Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church

As we continue to live in these trying times I am reminded of a text from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Allow me to share that text with you. "*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in all circumstances.*"

Yes, even in this time of pandemic we are called to have joy. Even in our social distancing we are called to remember we are never alone... the Lord is with us. We can rejoice in the presence of the Lord. This time of social distancing also gives us more time to be in the presence of the Lord…. time in prayer and time in His Word. I ask you to join me in these prayers….

- **Pray for the members of our church who, for health reasons, continue to isolate themselves in their homes. Pray for their continued health and avoidance of loneliness. Especially pray for those who are alone at this time.**
- **Pray for those who are in nursing homes. They too are not allowed visitors. Pray for both the individuals in the care facilities and their families.**
- **Pray for those who are in hospitals. They are not only battling illness they are also allowed very limited visitors. Pray for those who are ill or recovering at home and need the Lords healing power.**
- **Pray for those who have lost loved ones in the past six months. Again it has been very difficult to move through the process of burial and grief with less support from friends and family.**
- **Pray for the parents of school age children. They have made difficult decisions regarding educating their children and are now guiding their children as they are spending time at home with them in virtual classrooms.**
- **Pray for the children as they adjust to this new method of learning.**
- **Pray for the teachers who also need to adjust to this new style of teaching. One of Kim's colleagues described it like being in her first year of teaching even though she has taught for thirty years.**
- **Pray for our church as we move into this Fall season. As you can see from other parts of this Newsletter, we are planning to restart many of our ministries in the next six weeks. Pray for our Children's Ministries. Pray for our Youth Ministry. Pray for our Music Ministry.**
- **Pray for our Elders as they continue to make decisions about our future.**
- **Pray for our Deacons as they continue their wonderful ministries of caring.**
- **Pray for our staff as they adjust their ministries to this new normal. Please keep me in your prayers.**
- **Pray that an effective vaccine may be developed that will allow our more at risk people to return to a more normal life.**
- **Pray for our nation as we face this pandemic and social unrest as a country.**
- **Pray for our elected leaders at the national, state and local levels as they lead our nation and state.**
- **Pray for renewal and revival in our land. I believe it does not primarily matter who our President is… what our land needs is the presence of Christ in our midst.**
- **Pray for our missionaries. Laura and Edgar remain in quarantine in their orphanage in Guatemala with forty children and staff. Autumn Marshall has just returned to Haiti in a time of pandemic and less civil control. Adam Marshall continues to minister to a new class of students at Miracle Mountain. Matt and Stacey adjust to life in Mississippi as Matt begins as President of Wesleyan Seminary.**

Thank you for joining me in these and many other prayers. May the Lord continue to bless you and watch over you.

Doug

Session Highlights

The Session met on August 6th to discuss Fall plans. Decisions were made but we were very careful to add the words "Pending further review" to every motion. Plans for startup are moving forward but will be reviewed in our September meeting. Almost all the ministries are slated to begin in October. We want to see how the startup of school affects our community before we begin most of our children's ministries.

- **Received the Financial report. As of the end of July expenses exceeded income by $7,059. However, many once per year expenses have been paid.**
- **Received and approved the Auditors report for 2019. All funds were well documented and maintained.**
- **Approved the Sound Technician Position description. This completes Position Descriptions for all staff positions in the church.**
- **Approved investment in a new C.D. Old C.D was maturing.**
- **Approved startup of Sunday School in October. Social distancing will be in place.**
- **Approved startup of Awana in October. It is a modified plan that will allow social distancing.**
- **Received report of the Mission Trip. Ten youth and leaders traveled to West Virginia to help a Food Bank. Over 700 families were served.**
- **Approved startup of Youth Group in September. Again, it will be modified to assure small groups.**
- **Approved startup of Choir in late September or October. It will be a limited small group. Donna and Ashley envision eight to ten singers (two to three per section). Each week volunteers will be asked to sing. Each week could have different singers.**
- **Bell Choir will likely go to two octaves (from three) so social distancing can take place.**
- **Reported that the EPC General Assembly meeting September 17th and 18th (rescheduled from June) will be 100% virtual. Diane Bell and Doug will represent our church.**

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Hello New Bedford Parishioners!

