

Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church

I was reflecting on the great joy and privilege I have to be part of the New Bedford Church family. I am entering my 20th year at the Pastor at New Bedford. The greatest joy I have is you! It is such a joy to count you as friends and as brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a great privilege to share our faith journey together. It is a great privilege to preach and teach the Word of God. It is a privilege to share your times of joy and times of struggle. It is my prayer that you too rejoice in the joy of being part of this church family.

One of the texts that I memorized a number of years ago was Hebrews 10:24. It states...*24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

This text teaches us the joys and the responsibilities of being part of the church family. Look again at verse 24. Together we help each other. Together we “spur” one another on to serve the Lord. Together we help our brothers and sisters in Christ to actively love each other and our community. Together we participate in the “good deeds” of ministry... again within our church.... but also to our community.

Also look again at verse 25. We first see the command to meet together to worship. Last Sunday I listed the “marks of being a Christian.” I stated that one of the marks of being a Christian is the desire to join together to worship our Lord. Note the word desire. It is not obligation. God gives to us the desire to be in His presence with brothers and sisters in Christ. I stated that people not active in faith state things like, “I can worship God as I walk in the woods or I am on the golf course (name your location)... I don’t need to go to church to worship God” Allow me to expand this idea. Can we as Christians worship God in the woods? Of course yes. Can we as Christians worship God on the golf course? Of course yes. As Christians the Holy Spirit is always with us. However we cannot truly grow in our faith and in our worship by only worshiping God in private. Jesus said this in Matthew 18 *“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”* Do we encounter a living powerful Jesus in our private times of prayer (whether in the woods or on the golf course or in our own homes)? Certainly yes. However, Jesus is stressing the need for corporate worship. There is a special encounter with our Lord when we are with brothers and sisters in Christ. We need the church in order to grow in our faith! We need each other to “spur” us to love and to do good deeds. And as verse 25 states, we need each other to be a source of encouragement. It is often not easy to walk through life. All of us have times of loss, illness, discouragement, broken relationships and sadness. It is often not easy to walk the path of faith. We all have times of doubt and loneliness. We need the encouragement of each other. We need the mutual prayers of brothers and sisters in Christ. We need to worship our Lord as a body of believers.

Finally see this from the text in Hebrews. The importance of meeting together is greater because “the Day” is approaching. This is the “Day of the Lord.” This is the day of His return. This is the day of judgement. This is the day of great rejoicing or great sorrow. It is coming! Soon? Come Lord Jesus, come!

Finally, let me announce an adult Discovery Class. This class is a class for adults who desire to discover more about our Lord Jesus Christ, about the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (our denomination) and about New Bedford Church. Anyone who wants to discover more about their faith is invited to join us for this class. This class also serves as our adult new members class. We will meet for four consecutive Sundays beginning September 18th at 9:30 (Sunday School hour). We will meet in my study. Please join us! Please let me or the church office know if you are planning to attend so I know how much material to copy.

Rejoice with me that we are part of the New Bedford Church family.

In Christ,
Doug

Session Highlights

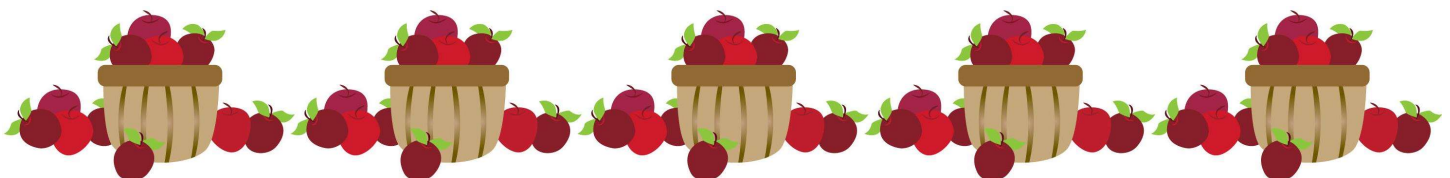
Session did not meet in August. As Pastor, I want to use this column to give you an update on our search for a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. For the past 8 months the Christian Education Committee (including myself) has served as a search committee for this new full time position. For a number of months they were meeting weekly. They have given an incredible amount of time! They developed the Position Description that the Session approved. They reviewed many resumes. They reviewed many follow up questionnaires. The Committee conducted six Skype interviews. The committee conducted three face to face interviews. Last June the committee unanimously recommended one candidate for the job. This man came and interviewed with the Session in June. He accepted the position and we informed the other candidates of his acceptance. His starting date was August 15th. Two weeks before his starting date he emailed us and let us know that he had changed his mind and was not coming. Our second choice was contacted and at the end of August he let us know that he had accepted a job elsewhere.

Let me say the Christian Ed Committee is greatly disappointed. There is also a level of discouragement. Right now the CE Committee is reorganizing and beginning a new search process. We do not know how long this process will take. Please, please pray for this Committee. Please, please pray for this process. And please, please pray for our youth as we go through this season without a Director of Youth Ministry.

The past week or so we have organized the Youth Ministry for this Fall. Jocilyn, as she leaves this position to begin her Student Teaching, has been active in this Fall organization. We will not have "regular" Sunday evening youth group meetings. We will have one or two special events for the youth each month. These will be organized by myself and by parents. You will see these listed in this Newsletter.

Again, keep the youth in your prayers. It is critically important that we give opportunities for our young people to grow in their faith and to have fun together in their church. Pray for the kids in youth group whose parents are not active in this church. Pray for the parents and the leaders that will provide leadership to our kids in this "in between time."

Doug



Thank you's

Thank you to Jocilyn Houk for serving as our Youth director for over 3 years. She has loved the young people and shared her love for Jesus with the youth. Keep Jocilyn in your prayers as she begins her final semester in college and as she Student Teaches.

Thank you to Bob Exley. Bob (with help from Evelyn) has spent many, many hours and many, many days constructing a new storage closet for our table and chairs. You will not see his remodeling of the stage unless you specifically look or you retrieve tables or chairs. Thank you for your skill and your time!

Thank you to the Worship Committee for reorganizing and cleaning the Choir room.

Thank you to the Evangelism Committee for organizing and leading the Boating Day. It was a great day of boating, eating, fellowship and fun.

Youth Group Events (for youth in grades 7 to 12)

September 11th -- 3:00 to 6:00 Youth Group Kick Off Swim Party. At the home of Alexis Jones. Come have a wonderful time of fun and food

September 18th -- 6:00 to 8:00 Bonfire and Ice Cream Social at the church. Join us for a time of Hot Dogs and Ice Cream

October 8th -- Silver Ring Thing in Cranberry. Set aside the date... this is not a school night because of Columbus Day

October 15th -- Movies Night. Jess Halt is organizing this special night at the movies to see "Priceless".

End of October -- Hay Ride. Again, details are still being worked out

November 13th -- Trampoline Night. We will travel to a trampoline center for this special night. Times and costs will be announced later

December -- Youth Christmas dinner. Hosted by Jocilyn. Exact time and date will be announced

January -- Youth retreat



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Juanita Cornman.....	03
Bobby Liddell.....	03
Aaron Ealy.....	04
Autumn Ealy.....	04
Don Jones.....	07
Marie Snyder.....	07
Sandy Ruby.....	08
Nancy Cummings.....	10
Rosalie Black.....	13
Brad Marshall.....	13

Pastor Runyan.....	14
James Buxton.....	15
Ted Hilliard.....	15
Larry Pence.....	16
Carol Madden.....	17
Erin Teachy.....	18
Madison Liddell.....	22
Lori Jones.....	28
Wes Jones.....	29
Helen Ruby.....	29



Happy Birthday!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Bell.....	01
Rachel (Hostetler) Garrett.....	02
Donald Hartzell.....	04
Lorna Keller.....	05
Tom Madden.....	05
Katie Magee.....	05
Connie Shick.....	05
Jean Chrobak.....	08
Connor O'Brien.....	08
Marilyn Pelles.....	08
Amanda Rudzik.....	10
Don Jones.....	12
Jack Keesey.....	15
Brandy McAllen.....	16
Ariana Carr.....	17
Emily Bretz.....	18

Kristi Jones.....	18
Brock Janoski.....	19
Gladys Barnhart.....	21
Jocilyn Houk.....	21
Dylan Dieter.....	22
Elaine Hepler.....	22
Jeremiah Withers.....	24
Kelly (Craig) Miller.....	25
Tyler Craig.....	25
Wyatt Dean.....	25
Debbie Pogozelec.....	25
Bev Varano.....	26
Shawn Kendall.....	30
Bob Exley.....	31
Marilyn McConahy.....	31



We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lena Showman. Lena passed away on July 18th. Lena was 96.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Shirley and family and to the friends of Henry Sikora. Henry passed away on August 4th.

