Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,



I want to introduce our new Choir Director. Upon recommendation from the Search Committee the Session, on August 4th, voted to offer the position to Ashley Graziani.

I want to begin by thanking the Search Committee. The Session appointed men and women from the Personnel Committee and the Worship Committee to this Committee. They created the job listings, advertised the position, received the resumes, conducted the interviews and made the recommendation. Again, thank you.

Ashley has been at our church and, sharing the gift of her wonderful voice, provided special music in the Summer. She was known by members of the congregation and, upon Debi's resignation, was informed of the opening. She immediately shared her desire to apply for the position and in early June submitted her resume. In her cover letter she states, "Serving the church through music has long been a passion of mine. In the past I had the great pleasure of directing the choir at Summit Presbyterian Church. Working at Summit Church was a time of my life that was so very dear to me.... I believe the choir members found the fellowship of weekly rehearsals as uplifting as praising together on Sunday mornings. I enjoyed choosing many different types of repertoire that highlighted the different qualities of each voice type.... I am very knowledgeable and comfortable working with choirs in music ministry. I would be honored to have an opportunity to return to church music and be part of providing music that is reflective of God's love weekly."

Ashley's resume also includes her experience. She graduated from Slippery Rock University with a BS in Music Education and from Duquesne University with a Masters in Music Education. She served as the Choir Director of Summit Church (and EPC Church in Butler) for eight years. Ashley was the Chorus Director and the Band Director at Mohawk Area High/ Elementary School for twelve years. She resigned that position to spend more time with her young family. Ashley continues as an Adjunct Assistant Choir Director as Westminister College. Ashley has been singing with Portersville Presbyterian Church (EPC) choir for the past couple of years. She has also served as a Praise Team leader in a church in Zelienople.

In her interview she shared her great love for people, her great love of music and her great love for the Lord. Her enthusiasm and her desire to lead our choir was very obvious to the entire Search Committee. She shared her desire to lead the church in the music ministry and also to have a time of joy and fellowship at choir rehearsals.

Ashley and her husband have three children, two girls and a boy.... a three year old girl a two year old boy and a new born girl. Ashley tells me that she loves to scrapbook, to make bows for little girls and is busy chasing toddlers.

Ashley has scheduled the first choir practice of the new school year at 6:30 on the 11th of September. The choir will begin singing on the 22nd of September when we will welcome Ashley and her family into our midst.

In Christ,

Doug

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Discovery Class/ Adult New Members Class

Beginning on September 22nd a Discovery Class/ Adult New Members Class will begin taught by Pastor Doug. We will meet for four weeks during the Sunday School Hour (approx. 9:30) in the Pastors Study.

This class is for any adult or young adult who desires to discover (or rediscover) more about our Christian faith, more about the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and more about New Bedford Presbyterian Church. It is open to everyone and it will also serve as an Adult New Members Class but the desire for membership is not required to attend the class. Please contact the church office to let us know if you will be attending so we can prepare the class material.

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On Sunday, September 15th, there will be Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) at both services, 8:30A.M. & 10:40A.M. Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship at a pot luck brunch beginning at 9:30A.M. (following early service). Drinks and place settings will be provided by the Worship Committee. If you are able, please bring a ready to serve dish to share. We hope to see you there!!

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Thank you for your continued love and support! I'm officially a Pioneer at Point Park University and already moved into my dorm. My college address is: Olivia Eppinger
LH 8086
Point Park University
201 Wood Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1984

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Correction to Church Directory: John & Sharon Book
P. O. Box 313
New Bedford, PA 16140

Birthdays in August

8/03 – Eli Fulkman
8/04 – Pete Carlisle
8/05 – Ted Chrobak
8/05 – Dave Hunt
8/05 – Mary Stoughton
8/07 – Erma Gorley
8/08 – Emma Duffy
8/08 – Paden McCarthy
8/10 – Gisela Dieter
8/13 – Tammy Anderson
8/13 – Terri Emery
8/13 – Melvin Kauffman
8/14 – Ciarra McAllen
8/15 – Robert Bretz Sr.
8/15 – Ursula Pence
8/16 – Sandy Courson
8/16 – Shirley Goist
8/16 – Mary Hartzell
8/16 – Dot Shillingburg
8/19 – Renee Persky
8/21 – Meadow Whiting
8/22 – Dot Jones
8/25 – Mitchell Whiting
8/26 – Kelly Fox
8/27 – Jacob Smith
8/29 – Emily Pence
8/31 – Julie Harris
8/31 – Jim Matthews

Birthdays in September

9/03 – Juanita Cornman
9/03 – Bobby Liddell
9/04 – Aaron Ealy
9/04 – Autumn Ealy
9/10 – Nancy Cummings
9/13 – Rosalie Black
9/13 – Brad Marshall
9/14 – Doug Runyan
9/15 – James Buxton
9/15 – Ted Hilliard
9/16 – Larry Pence
9/17 – Carol Madden
9/18 – Erin Teachy
9/22 – Madison Liddell
9/23 – Ethan Pence
9/28 – Lori Jones
9/29 – Wes Jones
9/29 – Helen Ruby





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

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Collin & Mollie Fulkman on the birth of their new little girl, Rori Kay! Rori was born on June 25th, weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. and is 21.5 inches long! Mira and Clay so excited to have a new baby sister, as well as the Fulkman and McMillan families! Congratulations to all of you!



Congratulations to Austin & Julie Whiting on the birth of their sweet baby girl, Macie Dale! Macie was born August 20th, she weighs 7lbs. 1oz. and is 19 ¾ long! Macie is lucky to have 4 big brothers and 3 big sisters! Congratulations to the whole Whiting family!!

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We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Jackie Hall Buntman and her family on the sudden loss of her husband, Larry. Larry passed away on June 22nd , Larry was 60 years old. Larry will be missed by all who knew him.

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of Jane Clingan. Jane passed away on July 26th, Jane was 97 years old.

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to Ted & Jean Chrobak on the sudden loss of their son, Todd. Todd passed away on July 29th, Todd was 50 years old.

"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**

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THANK YOU'S

I would like to thank my church family for all of the calls, visits, food, love and most of all your prayers during this difficult time. I am truly grateful for all of you!

With much love & gratitude ~ Jackie Hall Buntman

Dear Church Members ~ I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, texts, cards, and support we received when my father passed away. It was greatly appreciated!

-Bobbi & Gary Anderson

I want everyone in the church congregation to know how much I've appreciated your many kindnesses to me over the past months I've spent in the nursing home since I broke my hip. I wish I could thank everyone in person for the many cards and visits, including the minister for his visits and for bringing me Communion, as well as the Deacons, Trustees, my choir family and bell ringers. Thank you so much! -Lavon Rogers

THANK YOU'S CONTINUED

Dear Church Family,

Your kind expressions of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, the beautiful cards and most of all your prayers for our little family.

-Ted and Jean Chrobak

To the Adult Chancel Choir & Handbell Choir,

Thank you to all of you for your notes and for your generous gifts. Thank you for the kind words and special decorations at our "End of the Year" Choir Supper. They are so much appreciated! Thank you for sharing your talents and your commitment over the years! Bob, Sam & Dennis: you always go above & beyond…there are no words…really, NO WORDS!

XOXO Debi

Session & Congregation,

Thank you for the wonderful reception and flowers, and for the gift of Sight & Sound tickets. (Many so graciously offered to go with me!) Thank you to the organizers, who know me so well, as everything was purple! My friends know me well!! Thanks to Bob Bell & Sam Jones for another song selection as I departed. The choir has always brought me great joy, laughter, and comfort, as needed. Thank you for allowing me to share in the music ministry here at NBEPC. You all have been so supportive. I praise God for my family at NBEPC.

With heartfelt love ~ Debi Fynes

A big thank you to Nathan Book for the donation of water for the choir!

