Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

As I stated in my sermon a couple of weeks ago this month we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. On October 31st 1517 Martin Luther hung his 95 Thesis on the door of Wittenberg Cathedral.

Allow me to give a brief history of Luther (Taken from an article written by James Killelson in the magazine Christian History Issue 34). Luther was born in Germany to very humble parents. He had a difficult childhood with very harsh parents. His parents taught him to read and write and soon observed that he was a brilliant student. At age 13 he was sent away to school. It was the hope of his parents that he would become a lawyer and support the family. By his early 20's he had earned his baccalaureate and masters degrees and was studying law at the University. Luther was also a man of faith and as a law student began to have questions about the status of his soul. At age 21 he left law school and became a Catholic Monk. He was a very strict monk observing poverty, prayer, fast and self abusive practices. After two years of study he became a priest. The church insisted that he further his education and sent him to Wittenberg to receive his doctorate. He later became a professor at this university.

Luther (as reported in his autobiographical writings) constantly struggled with the issue of righteousness. How could he be righteous enough for God? He drove his Priestly Confessor crazy by going to confession daily. He constantly lived in a fear and doubt of his salvation.

As a professor he studied and taught scripture, he taught on the Psalms in 1514, he lectured on Romans in 1515 and 1516 and then of Galatians from 1516 to 1517. Galatians has been entitled “the Epistle of the Reformation.” This is why we are studying this Epistle in this sermon series. Luther wrote this.... “I was seized with the conviction that I must understand (Paul’s) letter to the Romans.... but to that moment one phrase in chapter 1 stood in my way. I hated the idea, “in it the righteousness of God is revealed.”... I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners. At last, meditating day and night and by the mercy of God, I.... began to understand that the righteousness of God is that through which the righteous live by a gift of God, namely by faith.... Here I felt as if I were entirely born again, and had entered paradise itself through gates that had been flung open.”

Luther expressed the primary foundational belief of the Protestant church (Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Independents etc.) Salvation is by grace through faith. It begins with grace.... a free gift of God that is centered on the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for our sins. This grace become real in our life by faith. Faith is not just belief. Faith is a surrendered relationship with Jesus Christ. Faith is daily allowing Christ to be our Lord. Faith is allowing Christ to be Lord of all of our lives. Allow me to share texts from Romans...

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

*But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as an atoning sacrifice by his blood, to be received by faith.*

Luther posted his 95 thesis on all Saints Day in 1517 as an invitation to debate and discuss within the Catholic Church especially on the topic of works (as seen in the sacraments) and indulgences. The Catholic church refused to debate. Rather than debate Luther was severely attacked and after a 3 year process Luther was declared a heretic. This began the Reformation.

We are saved by grace through faith. Not by works so that no one can boost. This is not just a historical truth... it needs to be a truth in all of our individual lives. We need to daily allow Christ to be Lord of our lives.

In Christ,
Doug

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Received and approved the Financial Report. At the end of September we were $19,636 in the black for the year.**
2. **The work on the lawn is continuing. A number of the holes from the removal of the trees are in seed.**
3. **Approved plan, brought by Manse Kitchen Subcommittee, for the remodeling of the manse kitchen (the kitchen is 45 years old and both dated and not in good condition). Hollow Creek Cabinets will build the cabinets and counter and Joshua Jones Construction will provide all of the labor. A wall will be removed between the kitchen and dining room to give a more open feel. Significant additional cabinet space and counter space will be added including a counter/dining space between kitchen and dining room. Bulkheads will be removed and ceiling repaired. New lighting will be added. New electrical outlets will be added. Re-wiring of 110 lines and 220 lines will take place. All new sub-flooring and flooring will be installed. Repainting of kitchen and dining room will be completed. Total bid for all material and work is $24,000.00. Project will be paid for using money that has been in our savings from the natural gas right of way leases. It is scheduled to take place in December to be completed (hopefully) by Christmas.**
4. **Evangelism Committee approved use of name tags for September 17 & 24 and October 1. The purpose of the name tags is to allow our many new members to get to know names and our long term members to get to know the names of newer members. It is also to make visitors feel welcome to our services.**
5. **There will be a Pot Luck Breakfast between services on October 15. Please bring a dish to share.**
6. **Approved dividing the Hurricane Relief money between Samaritans Purse and EPC Hurricane Relief Fund. Reported that as of the meeting almost $7,000 has been donated and has been sent to the relief organizations.**
7. **Received information about the Haiti Mission Trip that will take place February 2-11. Both Autumn and the Ayars will be visited. Seven people have committed to the trip. Final commitments must be made in the next couple of weeks. A meeting will be held with Autumn next week.**
8. **Received report on all ministries of our children and youth. Noted the very successful first meeting of the MOPS group. (See reports of Jocilyn & Dawn)**
9. **Nominating Committee is beginning to meet.**

