Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church

I want to use this newsletter to update you on the plight of EPC Missionary Andrew Brunson. Andrew and his wife Norine began ministering in Turkey in 1993. For year after year Andrew and Norine spread the Good News of Christ in thIs predominately Muslim country. The EPC, as a denomination, concentrates its mission work in Muslim countries. We understand that these are often high risk ministries. In October of 2016 Andrew was arrested and sent to a Turkish jail. President Eridogen of Turkey stated that Andrew would be released if Fethalla Gulen, a resident of Pennsylvania, would be arrested and returned to Turkey. Eridogen believes he was part of a failed coup attempt in 2016. It was clear Andrew was a political prisoner. Of course, this will never take place.

Andrew was charged as being a part of a pro-Kurdish group. He firmly denies it and states he has not been active in politics in any way. He is a missionary for Christ.

After a year and a half in prison he went to trial. The first session of the trial in April of 2017 lasted 10 minutes and he was sent back to prison. A year later, in May of 2018 he again went before a judge. No defense was allowed. He was sent back to prison. The trial is scheduled to resume in July of this year. It is stated that his attorney is at great risk for defending him.

Our Stated Clerk, Jeff Jeremiah, has worked tirelessly for the release of Andrew. He is in constant contact with Norine offering pastoral care. He is often in Washington meeting with Congressional and Executive Branch officials calling for U.S. pressure for his release. Senators and the Secretary of State has called for his release. There has been some interest in restricting the sale of weapons to Turkey until he is released. However, the U.S. pressure has been very limited.

His daughters are college students in the United States. His wife, Norine, remains in Turkey to support her husband. Jacqueline has testified in Helsinki and Geneva requesting Human Rights Groups intervene on her father's behalf. Jacqueline will speak at the EPC, General Assembly this month.

On the EPC website there are suggested ways to help Andrew. First, there is a call for prayer. We need to pray for his release. There are also suggestions for contacting elected officials to voice our support for Andrew and the call for more decisive action on the part of the U.S. government. When you have the chance, go to this website, see the pictures of Andrew and his wife. Begin a habit of prayer for this family. Pray for our elected officials to place strong demands for his release with consequences if he is not released.

In Christ,
Doug Runyan

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
May 2018

- Received April Financial Report. As of the end of April our General Fund income has exceeded our expenses by $10,500.00.
- Approved spending for the building fund for the following projects. New Siding over the Courtyard windows. Siding over the entrance way roof (to prevent further bee damage), landscaping around front Bicentennial stone. Purchase of trees for the church yard.
- Discussed possible capital improvements to our building. Discussed adding a handicap access bathroom and the need for a new roof on the Christian Ed. wing of the building (it is at least 25 years old). Administrative Committee is receiving bids for these projects.
- Approved a Special Offering, to be conducted in early June, for the purchase of batteries for Emmaus Seminary in Haiti (Matt and Stacey Ayars).
- Approved a Fall mission collection for the homeless in our area.
- Approved sponsoring a table for the Feast of Fintonia. Six people from our church went to hear about the ministry in Fintonia, Sierra Leon. We as a church support this new EPC church in this previously 100% Muslim town.
- Agreed to pay for Donna, Kim and Mike to attend a two-day Worship Team Conference at Trinity Seminary in Ambridge PA.

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A big *Thank You* to Nancy Bretz , Cindy Bell and Bob & Evelyn Exley for all of the time you put into planting flowers and weeding around the church! It is very much appreciated!



A BIG thank you to the New Bedford Garden Club and others for cleaning up the point to prepare for the annual Memorial Day Service and Parade. It looks beautiful!

***Thank You* to Mike Costarell, John Book and Pastor Doug for all of the hard work you put into planting the 15 new trees around the Church grounds. They look great!**

***Thank You* to the men and women who cleaned the church and the cemetery grounds!**

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July Newsletter ~ The deadline for the next Newsletter for July will be Monday, June 25th. All articles and/or announcements can be left on my desk or sent by email to addietwinstrips@gmail.com or newbedfordchurch@verizon.net . Thanks – Addie

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Please visit our church website at www.newbedfordepchurch.org to view all Redeeming Times Newsletters and also to listen to Audio Sermons

Birthdays in June

6/04 – Carl Black
6/06 – Pearl Reed
6/07 – Lisa Craig
6/07 – Dennis Jones
6/07 – Autumn Marshall
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 – Shirley Sikora
6/26 – Amy Geisinger
6/27 – Tim Smith
6/28 – Ashlynn McAllen
6/29 – John Anderson
6/29 – Dorothy Rishell

Birthdays in July

7/02 – Linda Canami
7/04 – Brandon Harris
7/04 – Ethan Harris
7/05 – Mary Beckman
7/05 – Tim Pogozelec
7/06 – Tracy Duffy
7/07 – Nathan Book
7/08 – Amber Morse
7/09 – Scott Phillips
7/11 – Jane Eppinger
7/12 – Gary Greene
7/17 – Gail Phillips
7/18 – Sharon Book
7/18 – Barb Carr
7/18 – Maverick Whiting
7/19 – Isaac Duffy
7/19 – Jess Halt
7/21 – Alyson Boyer
7/21 – Aryn Boyer
7/26 – Diane Bell
7/26 – Natalie Carr
7/27 – Billyray Moore
7/27 – Jacob Moore
7/27 – Nicholas Moore
7/27 – Samuel Moore
7/27 – Richard Pence
7/27 – Art Spence
7/29 – Sheala McCarthy

Happy Birthday!!!



