Dear Friends and Members of New Bedford Church,

As most of you know I have begun a sermon series on the book of Romans. It is considered by most biblical scholars to be the most comprehensive presentation of the Christian Gospel in the Bible.

A couple of weeks ago I shared the text from Romans 1. Allow me to share with you again Romans 1: 8,11,12

"*First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world..*
***11 I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— 12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith*."**

My sermon was entitled "We are Family." We looked at the amazing responsibility and blessing we have because we are part of New Bedford Church. I will share a couple lessons.

First we are given a great responsibility. I stated the key act of obedience for the church is to always look outward. The Great Commission given to us by our Lord states that we are to

"Go and make disciples...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Everything we do as a church is to be obedient to this command. We must never be focused inward.. We must always be focused outward. Our worship time is a time to focus on God and to empower us to go into the world to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors and friends. . As I said worship on Sunday is a time to recharge our lives to go into a world that can be very, very difficult at times. Our Sunday School times and Bible study times must not be to only grow in our faith (if that was the only goal that would be selfish). Our goal is to grow in our faith for the purpose of better equipping ourselves to be obedient to the Word of God... to make disciples The purpose of our Youth Group and our Awana ministry and EPIC (Senior Citizen ministry) and our food giveaways and our woman's ministry and our men's ministry and everything else we do must be to touch the world and especially our community with the message of Christ. Self centeredness by the church or by the individual Christian is never the will of God.

We have a unique responsibility in our area. We are the only church in PA for almost a 10 mile radius that has a full time pastor and ministry staff.. You have to go to New Wilmington or West Middlesex to find the next church (again, not counting Ohio) with a full time staff. We are the food distributor for the area and the Salvation Army center for the area and the voting place for the area and the community ministry center for the area. Let us have the same reputation as the Romans church. Let *our faith be reported all over the world* (at least all over our community).

The second lesson I want to share is the command to encourage one another. It is so easy in this day and age to be very, very negative. You turn on the news and we are absolutely swamped with negativity. You go to work and criticism is the norm. You go to school and complaints are shared by all. You go to church and some will see the flaws (which we certainly have) and not the blessings. Let us see the blessing in our life and especially in our church. The Lord is richly blessing our church. We have the joy of many. Many adults in weekly bible Studies. We have the joy of many., many children in our worship. We have the joy of youth in our church. We have the joy of over 50 kids coming to our Awana ministry. Again, I could go on and on. We are richly, richly blessed as a church.

Responsibility and blessing given to us by the Lord. Praise the Lord

In Christ,
Doug

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Heard reports on the many ministries of the church.**
- **Reviewed the financial report.**
- **Approved recommendation from Administration Committee to purchase new lights for the Fellowship Hall. Total cost will be approximately $1,300.00. They will be installed by members of the Administration Committee.**
- **Approved exploring possibility of beginning a toddler Sunday School Class.**
- **Discussed the arrangement of rooms for Sunday School to meet the need for our ever growing classes.**
- **Approved recommendation of Christian Ed. Committee to spend up to $1,000.00 to refurbish the Nursery and a number of Sunday School Rooms.**
- **Approved recommendation for Mission Committee to collect a Special Offering for Bahamas Hurricane Relief. (This had been approved by electronic vote earlier in the month)**
- **Approved recommendation from Worship Committee to purchase a new hearing assist system for the sanctuary.**
- **Approved the baptism of Julian Krisuk.**
- **Approved the collection of the bottle caps to purchase an outdoor bench. This program will be led by Helen Ruby and will run from January to June next year.**
- **Approved formation of Grief Support Group.**
- **Approved receiving new members (upon completion of class and meeting with session) Dave & Lisa Caughey, Ed & Jenn Horodyski, Don & Edie Dougherty, and Nick Ammeen.**

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Please take note of our correct mailing address

New Bedford EPC no longer carries a PO Box at the Post Office. Please send all correspondence to *151 WOODLAND DRIVE, PULASKI, PA 16143.*

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MOPS and MOMSnext meeting information can be found in the Church entryway and on our Church website at www.newbedfordepchurch.org

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WEEKLY BULLETIN – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted no later than 9:00A.M. on Thursday mornings to be printed in that Sundays bulletin.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS – Please have all newsletter articles and/or information/announcements submitted no later than the 25TH of every month to be included in the following months newsletter.

****All bulletin and newsletter submissions can be sent to newbedfordchurch@verizon.net or addietwinstrips@gmail.com or left on Addie's desk.**

Birthdays in October

10/01 – Cindy Bell
10/04 – Don Hartzell
10/05 – Katie Magee
10/05 – Connie Shick
10/08 – Jean Chrobak
10/08 – Connor O'Brien
10/08 – Marilyn Pelles
10/10 – Amanda Rudzik
10/12 – Sam Jones
10/15 – Jack Keesey
10/16 – Brandy McAllen
10/17 – Ariana Carr
10/18 – Emily Bretz
10/18 – Kristi Jones
10/19 – Brock Janoski
10/21 – Gladys Barnhart
10/21 – Jocilyn Csernyik
10/22 – Dylan Dieter
10/22 – Elaine Hepler
10/24 – Jeremiah Withers
10/25 – Wyatt Dean
10/25 – Kelly Miller
10/25 – Tyler Craig
10/25 – Debbie Pogozelec
10/26 – Bev Varano
10/30 – Shawn Kendall
10/31 – Bob Exley
10/31 – Marilyn McConahy

Birthdays in November

11/04 – Anna Taylor
11/06 – Deneen Greene
11/08 – Jim Emery
11/11 – Dana Gardner
11/14 – Aubrey Fulkman
11/16 – Brenda Hostetler
11/25 – Bernice Boyer
11/27 – Lee Harris
11/29 – Alyssa Boyer
11/29 – Curtis Bretz
11/29 – Barrett Craig





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

Dot Jones----------Avalon Nursing Home
Gladys Barnhart----------Home
Jo Ruby----------Avalon Nursing Home
Pearl Reed----------Overlook Nursing Home
Art Spence----------Home
Lavon Rogers----------John XXIII Nursing Home
Larry Pence----------Shenango Home

Local Mission Donation Opportunities

The Mission Committee is collecting candy for the 2019 Idora Fall Fun Fest. There is not Trick or Treating in Youngstown, Idora hosts this event as a safe alternative. This is a huge outreach program in their neighborhood. You can read the latest 'Hope for Renewal' Newsletter by Rev. Gary Koerth at:

https://www.rpcerie.org/PDFs/2019-08-09_Idora_Newsletter.pdf

College Care Packages: As a way to encourage the recent high school graduates. Care packages are being put together to send to Madison Liddell, Olivia Eppinger, Aleah Deal, Meadow Whiting & Erika Hoover. Items to include would be nonperishable goodies such as granola bars, pudding cups, single serve items, fruit snacks, candy, etc. As well as items we would love to include notes of encouragement for them. There are some blank note cards located in the vestibule for you to use or you could send a card of your own. A box will also be in the vestibule for the collection. Please bring items by Sunday, October 13th so boxes can be shipped that week. Thank you for showing love and helping to brighten the day of the recent graduates as they move onto the next chapter in life. If you have any questions please contact Erin O'Brien or Lee & Dawn Harris.

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NEW Grief Support Group

Beginning Tuesday, Oct 8 2019, at 6:30 pm, and every 2nd Tuesday of the month thereafter, we are offering a new group opportunity for all those who have experienced grief due to the death of someone close to your heart. There are times that we need to be around others who have faced similar experiences of loss to support how we are feeling and dealing with those losses. We want to provide comfort and information for anyone (even if they are not members of our congregational family) who may need a space to ask questions, share experiences and coping mechanisms, and hear how others are handling their loss. Judy Reithmiller & Debi Fynes will be co-leaders for this group. Feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

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Thank you to Helen Bicehouse and to all of the 'sewing ladies' for the beautiful patriotic lap robe they made for me! I truly appreciate it!

