Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

It is the season of Thanksgiving. We, as Christians, can use this season to thank our Lord for all the blessings He has given to each of us. The question I want to pose in this letter is this: How can we learn to truly be thankful to our Lord? Let me share with you lessons I discovered on thanksgiving from Psalm 37.

First, I discovered the necessity of being thankful for my relationship with Jesus Christ and not to worry about the difficulties this relationship causes at times with other people. Psalm 37:7 states:

> ***"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes."***

How much time we waste "fretting" when we should be "waiting" and praising the Lord.

Second, be content with the income and possessions the Lord has given to us. Psalm 37:16,17 states:

> ***"Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous."***

Contentment with what we have leads to an attitude of thanksgiving. Discontent prevents true thanksgiving.

Third, we need to spend time with our Lord. We continue in Psalm 37 with verse 34:

> ***"Wait for the Lord and keep His way."***

Hurried lives lack true thanksgiving. The expression, "Stop and smell the roses" has much merit. Stop and be with the Lord. Stop and see all that He has blessed you with.

Finally, we are thankful because we are assured of eternity with Him. He is with us now, and He will be with us for eternity. Verse 39 of this Psalm states:

> ***"The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; He is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord helps them and delivers them."***

Let us all take the time in this Thanksgiving season to praise the Lord. Happy Thanksgiving!

In Him,

Doug Runyan

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Received Financial Report. Year to Date Balance at end of September was $23,362.**
2. **Received report on Manse Kitchen/Dining Room Remodel. Work is to begin November 30th. All cabinets need to be removed by that date.**
3. **Topsoil has been donated and delivered. Will be spread and seeded when weather permits.**
4. **Received update on Youth, Children, MOPS, Men's and Women's ministries.**
5. **Began review of Membership roles. Approved a letter to try to encourage active participation in our ministries. Will complete review next meeting.**
6. **Mission Committee and Haitian Mission Team are planning a Fundraising Luncheon after church on November 19th.**
7. **The Mission Committee has arranged a tour of the Idora Neighborhood Ministry for Saturday, November 11th. We will meet at the church at 10:30.**
8. **Evangelism Committee is planning to have name tags used the first Sunday of every month.**
9. **Budget work is continuing. Session is recommending 3% pay raises for all staff for 2018 Budget.**
10. **Christmas Eve service will be a Cantata by our choir followed by candle lighting.**
11. **The Deacons reported adding Larry Pence to the shut in visit list.**
12. **Personnel Committee will conduct the year end staff reviews.**

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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
Pearl Reed----------Overlook Nursing Home
Carl Black----------Clen-Moore Place (Greer House)
Shirley Tremba----------Home



WEEKLY BULLETIN – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted no later than 7:00A.M. on Thursday mornings to be printed in that Sundays bulletin.



MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS – Please have all newsletter articles and/or information/announcements submitted no later than the 25TH of every month to be included in the following months newsletter.

**All bulletin and newsletter submissions can be sent to newbedfordchurch@verizon.net or addietwinstrips@gmail.com or left on Addie's desk.

**The next newsletter to be published will be for December. Due date is November 25TH .

**If you have any questions or concerns please call the church office. Thank You ☺

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study started back up a couple of weeks ago. Pastor Doug is leading this Bible Study on the book of Genesis. If you are interested in this bible study, please join them on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm.

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I would like to thank Pastor Doug and all of my church friends that have come to visit me. It means so much to me. -Violet Hilliard



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MISSION NEWS



The Mission Committee will be collecting food for the City Rescue Mission for their upcoming Thanksgiving Food Program. We will be collecting October 8th through November 12th. You may place your donations in the box in the vestibule. We will be collecting: Canned Vegetables; Evaporated Milk; Canned Yams; Stuffing Mix; Jars of Gravy; Canned Fruit; Pie Crust Mix; Cranberry Sauce. Thank You!!

On Saturday, November 11th we have the opportunity to tour the Idora Neighborhood. We will meet at the church at 10:30 to leave for the Idora tour. We are supporting the ministry and church plant in this neighborhood. We will see the newly purchased community center. We will see the newly remodeled home of Gary's and we will hear Gary share stories of ministry in this neighborhood. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone interested in going to the Idora Neighborhood.

Eight people from our church will travel to Haiti this coming February. They will visit and minister with both Autumn Marshall and Matt & Stacy Ayars. The Mission Committee is having a Haiti Mission Trip Fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday, November 19th following the 2nd worship service.