We want to say thank you for your gracious love in sending cards out to our wonderful shut ins in July. The Deacons are starting a new outreach to our community in August and September. During these unprecedented times we want to reach out to help the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County. So if you're sitting at home and wondering where you can help (especially if you're not getting out very much), you can take a drive to the church on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00A.M. – 1:00P.M. or Sunday mornings and drop off current needs for the shelter. The Deacons will have a drop off box right inside the sanctuary entrance doors so you don't have to go all the way into the church building. Also the Deacons are continuing our outreach within our congregation as well as in our community. If you know of any needs with our members, please contact a Deacon so we can address it. New Bedford E.P.C. is a kind, caring and generous congregation so with your help we will be able to help with this ministry. Thank you very much for your generous donations and also your prayers for our ministry and our church.

Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County

Current Needs:

***Personal Care *Hygiene *Towels & Washcloths**

***Monetary Donations**

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 – Helen Ruby

Birthdays in October

10/01 – Cindy Bell
10/04 – Donald Hartzell
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
10/15 – James Maloney
10/16 – Brandy McAllen
10/17 – Ariana Carr
10/18 – Emily Bretz
10/18 – Kristi Jones
10/19 – Brock Janoski
10/21 – Jocilyn Csernyik
10/22 – Dylan Dieter
10/22 – Elaine Hepler
10/25 – Kelly (Craig) Miller
10/25 – Tyler Craig
10/25 – Debbie Pogozelec
10/26 – Bev Varano
10/30 – Shawn Kendall
10/31 – Bob Exley
10/31 – Marilyn McConahy



Please remember in prayer the following persons who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have requested prayer.

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.
Linda Canami----------UPMC McCandless
Glenn Hepler----------Home





Dear Friends at New Bedford,
Thank you for your prayers, cards and calls. You are each a blessing to me and my family. Love to you all - Dot Shillingburg

Thank you to my family, my church family and friends for all the good wishes, cards and gifts. They are so appreciated and cherished. Thank you all for turning a sad occasion into a memorable one. Thanks so much - Brandi Buxton

Thank you to all my church family for the cards and prayers! They mean so much! – Nancy Phillis

We are so blessed to be surrounded by our church family especially during this difficult year we are experiencing. You have lifted us in prayer, supported us through cards, emails, texts and phone calls, and loved us through it all. We have been reminded repeatedly of our hope in Christ through your acts of love and kindness. With deepest gratitude, we thank you.
-Harry & Judy Riethmiller

Thank you to Ashley Graziani and her mom, Judy for scrubbing the carpet in the nursery!

Thank you to all that have been helping sanitize the sanctuary after church services on Sundays!

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We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the following families who have lost loved ones over the past several months. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Riethmiller family for the loss of Judy's dad, Harold Shawver on 7/27 and Harry's sister, Alice on 7/3.

Craig family for the loss of Lisa's mom, Joanne Strasser on 7/2.

Miller & Saulpaugh families for the loss of Sandra Saulpaugh on 7/1.

Hall, Buntman & Ealy families for the loss of Jackie on 5/7.

Jones family for the loss of Dorothy on 5/1.

***"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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Congratulations to Meadow Whiting & Dalton Jones on the birth of Jaxon Lee Jones on July 16th. Jaxon weighed 6lbs 6oz and was 21 inches long. Austin and Julie Whiting are the proud new grandparents.

Congratulations to the Harry & Judy Riethmiller on the birth of their granddaughter, Santana Deanna Riethmiller on June 23rd. Parents are Brandon and Brittany and big brother, Colton!

Congratulations to Ed & Jenn Horodyski on the birth of their son, Edison James on June 10th. And to Violet on becoming a big sister!