With much love & gratitude – Ted Hilliard



October Circle Meetings

Deborah – Tuesday 10/8 at 9:30am at Bedford Trails

Lydia – Tuesday 10/15 at 1pm

Elizabeth – Thursday 10/17 at 6:30pm

Rebecca – Saturday 10/19 at 9am at Bedford Trails

Ruth – Monday 10/21 at 9:30am

THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FALL BAZAAR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER…….
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
9:00AM – 2:00PM

****Please be thinking about what you are able to donate for the BAZAAR… We have many specialty rooms including a: *Candy Rom; Craft Room; Christmas Room; Book Room; Cookie Room; Plant Room; Toy Room; 'Trash & Treasure' Room; Linen Room and The Country Store!!***

****There are clip boards in the Narthex where you can sign-up to make soup, candy, cookies, pies and baked goods for the BAZAAR.**

****The Fellowship Hall will be a 'Cafeteria' where you are able to purchase lunch and enjoy a meal with friends and family.**

****Many volunteers are needed in order to make this a success, if you are able to volunteer some time, please see Helen Ruby or Retta Dutton.**

Looking Ahead…..

Thank Offering Service – November 24, 2019
Ladies Christmas Dinner – December ?
Women's Retreat – April 17-18, 2020

Regular Club Night
Wednesdays 5:00 – 7:00
Ages 2 – Grade 6

Awana kicked off on September 4th with 52 Clubbers registered for Wednesday evenings. Thank you seems so little to say for how much everyone had done for this ministry. Please lift the faithful servants in prayer as they serve the children of our church and community. There is still a need for substitutes and a leader. Please see Dawn if you have any questions on what the responsibilities are for these positions. *Prayerfully consider being a life changer at Awana.* You are welcome to stop in and visit any Wednesday evening, 5:00-7:00.

****UPCOMING CLUB NIGHTS****

October 2nd – Regular Awana Club Night
October 9th – B.A.R.F. Night
Bring A Real Friend Night—bring a friend and earn extra points
October 16th – Regular Awana Club Night
October 23rd – Double Double Points Night
Clubbers will get double the points for attendance, bringing their Bible and Handbook, and completing sections. Remember points accumulate through the year to shop at the marketplace in March.
October 30th – Regular Awana Club Night for grades K-6
PUGGLES & CUBBIES will not meet due to room availability that evening.

J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) Schedule: J.A.M. meets during the 10:30 service for kids in Grades K-3

Oct. 6 - Dawn Harris	Oct. 20 -
Oct. 13 -	Oct. 27 - Erika Taylor

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

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PASTA DINNER

There will be a Pasta Dinner to benefit the Pulaski VFD on Sunday, November 3rd at Gatherings Banquet & Event Center (2552 Ben Franklin Highway (Rt. 422) Edinburg, PA 16116) from 12:00pm until 5:00pm. Adult tickets are $10 and Kid tickets are $5.00. Dinner includes: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Desserts & Drinks. Take Outs will be available.

Family Ministries Calendar
October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	**2**	**3** **E.P.I.C. Meeting 11am**	**4**	**5**
6 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 1:30-3:30	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**
13 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 1:30-3:30	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17** **E.P.I.C. Meeting 11am**	**18**	**19**
20 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 1:30-3:30	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**
27 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high 1:30-3:30	**28**	**29** E.P.I.C. Medicare Meeting 11am	**30**	**31**		

Notes:

October 3: After our regular E.P.I.C. meeting and Bible there will be an informational meeting with the represenatives from Challenges in New Castle. Challenges is the name of a company that offers assistance to seniors in Lawrance county. If you or a loved one would like to hear more about what they have to offer please feel free to attend their presentation that will start around 12:30.

October 29: This is our annual medicare meeting which includes both information and assistance in enrolling. To attend this meeting <u>YOU MUST</u> register by signing the paper in the church vestibule. If you cannot make it to the church to register please call the church office to do so.

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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

Office Hours are Tuesday thru Friday

9A.M. – 2P.M.