"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

On Sunday, September 11th we will have our Outdoor Worship Service. This will be a combined Worship Service led by our Worship Team. THERE WILL BE NO 8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE ON THIS DAY. Following the Worship Service will be our church picnic. There will be a Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex where you can sign-up to bring a dessert, salad or hot dish to share for the picnic.



Outdoor Service

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Effective immediately the Church Office will be open Tuesday thru Friday 9:00a.m. until 1:00p.m. Thanks!

There are two different books in the entryway of the church available for purchase. Both books were written by Matt Ayars from Haiti! The books are \$15.00 each, you can pay by check (please make check payable to N.B.E.P.C.) or cash, please put all monies into the envelope on the table. Thank You.

The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers to man the 'Welcome Center' during the months of September 2016 thru February 2017. If you are interested, please see someone from the Evangelism Committee. Thanks!



Choir and Bell Choir will resume practices on Wednesday, September 7th. Choir is at 6:30p.m. and Bell Choir at 7:30p.m.

Women's Association

By Judy Riethmiller

As the summer season wanes and the fall season approaches, I find myself wondering where the time went. I remember anticipating the coming of summer and finding time to take a respite from much of what I am involved in. As fall approaches, I am praying for the Lord's guidance and peace to fill my soul. I also pray that the women of New Bedford are filled with God's Holy Spirit and excited about the days ahead.

So what's ahead for the Women's Association?

Our next meeting is Saturday, September 10 at 1:00 pm. Discussion will include review and evaluation of the Ladies Love and Laughter Breakfast, plans for the bazaar, and a discussion on retreat funding, just to name a few. Come and let your voice be included in the planning and implementation of these efforts. Of course, we are always open to hearing new ideas for ministry too!!

The bazaar is November 5. Our bazaar committee is already hard at work. In the months ahead, look for more information regarding the bazaar and how you might be a part of this fundraising effort for the Women's Association and various mission causes.

Please continue to pray for the Women's Association as we seek to serve, lead and glorify God.



September Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle ~ Tuesday, September 13th at 9:30a.m.

Elizabeth Circle ~ Thursday, September 15th at 6:30p.m.

Lydia Circle ~ Monday, September 19th at 1:00p.m.

Rebecca Circle ~ Saturday, September 17th at 9:00a.m. @ Lori Smith's home for breakfast and Lesson 2.

Ruth Circle ~ Monday, September 19th at 9:30a.m.

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SAVE THE DATES.....

Women's Retreat 2017

March 31 - April 1

(With optional additional days March 30 & April 2)



Love One Another as I Have Loved You.....

In John 15:12, Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor’s job – it’s something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who most need it. If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, contact one of our Stephen Leaders, Judy Riethmiller 724-730-6495 or Diana Halt 724-977-8268 about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care – to help that person experience the healing power of Christ’s love.

Vision Team

By Judy Riethmiller

On July 15 the vision team and their prayer teams enjoyed a time of fellowship and discussion while picnicking at the Riethmiller home.

Our focus for the discussion time was responding to the question, “Who specifically is God calling New Bedford EPC to minister to in our local community?” The prayer teams and the vision team were asked to prepare for discussion prior to our time together by spending time in prayer asking for discernment and guidance through the Holy Spirit. On July 15th everyone present had the opportunity to share their views on who they believe God is leading us to build relationships with. The Vision team came away from that time of discussion with a list of thoughts and ideas.

Our next step is a meeting of the Vision Team on September 6th where we will be discussing that list and continuing the work of discernment. We believe that God is faithful and will provide direction for us according to His will. Continue to pray for us as we prepare to step out in faith to build relationship with those whom God has called us to.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Grace and peace to all of you!

Mark your calendar...save the date...Sept. 7th 5:30-6:30

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

We are kicking off Awana with a family fun night to register for the coming year. Join us on Wednesday, September 7th 5:30-6:30 to register for Awana, play games with Coach Lee, meet the Awana leaders, and get a treat from the Ice Cream Truck.

Regular Club meetings begin on Wednesday, Sept. 14th 5:15-7:00

New Bedford EP Church is excited to announce another year of....



Regular Club Night begins

Wednesday, September 14th 5:15-7:00

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 in grades K-6.

Q: When is Awana? A: Awana begins September 14th and continues every Wednesday till March 29th. However, there is no Awana on days the school is not in session.

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 music, prayer and an age-appropriate Bible message is presented. Also, awards will be presented to recognize the Clubbers who complete sections in their handbooks.

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.

Director- The Club Director will assist in leading Large Group Time.

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.

Listener- Listeners are needed during Handbook Time to listen to a Clubber recite the Bible verses.

Secretary- Keeps track of Clubbers progress, marks record cards, distributes award jewels and emblems, and collect dues.

Prayer Partner- partner with a Clubber to lift in prayer during the months of Awana.

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

Please be in prayer for this ministry.

If you love the Lord, are energetic and like being with kids, please call me!!

Do not fear, there is training for all the positions listed above.

I look forward to hearing from you and working together we can encourage children to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dawn Harris, Awana Commander

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11th

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 for Sunday School Promotion.

After Promotion children will go to their Sunday School with the teacher.

Adult Sunday Classes may stay in the Fellowship Hall for a social time or return to their classrooms for a lesson

URGENT NEED: Children At Worship Leaders

During the 10:30 Service a time of lesson, crafts, games, and fellowship is offered to children in Grades K-4. This ministry is in need of leaders so the children can have this time to worship and learn about God. My prayer is that 7 leaders would answer the call to serve in this ministry so that there would be a rotating schedule. That would mean each leader would lead every other month! Please be in prayer for this ministry. Let Dawn know if you have any questions about this ministry.

Looking Ahead: City Rescue Mission Fall Food Drive at Giant Eagle. More information will be in the bulletin as soon as it is available.



Church Family Day Out

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd at 11:00-??

Irons Mill Farmstead, 252 Greenfield Rd, New Wilmington, PA 16142

Join us for some Fall Fun on the Farm!

Hop-hop on Jumpin' Jackdaws**Cornfield Maze**Cackleberry Bounce
Photo Ops**Corncob Beach**Rubber Duck Races**Pumpkin Slingshot
Climb Mt. Arthur**Super Slides**Hayrides**Fun Farm Animals

We have the Campfire Pit reserved from 1:00-3:00. Come roast hot dogs & s'mores for lunch and fellowship! This is for the entire congregation! FREE for Seniors 60+ and 2 yrs & under /Everyone Else \$8.00

Sign up sheet is in the vestibule or
contact Dawn Harris by Thursday, October 20th if you plan to go.
The tickets have to be preordered to get the discounted price.

Dawn Harris, Director of Children's Ministry 330-881-8110 dawnhnbpc@aol.com

CRY OUT: TRUE WOMAN 2016 NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears." Psalm 34:17

This is a simulcast conference at our church on Friday, September 23rd at 7:00p.m. All women are invited to join Nancy DeMoss for this time of worship and prayer. See Kim Runyan for more details. More information can also be found at www.cryout16.com

true woman 2016
NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church

151 Woodland Dr.

Pulaski, PA 16143

724-964-8055

Registration Form 2016-2017

Clubber's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Contact Number during Club Time: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you on FaceBook: Yes No Home Church: _____

Please list any and all allergies, medical conditions, and medications being taken that we should be aware of:

Physician: _____ Physician's Phone Number: _____

In the event a parent/guardian cannot be reached in an emergency situation, please contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Terms and Conditions

Please Initial the space if you accept

____ I understand that my child may participate in physical activities such as those held during Game Time. As with any physical activity, there is a risk of injury. I fully accept this risk and hold harmless from any legal liability, New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church and any persons involved in the Awana Club ministry.

____ In the event of an emergency that requires medical treatment for the above named child, I understand every effort will be made to contact me or my emergency contact. However, if I/we cannot be reached, I give my permission to the Awana volunteers to secure the services of a licensed physician to provide the care necessary for my child's well being. I assume all costs connected to treatment of my child.

____ I grant permission for a photo of my child to appear in church powerpoint presentation, bulletin boards, newsletters, and church inserts.

____ I grant permission for a photo of my child to appear on the church website or Facebook as long as there is no identifying information shown.

____ I understand that all Awana Leaders have had a No Record status on the PA Criminal History and Child Abuse Clearance before being permitted to volunteer at Awana.

____ I understand that Awana Club is **NOT** a school sponsored event.

____ All information contained in this form is confidential.

I have read the Terms and Conditions as stated above:

X _____
Signature of Parent Date

Office Use

Club _____

Book _____

Uniform _____

Dues _____

**If you have any
questions
please contact**

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