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**The Mission Committee will be collecting food for the City Rescue Mission for their upcoming Thanksgiving Food Program. We will be collecting October 8th through November 12th. You may place your donations in the box in the vestibule. We will be collecting: Canned Vegetables; Evaporated Milk; Canned Yams; Stuffing Mix; Jars of Gravy; Canned Fruit; Pie Crust Mix; Cranberry Sauce. Thank You!!**




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## POT LUCK BREAKFAST

**On October 15th everyone is invited to a time of fellowship and food! Between services we will have a Breakfast. Please bring a breakfast dish to share if you are able to.**

## Birthdays in October

10/01 – Cindy Bell
10/02 – Rachel Hostetler Garrett
10/04 – Donald Hartzell
10/05 – Lorna Keller
10/05 – Tom Madden
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 Houk
10/22 – Dylan Dieter
10/22 – Elaine Hepler
10/24 – Jeremiah Withers
10/25 – Tyler Craig
10/25 – Kelly Craig Miller
10/25 – Wyatt Dean
10/25 – Debbie Pogozelec
10/26 – Beverly Varano
10/30 – Shawn Kendall
10/31 – Bob Exley
10/31 – Marilyn McConahy

## Birthdays in November

11/03 – Violet Hilliard
11/06 – Deneen Greene
11/08 – James Emery
11/11 – Dana Gardner
11/16 – Brenda Hostetler
11/25 – Bernice Boyer
11/27 – Lee Harris
11/29 – Alyssa Boyer
11/29 – Curtis Bretz
11/29 – Barrett Craig




## October Greeters

**October 1st**
Chuck & Diane Bell

**October 8th**
Lori & June Smith

**October 15th**
Wanda Boyles & Marianne Mrozek

**October 22nd**
Duane Boyles & Michael Mrozek

**October 29th**
Elaine Dawson

***Head Usher for October – Gary Greene***

***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)**
**Shirley Tremba----------Home**




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**If you have something that you would like on the Prayer Chain, a prayer of praise or concern, please call the Church Office. If it is after hours, you can leave a message on the answering machine or send us an email at newbedfordchurch@verizon.net**

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**Jessica Halt**
**411 E. Muskegon Ave.**
**Whitehall, MI 49461**

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**Congratulations to Ray & Nicole Pence on the birth of their daughter, Emily Claire! Emily was born on August 28th, she weighed 7lbs. 3oz. and was 19 inches long. Ethan is a new big brother!**

**Congratulations to Brandon & Kelly (Craig) Miller on the birth of twin boys on September 5th. Daniel Abner weighed 7lbs. 4oz. and was 20.5 inches long and Lawson Atticus weighed 7lbs. 2oz. and was 20 inches long. Don & Lisa Craig are the happy Grandparents!**

**Congratulations to Cody & Ashley (Houk) Cooper on the birth of their little girl on September 9th. Lilly Grace weighed 7lbs. 15oz. and was 21 inches in length. This makes Doug & Angela Houk first time Grandparents and Jocilyn is an Aunt!**




**Thanks for all the prayers, cards, visits and gifts. It was very much appreciated. We love you all!**
**Bud & Shirley Freeman**

**Many thanks to my church family for all of the wonderful visits and prayers. A special thank you to the Rebecca Circle for the birthday gift. And many thanks for all of the prayers for my son, Chuck Snyder, who was in the hospital with heart complications. Thank You!**
**Marie Snyder**

**I would like to thank all of the ladies of the Church, Circles and Deacons for the visits, food, prayers and love that you've been sending me. It is very much appreciated!**
**Thank You!**
**Peggy Hilliard**

**I wanted to thank the wonderful, generous people of the church for phone calls, visits and gifts that I have received during my present illness. I miss all the people of the church and the church services. Thank You!**
**Shirley Tremba**

**To Friends, Neighbors, people I know and all those I haven't met yet. The late David R. (Barney) and I have a new great-grandson, Paxdon Joseph Whistler arrived September 5th at 6lbs. 7oz. to Joseph and Mel Whistler, son of Donald & Becky Whistler. Tom & Linda Smith are the great uncle and aunt. Parker David Whistler, now 4yrs. Is the big brother. Paxdon is known as "the baby" or "Do-Do".**
**Gladys R. Barnhart**
**P.S. Helen Ruby – "Do-Do" was wrapped in the blanket you made and sent him to come home in. My Thanks – Gladys.**

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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.**

**<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 November. Due date is November 25TH .**
****If you have any questions or concerns please call the church office. Thank You ☺**

# October Circle Meetings




Deborah ~ Tuesday 10/10 at 9:30AM

Ruth ~ Monday 10/16 at 9:30AM

Lydia ~ Tuesday 10/17 at 1:00PM

Elizabeth ~ Thursday 10/19 at 6:30PM

Rebecca ~ Saturday 10/21 at 9:30AM at Bedford Trails Rest.

## THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FALL BAZAAR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER…..

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

## 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 Room; Craft Room; Christmas Room; Book Room; Cookie Room; Plant Room; Toy Room; 'Trash & Treasure' Room and The Country Store!!

**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 Nancy Bretz or Beth Kendall.

**If you are able to make soup for the BAZAAR, please see Nancy Bretz!

Once again we are asking all the excellent bakers in our church to help us out in the Cookie Room for the Fall Bazaar. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex beginning October 8. When we know what type of cookie you are making, it helps others decide on their choice. We ask that you have them at the Church on Friday, November 3. You have helped us be very successful in the past and we would like to continue the tradition.

Thanks!! Amy & Helen

**SAVE THE DATE…….The Women's Retreat will be held April 20th & 21st 2018 at the Castle in Franklin!! We are planning on you being there!**

**Regular Club Night**
**Wednesdays 5:00-7:00**
***please note the time change for this year***
**Ages 2 – Grade 6**

**October 4th – Silly Sock Night**

Dig through your sock drawer, or even your parents socks, to find the silliest pair to wear to Awana!

**October 11th – Regular Awana Club Night**

**October 18th – 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 25th – Regular Awana Club Night**

**There is a place for you to be a life changer through Awana.**
**There is still a need for listeners from 6:00-7:00.**
*Please be in prayer for this ministry*.
If you love the Lord, are energetic and like being with kids, please call me!!
Do not fear, there is training for all the positions listed above.
I look forward to hearing from you and working together we can encourage children to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.
Dawn Harris, Awana Director

***NEED:*** *Children At Worship Leaders*
During the 10:30 Service a time of lesson, crafts, games, and fellowship is offered to children in Grades K-6. This ministry is in need of leaders so the children can have this time to worship and learn about God. Let Dawn know if you have any questions about this ministry.

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

## Church Family Day Out

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st at 12:00-??**

Irons Mill Farmstead, 252 Greenfield Rd, New Wilmington, PA 16142

**Join us for some Fall Fun on the Farm!**

Jumping Pillow**Cornfield Maze**Bounce Corral
Photo Ops**Pig Races**Duck Races**Pumpkin Slingshot
Climb Mt. Arthur**Irons Mill Hill**Hayrides**Pumpkin Bowling
Buckaroo Ball Town**Fun Farm Animals**Apple Blaster**and more!
Zambelli Firework Show at 8:00

We have the Campfire Pit reserved from 4:00-7:00. Come roast hot dogs & s'mores for dinner and fellowship! If you would like to bring a side dish to share please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

***This is for the entire congregation!***

**FREE for Seniors 60+ and 2 yrs & under /Everyone Else $8.00**

Sign up sheet is in the vestibule or contact Dawn Harris by Sunday, October 15th if you plan to go.

Money will need to be turned in by Sunday, October 15th.

If we have inclement weather we will cancel and all money will be refunded.

*The tickets have to be preordered to get the discounted price.*

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**NEW AT NBEPC!!!!**

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)**
**October & November 2017 Schedule**
**All Meetings 9:30-11:00 A.M.**

**October 10** **Your Family Plan**

Discuss practical ideas that can inspire you to create a unique family culture by making decisions based on the things you value.

**October 24** **Family Mission Statement Chalkboard Art**

**November 7** **Loving My Actual Christmas**

Consider how embracing the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace will help you remember how the Christmas story.

**November 21** **Advent Wreaths and Cookie Exchange**

****Copies of the full 2017-2018 MOPS Schedule can be picked up in the church entry****

**Please contact Erika Taylor for more information at 724-674-1840 or emtaylor1978@aol.com.**




**afO is moving right along through this fall season! This month we are starting our Breakfast Club meetings at Ryder's Restaurant in New Wilmington on Tuesday, October 3rd. Each week we will alternate based on age group, so Senior High is meeting on the 3rd while Junior High will meet the following week on the 10th. We will meet at Ryder's at 6:30a.m. If anyone needs a ride, please contact Jocilyn by Monday night of every week! Also starting this month is a Senior High girls study called "Uninvited". Lysa Terkeurst digs deep into God's Word to help us explore the roots of rejection, overcoming the damage of past hurts, and fully grasping what it looks like to live loved. If you are a girl in 9th-12th grade please join us at 4pm Saturday afternoons, October 7th will be our first meeting! Other events happening this month are Silver Ring Thing (SRT) on Sunday, October 8th. This event is open to Senior High Youth only and will take the place of Youth Group on Sunday, October 8th. SRT is $8 per person and we will be stopping for dinner on the way; make sure you bring money for dinner, we will meet at the church at 4pm to leave for this event. Wilmington's last home Varsity Football Game is on Friday, October 13th, this will be our last Post Game Party! afO is ending the month with our annual "Haunted" Hayride at Austin & Julie Whiting's house on Sunday, October 29th! This event is for both Junior & Senior High Youths and will take the place of Youth Group that night. There will be a hayride and bonfire! We will meet at the Whiting's, 3110 Garner Rd. Edinburg, PA from 6-8p.m.**




**The Young Adult Group will continue to meet on Monday nights this fall at 6p.m. for their study "Relatable". Tuesday nights are trivia at either Stone Church or Fractured Grape, watch the text chain for updates! Our event for this month is Cheeseman's Fright Farm! We will meet at the Church at 7p.m. on Friday, October 27th for anyone that would like to carpool to Portersville. We will meet at Cheeseman's at 7:30p.m. Tickets for Cheeseman's are $20 per person and they only except CASH.**

****For any questions or concerns regarding afO (Youth Group) or the College & Young Adult Group, please contact Jocilyn Houk****

# 2017 OCTOBER

SUNDAY

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 01<br>8:30 Contemporary Serv.<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:40 Traditional Serv.<br>4-6pm Jr. High Yough Gr.<br>7-9pm Sr. High Youth Gr. | 02 | 03<br>6:30 Worship Team Pract. | 04<br>5-7 AWANA<br>for ages 2 - 6th grade<br>6:30 Choir Practice<br>7:30 Bell Choir Practice | 05<br>6:30 C.E. Cmte. Mtg.<br>6:30 Evangel. Cmte. Mtg. | 06<br>3-4:15pm Greater Pgh.<br>Food Bank Distribution | 07 |
| 08<br>8:30 Contemporary Serv.<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:40 Traditional Serv.<br>4:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youths<br>meet to attend Silver Ring<br>Thing Conference | 09<br>7:00 Admin. Cmte. Mtg.<br>7:00 Mission Cmte. Mtg. | 10<br>9:30-11 MOPS<br>(Mothers of Preschoolers)<br>9:30 Deborah Circle Mtg.<br>6:30 Worship Team Pract. | 11<br>5-7 AWANA<br>for all ages 2-6th grade<br>6:30 Choir Practice<br>7:30 Bell Choir Practice | 12<br>6:30 Worship Cmte. Mtg. | 13<br>9:30-11:30pm After-Game<br>Party for Youth in grades<br>7 thru 12 at Church | 14<br>8:00am Men's Ministry<br>@ Riethmiller's Shop |
| 15<br>8:30 Contemporary Serv.<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:40 Traditional Serv.<br>4-6pm Jr. High Yough Gr.<br>7-9pm Sr. High Youth Gr. | 16<br>9:30 Ruth Circle Meeting | 17<br>1:00 Lydia Circle Meeting<br>6:30 Worship Team Pract. | 18<br>5-7 AWANA<br>for all ages 2-6th grade<br>6:30 Choir Practice<br>7:30 Bell Choir Practice | 19<br>6:30 Elizabeth Circle Mtg. | 20 | 21<br>9:00 Rebecca Circle Mtg.<br>@ Bedford Trails Rest.<br>12-? Church Family Day<br>@ Irons Mill Farmstead<br>(must be pre-registered<br>by 10/15) |
| 22<br>8:30 Contemporary Serv.<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:40 Traditional Serv.<br>4-6pm Jr. High Yough Gr.<br>7-9pm Sr. High Youth Gr. | 23<br>7:00 Deacons Meeting | 24<br>9:30-11 MOPS<br>(Mothers of Preschoolers)<br>6:30 Worship Team Pract. | 25<br>5-7 AWANA<br>for all ages 2-6th grade<br>6:30 Choir Practice<br>7:30 Bell Choir Practice | 26<br>7:00 Session Meeting | 27 | 28 |
| 29<br>8:30 Contemporary Serv.<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:40 Traditional Serv.<br>6-8pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth<br>Bonfire & Hayride @<br>The Whiting's | 30 | 31<br>6:30 Worship Team Pract. | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 |

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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: 9:00AM – 2:00PM****

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY**