Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

We are once again beginning a new school year. We are blessed with a very, very active church. Many, many ministries are once again beginning. But in the busyness we must always remember this…we serve the Lord. We minister in His name. We must not do programs for the sake of doing programs. We must have programs in order to share our faith and help others to grow in faith. The Lord must always be our focus. I want to use this letter to ask for your prayers. We need to constantly lift our ministries and our programs up to the Lord in prayer.

- **First a word of praise. Thank you to all who serve in these many ministries. Thank you to everyone who acts in obedience to the Great Commission to "go and make disciples".**
- **Please pray for our music ministries. In the next few weeks our Choir, and Bell Choir will again be in rehearsal. Our Worship Team practices and leads worship all year round. Pray for the leaders and pray for the participants in these ministries. Praise God for the richness they add to our worship. New choir members and new bell choir members are always welcomed!**
- **Pray for our Sunday School ministry. Sunday School begins it's Fall schedule in about a week. A number of new teachers are beginning. A number of teachers who have been serving for many years will continue. The children are using a new curriculum. A new class grouping is beginning. New class rooms are being used. Pray for the children that come to Sunday School. Pray for new children to come to Sunday School. Pray for the teachers, that God will give them wisdom. A Sunday School teacher can have a life long impact on children. Pray for Dawn as she organizes our Sunday School. We also have three adult classes. All three classes are growing in numbers. New curriculums are being used in a couple of our classes. Again, pray that more and more people will take part in this ministry.**
- **Pray for our Awana ministry. Every Wednesday we will have many, many children in our church. Some are from families active in our church, many are from community families. Dawn told me that even in the "kick off" event held this week, there was a number of new families present. Pray for the many volunteers. Pray for the children as they memorize the Word of God. Pray that the Lord will use this ministry to lead new families into our church. Pray for the new curriculum that is being used.**
- **Pray for our Children at Worship ministry and our nursery ministry. This is another opportunity to touch the lives of our children with the love of Christ. The nursery a couple of weeks ago had 12 kids in the room. Pray for Brenda as she serves these kids.**
- **Pray for our MOPS Ministry. This ministry to mothers of pre-schoolers began last year under the leadership of Erika Taylor. Please keep her in your prayers. This ministry also includes a number of women from our church and a number of moms from the community. Pray for the Lord's blessing on this ministry as they are changing their meeting day (to Wednesday) and their format. Again, pray that this is an avenue for young families, who are not active in another church, to become active at New Bedford. This ministry is in need of volunteers to help with babysitting and snacks.**
- **Pray for our youth ministry. Of course a large change is taking place here. Continue to pray for Jocilyn as she is getting married this month. Pray for Lee as he joins the staff of**

the church as Director of Family Ministries. Pray for the building of friendships between Lee and the young people. Pray for the kids. This will be a large change for them. Pray for the programs that Lee will be leading. Pray that the kids will grow in their love for our Lord and mature in faith.

- **Pray for the other ministries that Lee will be leading this Fall. Pray for the continued ministry to our young adults and to our young families. Pray for the programs Lee will be planning for our Senior Citizens.**
- **Pray for our Women's Association ministries and our Men's Ministry. Pray that the Bible studies and the Circles offer opportunities to study God's Word and grow in faith.**
- **Pray for the Elders and Deacons of our church. They provide leadership and ministry to all of us. Pray they walk in obedience to the Lord. Please pray for me as I have the privilege to guide and lead the church as your pastor. Allow me to walk in obedience to the Lord and share God's Word weekly.**

We are indeed a church with many ministries. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Christ,

Doug

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Received a report that the Landscaping is completed within budgeted amount.
- Receiving bids to reseal and re-line the parking lot. Gave Administration committee approval to select a bid.
- Still working on plans for new handicap access bathroom.
- Approved purchase of a new T.V. stand for the portable T.V. and the purchase of a mounted T.V. for the 5th & 6th grade classroom.
- Approved the clothes giveaway on October 6th.
- Approved an after church dinner on September 30th to hear Autumn Marshall share her ministry in Haiti.
- Approved purchase of "Ministry Grid" training videos. There are over 3,000 videos available to anyone in the church on guiding any and every ministry in our church.
- Approved "This is my Story" ministry (led by the Evangelism Committee). Brief two to three minute videos will be produced asking members of our church to share answers to these simple questions: My name is…..?, I have been part of the church for…..?, I came to know Christ when……?, What I love about New Bedford Church is…..?. These videos will be shared during our worship services.

Birthdays in September

9/03 – Juanita Cornman
9/03 – Bobby Liddell
9/04 – Aaron Ealy
9/04 – Autumn Ealy
9/10 – Nancy Cummings
9/13 – Rosalie Black
9/13 – Brad Marshall
9/14 – Doug Runyan
9/15 – James Buxton
9/15 – Ted Hilliard
9/16 – Larry Pence
9/17 – Carol Madden
9/18 – Erin Teachy
9/22 – Madison Liddell
9/28 – Lori Jones
9/29 – Wes Jones
9/29 – Helen Ruby

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



Greeters & Head Ushers

If you would like to be a Greeter during the second Worship Service, please sign up in the *'Greeter Book'* in the Narthex.

September Head Usher – Bob Bell

October Head Usher – Donna Fox

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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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & CHURCH PICNIC


Outdoor Service

On Sunday, September 16th we will be having our Outdoor Worship Service at 10:40am. This will be the only Worship Service on this date. Following the Outdoor Worship Service will be our Church Picnic. If you are able, please bring a dish to share; Hotdogs, drinks, and place settings will be provided by the Worship Committee.

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Choir and Handbell Choir will resume practices on Wednesday, September 5th. Choir practice begins at 6:30pm and Handbell Choir begins at 7:30pm.

**** The Handbell Choir is in need of a ringer for this upcoming year. If you are interested in joining the Handbell Choir, please see Donna Fox.**

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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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Autumn (Hall) and Aaron Ealy were blessed with the birth of a healthy baby boy, Colton James on Friday, August 3rd. Colton was born weighing 9lbs. 3oz. and 23 inches long! Summer is the proud big sister and Jackie Hall is the proud Grandma ♥ Congratulations!! The Ealy's address is 1416 Pennsylvania Ave. Natrona Heights, PA 15065.



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A HUGE Thank You to Nancy Bretz and Cindy Bell for organizing and leading the Landscaping Project around the church!! The new landscaping looks amazing! Also, much thanks to everyone that assisted Nancy & Cindy with the landscaping project!

Thank you to the congregation for the cards, flowers, and especially your prayers and concern over the past month as I battled Kidney Stones and their side effects. Your acts of kindness were greatly appreciated. -Lori Smith

I would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, cards and concerns over the past couple of weeks during my recent illness. A big thank you to the sewing ladies for my beautiful lap quilt! -Chuck Bell

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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Hello everyone! My name is Lee Harris and I am the new Director of Family and Youth Ministries at New Bedford EPC. The first night of Youth Group will be Sunday, September 9th! Jr. High Youth (grades 7 & 8) will be meeting 4-6pm at the church and Sr. High Youth (grades 9-12) will be meeting 5-7pm at the church. I have medical forms to hand out to parents/guardians, please see me either while dropping off or picking up your child. I do not have everyone's contact information, please let your friends know when Youth Group is going to be! I am looking forward to seeing everyone next week!

Please check out our Youth Group Facebook page at

New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Youth Group

Women's Association

Summer is generally associated with a time of relaxation, refreshment and vacations.
It is amazing how quickly the summer passes and we find ourselves once again facing the fall calendar. Children are back to school, fall Sunday school classes begin, and a host of other things begin to fill our calendar. Before your calendar gets too full, consider carefully what you fill it with.

I would like to extend an invitation to all women of the church to get involved in the Women's Association. There are many places to plug in.

- Join a circle where you can find refreshment as you study together the holy word of God while at the same time build relationships with your sisters in the faith. Look in the bulletin, newsletter and on the bulletin board for days and times or better yet speak with those already in a circle.
- Come to the Ladies, Love and Laughter Breakfast on September 15 @ 9:30 am and feel your spirit soar as we share a meal and have a refreshing time of laughter together. Don't forget to bring an item for the woman's shelter. (See the list beside the sign-up sheet in the foyer.)
- Help with the Bazaar, November 3. This can be accomplished in many ways some of which are donating items or crafts or donating your time (before for set-up, during the event, or afterwards for clean-up). Many hands are needed for this massive effort. Contact Nancy Bretz, Cindy Bell or Beth Kendall to volunteer.
- Don't forget to mark your calendar for Thank Offering Sunday, November 18. This is a mission oriented service led by the women of our association. If you would be willing to participate in the service (don't worry you won't have to deliver the sermon) please contact, Kim Runyan from our Mission/Thank Offering Committee.
- Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 4. Our program committee is working on this event, so contact Deneen Greene, Angela Houk or Julie Fulkman if you would like to give them a hand with the planning.
- We have two more Women's Association meetings this year: Saturday, September 8 @ 9:00 am and Saturday, November 10 @ 9:00 am. If your gift is in administration and planning this is a great place for you to plug in.

For you ladies that are new to our congregation or those of you who have been here a bit and are now ready to plug in a little deeper. I encourage you to take that first step. Five years ago when I was new to this congregation I took that step and have never regretted that decision. Why? Because what I received from taking that step went deeper than participating in an event. It reached into my heart and built deep and lasting relationships with other women of God. I have found healing and love. I have found women who lift me up or stand with me when I am weary. I have found a deeper joy and much wisdom in my new friendships. Trust God to lead you to friendships that are true and rooted in Christ. Come join us. We look forward to meeting you.

There is one other bit of business I would like to share with you this month. Our Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to fill some of our leadership and committee positions. That committee consists of Florence Allison, Judy Stuhlmann, and Marilyn McConahy. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve our association in this way.

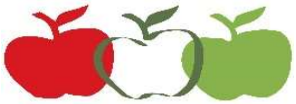
On a personal note, I will not be continuing as Moderator of the association when my term ends at the close of 2018, however, I will continue to participate in the Women's Association. My time as Moderator has been both joy filled and challenging as any leadership position is. I have plenty of information, wisdom and advice that I am willing to pass on to the next Moderator. I look forward to working with whomever God places in that position to make the transition smooth.

My prayer for each one you is one of grace, peace, healing and hope. May you recognize the presence of God in your life and seek to follow where He leads. Draw on His strength and wisdom in the days ahead and may your spiritual life deepen and grow in the Savior's love.

In His Service,

Judy Riethmiller

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Attention Ladies!! **The Ladies Love & Laughter Breakfast will be September 15th from 9:30-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to all women of the church and we encourage you to bring a friend! The Apple Castle will be giving a presentation. We are also asking each attendee to donate an item for the Women's Shelter. Supply lists will be next to the sign ups.**

"Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them." **-Matthew 7:20**

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SEPTEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Deborah Circle – Tuesday, September 11th at 9:30A.M.
Ruth Circle – Monday, September 17th at 9:30A.M.
Lydia Circle – Tuesday, September 18th at 1:00P.M.
Elizabeth Circle – Thursday, September 20th at 6:30P.M.
Rebecca Circle – Saturday, September 22nd at 9:00A.M. at Bedford Trails G.C.

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ATTENTION ALL LADIES!!

Two events are happening for women the last weekend of September.

- **ASPIRE – this event is hosted by Grace Chapel Church in Hermitage, PA.**
  When: Sunday, September 30th. Cost is $25.00.
  Please visit aspirewomensevents.com or see the flyer on the church bulletin board for more details about this event
- **True Woman 2018 Conference – this event is being held in Indianapolis, IN but we can live stream it here at the church!**
  When: Friday, September 28th. Live streamed at NBEPC 7pm-10pm
  Speakers: Eric Mason and Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth
  Creative Artists: Acts of Renewal and Keith & Kristyn Getty
  Cost: Free

If you are interested in attending either or both of these events, please contact Judy Riethmiller at 724-730-6495 or jriethmiller@aol.com no later than Sunday, Sept. 16th.

New Bedford EP Church is excited to announce another year of…..

Regular Club Night begins
Wednesday, September 5th 5:00-7:00

Q: What is Awana? A: Awana is an international, non-denominational ministry to help churches and parents to raise children and youth to know, love, and serve Christ.
Q: Who can come to Awana? Awana is an evening program for **children ages 2 to grade 6.**
Q: When is Awana? A: Awana begins September 5th and continues every Wednesday till March 27th.
Q: What do the kids do at Awana? A: The schedule includes *Handbook Time*-this is the time dedicated to Bible verse memorization and application using age-appropriate handbooks. All Bible verses are taken word-for-word from the Bible.
Large Group Time-this is the time of music, prayer and an age-appropriate Bible message is presented.
Game Time-this is a time for the Clubbers to practice teamwork and good sportsmanship by competing in fun, organized games.
Q: How can I be involved with Awana? A: The ministry of Awana can only exist with the support of the congregation and community. Please be in prayer to discover how God can use you in this children's ministry.

Following is a list and brief description of areas where you could make an eternal difference.

Leader- Leaders will guide their group of Clubbers to the Game Time and Large Group Time. Leaders will build relationships with their Clubbers and encourage their walk with the Lord. Leaders will assist the Clubbers during Handbook Time, helping them to work through their handbook and understand what they are learning.
Listener- Listeners are needed during 5:45-6:50 to listen to a Clubber recite the Bible verses.
Prayer Partner- partner with a Clubber to lift in prayer during the months of Awana.

There is a place for you to be a life changer through Awana.

Please be in prayer for this ministry.

Contact Dawn Harris for more information…..Call/Text 330-881-8110 Email: Dawnhnbpc@aol.com



Puppeteers Needed

The puppet ministry will be starting up again in mid-September on Sunday evenings. Practice will work around the youth group schedule. If you are interested in being a puppeteer, please see Dawn.

NEEDED: *Children At Worship Leaders*

During the 10:30 Service a time of lesson, crafts, games, and fellowship is offered to children in Grades K-4. 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.

Children At Worship Schedule:

Sept. 2-	Sept. 16 – Outside Service	Sept. 30-
Sept. 9 – Dawn Harris	Sept. 23-	

Join us for Sunday School to find out how you are a



Piece of God's Plan

Promotion Sunday
Sunday September 9th at 9:30

Meet in the Sanctuary for our new year of

Sunday School for everyone, Ages 3 to Adult

There are Sunday School classes for Pre-School to Adult

Listed below are the classes and teachers. All classes are held in the Education Wing of the church, look for the class signs hanging in the hall to direct you to the class.

Sunday School for Children

Preschool/Kindergarten Mrs. Glenda Fulkman

Grades 1-2-3 Mrs. Jean Chrobak

Grades 4-5-6 Mr. Steve Fox

Jr High (Gr. 7 & 8) Mr. Tim Pogozelec

Sr High (Gr. 9-12) Miss Jessica Halt

Sunday School for Adults

Young Adult- Mr. Lee Harris – Study TBA

The Seekers – Mrs. Kim Runyan - Studying the Book of Proverbs

Ambassadors – Mrs. Sandy Courson - Bible-In-Life Series by David C Cook

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FIND YOUR FIRE

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
All meetings 9:30-11:00 A.M.
September 2018 schedule

September 12 Find Your Fire

Finding your fire is about fanning the flame inside and paying attention to what lights you up. We will explore some ways we can live expectantly, surrender daringly, and breathe deeply.

September 26 Tech-Wise Family

Becoming a Tech Wise family is not about parenting by limits but is about parenting with what you most desire for yourselves and your children in mind. We must think intentionally about how we want our children to learn about themselves, God, and their world. What devices in our homes are reshaping our families, and how can we use them better?

*****Copies of the full 2018-19 MOPS schedule can be found in the church entry way or on our church website at newbedfordepchurch.org*****

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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.