Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

We begin the year 2020. Many, many people have wished us a "Happy New Year." The question is: How do we define a "happy year?" I read an article in a magazine entitled Pulpit Helps. It is entitled "So What's New----So Who's Happy?" It states.....

This is what's new...
There is only one point where the old became new: this is when Jesus Christ changed everything in this old world

This is what's new...
There is only one point where a person's calendar changes from old to new: That is when Jesus Christ becomes your Lord and displaces yourself as master of your life.

This is happiness....
Happiness is that clean feeling of having all your sin and guilt entirely paid
Happiness is having Jesus Christ in control of your life
Happiness is working hard to make the world the way God wants it
happiness is serving a great, victorious cause
Happiness is knowing that every single thing that will happen in the coming year is under God's complete control... for your benefit

Will you have a Happy New Year? I stated in my sermon last week that in Scripture there is a difference between "happy" and "joy." Happy is an emotional state. Joy is a state of being. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. It is a gift from God. Scripture does not tell us to be happy all the time... it tells us to "rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice."

At times in this new year we will not be happy. Inevitably, difficult events will occur in our lives. Loved ones pass into their life eternal. Illness strike our lives. Struggles at home or at work affect our lives. Children make wrong choices. I could go on and on. But we have this promise from Scripture.... "I will be with your always." That is our source of joy. That is why, even in the midst of grief and sadness we can praise the Lord. That is why we join together to worship the Lord.

I do indeed wish you a Happy New Year. But even more I wish you a Blessed, joy filled New Year.

In Christ,
Doug

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Reviewed Financial report**
- **Approved attendance of Lee and Dawn at Youth Workers Retreat at Crestfield Camp**
- **Approved 2020 Mission Budget as recommended by our Mission Committee**
- **Reported that 120 to 130 people attended the Christmas Cantata. A rich time of fellowship. Thank you to our choir and Donna and Ashley**
- **Created new Budget Line to include all our Copyright licenses and approved minor changes to our 2020 Budget**
- **Heard plans of Men's Ministry to have "Wild Game dinner" on January 18th**
- **Heard report that Financial Secretary has purchased a new computer to maintain Donations record.**
- **Approved purchase of Sanctuary Candles from Memorial Fund**
- **Called Congregation Meeting for January 26th to review 2019**

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OFFICER TRAINING 2020 – On Saturday, January 11th from 8:30AM until NOON. All Officers, Elders and Deacons, returning and new, are encouraged to attend this training. This training is required by our Book of Order and is also a great time of fellowship and for making goals for the upcoming year.

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IMPORTANT - Annual Reports: All committee and board secretaries or chairmen should start thinking about getting their Annual Reports ready to be turned in. ALL REPORTS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 to be included in the 2019 Annual Report. There is a folder on my desk or you can email your reports to me at newbedfordchurch@verizon.net or addietwinstrips@gmail.com Thank You!! Addie

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2020 Church Committees are currently being formed. If anyone is interested in volunteering to be on a committee, please contact Pastor Doug.

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On Sunday, January 26th there will be a Congregational Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is for receiving the Annual Report. This meeting will be during the Sunday School hour in between Church Services.

Birthdays in January

1/01 – Jakki Gardner
1/03 – Bud Freeman
1/04 – Olivia Eppinger
1/05 – Lois Adams
1/05 – Philip Book
1/05 – Ashley Fox
1/05 – Shirley Janoski
1/05 – Jacob Taylor
1/06 – Nancy Bretz
1/06 – Joel Phillips
1/09 – Brenda Miller
1/11 – Marshall Whiting
1/12 – Linda Feil
1/12 – Diane McConnell
1/14 – Gary Geisinger
1/14 – Allen Jones
1/17 – Terri Quinn
1/19 – Rosalie Moore
1/19 – William Moore
1/20 – Mikayln Duffy
1/20 – Amanda Miller
1/24 – Lori Smith
1/26 – Mike Duffy
1/26 – Mackenzie McCarthy
1/26 – Julie Whiting
1/27 – Joyce Goist
1/27 – Morgan Whiting
1/28 – Taylor Allison

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



Pray FOR *Healing*

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

Dear Church Family & Circle Sisters,
Thank you so much for the phone calls, text messages, delicious meals and especially all of the prayers that were lifted up for me during my recent knee surgery and recovery. Everything was so appreciated. Your thoughtfulness and concern made us feel very blessed. God has truly blessed us at NBEPC with a wonderful and caring church family. May God Bless you all and touch your hearts in a special way this Christmas Season.
Love and Blessing ~ Nancy and Paul Cummings



Dear Church Members,
Thank you so very, very much for the prayers, cards, texts, calls and delicious food you dropped off to us during our recoveries! We are getting a little better every day! Love – Gary & Bobbi Anderson

Thank you so much for your generous donations through the Christmas Offering to go towards the extra nutrition support that is needed during this season of turmoil and crisis in Haiti. We have seen an increase in malnutrition which is predicted to get worse over the next months. Please keep Haiti and myself in your prayers as I head back the end of January. -Autumn Marshall

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to everyone that generously purchased gifts for our Angel Tree!!

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WILD GAME DINNER – There will be a Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, January 18th at 6:00P.M. Please bring your favorite dish to share! There will also be games and prizes!

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Congratulations to Adam and Chelsea Marshall on the birth of a baby boy, Titus Marshall. Titus was born on 12-3-19, he weighed 2 lbs. 4 oz. Titus is getting bigger and stronger every day, he currently weighs 3 lbs. 10 oz. Please continue to pray for Titus and the whole Marshall family.





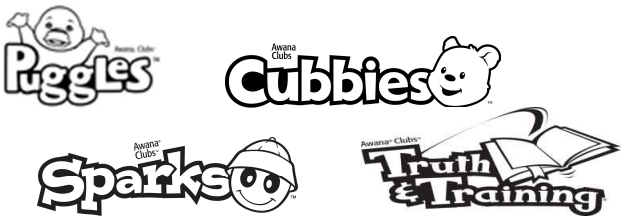
JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Deborah – Tuesday 1/14 at 9:30AM at Bedford Trails Rest.
Elizabeth – Thursday 1/16 at 6:30PM
Rebecca – Saturday 1/18 at 9:00AM at Bedford Trails Rest.
Ruth – Monday 1/20 at 9:30AM
Lydia – Tuesday 1/21 at 1:00PM

Reminder – there is a Women's Association meeting on Saturday, January 11 at 1:00PM

SAVE THE DATE……2020 Annual Women's Retreat will be APRIL 17 & 18

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

AWANA Schedule for January

January 8 – Regular Club Night

January 15 – Double, Double Point Night

January 22 – **Let Your Light Shine for Jesus Night!** – Glow Night

January 29 – Regular Club Night

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.
PRAYER NEED for the Awana leaders. We are half way through the Awana year, prayers for endurance and effectiveness in reaching the children to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

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



Youth Group FUNdraiser

February 8th at 5:30

Super SOUPer Supper & Family FUN Night

Soups: Wedding – Stuffed Pepper – Vegetable

All proceeds will support the Youth Group

Family Fun Night—share a talent or grab some friends and put on a skit!

Sign up yourself or your group in the vestibule!

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

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

Family Ministries Calendar
January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	**2**	**3**	**4**
5 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high1:30-3:30	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9** E.P.I.C Meeting 11am	**10**	**11**
12 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high1:30-3:30	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17 Winter Jam** Dinner will be served at the church before we leave. We will be leaving at 4:45	**18**
19 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high1:30-3:30	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23** E.P.I.C Meeting 11am	**24**	**25**
26 Jr high 12:30-2 Sr high1:30-3:30	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**	

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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