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
Gladys Barnhart----------Home
Jo Ruby----------Home
Pearl Reed----------Overlook Nursing Home
Carl Black----------Clen-Moore Place (Greer House)
Art Spence----------Home
Jeff Jones----------Home

Congratulations to the 2018 Graduates!!

Alexis Jones



Alexis is the daughter of Sam & Geniene Jones
Graduates from Wilmington Area High School
Activities at WAHS: Chorus, Women's Choir, Chamber Singers, Honors Chorus, District Chorus, Musical, Conservation Clubs, Spanish Club, SAVE Club, & FFA
Future Plans: attend Slippery Rock University, undecided major
Alexis enjoys sleeping, eating, singing, hunting, fishing, & traveling.



Ty Austin Phillips

Ty is the son of Gail & Scott Phillips
Graduates from Wilmington Area High School
Activities at WAHS : FFA
Ty currently works at Czubecs Dairy Farm
Future Plans: join trade union
Ty enjoys restoring antique tractors and farming.

Geniene Jones

Graduates from Chamberlain University with BSN



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There will be an Open House to celebrate the graduation of Alexis Jones from Wilmington Area High School on Saturday, June 9th from 4-7pm here at the church.
All are welcome!



On Sunday, June 10th , all are invited to celebrate the graduation of Ty Phillips from Wilmington Area High School. His party will be at the Huston Residence, 7530 State Route 551, Pulaski, PA; 1:00-5:00pm.

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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS meets at the church every Tuesday 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.



Summer Circle Meetings

Deborah: ***JUNE*** **– meeting Tuesday, June 12th at 9:30am at Ryder's Restaurant.**
JULY & AUGUST **– No meetings**

Lydia: ***JUNE*** **– regular meeting (1 week early) Tuesday, June 12th at 1:00pm in the Church Parlor.**
JULY **– Lunch?**
AUGUST **– No meeting**

Rebecca: ***JUNE*** **– regular meeting on Saturday, June 16th at 9:00am at Bedford Trails Restaurant.**
JULY **– No meeting**
AUGUST **– regular meeting on Saturday, August 18th at 9:00am at Bedford Trails Restaurant.**

Ruth: ***JUNE*** **– regular meeting on Monday, June 18th at 9:30am at Church.**
JULY **– Pool picnic?**
AUGUST **– ??**

Elizabeth: ***JUNE*** **– regular meeting on Thursday, June 21st at 6:30pm**
JULY **– regular meeting on Thursday, July 19th at 6:30pm**
AUGUST **– regular meeting on Thursday, August 16th at 6:30pm**

LOOKING AHEAD……

- **Women's Association meeting on Saturday, September 8th at 9:00am**
- **BAZAAR is Saturday, November 3rd…..please be working on projects/crafts to be sold at the BAZAAR!**
- **Thank Offering Sunday is Sunday, November 18th**

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Attention all musicians……

We are in need of Special Music performers for the Traditional Worship service during the summer months! Whether you sing or play an instrument…..you are needed! Anyone who may be interested in performing, please contact Amy Geisinger to schedule!

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn – shout for joy before the LORD the King."
Psalm 98:4-6



On Sunday, May 20th we welcomed 13 New Members to NBEPC! The New Members are; Glenn Hepler, Elaine Hepler, Nichol Fenati, Grace Fenati, Lillian Wood, James Maloney, Debbie Ammeen, Dorothy Shillingburg, Linda Harris, Richard & Julie Harris and John & Sharon Book.

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Beginning the week of June 11th, the Church Office will be operating on Summer Office Hours through the end of August. The Church Office will be open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. on those days.



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<u>WEEKLY BULLETIN</u> – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted no later than 7:00A.M. on Thursday mornings to be printed in that Sundays bulletin (unless otherwise stated in that weeks bulletin).

<u>MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS</u> – 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.**

****The next newsletter to be published will be for July. Due date is June 25TH .**

****If you have any questions or concerns please call the church office. Thank You 😊**

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FIND YOUR FIRE

Never let the fire go out … When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes. – Romans 12:11-13

This is the theme for MOPS International 2018-19. This was new to our church last fall. Erika Taylor graciously led this group from last September through this past May. Much thanks to the many volunteers from our congregation that helped with snacks and child care so this could take place! Erika is gearing up for the next session of MOPS to begin….more details will be coming this summer! For more information about this organization please visit www.mops.org .



Yay! School is out, or just about out, and summer is here! afO's last Sunday night meeting was May 20th, and they will resume Sunday night bible studies in the fall on Sunday, September 9th. This month, the youth are sliding into summer with a giant slip n slide at Gary & Glenda Fulkman's on June 15th! Meet at 4021 Old Pulaski Rd., New Wilmington, PA from 3-5pm. There will be pizza and chips for dinner, and we will be tie dying t-shirts for Kennywood, too! (The shirts are a gift for the kids; no one needs to pay or go and buy a shirt for the kick-off). Also, at the start of this month is a parent meeting on Sunday, June 10th after the second worship service in the parlor. We will be discussing the summer events list and some changes to it. I'll keep this meeting brief, but please attend!

Next month will be busy, busy, busy, between Kennywood, a car wash, and Alive! Just a heads up, there will be an Alive meeting at the beginning of the month on Sunday, July 8th after the second worship service (around noon), in the parlor. PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING IF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ARE GOING TO ALIVE!

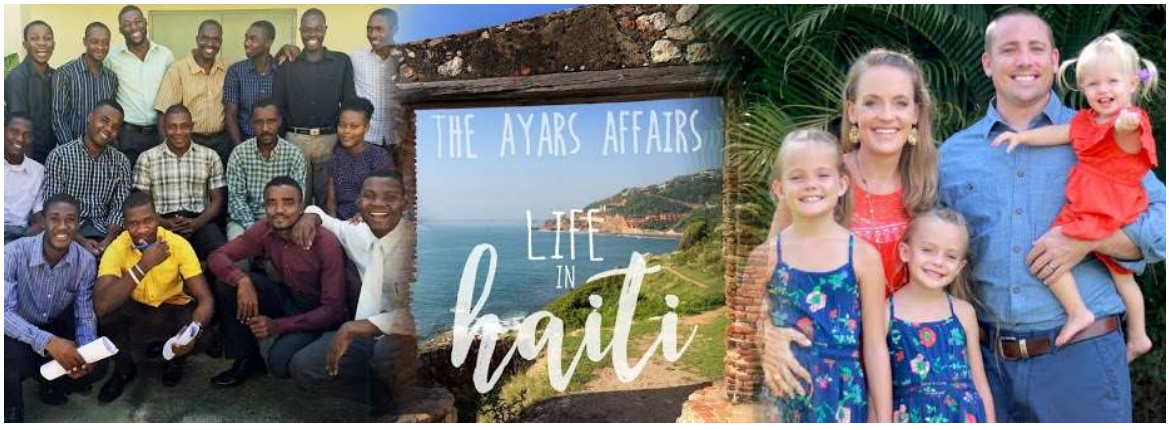
Look for Youth updates on Facebook & Instagram
***New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Youth Group* – Facebook**
***Epic_youthdirector* – Instagram**

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On Sunday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 10th there will be 'Special' Offering Envelopes in your bulletins. We are taking up a special collection for the Emmaus Biblical Seminary in Haiti (Matt & Stacey Ayars), for the purchase of a solar battery.

Speaking of the Ayars…..The Ayars family will be at New Bedford EPC the evening of Thursday, June 21st for a picnic! More details coming soon!





Celebrate Summer with Water Wars

June 16th 11:30 AM

$2.00 per person

Kids and Dads come join us for a picnic lunch and a bunch of water games. Bring a towel, squirt guns, & be ready to get wet!

If you have any questions contact Dawn & RSVP by June 14th by calling/texting Dawn 330-881-8110

If Dad can't come, invite any important man in your life!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 15-19, 2018

5:15-5:45 Dinner

5:45-8:00 VBS

All children entering K - Grade 6 are invited to attend!

REGISTER TODAY!!!!



VBS Wednesday Work Day

Wednesdays, June 6th from 10:00am-12:00pm will be VBS work days. All skills are needed, from cutting to coloring to creating. Come together with a friend and enjoy time together while we prepare for the VBS ministry.

***ATTENTION*: Adults & Jr./Sr. High.....**

Be in prayer for how you can serve kids in the VBS ministry.
Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Crew Leaders	Skit Actors	Prayer Partners
Bible Lesson Center	Craft Center	
Decorating (week before VBS)	Experiment Center	

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July 15-19, 2018
5:15-5:45 Dinner 5:45-8:00 VBS

All children Kindergarten - Grade 6 are invited to attend!

VACATINO BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name_____Grade Completed:_____ Age:_____
Allergies: Y / N List:_____
Medical Conditions: Y / N List:_____

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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 resgistering.
_____Sunday _____Monday _____Tuesday _____Wednesday _____Thursday

Parent's Name _____
Address_____
Phone Number _____ Email Address_____
Name of Home Church, if any_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO While Child Is At VBS:
Name_____ Phone Number_____
Name_____ Phone Number_____

Parents/Guardians…..are you able to help with VBS in some way if necessary? Yes( ) No( )
If you answered yes, we will contact you if we need your help. Thank you!

Complete form and mail to church or drop it off at the church office.

Register by July 8th to get a special prize!!

For more info contact Dawn Harris at 330-881-8110 or dawnhnbpc@aol.com

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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

****SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: 8:00AM – 2:00PM****

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY