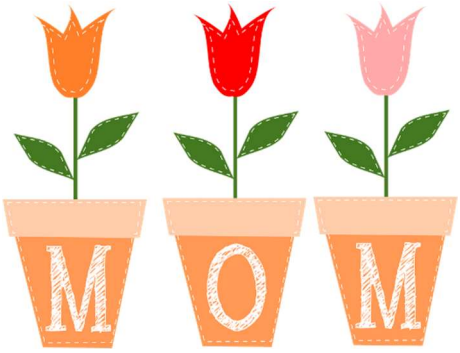
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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!
Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service

Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

As I looked at the calendar I saw that I had a choice of holidays to write about. Mothers Day is May 14th. Sometimes in May I write about parenting. Memorial Day is May 29th. Pentecost Sunday is June 4th. It is fairly late this year because Easter was late this year.

I have decided to write about the Christian holiday.... Pentecost. Pentecost is the third great holiday in the Christian calendar along with Christmas and Easter. Without the events of Pentecost there would be no Christian church and there would be no individual Christian. And yet, Pentecost is a holiday many ignore. As a matter of fact most people, including many Christians, do not even know what Pentecost celebrates. In the Bible, Acts chapter 2 tells us the story of Pentecost. It states....

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.....
14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'....
38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Acts chapter 1 tells us of the ascension of the resurrected Jesus to heaven. God returned to heaven. Chapter 2 tells us of God, once again returning to our world. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended from heaven and entered all who had surrendered their lives to the Lord Jesus. Before this, in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was present with only a select few prophets and kings and only for a period of time. After Pentecost all Christians receive the Holy Spirit.... 2000 years ago and today.

Think what that means for you and for me. Upon our surrender to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.... the Holy Spirit indwells us. God is with us! When we face struggles, God is with us. When we face death.....either our own or the death of loved ones, God is with us. The Holy Spirit empowers us! The Holy Spirit guides us in our growth as Christians.

On this Day of Pentecost, we will once again celebrate the fact that God is with us. The Holy Spirit is present, active and powerful in the life of our church and in our individual lives. Praise be to God.

In Christ,
Doug

Session Highlights

•Administration Committee presented Financial Report. After the 1st quarter of the year income exceeded expenses by $7,207.
•Front sidewalk has been grinded down eliminating a trip point.
•Waiting for yard to dry out and harden to continue stump removal and landscaping.
•Received report of a very successful year for Awana.
•Spoke about the possibility of starting Puddles (Awana for 2 and 3 years old) next year. Staffing will be the key.
•Received a report from the Youth Group.
•Voted to begin a M.O.P.S. (Mother's of Pre-Schoolers) next September. Erika Taylor will be the Coordinator. Also voted to allocate money for child care for this ministry. Amount will depend upon the number of children involved.
•Received report of a very successful Easter Egg Hunt Outreach event. Our church had the opportunity to share the Good news of Easter and invite children to recognize Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The vast majority of children have little to not church involvement anywhere.
•Mission Committee reported on a successful collection for the Heifer Project. We collected $1,704 in this special offering.
• The Mission Committee is planning a trip to Haiti next February. This trip will include visits to Autumn Marshall and Matt and Stacy Ayers. More details will be given in the next couple of months. Please begin praying now about being part of this trip.
•We will be attending a "Feast for Fintonia" on May 21st. This is an opportunity to hear the great work that is taking place in Sierra Leone. Contact Doug if you are able to attend this dinner in Chippewa.
•Received a report that the Lenten dinners and Easter Breakfast were very successful.
•Set June 11th at the Sunday to recognize our Graduates. (June 4th is Pentecost Sunday, Communion and a Special Bell choir presentation).
•Received a report on the 1st quarter staff review of Jocilyn.
•Men's Ministry reported on a Men's and Boy's breakfast for May 13th beginning at 8:00.
•Women's Ministry reported on a very successful Woman's Retreat. Almost 70 women joined together for this wonderful Retreat.
•Doug will represent our church at the EPC General Assembly in Sacramento.

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Adult New Members Class

Beginning May 21st and continuing for 4 Sundays at the Sunday School Hour (9:30). Pastor Doug will be conducting an Adult New Members Class in his office. This is a class almost every member of New Bedford Church has taken whether they have been members for 70 years or have been members for only one year. If you are joining our church by reaffirmation of faith or by transfer we ask you to take this class. This class is offered in the Spring once per year.

This class will offer a review of basic Christianity and an understanding of the EPC and an understanding of New Bedford Presbyterian Church. It will prepare a person to take the membership vows into our church. Please let Pastor Doug know if you will be attending so class material can be prepared.

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY & JUNE

May 2 – Debi Fynes

May 5 – Grant Dieter & Zoey Janoski

May 8 – Ed Miller & Maelee Whiting

May 9 – Kim Runyan

May 12 – Doris Spence

May 14 – Duane Boyles & Vern Eppinger

May 15 – Ryan Withers

May 19 – Isabella Devite & Ashley Shaffer

May 22 – Brandy Buxton

May 24 – Nancy Templeton

May 25 – Shirley Tremba

May 26 – Linda Punneo

May 27 – Roy Komar

May 29 – Ron Tremba

June 4 – Carl Black

June 6 – Pearl Reed

June 7 – Lisa Craig, Dennis Jones, Autumn Marshall

June 12 – Marissa Carr, Ray Janoski, June Smith

June 18 – Sam Varano

June 19 – Christian Fulkman

June 22 – Geniene Jones & Carrie Kaufman

June 24 – Margie Matthews

June 25 – Shirley Sikora

June 26 – Amy Geisinger

June 27 – Tim Smith

June 28 – Ashlynn McAllen

June 29 – John Anderson & Dorothy Rishell



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
Henry and Pearl Reed----------Overlook Nursing Home
Carl Black----------Clen-Moore Place (Greer House)



I would like to thank the congregation for the many cards, phone calls and prayers sent while I was going through the radiation treatments for my lung cancer. My surgeon is confident that they got all the cancer. I will not find out how effective the radiation has been until June when I will have a scan. God is good, His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth to all generations. Blessed be the name of the Lord! -Doris Spence



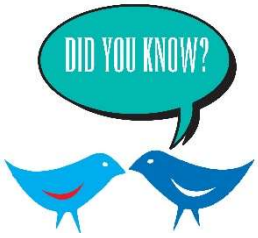
We would like to thank our church family for all of the support of prayers, cards, flowers and food during the time of my father, Joseph Heaney's passing last month. We feel so blessed to be surrounded by so many caring loving and caring people. Thank You ~ Diane & Chuck Bell and family

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the many family members and many friends of Don Jones. Don ran into the arms of Jesus on April 3rd. Don will be greatly missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him. We are comforted knowing how happy Don is worshipping at the feet of our Lord Jesus.
"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."
Psalm 18:2



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Jane Clingan just recently celebrated her 95th birthday on April 2nd!! Jane also has a new address listed below.

Jane Clingan
Middletown Home
999 West Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057

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Births

APRIL 1ST ~ Congratulations to Collin & Mollie Fulkman on the birth of their son, Clay Edward. Clay weighed 8 lbs. & 9 oz. and was 21 inches in length at birth. Mira is now a proud Big Sister! Congratulations to both the Fulkman and the McMillan families on the birth of this precious baby boy!

APRIL 13TH ~ Congratulations to Mike & Carla Krisuk on the birth of their first baby! Mike & Carla were blessed with a son, Leo Dominic. Congratulations on the birth of your precious baby boy!

WOMEN'S NEWS



Circle Meetings for May

Deborah Circle ~ Tuesday, May 9th at 9:30a.m. at the church (unless told otherwise).

Ruth Circle ~ Monday, May 15th at 9:30a.m. at the church.

Lydia Circle ~ Tuesday, May 16th at 1:00p.m. at the church.

Elizabeth Circle ~ Thursday, May 18th at the church.

Rebecca Circle ~ Saturday, May 20th at 9:00a.m. at Bedford Trails Restaurant.

Women's Association Update

We had a great time at this year's retreat at The Castle. This retreat saw many women in attendance who have participated throughout the years along with several first-time attendees. What a joy it was to begin to build new relationships with each other. Thank you to the Ruth Circle for planning and organizing this year's retreat. Great job ladies!

Thank you to Judy Stuhlmann, Helen Ruby and Kim Runyan for coordinating National Day of Prayer. Just a reminder – the service is Thursday, May 4 at 7:00pm. We know prayer is a powerful tool in our spiritual battle against the powers of darkness. Come join us as we stand strong in the Lord!

Our next scheduled meeting is Saturday, May 13 @ 1:00pm at the church. If you want to know what is happening with our association or to be a part of the decision making process please come. Hope to see you there.

In His Service,
Judy Riethmiller

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MEMORIAL DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 121ST annual New Bedford Memorial Day program will be held on Saturday, May 27th at 11:00a.m. at Memorial Park near Hopewell Cemetery in New Bedford. A parade will precede the program. All veterans in the area are welcome to ride on the float in the Memorial Day Parade. Anyone who has a vintage/classic car is also encouraged to join the parade. Parade participants will be meeting in the parking lot of the old New Bedford School near the Lion's Park by 10:15a.m. The parade should start by 10:30a.m. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come honor our veterans at the parade and to stay for the heart - warming service at Memorial Park. Please call Evelyn Exley if you plan on riding on the float at 724-964-8568. Thank you!

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The Worship Committee will once again have a Memorial Day slide presentation. If you did not submit a photo last year of yourself or your family member that is currently serving in the military or is a veteran, please email a photo to newbedfordchurch@verizon.net or bring a picture into the church office so that we can scan it for the slideshow. Thank you!







Lenten Prayer Vigil 40th Anniversary

Another season of Lent and the observance of Holy week have been completed in our church. The assurance of Christ Crucified; Christ Risen and Christ coming again. One of the things that became a tradition within our church is the Prayer Vigil.

Some of you may not know, but with the completion of the Prayer Vigil this year, we celebrated a milestone and completed our 40th continuous year of having a Prayer Vigil in our church during Holy Week.

Some traditions come and fade over time, but I am thankful that this one continues. Over the years the Prayer Vigil has changed, originally the Prayer Vigil started on Palm Sunday Evening after a soup supper and was manned continuously at the church from Palm Sunday through the Easter Sunrise Service. That was A LOT of hours to fill and many people spent entire nights at the church in prayer through the years. The Prayer Vigil is now held beginning after our Maundy Thursday service through our morning Easter Service. It usually is held in the church Library or Parlor and you are asked to come and spend an hour in prayer, or if you choose, you can spend several hours. There usually is a continuous list of requests made, and if you want you may add your own requests to the list. In the past several years the Prayer Vigil added the option of praying at home during your hour, but there is something special about coming to the church and spending time in prayer.

Christ instructed the disciples to pray and it is one of our forms of communication with Him. How wonderful that this tradition carries on, 40 years of different individuals spending time lifting up the needs of individuals; the community; and the world and laying them at the feet of Jesus!

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If you or your child/children are graduating from High School, Trade School, or College please contact the Church Office so that all graduates can be recognized. We will be having Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 11th. There will be a reception with cake and punch following the second worship service on this day.

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Mahoning Presbyterian Church (4401 Skyhill Rd., Pulaski) will be having a Blood Drive on Thursday, May 25th from 1:30pm to 7:00pm. You are able to sign up by calling 1-800-RED CROSS, visiting redcrossblood.org , or there is a sign-up sheet in our church narthex.

American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

Maker Fun Factory VBS will allow God's love and purpose for each person to come to life like never before…touching lives, changing hearts, and drawing kids closer to the God who created them!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 12-16, 2017 9:00-12:00

All children Preschool-Grade 6 are invited to attend!
REGISTER TODAY!!!

CREATE a ROBOT CONTEST

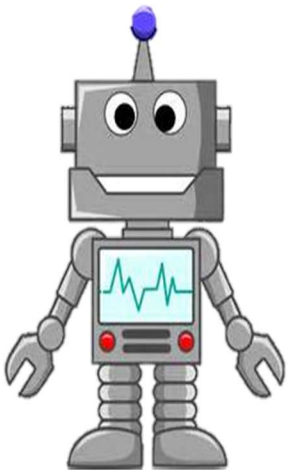
Robots must be completed and brought to the church by May 28th.

Robots will be judged and prizes will be awarded. Enter as many Robots as you would like as individuals or teams.

Robots can be any size, small to large, and can resemble people or animals.

Be CREATIVE…use wood, cardboard, recyclables, craft supplies, junk yard finds, etc.

Robots will be displayed during VBS!



ATTENTION: Adults, Jr./Sr. High & College Students……..
Join now for the satisfaction of leading kids to discover they are Created by God and built for a purpose……. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Crew Leaders	Snack Center	PreSchool
Imagination Station	Games Center	Prayer Partners
Music Leader	Craft Station	

Please let me know what you can do to help with this ministry!

VBS Wednesday Work Days

Wednesdays, May 24th, 31st & June 7th from 10:00am-12:00pm will be VBS work days. I will be preparing decorations, nametags, craft items, and anything & everything VBS. If you are able to come and help for 1 week, 2 weeks, or all the weeks let me know. All skills are needed, from cutting to coloring to creating. Come together with a friend and enjoy time together while we prepare for the VBS ministry. Sign up in the vestibule for the day that you plan on helping.

Dawn Harris call or text: 330-881-8110 email: dawnhnbpc@aol.com

All parents, Awana leaders, teachers, & anyone that is involved in Awana, please complete the End of the Year Awana survey at the following link: **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GXQR935**

Printed copies of the survey are available in Dawn's office.

Sunday School Teacher Needed: Christian Education Committee is praying for God to touch the heart of His servants who will be called to fulfill the Sunday School Teacher positions. If you feel that God is calling you to help with this ministry please contact Dawn Harris. Teachers are needed for the next quarter, which is June, July, and August.

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This is the last month of Sunday night afO meetings! Sunday, May 28th will be the last night of youth group until we meet again in September. During this month only, join the breakfast club every Tuesday morning at Ryder's in Wilmington at 7 am! We will have a short bible study while we enjoy breakfast before school. If you need a ride to Ryder's, text Jocilyn. We are finally holding a lock in this year! May 26th the doors will open at 6 pm, close at 6:30 pm and will not open until 8 am the next morning. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BE A CHAPERONE. If I don't have enough adult support, I will not hold this event. You can sign up for when you are available to supervise; Sign-up sheet will be in my office. Lastly, but technically firstly, the youth is continuing to make mats for the homeless every first Sunday of the month. May 7th from 6:30-7:30 pm the youth will be making mats if anyone is interested in joining/learning with us! We will continue to do this every first Sunday of the month, except during the summer months of June, July, and August; the youth does not have afO at night during these months so we will make them during Sunday School. Stay tuned for a posting of the summer events list on the youth group bulletin board at church… I heard something about chocolate ball for the kick off? ☺

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June 12-16, 2017
9:00-12:00

All children Preschool-Grade 6 are invited to attend!

VBS REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name_____Grade Completed:_____ Age:_____
Allergies: Y / N List:_____
Medical Conditions: Y / N List:_____

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Allergies: Y / N List:_____
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Child's Name_____Grade Completed:_____ Age:_____
Allergies: Y / N List:_____
Medical Conditions: Y / N List:_____

Parent's Name _____
Address_____ Zip Code_____
Phone Number _____ Email Address_____
Name of Home Church, if any_____
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO While Child Is At VBS:
Name_____ Phone Number_____
Name_____ Phone Number_____

_____Parent Initial after reading the VBS Snack Guide

*Our goal is to provide snacks that everyone can safely enjoy. *Our snacks may contain nuts, milk, gluten, egg, and other allergens. *While we do our very best to keep the amount of allergens low, we cannot promise allergen free snacks. * Please note allergies on the child's registration form. * We will have fresh apples available daily. *Parents should provide an appropriate snack for their child if there are any food allergies. *For the children's safety, there will be no exceptions to these guidelines. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Complete form and mail to church or drop it off at the church office.
Register by May 28th to get a special prize!!

For more info contact Dawn Harris at 330-881-8110 or dawnhnbpc@aol.com