Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

Every week we print our Purpose Statement in our Bulletin. Have you read it recently? It states: **"The purpose of New Bedford Presbyterian Church is to celebrate and worship Jesus Christ as our Lord. We will share the love and hope of God in our community and the world. As a joyful family we seek to be more like Christ in our thoughts feeling and actions."**

Also every week we enter our sanctuary we see the on the banners the command of the "Great commission." We are to "Go and make disciples" Here are the questions I pose: Are we fulfilling our purpose as a church? Are we obedient to the command of Christ?

I believe the primary ingredient in church growth is vision. Proverbs 29: 19 states, **"Where there is not vision the people perish."** Do we have a vision for growth or are we content to allow people to peacefully perish... for eternity?

I read a book entitle To Dream Again by Robert Dale. He states this in his book...

A healthy church lives out of a healthy dream. For example, the size of the dream is crucial. What we expect from life is usually what we get. In "Winnie-the Pooh," Pooh and Piglet take an evening walk. For a long time they walk in companionable silence. Finally, Piglet breaks the silence and asks,
"When you wake up in the morning, Pooh, what is the first thing you say to yourself?"
"What's for breakfast?" answers Pooh. "And what do you say to yourself, Piglet?"
"I say, I wonder what exciting thing is going to happen today?"

Small expectation yield meager results. Unhealthy visions produce sick congregations. A church can choose a "breakfast dream" or an "excitement dream." What is your churches dream?

In order for our church to fulfil our purpose... in order for our church to be obedient to the command of our Lord to "make disciples," each and every one of us must have an "excitement dream." Our goal must never be the status quo as a church. I have said this in the past and repeat again. New Bedford Church is in a unique situation. We are the only church with a ful time staff, located in the Wilmington School District, for a ten mile distance. You have to go to New Wilmington for the next church. Thin how different that is from almost every other community in the nation. How many church is New Castle? In New Wilmington? Even in rural areas. We are the community food bank. We are the community Salvation Army post. We are the community children and youth ministry. This is a great opportunity and a great responsibility. We are the light of Christ in our area. Is our light shining forth brightly? DE we have the vision and the obedience to share the love of Christ with our lost neighbors? Again I ask: Are we comfortably allowing our neighbors to "perish" because we, as individuals, have little to no vision?

Remember our purpose. Remember our Lord's Great Commission. Let us have an "exciting dream" and see the hand of the Lord at work in our midst.

Faithfully Yours,
Doug

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Elected Judy Riethmiller as Clerk of Session**
- **Elected Sam Jones and Bob Shafer to the Personnel Committee**
- **Elected Diane Bell and Collin Fulkman to the Nominating Committee**
- **Organized all committees**
- **Reviewed both year end and December Financial Reports**
- **Heat blankets above kitchen have been installed to prevent ice jams and leaking**
- **Approved Communion dates for 2020**
- **Reviewed responsibilities of Head Usher**
- **Received reports on Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry and Grief Support Group**

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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
Jo Ruby----------Avalon Nursing Home
Pearl Reed----------Overlook Nursing Home
Lavon Rogers----------John XXIII Nursing Home
Larry Pence----------Shenango Home
Dot Shillingburg----------Beeghly Oaks Rehab.

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Man Camp 2020

Friday 2/21 – Sunday 2/23
A gathering of men who come together to worship, fellowship, build relationships, reflect, relax, refresh and reset. Activities include paintball, shooting sports, great chapel sessions and delicious food! (must bring own firearms and ammunition)
Registration on campus $130
Registration for commuter $90
(registration costs go up after 2/7 to $155 & $115)
Registration deadline is 2/10

Birthdays in February

2/02 – Paul Cummings
2/02 – Aleah Deal
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 – Marty Marshall
2/07 – Martha Miller
2/07 – Nancy Rudzik
2/08 – Len Halt
2/08 – Laura Harshbarger
2/09 – Barbara Sander
2/15 – Bowen Fulkman
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
3/12 – Mira Fulkman
3/13 – Doug Houk
3/15 – Larry Bluedorn
3/16 – Dakota Boyer
3/17 – Jake 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 Buntman
3/26 – Jamie Phillips
3/27 – Robert Bretz
3/27 – Ryan Morse
3/29 – Judy Stuhlmann
3/30 – Helen Bicehouse



February Greeters

2/2 – Gay Ann Miller

2/9 – Hank & Bonnie Glogowski

2/16 – Sheila & Olivia Eppinger

2/23 – Larry & Sue Bluedorn

Head Usher – Judy Riethmiller

The youth of the church are going to collect plastic bottle caps and lids to have a bench built for the playground area by the parking lot. There will be a container in the narthex the last Sunday of each month for you to place your caps and lids. Please make sure they are clean. Below is a list of ACCEPTABLE plastic caps and lids.

ACCEPTABLE CAPS & LIDS – Recycle #2, 4 or 5

Medicine bottle caps (info packet removed)	**Drink bottle caps (soda, water, juice, sport drinks)**	**Shampoo & conditioner caps**
Milk jug caps	**Flip-top caps (ketchup)**	**Spout caps (mustard)**
Detergent caps	**Hair spray caps**	**Spray paint caps**
Toothpaste caps	**Ointment caps**	**Deodorant caps**
Baby food caps	**Apple sauce pouch caps**	**Coffee can lids**
Cool whip cont. lids	**Cottage cheese cont. lids**	**Mayonnaise jar lids**
Yogurt lids	**Cream cheese cont. lids**	**Peanut butter jar lids**
Butter cont. lids	**Ice cream bucket lids (under 8")**	**Pringle cont. lids**

these items listed above are the ONLY ACCEPTABLE Lids & Caps – please DO NOT donate any other items

Reminder: *Collection* is the last Sunday of every month

On the first Saturday of every month, the Youth will meet at 10:00A.M. to sort and weigh the caps and lids

Youth Group FUNdraiser

Saturday, FEBRUARY 8th @ 5:30

Super SOUPer Supper & Family FUN Night

Soup Supper will be served 5:30-6:30

Soups: Wedding – Stuffed Pepper – Vegetable – Tomato

$2.00 a bowl of soup with bread & crackers or $7.00 quart 'To Go'

Dessert is Bake Sale Style – prices vary

All proceeds will support the Youth Group Mission Trip

Talent & Skits will begin after dinner

Share a talent or grab some friends and put on a skit!

Come to enjoy good soup & a good time with the NBEPC family!!



The Ladies Sewing Group just began meeting at the end of January. They will meet every Wednesday from 9AM until Noon. They would love to have you join them for sewing, pinning, cutting and fellowship! Please talk to Shirley Snyder or Helen Bicehouse for more information.

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CLOTHING NEEDED: Women's and children gently used clothing is being collected. There is a need for all sizes (please no infant or toddler sizes) and for all seasons. Also, men's and women's coats/jackets and boots. All clothing collected will be donated to Wilmington Area School District's 'Our Shop' and to the Women's Shelter. There will be boxes for clothing donations in the entryway. Thank You!

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Van drivers and helpers needed! Sign up sheet located in the narthex. Please consider helping with this need in our church. We have members who no longer drive or they have no transportation to Sunday morning worship. This is a mission that we locally as a congregation can do. Please prayerfully consider helping with this mission.

Thank you – The Deacons

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I would like to thank my church for all the prayers, gifts, cards, calls and text during my recent medical issues. It is wonderful to be surrounded by such a loving, praying church family! -Lori Smith



I would like to thank my church family for all of the food, cards, visits, phone calls and mostly the prayers during my recent health issues. Please keep the prayers coming!

-Sandy Courson

Dear Friends at New Bedford Church,

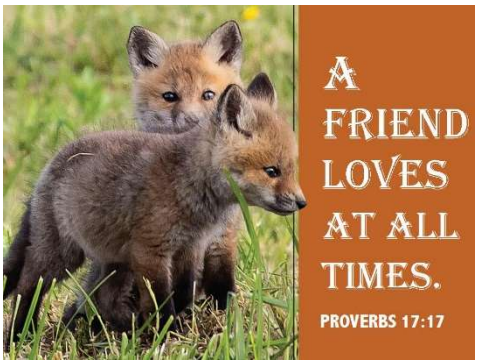
Thank you so much for the wonderful, beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts for our needy families at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

-Wilmington Area Elementary Staff

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Wednesday, February 26, 2020
At 7:00P.M.



FEBRUARY WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETINGS

Deborah – Tuesday 2/11 at 9:30A.M. at Bedford Trails Rest.
Rebecca – Saturday 2/15 at 9:00A.M. at Bedford Trails Rest.
Ruth – Monday 2/17 at 9:30A.M. at the church
Lydia – Tuesday 2/18 at 1:00P.M. at the church
Elizabeth – Thursday 2/20 at 6:30P.M. at the church

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2020

WA MEETING – Saturday 3/14 at 9:00A.M.
WOMEN'S RETREAT – Friday & Saturday 4/17-4/18
WA MEETING – Saturday 5/9 at 1:00P.M.
WA MEETING – Saturday 9/12 at 9:00A.M.
LADIES LOVE & LAUGHTER BREAKFAST – Date TBD
BAZAAR – Saturday 11/7
WA MEETING – Saturday 11/14 at 1:00P.M.
THANKOFFERING SERVICE – Sunday 11/22
WA CHRISTMAS DINNER – Date TBD

IMPORTANT BAZAAR NEWS – The Women's Association has voted to discontinue the Trash & Treasure Room at the BAZAAR. Therefore, the church WILL NOT be accepting any 'garage sale' item donations this year.

****Please see Women's Retreat information & registration below****

Our Mission:
We will be collecting donations for a mission that serves as a safe passage for human trafficking victims. (Checks should be written to NBEPC Women's Association.)

What to Bring:

Sheets &
Pillowcase
Towels
Toiletries
Bible
Bag to carry your Bible and journal.

A Royal Encounter

Join us the weekend of Fri., April 17 (6:30 PM) - Sat., Apr. 18 4:00 PM for our women's retreat where we will take a journey to discover the personal qualities of a Godly woman.

Life Ministries
– The Castle
870 River
Ridge Road
Franklin, PA

Registration:
Registration forms will be taken on Sunday,

Mar. 15
Mar. 22
Mar. 29

between first and second services. Payment is due at registration. Checks should be written to NBEPC Women's Association.

Meals:

You are invited to the King's Banquet on Friday night. All food, which includes dinner and snacks, will be provided by the Ruth Circle. The castle will serve breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

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Additional nights of lodging are available on Thurs., Apr. 16 + Sat., April 18 at the rate of $11.00 per night.

Please bring a photo to share of a place that you have visited that left you humbled and in awe.

(Photographs will be returned.)

Registration: * **The final day to register for the retreat is Sunday, March 29.** (Late registrations will only be accepted if there has been a cancelation.)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____

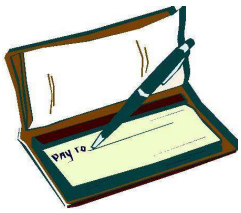
Roommate Requests: Please confirm with roommates before completing this section.

1. _____ 5. _____
2. _____ 6. _____
3. _____ 7. _____
4. _____ 8. _____

★ **Payments are non-refundable.**

Checks are to be written to: ★

N.B.E.P.C. Women's Association



Suggestion:

Do not complete check amount until room choice is confirmed.

Lodging Choices:

No. in a Room	Room Options	Retreat Fee
1	Double Bed	$85.00
2	Double Bed Bunk Bed Queen Bed Queen Bed (First Floor)	$65.00
3	Double & Bunk Bed Queen & Single Bed Queen & Bunk Bed	$60.00
4 or more	Queen & Bunk Bed Basement Dorm Second Floor Dorm	$55.00

Payment:

Retreat Fee (Includes meals & Lodging) _____

Optional Thursday Evening Lodging ($12.00 a person) _____

Optional Saturday Evening Lodging ($12.00 a person) _____

Optional Scholarship Fund Donation _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:

New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Awana Clubs-----Wednesdays
Age 2 - Grades 6 5:00-7:00

AWANA Schedule for February

February 5 – Regular Club Night

February 12 - Love, Love, Love the Lord Night & Pizza Night (see below for details)

Clubbers will get a guess at the Heart Jar for every section completed. Closest guess without going over wins.

February 19 – Double Double Points Night

February 26 – Regular Club Night DISMISSAL AT 6:50 PM!

Please be prompt in picking up your child at 6:50 so leaders can attend the Ash Wednesday Service. Thank you

Awana has 55 kids registered from ages 2 to grade 6. There is a need for helpers. If you feel called to serve in the Awana ministry contact Dawn Harris.



Wednesday, February 12th

Awana has been gifted a Pizza Dinner by someone who loves Awana and wants to give you a special treat!!

Pizza will be served from 4:45-5:10 on Wednesday February12th…… Awana will begin PROMPTLY at 5:15 so be sure to come early enough to have some pizza!

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(each month I will share an interesting tibit of info that I come across in the 'KidMin world')

Children are more likely to embrace Christ.
In a 2015 survey, the National Association of Evangelicals found that 63% of Christians accepted Jesus Christ between the ages of 4 and 14.

PRAYER NEED*.....pray for the children that come to Awana, Sunday School, Youth Group, and Lee & I meet while volunteering at Our S.H.O.P. Pray that we recognize the opportunities we have to share the Gospel with the kids and that they are receptive to embrace Christ.*

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11

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

	February 2020					
Sun	**Mon**	**Tue**	**Wed**	**Thu**	**Fri**	**Sat**
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2 Jr high 3-4pm Sr high 4-5:30 Youth Super Bowl party 5:30-end of game	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6** E.P.I.C. Meeting 11am	**7**	**8** Youth soup sale fundraiser and family fun night. 5:30pm
9 Jr high 12:30-2 **Sr high 1:30-3:30**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**
16 Jr high 12:30-2 **Sr high 1:30-3:30**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20** E.P.I.C. Meeting 11am	**21**	**22**
23 Jr high 12:30-2 **Sr high 1:30-3:30**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28** Youth Winter retreat More information below	**29** Youth Winter retreat



Youth Winter Retreat Information:



Where: Crestfield Camp and Conference Center

When: February 28-March 1

What Time: The van will leave the church at 5pm Friday and return by 2pm Sunday

Cost: First child $60, second child $30, third child 15.

ALL money is due Sunday February 23



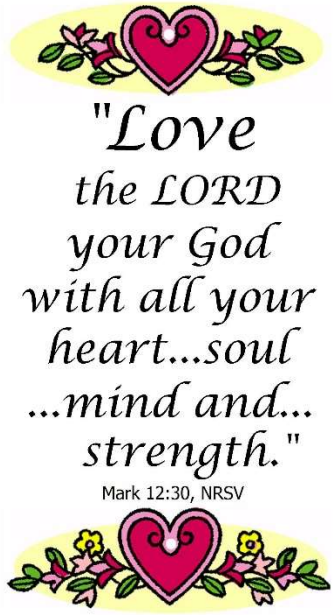
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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service