Hello!! I am so excited that we are planning to 'reopen' ministries at NBEPC!! I pray it has been a safe time for your family. Below is information about Sunday School, J.A.M. Kids, and Awana. As of today, church leadership has reviewed the plans and gave approval to proceed with opening these ministries. Of course, much prayer and guidance has been sought to provide the safest place possible where we can fellowship and grow in our faith together.
In His Grip
Dawn Harris
Director of Children's Ministry
330-881-8110 cell

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

Awana will begin in OCTOBER

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month Cubbies & Sparks Meet (if there is interest Puggles meet on this night)	2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month T & T Meet

Parent Information Meeting : Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 PM

*There are many changes that we are going to implement to make Awana possible for this year. An informational meeting will be held on Sept. 16th. Parents can attend the meeting in-person in the church sanctuary or through Zoom. If you are attending in-person, please wear a mask when entering/exiting the building and practice social distancing. If you are attending through Zoom please email me at dawnhnbpc@aol.com and I will send you the Meeting ID and Password. I will share the new policies and procedures that are in place due to COVID 19 and have a time for questions & answers. If you want information but cannot attend the meeting on Sept. 16th please contact me. This meeting is for **ALL PARENTS** that are interested in Awana for their child, even if your child has not attended in the past.*

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: When is Awana? A: Awana is held on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:45
Q: What do the kids do at Awana? A: The schedule includes time dedicated to Bible lesson, Bible verse memorization, and application using age-appropriate handbooks. All Bible verses are taken word-for-word from the Bible. There is time for the Clubbers to practice teamwork and good sportsmanship by competing in fun, organized (social distant) 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.

Drive - Thru

Wednesday, September 30th
5:00-6:30 PM



New Bedford Church
Parking Lot

Games can be played from the car.
Items are not re-used between families. Event is free to all.

WELCOME BACK BASH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

We are planning on re-opening Sunday School at 9:30 AM and J.A.M. Kids, which meet during the 2nd service, on this day.

At this time, masks will be required in the Sunday School rooms. The re-opening plan for the nursery is still being figured out. If you are a parent of a nursery child please contact me to share your thoughts and concerns.

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FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE



PUT THE LABORS OF THE YEAR BEHIND YOU AND JOIN US FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 @ 8PM IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT FOR A DRIVE-IN OR SIT IN YOUR LAWN CHAIR MOVIE SPONSORED BY THE DEACONS AND FAMILY MINISTRIES OF NEW BEDFORD EPC. THE YOUTH WILL SELL INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED COOKIES AS A FUNDRAISER. FREE POPCORN! DON'T MISS THE PREVIEWS. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE SOUND ON YOUR CAR RADIO.

FAMILY MINISTRIES CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Beginning Sunday, September 13th, Youth Group will begin!

9/13 Jr. High Youth Group 12:30-2:00
Sr. High Youth Group 2:30-4:30

9/20 Jr. High Youth Group 12:30-2:00
Sr. High Youth Group 2:30-4:30

9/27 Jr. High Youth Group 12:30-2:00
Sr. High Youth Group 2:30-4:30

We will be assembling care packages for our college students that are taking classes this fall either at home or on campus. If you would like to donate snack items and/or cards they can be mailed to the church or dropped off during office hours. **The deadline for items is October 4th.** Our college students are:

Olivia Eppinger	Madison Liddell	Phoebe Wood	Grant Dieter
Ashlynn McAllen	Jake Moore	Nick Moore	Sam Moore

The following is the approved youth group re-opening plan.

- Start date is September 13
- The water fountain will NOT be available for use. Please bring your own water bottle with you.
- Masks are to be worn until you are in the room, then may be removed
- Snacks must be individual serving sizes, or repackaged into single serving containers
- Times will be: Jr high 12:30-2:00
  Sr high 2:30-4:30
- Schedule has been adjusted so there is no more overlap.
- Siblings are welcome to stay to avoid parents making multiple trips. During this time, they will be allowed to stay in the parlor or play outside (weather permitting).
- Zoom will still be offered as an option for those that do not feel comfortable attending in person or are sick and cannot be there.
- If a group member tests positive or believes to have COVID 19 and have participated in any youth event within 14 days, it must be reported so contact tracing may be done.

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IN PERSON WORSHIP

EVERY SUNDAY

AT 8:30A.M. & 10:40A.M.

(SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS REQUIRED)

OR WATCH THE SERVICE

ON YOUTUBE!