Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

Last May I wrote about Pentecost. This year I will write about Mother's Day. I thought in this opening letter I would take a moment to quote Proverbs 31. The title of this section is "The wife of noble character".

"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.
Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.
She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.
She gets up while it is still dark; and provides food for her family.
She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.
She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.
She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.
When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

I believe this is a beautiful description of a faithful wife. I am especially impressed that Solomon does not relegate the woman to one task. She is a manager of her home. She is a manager of her business (she buys a field with her money) she is a loving, caring mother, she is a provider. And most important…she is a woman of God.

Finally, this text tells us what our wives deserve…reward and praise. The reward may be a dinner out. The reward may be an assumed task (yes husbands can bathe and watch kids and do housework). The reward may be words of love and care. And always, always give your wife and your mother praise. She is a gift from God. Happy Mother's Day.

In Christ,

Doug

Session Highlights from April

1. **Received Financial Report. As of the end of March, income exceeds expenses by $2,334.**
2. **Discussed adding handicap bathroom in the church.**
3. **Approved the membership of Adult New Membership Class: Glenn Hepler, Elaine Hepler, Sharon Book, John Book, Grace Fenati, Nichol Fenati, Deb Ammeen, Dorothy Shellingburg, Linda Harris, Julie Harris, Richard Harris, Jim Maloney, Lilly Wood. Evangelism Committee is planning a reception between services on May 20th.**
4. **Received $3,213 from the Easter Offering. This will be sent to the Idora Church plant.**
5. **Mission Committee is planning a church dinner on Thursday, July 21st for the visit of Matt & Stacey Ayars and the girls.**
6. **Approved a gift to Emmaus Seminary (Matt & Stacey Ayars) of $1,618 for purchase of a new battery for the updated Solar Energy system. Total cost for the upgrade is $50,000. Approved a Special Offering to purchase a second battery.**

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City Rescue Mission
Since 1911

The Mission is having an Open House May 4th & 5th to let people visit their facilities. Awana has supported the New Castle City Rescue Mission by collected food. This will be a great opportunity to see how our donation is used for those in need. We will take a tour and meet people who have had lives changed at the Mission.

We will leave the church at 4:45 and go to the Mission for a tour. Bring money for dinner at Wendy's after the tour. Contact Dawn Harris with any questions or if you would like to go, 330-881-8110

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As a church we believe in the value of summer camp for our children and youth. Many, many young people take significant steps of faith at Summer Camp. We encourage registering for Miracle Mountain Ranch or Seneca Hills Bible Camp. There are brochures for both camps on the table in the entryway or you can sign up online. To encourage children and youth to sign up for camp the church offers a ½ scholarship for camp. Sign up now to go to camp! Please call the office if you have any questions.

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Please visit our church website at www.newbedfordepchurch.org to view all Redeeming Times Newsletters and also to listen to Audio Sermons!

Birthdays in May

5/02 – Debi Fynes
5/05 – Grant Dieter
5/05 – Zoey Janoski
5/06 – Jason Clark
5/08 – Ed Miller
5/08 – Maelee Whiting
5/09 – Kim Runyan
5/12 – Doris Spence
5/14 – Duane Boyles
5/15 – Ryan Withers
5/19 – Isabella DeVite
5/19 – Ashley Shaffer
5/22 – Brandi Buxton
5/24 – Nancy Templeton
5/25 – Shirley Tremba
5/26 – Linda Punneo
5/27 – Roy Komar
5/29 – Ron Tremba

Birthdays in June

6/04 – Carl Black
6/06 – Pearl Reed
6/07 – Lisa Craig
6/07 – Dennis Jones
6/07 – Autumn Marshall
6/12 – Marissa Carr
6/12 – Ray Janoski
6/12 – June Smith
6/18 – Sam Varano
6/19 – Christian Fulkman
6/22 – Geniene Jones
6/22 – Carrie Kaufman
6/24 – Margie Matthews
6/25 – Shirley Sikora
6/26 – Amy Geisinger
6/27 – Tim Smith
6/28 – Ashlynn McAllen
6/29 – John Anderson
6/29 – 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
Gladys Barnhart----------Home
Jo Ruby----------Home
Pearl Reed----------Overlook Nursing Home
Carl Black----------Clen-Moore Place (Greer House)
Art Spence----------Home



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marie Snyder. Marie ran into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, April 7th. Marie will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

"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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We would like to thank Terri Emery for mailing out weekly sermons and bulletins to us. We greatly appreciate it!

Connie Shick & Violet Hilliard

I would like to thank everyone for all of their prayers and concerns during my recent surgery and for my continued recovery.

Linda Punneo

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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 3rd. There will be a small reception with donuts and coffee between worship services on this day.

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On Sunday, May 20th we will receive 13 new members into our congregation, they have been attending a 4 week Adult New Members class with Pastor Doug. Between services on this day we will celebrate with food and fellowship by having a 'Pot Luck' breakfast during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:30.



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<u>Quarterly Breakfast</u> – On Sunday, May 20th we will have a 'Pot Luck' Breakfast together during the Sunday School hour to celebrate and welcome those being received into membership this morning. Everyone is asked to bring a breakfast dish to share if you are able for a great morning of fellowship.

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<u>TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)</u>

TOPS meets at the church every Tuesday 9:30-11AM in the church parlor. Make this the year to get healthy. Stop in to visit or call Renee Persky at 330-534-2909 or Doris Spence at 724-654-1067 for more information.

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<u>June Newsletter</u> ~ The deadline for the next Newsletter for June will be Sunday, May 27th. All articles and/or announcements can be left on my desk or sent by email to <u>addietwinstrips@gmail.com</u> or <u>newbedfordchurch@verizon.net</u> . Thanks – Addie

Pancakes & Paint with Mom



May 19th 9:30 AM
$4.00 per person

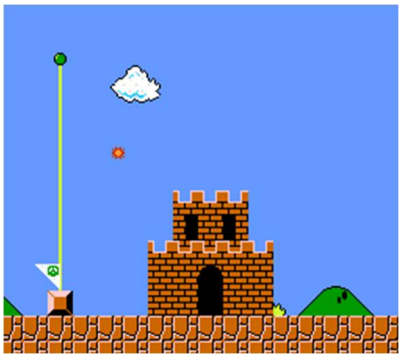
We'll be flipping up some fun with our Moms. Kids and Moms can join us for a pancake breakfast and creating an artwork.

If you have any questions contact Dawn & RSVP by May 13th by calling the church office 724-964-8055.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 15-19, 2018
5:15-5:45 Dinner
5:45-8:00 VBS

All children entering K - Grade 6 are invited to attend!



VBS Wednesday Work Days

Wednesdays, May 23rd, 30th, & June 6th 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.

***ATTENTION*: Adults & Jr./Sr. High.....**

Be in prayer for how you can serve kids in the VBS ministry.
Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Crew Leaders
Bible Lesson Center
Decorating (week before VBS)
Prayer Partners
Skit Actors
Craft Center
Experiment Center



May Circle Meetings

Deborah – Tuesday, May 8th at 9:30a.m. at Bedford Trails Restaurant.

Lydia – Tuesday, May 15th at 1:00p.m. at the church.

Elizabeth – Thursday, May 17th at 6:30p.m. at the church.

Rebecca – Saturday, May 19th at 9:00a.m. at Bedford Trails Restaurant.

Ruth – Monday, May 21st at 9:30a.m. at the church.

The next Women's Association meeting will be held on Saturday, May 12th at 9:00a.m. All women are invited and encouraged to come and take part in these meetings!

Thank you to the Rebecca Circle for coordinating and leading our Women's Retreat at the Castle. Great job ladies!!

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May 6: Fusion Night at the Sankey Center for afO! Meet there for 6:30-8pm. Jocilyn will be buying Pizza Hut for our group!

May 13: Mother's Day, no afO.

May 18: 'Paint and Sip' fundraiser for Alive at the church! 6-8pm Cost is $25 per person, the youth will be helping by refilling drinks and paint!

May 20: Last afO of the season! We will resume meeting on Sunday evenings in September!

Look for Youth updates on Facebook & Instagram

New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Youth Group – Facebook

Epic_youthdirector - Instagram

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MOPS
this is motherhood

May is the last month of MOPS meetings for the 2017-2018 Session. MOPS will start back up again in September! Below is a list of what is still to come this May. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Erika Taylor at emtaylor1978@aol.com .

May 8 ~ *3 A.M. Friends*

Having a friend you can call at 3a.m. is one of the things that helps us face and navigate the hard times in life. Discuss how you can find and be an inviting friend.

May 22 ~ *Becoming the Beloved Tea Party*

MEMORIAL DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 122nd annual New Bedford Memorial Day program will be held on Saturday, May 26th 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 10:30. 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!

The Worship Committee will once again have a Memorial Day slide presentation. If you did not submit a photo the past couple years 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. Thanks!







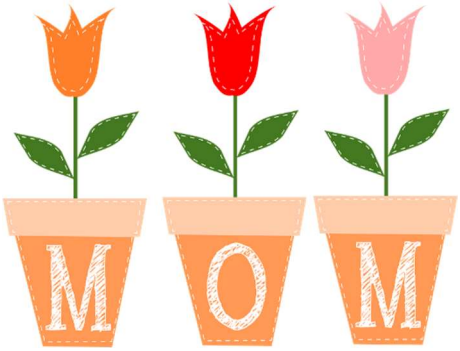
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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service