A big thank you to the Deacons for organizing and serving the funeral dinners over the summer.

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Choir and Handbell Choir will resume practices on Wednesday, September 11th. Choir practice begins at 6:30pm and Handbell Choir begins at 7:30pm

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

S.H.O.P. is a room that has been organized and set up by volunteers at Wilmington Area High School for the purpose of helping students in need of clothing, shoes, hygiene products, school supplies, etc. Volunteers are needed in 2 hour shifts to just supervise and help any student who comes in needing any of these supplies. The SHOP cannot be open to students unless there are volunteers available. If you can help with any 2 hour shift on any school day, it would be greatly appreciated! Contact Diane Bell 724-652-9906 or dilynnbell@yahoo.com THANK YOU!!

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General Assembly Report
Harry & Judy Riethmiller, delegates

Thank you for allowing Harry and I to be your General Assembly delegates this year. We wanted to share with you a couple of highlights from our General Assembly experience.

Business Before the Assembly

For those of you who have never been to a General Assembly (GA) let me give you a brief overview of how the committee system works. The EPC National body is composed of permanent committees, such as, Theology, Administration, Mission, etc. These committees meet between General Assembly and work on items that need further study or review before they come before the General Assembly for a vote. In addition, there are committees at the GA that coincide with the permanent committees. The purpose of these committees is to look at the recommendations that permanent committees make, presbyteries send, etc. and decide whether those recommendations should go to the floor of General Assembly to be voted on as is or as amended by the committee or sent to a permanent committee for further review until the next GA. These committees are composed of the ruling elder and teaching elder voting delegates at the assembly.

Harry and I both served on the Theology Committee this year. We had very few items on our agenda and we recommended they be sent to the permanent committee on Theology for further study. Other committees did the same with a few items, some recommendations will be coming before the presbyteries (those are items that make changes to our Book of Government) and other items we voted on during our general business sessions.

More information on GA business will be available at epc.org once the minutes are recorded and posted.

Leadership Sessions and Networking Lunches Harry & I Attended

Chaplains Training – Harry went all day to this and I attended the two morning sessions. The two sessions in the morning were presented by Michael Moyles, a five time brain cancer survivor. They were entitled "Suffering, Brokenness, and the Goodness of God" and "Biblical Leadership and Decision Making". The afternoon sessions included watching the movie "Indivisible" and the chaplains having general discussion about chaplaincy and the issues they face.

Two other sessions that I attended were "Turning Sessions into Spiritual Communities" and "Implications of the Trinity on Spiritual Formation".

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We both also attended two networking lunches, "Six Key Relationships Each Pastor Needs" and "Training Session for Clerks of Session".

Each of these sessions and several others (not including the networking lunches) can be listened to at https://epc.org/ga/ga2019recordings/

Plenary Sessions & Worship

EPC Teaching Elder Andrew Brunson who was imprisoned in Turkey for 2 years and just released this past October spoke at one of the plenary sessions. He also gave the message at Thursday night worship service. He suffered persecution for his faith and the primary message that he brought to us was that Christians in the United States need to be preparing themselves and our young people for the persecution that will come to us in the future.

Our other Plenary Session was led by Doug Webster and it was titled "Psalms are for Our Spiritual Formation". He said, "Psalms are incarnational – they reveal God but also speak into our humanity".

Each worship time was unique and filled with prayer, song and scripture teaching. In our final worship time together, we celebrated Holy Communion.

Plenary session and worship messages are also available to listen to at https://epc.org/ga/ga2019recordings/

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WOMEN'S NEWS

LADIES LOVE & LAUGHTER BREAKFAST
SEPTEMBER 21ST AT 9:30A.M.

Like last year we are extending our outreach to include donated items to a new program at Wilmington Area School District. OUR SHOP is a new program helping kids in need of clothing, hygiene products and school supply items year round. There will be a list next to the signup sheet in the Narthex, and also on the church's Facebook page. As always, thank you for choosing to donate to this great program!

Women's Association meeting – Saturday, September 14th at 9:00A.M.

September Circle Meetings

Deborah – Tuesday 9/10 at 9:30am
Ruth – Monday 9/16 at 9:30am
Lydia – Tuesday 9/17 at 1:00pm
Elizabeth – Thursday 9/19 at 6:30pm
Rebecca – Saturday 9/28 at 9:00am



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

Wednesday, August 28th 5:30-6:30

We are kicking off Awana with a Family Night to register for the coming year. Join us to register for Awana, meet the Awana leaders, and get a treat from the Ice Cream Truck for 50¢.

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

Regular Club Night begins
Wednesday, September 4th 5:00-7:00

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 potty-trained **children ages 2 to grade 6.**

Q: When is Awana? A: Awana begins September 4th and continues every Wednesday till March 25th.

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. *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.

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 5:45-6:50 to listen to a Clubber recite the Bible verses.

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

Please be in prayer for this ministry.

Contact Dawn Harris for more information…..Call/Text 330-881-8110 Email: Dawnhnbpc@aol.com



Puppeteers Needed

The puppet ministry will be starting up again in mid-September. Practice will work around the youth group schedule. If you are interested in being a puppeteer, please see Dawn.

Join us for Sunday School to let God guide us……



Step by Step



Promotion Sunday
Sunday September 8th at 9:30

Meet in the Sanctuary for our new year of
Sunday School for everyone, Ages 3 to Adult

There are Sunday School classes for Pre-School to Adult
Listed below are the classes and teachers. All classes are held in the Education Wing of the church, look for the class signs hanging in the hall to direct you to the class.

Sunday School for Children

Preschool - Mrs. Glenda Fulkman
Grades K-2 - Mrs. Jean Chrobak
Grades 3-6 - Mr. Dan Dieter
Jr & Sr High - Mr. Steve Fox

Sunday School for Adults

Young Adult- Mr. Lee Harris – Study TBA
The Seekers – Mrs. Kim Runyan - Studying the Armor of God
Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson - Bible-In-Life Series by David C Cook

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

Sept. 1-Dawn Harris	Sept. 15-Dawn Harris (Outside Service)	Sept. 29-
Sept. 8-Erika Taylor	Sept. 22-	

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NEW THIS YEAR – MOMSnext

MOMSnext is geared towards moms with school age children. All MOMS who are pregnant or who have children up through sixth grade are welcome! MOMSnext will meet on Wednesday evenings during AWANA (5-7pm). Below is a list of upcoming meeting days and discussion topics.

September 4 – I Have! And "To the Full" video

September 11 – *Parental Guidance Required* by Andy Stanley – Chapter 1: "Experience Isn't Everything"

September 18 – "Have More Fun" devotion and Confetti Poppers

September 25 – Apple Pie Making

October 2 – "Technology and Your Child" devotion and Unplug Boxes

MOPS

If you are expecting or have an infant, toddler or preschooler, please consider attending New Bedford EPC's Tuesday morning MOPS group; if you have school-age kids, check out our MOMSnext group, which meets during our AWANA program. You can join MOPS for just $31.95! You can register for our group at www.mops.org/join and use our 4-digit Quick Registration Code: CQNZ

MOPS meetings are held twice monthly on Tuesday mornings 9:30-11am, child care is provided for children under age 6. Below is a list of upcoming meeting dates and discussion topics. Please contact Erika Taylor with any questions or concerns.

September 10 – "The Good Shepherd" devotion and Dream Boards

September 24 – Dance Party and "Have More Fun" video

October 8 – Phone Bingo and "Smartphones and Your Child" video

October 22 – Would You Rather? (mom edition) and "Is My Child on Track?" video

November 12 – "The Rules" devotion and Retro Sachets

December 10 – Christmas Alphabet Game, "A Mother's Song" devotion, Color Prayers to Frame

****MOPS will only be meeting once in November & December ****



Family Ministries Calendar
September 2019

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