Birthdays in November

11/03 – Violet Hilliard
11/06 – Deneen Greene
11/08 – James Emery
11/11 – Dana Garner
11/16 – Brenda Hostetler
11/25 – Bernice Boyer
11/27 – Lee Harris
11/29 – Alyssa Boyer
11/29 – Curtis Bretz
11/29 – Barrett Craig

Birthdays in December

12/01 – Adam Marshall
12/02 – Diana Halt
12/04 – Alexis Lambert
12/05 – Betty Komar
12/07 – Kyle Jones
12/10 – Bob Miller
12/11 – Caroletta Doverspike
12/13 – Katee Paglia
12/14 – Evelyn Exley
12/14 – Jo Ruby
12/19 – Rebecca Halt
12/20 – Eric Keller
12/21 – Ruth Hunt
12/21 – Lavon Rogers
12/24 – Florence Allison
12/09 – Chuck Bell
12/16 – Wanda Boyles
12/28 – Darlene Robison
12/09 – Bob Bell
12/17 – Angela Houk
12/29 – Christa Matthews
12/09 – Alexis Jones
12/17 – Addie Moore



NOVEMBER GREETERS

11/5 ~ Harry Riethmiller

11/12 ~ Jane, Shelia & Olivia Eppinger

11/19 ~ Steve & Sunday School Class

11/26 ~ Lori & Dennis Jones

HEAD USHER ~ Lee Harris

November Circle Meetings



Deborah ~ Tuesday 11/14 at 9:30AM

Ruth ~ Monday 11/13 at 9:30AM

Lydia ~ Tuesday 11/21 at 1:00PM

Elizabeth ~ Thursday 11/16 at 6:30PM

Rebecca ~ Saturday 11/18 at 9:00AM at Bedford Trails Rest.

Please note the date change of the Ruth Circle (meeting the 2nd Monday instead of the 3rd), they will be meeting on November 13th at 9:30am. They will be discussing their *Blessing Jars***

Thank Offering Sunday is on Sunday, November 19th. The women of the church will lead our worship. Hillary Robison Coryea will be our guest speaker, she will be here speaking about Teen Challenge.



The Women's Association Christmas Dinner will be held Tuesday, December 5th at 6pm at Edwards Restaurant in New Castle. Invite your friends to come and remember to bring a wrapped, under $5 gift for the gift exchange. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex and more details will be coming soon in the upcoming bulletins.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES……

- Thank Offering Service – November 19th
- Christmas Dinner – December 5th
- Upcoming WA Meetings – November 11 @ 1pm, January 13, 2018 @ 9am
- Women's Retreat – April 20-21, 2018
- National Day of Prayer – May 3, 2018

THE BAZAAR IS THIS SATURDAY!!

NOVEMBER 4TH

9:00A.M. UNTIL 2:00P.M.

INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!!





The Youth will be kicking off this month with some fellowship at Fusion Night! This event is hosted by LCYM and is held at the Sankey Center in New Castle. Its goal is to connect the neighboring youth groups in the area with a fun night of food, games, and gospel teachings. Did I mention it was free???? It will take the place of Youth Group Sunday night, November 5th. Please meet at the Sankey Center at 6:20pm, as the event is from 6:30-8pm. Later this month, on Saturday, November 18th, 10 youth members will be serving lunch at the City Rescue Mission. We will meet at the church at noon and arrive at City Rescue for 12:30. This is a "first come first serve" sign-up, due to their 10-person-limit policy, so the first 10 kids to sign up will reserve a spot for the 18th. Sign-ups begin November 1st. Lastly this month (but certainly not least) is our annual Skate Night at the Olympic Fun Center! Meet at the church at 4:45pm with your $10. Your money includes admission, unlimited pizza, pop, rock wall, skating, and laser tag! The event goes from 5:30-8:30pm. You won't want to miss it!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adult Group is continuing to meet on Monday nights at 5pm for bible study; thank you all for being flexible and patient with my schedule! We've switched the study day a few times but you've been great! Please invite your friends to study! On November 20th Jocilyn is cooking Thanksgiving dinner for all Young Adults. Meet at her house at 6pm for a (hopefully edible) meal! If you are able and willing, please bring a dessert to share with the group.

****For any questions or concerns regarding Youth Group or the College & Young Adult Group, please contact Jocilyn Houk****

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If you have something that you would like on the Prayer Chain, a prayer of praise or concern, please call the Church Office. If it is after hours, you can leave a message on the answering machine or send us an email at newbedfordchurch@verizon.net

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CHANGE of ADDRESS

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AWANA MISSION UPDATE

Awana Clubbers collected items for the Thanksgiving Baskets that get distributed during the holiday to families in need. Our goal was to collect 150 items. Thank you for the donation of food…..we collected 55 items for the City Rescue Mission. The deadline to donate for the Thanksgiving baskets is November 15th. If you would like to participate please place all items in the grocery cart.

Items needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets:

Evaporated Milk	Canned Gravy	Pie Crust Mix	Cranberry Sauce
Pumpkin Pie Filling	Canned Yams	Stuffing Mix	Vegetables

November 1st – Campfire Night ****Puggles WILL NOT Meet Nov. 1st****

4:30-5:00 Hot Dog Roast on the fire
Hot Dogs, Chips, & Drink will be provided
ALL Kids and Families are invited to come
Bring chairs or blanket to sit by the fire
(If it rains the hot dog roast will be cancelled-we will have regular club)
5:00-7:00 Regular Awana Club

November 8th – Regular Awana Club Night

November 15th – 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.

November 22nd – NO CLUB - Happy Thanksgiving

November 29th - Regular Awana Club Night

Awana has 44 kids registered from ages 2 to grade 6. I am still in need of listeners from 6:10-6:45. If you are available during that time to come and listen to Clubbers recite memory verses, please contact Dawn.

NEED: *Children At Worship Leaders*

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.



NEW AT NBEPC!!!!

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
November 2017-January 2018 Schedule
All Meetings 9:30-11:00 A.M.

November 7 **Loving My Actual Christmas**

Consider how embracing the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace will help you remember how the Christmas story.

November 21 **Advent Wreaths and Cookie Exchange**

December 5 **Clutter Free Lives**

Consider why we buy and hold onto things that create chaos in our homes and lives. Discuss practical steps to living with meaning.

December 19 **MOPS Swap Meet**

January 9 **Why Worry**

Discover what is at the root of your worry, name the things that cause stress, and invite others to come alongside you. Don't allow worry to paralyze you and keep you from enjoying life!

January 23 **Coloring Books and Hot Cocoa Bar**

HELP NEEDED!

In order to provide this ministry to mothers of preschoolers in our area, we are in need of volunteers to help with childcare during the meetings. A curriculum and activities will be provided for children 2+ while younger children can enjoy free play and a snack in the nursery. You do NOT have to work every meeting, but any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Copies of the full 2017-2018 MOPS Schedule can be picked up in the church entry

Please contact Erika Taylor for more information at 724-674-1840 or emtaylor1978@aol.com.

2017 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
			4:30-5pm Awana Campfire NO PUGGLES TONIGHT 5-7 AWANA 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Bell Choir Practice 7:30 Evening Bible Study	6:30 C.E. Cmte. Mtg. 6:30 Evangel. Cmte. Mtg.	3-4:15pm Greater Pgh. Food Bank Distribution	9am-2pm BAZAAR
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
8:30 Contemporary Serv. 9:30 Sunday School 10:40 Traditional Serv. 6:30-8pm Fusion Night by LCYM @ Sankey Center for Jr. & Sr. Youth Grps.	5pm Young Adults	9:30-11 MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 6:30 Worship Team Pract. Election Day	5-7 AWANA for all ages 2-6th grade 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Bell Choir Practice 7:30 Evening Bible Study	6:30 Worship Cmte. Mtg.		8am Men's Ministry @ Riethmiller's Shop 10:30 Idora Tour 1pm Women's Assoc. Mtg.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30 Contemporary Serv. 9:30 Sunday School 10:40 Traditional Serv. 4-6pm Jr. High Yough Gr. 7-9pm Sr. High Youth Gr.	9:30 Ruth Circle Meeting 5pm Young Adults 7pm Admin. Cmte. Mtg. 7pm Mission Cmte. Mtg.	9:30 Deborah Circle Mtg. 6:30 Worship Team Pract	5-7 AWANA for all ages 2-6th grade 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Bell Choir Practice 7:30 Evening Bible Study	6:30 Elizabeth Circle Mtg. 7pm Session Meeting		9am Rebecca Circle Mtg. @ Bedford Trails Rest. 12pm Youth meeting to go to City Rescue Mission
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 Contemporary Serv. 9:30 Sunday School 10:40 Traditional Serv. 12 Mission Luncheon 4-6pm Jr. High Yough Gr. 7-9pm Sr. High Youth Gr.	6pm Young Adults mtg @ Jocilyn's house for Thanksgiving Dinner	9:30-11 MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 1pm Lydia Circle Meeting 6:30 Worship Team Pract.	NO AWANA TONIGHT - Due to No School Today 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Bell Choir Practice	Happy Thanksgiving		
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
8:30 Contemporary Serv. 9:30 Sunday School 10:40 Traditional Serv.	5pm Young Adults 7pm Deacon's Meeting	6:30 Worship Team Pract	5-7 AWANA for all ages 2-6th grade 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Bell Choir Practice			

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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: 9:00AM – 2:00PM****

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY