Adam Marshall, Brad Marshall, and Marty Marshall. Also keep Autumn and the Ayers in your prayers as they host us.

I want to share with you a praise that I have. Believe it or not it came about as I was reading the printed Annual report. This small booklet contains all the reports of the committees and all the financial information for 2017. Allow me to share with you my prayers of praise that I saw.

The Committee Reports reflect an unbelievable amount of time... literally thousands of hours... of ministry. It is ministry in our midst, in our community and in the world. It reflects the great love people have for our Lord and for our church. It reflects lives that have been touched with the Good News of Christ... both verbally and in actions.

The Music Ministry Reports.... bell choir, vocal choir, men's choir, worship team-- speaks of dedicated men, women and teens sharing their gift of music with each of us every single week.

Even a simple report like the Nominating Committee report speaks to us of the hand of God in our midst. These men and women.... our Elders and Deacons... were called by God to serve. They have been ordained, set aside, to serve. We believe their service is not only a volunteer service it truly is a call from God as identifies by the election of the congregation.

But now we turn to the finances. Your giving reflects amazing faithfulness. Our total income is unbelievable for a church our size. Allow me to highlight some amazing facts when you carefully analyze the numbers. Our General fund was over \$38,000.00 in the black. You gave over \$22,000 to missions. This includes special giving of over \$7600.00 for Hurricane relief. We are able to support missionaries in our area and throughout the world. Join with me and look over the list of missionaries we support and pray for these men, women, and organizations. Our little church is having a world wide impact for the gospel of Christ.

Look at the desire to reach young people for Christ. Our Youth Director approached us and told us that a van would greatly benefit the youth ministry. Session approved the purchase and in December we purchased the van.

A couple years ago it was decided that our manse needed remodeled. It was built in 1972 and no major work has been done in the house. Last year the bathrooms were remodeled and this year the kitchen was remodeled. These projects were not requested by Kim or I but we thank everyone for the work. These expenditures demonstrated to us how much you support the pastors (present and future) of our church.

We do indeed have a great deal to praise the Lord for. As a church, let us continue to be good stewards of people's time and money.

In Christ,
Doug

Session Highlights

The Session met on January 26th. The highlights of the meeting were...

1. Glenda Fulkmann was reelected as Clerk of Session
2. All other congregational Committees were filled
3. We received the December and the year End financial Report
4. Administration committee reported on the purchase of the Van. The total cost was \$25,000.00
5. Final two trees were cut down on the church property (trees # 30 and 31). One additional dead ash tree needs to be cut down in the manse backyard. Final clean up will take place in the Spring. Also in the Spring new grass will be planted and new trees will then be added.
6. Final report on the kitchen remodel at the manse was given. Total cost was \$26,238.00
Money from the Gas well lease was used for this project.
7. Christian ed spoke of building adjustments to increase safety of our children.
8. Mission Committee reported that total Christmas offering was around \$2,500.00. This money will be used to facilitate ministry of the Haiti Mission team and to help in the purchase of supplies for the team.
9. Eleven people from our church traveled by van to tour the Church Plant we are supporting in the Idora neighborhood of Youngstown. The community Center Building was toured. Much work still needs to be done to remodel the building. Gary Koerth gave an update on the progress of the church plant.
10. Purchase of new software (Planning Center, Praise Charts) and hardware (tablets, stands, foot peddles for the musicians) for the worship team was approved as recommended by the Worship Committee. This will help the Worship Team organize their music, rehearse their music and share their ministry on Sunday mornings.
11. Communion Schedule for the year was approved. February 25th (moved because Doug will be in Haiti) March 29th (Maundy Thursday), June 10th (moved because Doug will be on vacation), August 5th, October 7th, December 2nd.
12. Presbytery will be February 16-17th at Bellefield Church (by Pitt Campus). General Assembly will be held in Memphis from June 19-22
13. Approved Baptism of Emily Claire Pence on February 25th.



Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, February 25th, due to Pastor Doug being in Haiti on February 4th.

Mission Committee – Please note there will NOT be a Mission Committee meeting in February.

Birthdays in February

2/02 – Paul Cummings
2/02 – Nancy Phillis
2/03 – Megan Allison
2/03 – Dawn Harris
2/03 – Bobbie Morehead
2/04 – Harry Cornman
2/04 – Shirley Freeman
2/04 – Alexandra Lambert

2/04 – Austin Whiting
2/05 – Pam Liddell
2/07 – Marti Marshall
2/07 – Martha Miller
2/07 – Nancy Rudzik
2/08 – Len Halt
2/08 – Laura Harshbarger

2/09 – Barbara Sander
2/15 – Sis Hartzell
2/15 – Shirley Snyder
2/22 – Lisa Magee
2/22 – Amanda Quinn
2/26 – Donald Pence
2/27 – Don Craig

Birthdays in March

3/03 – Gene Bicehouse
3/03 – Steve Fox
3/04 – Sally Withers
3/05 – Emily Withers
3/08 – Sue Bluedorn
3/13 – Doug Houk
3/15 – Larry Bluedorn

3/17 – James Allison
3/17 – Jim Emery
3/17 – Sandra Saulpaugh
3/19 – Dan Dieter
3/20 – Ed Rudzik
3/22 – Beth Kendall
3/24 – Jennifer Saulpaugh

3/25 – John Book
3/25 – Jackie Hall
3/26 – Jamie Phillips
3/27 – Robert Bretz
3/27 – Ryan Morse
3/29 – Judy Stuhlmann
3/30 – Helen Bicehouse



FEBRUARY GREETERS

2/4 ~ Fenati Family

2/11 ~ Sally Withers & Family

2/14 ~ (Ash Wed. Serv.) Gary & Amy Geisinger

2/18 ~ Jason Clark

2/25 ~ Tony Pruszenski



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

Nancy Templeton-----Overlook Medical Clinic
Dot Jones-----Avalon Nursing Home
Marie Snyder-----Home
Gladys Barnhart-----Home
Jo Ruby-----Home
Pearl Reed-----Overlook Nursing Home
Carl Black-----Clen-Moore Place (Greer House)
Jessica Halt-----Home recovering from surgery

TOPS/Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS meets every Tuesday morning 9:30-11AM in the church parlor. Make this the year to get healthy. Stop in to visit or call Renee Persky at 330-534-2909 or Doris Spence at 724-654-1067 for more information.



The Ladies Sewing Group has just started back up! They meet every Wednesday from 9AM until Noon. They would love to have you join them for Sewing and Fellowship this Wednesday! Please talk to Shirley Snyder or Helen Bicehouse for more information.

The March Redeeming Times Newsletter Deadline is Monday, January 26th. All articles and/or announcements can be left on my desk or sent to addietwinstrips@gmail.com or newbedfordchurch@verizon.net. Thank You – Addie



ATTENTION MEN – Seneca Hill; Man Camp is right around the corner! This retreat for men only, is February 16-18, the theme for the retreat is “Made for More”. Please visit www.senecahills.org for more information or to register!

Special Worship Services During Lent

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm
Palm Sunday Worship Services – Sunday, March 25 at 8:30am & 10:40am
Maundy Thursday Worship Service – Thursday, March 29 at 7pm
Last Supper Reenactment
Good Friday Worship Service – Friday, March 30 at 7pm
Easter Morning Worship Services – Sunday, April 1 at 8:30am & 10:40am



February Circle Meetings



Rebecca – Saturday, February 10th at 9:00AM at Bedford Trails Restaurant.

please note this circle is meeting on the 2nd Saturday for this month only

Deborah – Tuesday, February 13th at 9:30AM at Bedford Trails Restaurant.

Elizabeth – Thursday, February 15th at 6:30PM at the church.

Ruth – Monday, February 19th at 9:30AM at the church.

Lydia – Tuesday, February 20th at 1:00PM at the church.

Women's Association News

The Women's Association is currently promoting sign-ups for our circles. If you are not involved in one of our circles, I encourage you to give it a try. We have a great time studying God's Word together and building deeper relationships with each other. Look in the bulletin for the pink insert where you will find further information about our circles.

Our 2018 meeting dates are the following Saturdays: March 10, May 12, September 8 and November 10. Please note the meeting time has changed to 9:00AM for the remainder of our 2018 meetings.

Women's Retreat – On the next page of this Newsletter you will find a Registration form for the upcoming Women's Retreat at the 'Castle' in Franklin, PA. Mark your calendars for April 20-21. We would love to have you join us!

Important Dates in 2018

Women's Association Meeting – March 10

Women's Retreat – April 20-21

Women's Association Meeting – May 12

Women's Association Meeting – September 8

Ladies Love & Laughter Breakfast – TBA

Bazaar – November 3

Women's Association Meeting – November 10

Thank Offering Service – November 18

Christmas Dinner – TBA

SeaSide Escape WOMEN'S RETREAT!

Ladies,

Are you in need of a day at the beach, a day to slow down, wiggle your toes in the sand and just bask in the warmth of the sun? Every woman longs for a day like this- even those who live hundreds of miles from the nearest coastline! Come to SEASIDE ESCAPE! It is a retreat where women slow down and enjoy time with other women and with God. It's an in-depth Bible study, an unforgettable worship experience, and lots of fun, too! This is an open invitation for ALL WOMEN to draw closer together, to be still in God's presence, and to sun themselves in His love! We hope you will join us!

WHEN: April 20-21, Friday evening 6:30 pm to Saturday 4:30 pm
(*OPTIONAL additional day: Thurs, April 19 -meals not provided*)

WHERE: The Castle-Life Ministries in Franklin, Pa.

COST: \$55.00 includes three delicious meals, fun activities and comfortable lodging.

Scholarships are available.

**Make check payable to : New Bedford EPC Women's
Association**

151 Woodland Drive, Pulaski PA 16143

Registration deadline is : APRIL 1

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

_____ \$ 55.00 registration fee (non-refundable after APRIL 1)

_____ \$ 11.00 Optional Thursday night

_____ \$ optional donation toward the Scholarship fund

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED



Awana Clubs-----Wednesdays
Age 2 - Grades 6 5:00-7:00
Dawn Harris, Awana Commander
dawnhnbpc@aol.com 330-881-8110

February 7th - Olympic Night

Clubbers can wear red, white, & blue to cheer Team USA

February 14th - Love, Love, Love the Lord Night

Clubbers will get a guess at the Heart Jar for every section completed

February 21st - Regular Club Night

February 28th - Double, Double Point Night

Clubbers will get double the points for attendance, bringing their Bible & Handbook, and completing sections

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR AWANA PARENTS: The doors will open at 4:55 for children to arrive at Awana.

There is no leader supervision before this time for the children.

Awana CAN make a difference for the CITY RESCUE MISSION

For the remainder of the year we will continue to collect food for **The New Castle City Rescue Mission**. It is a Christian ministry providing spiritual and physical care to the hurting, hunger and homeless of our community.

Visit www.cityrescuemission.org for more information. Awana Clubs are collecting can goods/non-perishable food for the Family Care Ministry at the City Rescue Mission.

Our goal is to collect 300 pounds of food! To date there is 164 lbs collected!

Needed Items:

Canned Soup

Cereal

Canned Fruit

Syrup

Boxed Rice

Pancake Mix

Crackers

Jelly

Any of the above items can be donated at any time. However, there is a 'Most Wanted Item of the Month'.

MOST WANTED ITEM FOR FEBRUARY – PEANUT BUTTER

Thank you for helping to provide this ministry with food for families in need.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS—

Just a reminder, if you volunteer with any of the Children or Youth Ministries then you need to review the Child Protection Policy and get the required background checks. The Policy and Forms are available on the wall next to Dawn's office. Please help yourself to this information. If you have any questions please see Dawn.

Sunday School Teacher Needed for Grades 5&6: The Spring Quarter will be March, April, & May. The next quarter will begin March 4th. Please be in prayer for this ministry.

Children At Worship Leaders for February

4-Jane Eppinger

11-Erika Taylor

18-Dawn Harris

25-

If you are able to help with this ministry please see Dawn or sign up on the calendar in the vestibule

Contact Info: Dawn Harris Call/Text: 330-881-8110 Email: Dawnhnbpc@aol.com



afO is starting off the month of February with the Winter Retreat at Beulah Beach, Vermillion, OH! We have 8 youth members attending this trip, and we are blessed to be able to make the drive in the new church van! Our weekend is filled with bible studies, fellowship with other youth groups, and team building activities. Most importantly, the retreat provides a time for our youth to grow closer to the Lord. What an amazing time we have

each year! The youth will meet at the church on Friday, February 2nd at 4:30pm and leave by 5pm. Please bring snacks or dinner to eat on the drive up there! We will return to the church on Sunday, February 4th around noon. Parents, please watch the text chain as I will be texting updates on our arrival. Another annual event the youth attend is happening this month as well: Winter Jam! On Friday, February 16th, meet at the church at 4:15pm with money for admission (\$15) and money for dinner at the CONSOL Energy Center (around \$20). The concert starts at 7pm and ends at approximately 11pm. It is a late night for sure! Some of the line-up for this year includes Skillet, Kari Jobe, Building 429, and Jordan Feliz. Pick up will be at the church; I'll send out a text to parents when we are on our way home from the concert!

Young adults will continue to meet at Jocilyn's house every Thursday night at 6pm for bible study. We are starting a new series called 'Revolution' by Phil Tuttle. It discusses the importance of millennials and how they can change the world. We're looking at the story of Josiah, and how God worked through him to make changes for the better in his nation. Bring a friend and come on out for study! Our monthly event coincides with afO, as both groups are invited to attend Winter Jam! The same information above applies to the young adults as well. Because the majority of the youth members cannot drive, the seats in the van will go to them, and the young adults can carpool with each other. If the van doesn't fill up with youth members, the young adults are more than welcome to ride in it for the concert! Stay tuned next month for our event of the month!

Haiti Mission Team Fundraiser

The Haiti Mission Team is selling Pepperoni Rolls for \$2 per roll. They are 7" long and are the same rolls that the high school chorus and band sells. The last day to order these tasty pepperoni rolls is February 16th. They will be available on Saturday, February 24th, but can be picked up on Sunday, February 25th at church. They freeze very well and are a great "grab and go" especially with kids. Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex, or you can call the church office during office hours to place your order. The mission team is also selling Daffin's candy bars which are available in Addie's office for \$1 per bar.



FEBRUARY 2018 AT NEW BEDFORD E.P.C.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
				6:30 Evangel. Cmte. Mtg. 6pm Young Adults Bible Study @ Jocilyn's	3-4:15pm Greater Pgh. Food Bank Distribution 4:30 Youth meeting to leave for Winter Retreat	Youth away at Winter Retreat
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
8:30 Contemporary Serv. 9:30 Sunday School 10:40 Traditional Serv. 12 - Youth returning from Winter Retreat NO Youth Group Today		9:30-11 MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 6:30 Worship Team Pract.	5-7 AWANA for all ages 2-6th grade 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Bell Choir Practice	6:30 Worship Cmte. Mtg. 6:30 Christian Ed. Cmte. 6pm Young Adults Bible Study @ Jocilyn's		8am Men's Ministry @ Riethmiller's Shop 9am Rebecca Circle Mtg. @ Bedford Trails Rest.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30 Contemporary Serv. 9:30 Sunday School 10:40 Traditional Serv. 4-6pm Jr. High Yough Gr. 7-9pm Sr. High Youth Gr.	7pm Administration Cmte.	9:30am Deborah Circle Meeting @ Bedford Trails 6:30 Worship Team Pract	5-7 AWANA for all ages 2-6th grade 6:30 Choir Practice 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	6:30 Elizabeth Circle Mtg. 6pm Young Adults Bible Study @ Jocilyn's	4:15pm Youth & Young Adults meeting to attend Winter Jam! *Last day to order Pepperoni Rolls*	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30 Contemporary Serv. 9:30 Sunday School 10:40 Traditional Serv. 4-6pm Jr. High Yough Gr. 7-9pm Sr. High Youth Gr.	9:30 Ruth Circle Meeting	9:30-11 MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 1pm Lydia Circle Meeting 6:30 Worship Team Pract.	5-7 AWANA for all ages 2-6th grade 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Bell Choir Practice 7:30 Evening Bible Study	7pm Session Meeting 6pm Young Adults Bible Study @ Jocilyn's		
25	26	27	28	01	02	03
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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service