Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

As you entered the wedding venue of Alex and Jocilyn (Houk) Csernyik's wedding there was a table with a Bible on it and an invitation for those entering the building to find their favorite text in the Bible and put their name next to it. This made me think of my "life verses." Allow me to share one verse that has been the verse I have sought to obey since I was in college. Proverbs 3: 5-6. states....

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will direct your paths.

I have to admit my tendency is to trust in myself. I tend to rely on my own abilities and my own knowledge. I also have to say, when I do this, I have limited success. I do have some skills and abilities. When I do this I am often able to accomplish some goals. I also have to admit that at times I become proud of these limited accomplishments. But eventually I hit a wall. Eventually the accomplishments are limited. Eventually I make mistakes. Eventually my pride is shown to be false. Eventually the Lord intervenes and teaches me once again that I need to trust in Him and not my own understanding.

When we trust in the Lord, His goals are accomplished. Some of the accomplishments are life changing. He guides us to our spouse.... he guides us to our jobs... He gives us children. But I believe we also see in life that not all these God Centered accomplishments are huge "life changing" accomplishments.... they are often small steps of obedience and one by one change our lives and make us into His image. There is never room for pride... because they are by the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is my prayer that every day of my life I will "Trust in the Lord and not my own understanding."

Another verse that comes to mind as a verse that challenges me is James 1: 19,22

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry....
22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

I need to constantly listen. I need to not be in a hurry to "make my point." So often I fail to listen because I am distracted. So often I fail to listen because I have my own agenda. So often I fail to listen even when I am in a conversation because I am thinking about my response. I need to be "quick to listen and slow to speak."

I love the last sentence. The Word of God need to be applied n my life. Over the years I have studied the Bible. It is part of my job and I love reading His Word. But reading is a lot easier than applying. I am constantly challenged to apply God's Word every day of my life.

The question is this.... If you were writing this letter what verses would you share? What are your "life verses." What verse are challenging you right now?

In Christ,
Doug

SEPTEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Reviewed the Financial report. Noted that $12,708.**
- **Reported the completion of shingling the roof. It was noted that 23 4x8 plywood sheets were needed. Total cost was $36,100. $25,000 will be taken from the General Fund and $11,100 will be taken from the Building Fund.**
- **Nancy Bretz and Cindy Bell completed installing and staining the fence in the front. New grass was planted in the yard where the stumps were removed. This completes the landscaping projects around the church.**
- **Bob and Chuck Bell fixed the bells (the ones in the bell tower). This is the first time in almost 8 years the bells have been ringing.**
- **The T.V. was installed in the 5th-6th grade room.**
- **Plans for the new handicap bathroom remain in the planning stage.**
- **Chuck Bell installed the gutter guards that were replaced on the church roof on the shelter.**
- **Reported that Awana has over 40 children registered.**
- **Reported that MOPS continues to grow.**
- **Reported that Sunday school is fully staffed and the theme is "You are a Piece of God's Plan".**
- **Reported that Youth Group has begun the year and is going well.**
- **Evangelism committee reported the beginning of "This is my Story". Short video and audio recordings will be made of members of our church sharing their Christian journey. These will be shared in worship services.**
- **New welcome gifts have arrived for our Welcome Center. The Center will be manned after both services.**
- **Lenten bible studies are being reviewed.**
- **Clothing Drive on October 6th. Volunteers needed on the 4th, 5th and 6th to set out and supervise the give away. Sign up sheet in the entranceway.**
- **Work day at the Idora Church Plant is scheduled on October 20th. Work on the new community Building purchased earlier this year continues with a target date of use by November. Painting of the main room is scheduled for the 20th as well as skilled work for tradesmen.**
- **There will be an Appreciation Dinner at Seneca Hills on October 10th. Contact Doug or Brad if you would like to attend.**
- **We will collect candy for the Idora Harvest Party held on Halloween. (There is no Trick or Treat in Youngstown)**
- **Children in Worship pew cards are in their final stages and will be printed and placed in pews soon.**
- **Discussed and reviewed roles of different Committees in the church. Began review of Administrative Manuel.**

Birthdays in October

10/01 – Cindy Bell
10/04 – Don Hartzell
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 Miller (Craig)
10/25 – Wyatt Dean
10/25 – Debbie Pogozelec
10/26 – Bev Varano
10/30 – Shawn Kendall
10/31 – Evelyn Exley
10/31 – Marilyn McConahy

Birthdays in November

11/03 – Violet Hilliard
11/04 – Anna Taylor
11/06 – Deneen Greene
11/08 – James Emery
11/11 – Dana Gardner
11/14 – Aubrey Fulkman
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 Head Usher

Donna Fox

November Head Usher

Brad Marshall

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
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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Please take note of our correct mailing address

New Bedford EPC no longer carries a PO Box at the Post Office. Please send all correspondence to *151 WOODLAND DRIVE, PULASKI, PA 16143.*

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Sincere thanks to my church family for your prayers, calls and cards during my recent hospitalization. Praying for blessings being returned to you as I have received your blessings. Jane Eppinger

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Local Missions Work & Donation Opportunities

There will be a work day at the Idora Church Plant on October 20th. Work on the new Community Building, purchased earlier this year continues with a target date for use being November. Painting of the main room is scheduled for the work day on October 20th as well as skilled work for tradesmen. For more information on this work day at Idora, please see Brad or Doug.

We are also collecting candy for the Idora Harvest Party that will be held on Halloween. There is no Trick or Treating in Youngstown, Idora hosts this event as a safe alternative.

You can read the latest "Hope for Renewal" Newsletter by Rev. Gary Koerth at http://www.rpcerie.org/PDFs/2018-Summer_Idora_Newsletter.pdf

October Circle Meetings



Deborah ~ Tuesday 10/9 at 9:30AM

Ruth ~ Monday 10/15 at 9:30AM

Lydia ~ Tuesday 10/16 at 1:00PM

Elizabeth ~ Thursday 10/18 at 6:30PM

Rebecca ~ Saturday 10/27 at 9:30AM at Bedford Trails Rest.
Please note date change for Rebecca Circle's October Mtg.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

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 for help from all the great bakers in the church. We will be in the narthex after the services with a sign-up sheet for cookies you are willing to make for the BAZAAR Cookie Room. This has been a tremendous success in the past, and we would like to continue that tradition. Thank you for any help you can offer.

Amy & Helen



NEW BEDFORD EP CHURCH FREE CLOTHES GIVEAWAY

WHEN: Saturday, October 6, 2018
TIME: 9am – 12pm

Donations of new and gently used (*gently used: no holes, rips, stains, etc.*) clothes, jackets, coats, shoes, boots, etc. for all seasons may be dropped off Sunday, September 30th thru Wednesday, October 3rd. Donations can be left on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. If possible, please try to separate clothing into separate bags for Men, Women, Boys, Girls & Baby. It would be greatly appreciated if you could label the outside of the bag with its contents or with a piece of paper inside of the bag.

Volunteers will be needed for this event! There will be sign-up sheet over the next several weeks in the Narthex. Volunteers will be needed for table set up and clothes sorting after Awana (7:15pm) on Wednesday, October 3rd thru Friday, October 5th. Volunteers will also be needed the day of the event, most help will be needed after the event for packing up the left over clothes and to help put the tables away. Feed My Sheep will be taking the left over clothing.

Thank You in advance for all donations and help with this most important mission and for being a blessing to others by showing the love of Jesus Christ with opening the doors at New Bedford EPC and serving those in the surrounding communities that may be experiencing difficult times! God's blessings to all! If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text, Beth Kendall at 724-714-7642.

***"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."* (Galatians 6:2)**

***"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."* (Hebrews 13:16)**

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There is a Sign-Up sheet for this breakfast in the vestibule



Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday October 13th

8:00 AM

at church

All Men, Youth, & Boys are invited to come for a time of cooking, eating, and fellowship.

Director of Family Ministries

October 2018

Hello everyone, for those of you that don't know or don't attend New Bedford, my name is Lee Harris and I am the newly hired Director of Family Ministries. There has been a lot of questions as far as what my job entails so once and for all here it goes. The groups that I oversee are junior and senior high youth group, college, young adults (both single and married), and senior citizens. Yes, all of them. I am tremendously grateful to the Lord and the great people of New Bedford EPC for the opportunity to serve all of you in an official capacity. My first month on the job flew by but it has been great. Youth group started up again for the fall and the kids and I are all very excited about what God is doing in our midst. The other groups are getting off the ground as well but with the starting of that many new programs it's taking some time, as you could imagine. That's one thing I am glad to leave in God's hands and trust that his timing is always better than ours. One thing that we have been able to get off the ground is our youth mission trip that is being planned for next summer. We will be heading down to Pittsburgh and teaming up with a foundation called The Pittsburgh Project. This trip will take place during the week of June 23rd. If you are a youth (7-12 grade) or know a youth that you think would be interested, please don't hesitate to call or text me at 330-881-8114. Mission trips are a great experience for the youth and I can't wait to share this time with them. Moving forward, if you are in any of the groups I mentioned above, my door is always open should you need anything. I look forward to growing our relationships both with God and each other. -Lee Harris

YOUTH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY…..



PIE SALE



Order pies for Thanksgiving and Christmas

Thanksgiving	Christmas
Order by: October 28	Order by: December 2
Delivery: November 14	Delivery: December 19

Orders taken before and after services in the vestibule

Money due by delivery date

Youth/Family October Schedule



October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th regular youth group nights.
Junior high 4-5:30pm, Senior high 5-7pm

October 20th- 5:00-?? Fall Family Fun Festival

Join us for some Fall Family Fun!
Cornhole, Scavenger Hunt, Campfire Sing-a-long, & More!!!!
Come roast hot dogs & s'mores for dinner and fellowship!
Hot dogs, baked beans, S'mores, chips, and drink will be provided.
Bring a lawn chair to use around the fire.
If you would like to bring a side dish to share please indicate that on the sign up sheet.
Sign up sheet is in the vestibule or contact the church office.

October 28th- Mission trip deposit due ($60)

October 31st- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sr. high Halloween party. Remember, no gory, scary or demonic costumes. Also, nothing too revealing.

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Help Needed with MOPS

Volunteers are needed to be in the nursery during MOPS meetings. MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a ministry that just began last fall at our church and is led by Erika Taylor. MOPS meets twice monthly on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00A.M. There is a sign-up sheet in the church entryway and also copies of the 2018-19 MOPS schedule. Please contact Erika Taylor for more information at 724-674-1840 or emtaylor1978@aol.com

FIND YOUR FIRE

Below is a list of the upcoming October MOPS meetings. You can pick up a full list of meetings in the church entranceway or on our church website at newbedfordepchurch.org

October 10 ***The Giving Plate***
Thanksgiving Themed Craft

October 24 ***Burn It Down***
Mothers of Preschoolers are in this together. We need God and each other, and the overwhelming days will not have the last word! Embracing the phrase "burn it down" means that we don't have to be afraid of being ourselves anymore. It may be time to let go of what's holding us back from nurturing our God-given identity.

Regular Club Night
Wednesdays 5:00-7:00
Ages 2 – Grade 6

Awana kicked off on September 5th with 42 Clubbers registered for Wednesday evenings. Thank you seems so little to say for how much everyone had done for this ministry. Please lift the faithful servants in prayer as they serve the children of our church and community. There is still a need for listeners, substitutes and a leader. *Prayerfully consider being a life changer at Awana.* You are welcome to stop in and visit any Wednesday evening, 5:00-7:00.

UPCOMING CLUB NIGHTS

October 3rd – Silly Sock Night

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

October 10th – Regular Awana Club Night

October 17th – 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 24th – Regular Awana Club Night

October 31st – NO AWANA

Children At Worship

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 or would be willing to be a leader for a Sunday.

Puppet Practice

October 14 5:30-6:16
October 21 5:30-6:15
October 24 5:00 – Puppet Performance for AWANA

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

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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 are Tuesday thru Friday

9A.M. – 2P.M.