**Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,**

**I am writing this newsletter just a couple of days after Easter. I am thankful for two things.... first, to be honest, I am thankful that the business of Holy Week is over. As you might guess, it is a very busy week for the church and for me. But second, I am thankful for the business that took place last week. It was a great week!**

**The Special Services began on Thursday. A large number of people joined us to see and hear the "Disciples" sharing their stories. The evening ended with a wonderful time of shared communion. For me, it was the perfect start of a busy weekend. It was a time just to be with the Lord and hear as each man, in the role of Disciples, shared a lesson on obedience. It was also a time of renewal and surrender in communion. Thank you to all the men who gave their time and talent in their roles and to Debi and Lori for directing the play and for Shirley Janoski for writing the scripts.**

**On Friday, again a good number of people joined us for our Tenebrae (service of darkness). It is always meaningful for me to remember the cross of Jesus. As the scriptures are read, as the candles are extinguished, as the darkness grows, it is a time to remember the sacrifice of our Lord. At the end, when the only light in the sanctuary is the light of the one candle representing Jesus as the light of the world, I was moved by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Thank you to Donna and the quartet of men who sang, "Were you there When they Crucified my Lord." It moved us into God's presence.**

**Saturday morning was our Easter Egg Hunt. We had about 65 children participate in the hunt. We also had about 40 teens helping in the Puppet show and "hiding" eggs, helping with crafts, and leading the different age groups. We also had many, many parents and grandparents. And of course we had 20 or so adults from our church working in the various areas. The church was full of people from the community. Every child and parent heard the message of Christ in the puppet show and in the craft room. I personally had many, many of the parents thank me for the event..... I also had a number of parents, who are not active in our church, say that they "would see me tomorrow." I did indeed see a number of these families at church on Easter Sunday." One person was overheard saying, "This was a perfect event.... the right size the right time at each activity, and a good message." Again thank you to everyone who volunteered for this (too many people to name). What a privilege it is to share the love of Christ with our neighbors and friends. Thank you for bathing this event in prayer.**

**Of course, Sunday morning services were great. The young people did a great job of leading our early service. The kids who read scripture and prayed did a great job. The drama was meaningful. Alexis Jones did a great job sharing her love of Christ in her testimony. The Worship Team, with the additional youth singers, brought us into the presence of Christ. The second service was also a wonderful time to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Again we had the opportunity to hear of the power of the living present Lord in our lives. The music, both Donna on the piano and organ and the two anthems the choir sang lifted us up and inspired us.**

**It is such a joy to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. And here is the special joy that we have... we celebrate this truth every Sunday in worship. Praise the Lord.**

**In Christ,**
**Doug**

# Session Highlights from March 22nd

**1, Received and approved all financial reports**
**2. Received the reports of the Auditors. All financial reports were approved and all treasurers were commended for their excellent job.**
**3. Approved bid of Adams Grass Cutting to cut grass this summer**
**4. Thanked all the workers who volunteered on our Work Day and other days of service.**
**5. Began contacting individuals abut tree planting in our yard.**
**6. Received reports from the Youth Group, the Children's ministries, MOPS, Woman's Ministries**
**7. Received a report on the interest in the Adult New Members class starting April 15th.**
**8. Approved purchase of an I Pad tablet for use at the piano and organ with a foot pedal.**
**9. Approved Bob Bell and Gary Greene as Delegates to the EPC General Assembly this June in Memphis. Any sightings of Elvis will be reported to the congregation by Bob Bell.**
**10. A password has been added to the WiFi to prevent misuse of the signal.**

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## NEW BEDFORD EPC

## VAN

### GUIDELINES FOR USE

Following is a list of rules and guidelines regarding the use of the church van.

1) Anyone requesting to use the van must schedule it in advance. Scheduling will be done through the church secretary.
2) Youth/Children activities will have priority scheduling.
3) The van will be used solely for transportation to and from official church functions.
4) Any operator must:
    a. be a member or regular attender of New Bedford EPC.
    b. be at least 24 years old.
    c. have a valid driver's license.
5) Any usage must be annotated in the log book. Information required includes function, driver, and mileage driven.
6) The operator must ensure that the gas tank is full upon returning the van to the church or have made prior arrangements with Pastor. Gas can be purchased with the church credit card (preferred method) or with personal funds, which will be reimbursed upon submittal of a requisition to the treasurer.
7) The interior of the van must be cleaned after use (spills cleaned up, trash removed, etc.)

## Birthdays in April

4/02 – Jane Clingan
4/02 – Ashley Cooper
4/04 – Evan Lambert
4/04 – Marcie Lambert
4/04 – Barbara Pence
4/05 – Peggy Hilliard
4/06 – Bill Harshbarger
4/07 – Andy Hostetler
4/08 – Jodi Allison
4/08 – Jamie McCarthy
4/09 – David Magee
4/13 – Leo Krisuk
4/19 – David Carr
4/19 – Ty Phillips
4/22 – Collin Duffy
4/22 – Donna Fox
4/23 – Bonnie Glogowski
4/26 – Patty Wade
4/27 – Edward F. Rudzik
4/28 – Madeline Whiting
4/29 – Sabrina DeVite

## Birthdays in May

5/02 – Debi Fynes
5/05 – Grant Dieter
5/05 – Zoey Janoski
5/06 – Jason Clark
5/08 – Ed Miller
5/08 – Maelee Whiting
5/09 – Kim Runyan
5/12 – Doris Spence
5/14 – Duane Boyles
5/15 – Ryan Withers
5/19 – Isabella DeVite
5/19 – Ashley Shaffer
5/22 – Brandi Buxton
5/24 – Nancy Templeton
5/25 – Shirley Tremba
5/26 – Linda Punneo
5/27 – Roy Komar
5/29 – Ron Tremba




## APRIL GREETERS

**APRIL 1 – Jason Clark**

**APRIL 8 – Shawn & Beth Kendall**

**APRIL 15 – GayAnn Miller & Linda Canami**

**APRIL 22 – Lexi & Kyle Jones**

**APRIL 29 – Ted & Jean Chrobak**

**HEAD USHER – Lee Harris**

***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)**
**Art Spence----------Home**




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**Beginning Sunday, April 15th during the Sunday School hour, we will begin an Adult New Members Class for anyone interested in becoming a member of New Bedford E.P.C. Please see Pastor Doug with any questions or to let him know that you will be attending the class.**

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***The May Redeeming Times Newsletter Deadline is Monday, April 23rd. All Articles and or announcements can be left on my desk or sent to addietwinstrips@gmail.com or newbedfordchurch@verizon.net . Thank You – Addie***

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Thank you for all of the loving thoughts, cards, and most of all your prayers during the passing of our loved one!

**Robert Miller Family ❤**

**THANK YOU to everyone that helped with this years Community Easter Egg Hunt!! Whether you donated candy or helped with the activities, we could not have done this event without your help!!**

**-Evangelism Committee**

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As a church we believe in the value of summer camp for our children and youth. Many, many young people take significant steps of faith at Summer Camp. We encourage registering for Miracle Mountain Ranch or Seneca Hills Bible Camp. There are brochures for both camps on the table in the entryway or you can sign up online. To encourage children and youth to sign up for camp the church offers a ½ scholarship for camp. Sign up now to go to camp! Please call the office if you have any questions.

# ***WOMENS NEWS***




**Women's Retreat Reminder for all the ladies that are registered – It's almost time! April 20-21 at Castle-Life Ministries in Franklin, PA.**

**Women's Association Meeting – Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 12 at 9:00A.M. All women are invited and encouraged to come to these meetings!**




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MOPS
this is motherhood

**Below is a list and description of the final two months of MOPS meetings until we start back up this fall!**

**Please contact Erika Taylor for more information or for any questions or concerns at emtaylor1978@aol.com**

***April 17*** ***Service Project*** **– Tie Blankets for the Crisis Shelter**

***May 8*** ***3 A. M. Friends***

**Having a friend you can call at 3A.M. is one of the things that helps us face and navigate the hard times in life. Discuss how you can find and be an inviting friend.**

***May 22*** ***Becoming the Beloved Tea Party***

**Awana has concluded for the 2017-18 year. It was a blessing to be able to serve the children of NBEPC and the community. It would not be possible without the faithful servants who serve the Awana ministry. Thank you is so little to say for how much you do! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

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| **Erika Taylor** | **Brenda Hostetler** | **Tim Pogozelec** | **Jane Reimers** |
| **Julie Fulkman** | **Beth Kendall** | **Debbie Pogozelec** | **Helen Bicehouse** |
| **Gay Ann Miller** | **Terri Emery** | **Mary Beckman** | **Jessica Halt** |
| **Erin O'Brien** | **Darlene Robison** | **Lee Harris** | **Randy Pope** |
| **Diana Halt** | **Susan Bertolino** | **Shirley Janoski** | **Lori Jones** |
| **Jeff Jones** | **Jane Eppinger** | **Sheila Eppinger** | **Julie Harris** |
| **Kaity Reimers** | **Gunner Morris** | **Jean Fornataro** | **Marty Marshall** |

**Awana made a difference for the CITY RESCUE MISSION**

Our goal was to collect 300 pounds of food for the City Rescue Mission! The final collection weight was 202 pounds of food. Although we didn't reach our goal, we still helped provide this ministry with food for families in need. *Thank you for your generosity.*

# 4th Annual AWARDS NIGHT

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

5:15 P.M.

EVERYONE is invited to join us in recognizing this year's Awana Clubbers. We are excited about their accomplishments and this will be a special ending to our year. A dinner will be served after the Awards Ceremony. If you are able, please to bring a side dish or salad to share. *Please sign up in the Vestibule so we can plan accordingly.* Thank you.

**LOOKING AHEAD-SAVE THE DATES**……VBS will be July 15-19, 2018!

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




**Christ the Lord has risen! Hallelujah! The Easter Sunrise Service went very well, thanks to our youth. A special thanks to those who participated in the drama: Lex Jones, Madison Liddell, Sam and Nick Moore, Grace and Vinnie Fenati, Grant Dieter, Hannah O'Brien, and Kaity Reimers; it looked great! This month the youth will test their bible knowledge at the Mocha House on April 19th from 5-7pm for Trivia Night! Come on out with your team of 4 for coffee, Jesus, and trivia. Let Jocilyn know your team name and all its members by April 15th. Don't forget to bring money so that you can enjoy the delicious treats at the Mocha House! As many of you know, Alive fundraising has begun. Last month the youth served at the Lenten Suppers to raise money towards their Alive ticket. At the end of this month or the first week of next month, the youth will be holding a paint and sip in the church's fellowship hall! They will be refilling your tea or water or coffee so you can "sip" while you paint! More details will be announced in church over the next few weeks about this fundraiser.**

**The young adults have game night on Monday, April 16th at Jocilyn's house. There will be pizza, buffalo chicken dip, chips, and brownies. Feel free to bring a game the group can play! Meet at 6PM.**

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

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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**