

Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church.

I want to share two thoughts with you in this letter. First, a reflection on our sermon series. For this entire school year I have had the opportunity to share from the Book of Exodus. It has been a rich experience for me to study the text week after week and share the insight I gain with you. I hope and pray that you too have gained a great blessing from this sermon series. I will finish up this series this month.

I am struck by the faithfulness of God. It would have been so easy for God to “write off” His creation on this planet. It is a big universe. He created millions of other planets. It would have been so easy to start over someplace else. But He did not! He chose to reveal Himself to humanity through this obscure, nomadic tribe in the Middle East. He chose to love these people and to guide them to a promised land. He chose to reveal his Laws to every person on this earth through these people. He chose to build a great Tabernacle as a place for the people to encounter His presence. He chose to be patient with these people when they denied Him (the Golden Calf). He stuck with the people for decade after decade and century after century as they rejected him and mocked him. What amazing love. What amazing patience.

I was also struck how almost every action and every symbol in the book of Exodus points to the reality of Jesus Christ. We have seen how the Book of Hebrews ties it all together. Moses was a precursor to our Lord. The Law was to prepare the people for a Savior. The role of the High Priest was fulfilled in Jesus. All the sacrifices were symbols of the sacrifice of Christ. The Tabernacle was destroyed... but the encounter with God continues in the body of our Lord Jesus. The only reaction we can have is the praise of God.

The other thought on my mind is this... it is amazing that we have been part of the EPC for just over 3 years. What an amazing 3 years it has been. We have seen the blessing of the Lord in our midst in some amazing ways. We have been part of a Presbytery that has grown from 14 churches to almost 70 churches. We have been part of planting churches in Pittsburgh and in Beaver Falls. We will soon be part of planting a church in the Idora section of Youngstown. (More about this in a few months.) We have been part of planting a church in Fintonia, Sierra Leone. The stories of God’s amazing work in this village are amazing. The Moslem Imam has come to Christ and is now an Elder in this new church. Even in the Ebola fight the hand of the Lord was great in this village.... not one person was infected in Fintonia!

As a church we have seen the Lord’s blessings. We have seen many new ministries.... Men’s Ministry, Awana, Early Worship service, Stephen’s ministry to mention a few. We have seen many people become part of our church family. We have seen the wonderful leadership of our Elders and Deacons. I could go on and on... just not the space.

It is such a joy to be part of a family of churches that uphold the truth of God’s word and refuses to cave into the pressures of the world. It is such a joy to see the hand of the Lord at work in the EPC and in our church. Praise be to God.

In Christ,
Doug

Session Highlights

At the June Session meeting we had the chance to...

1. Hear the testimonies of the new members... an amazing rich time as we voted to receive them as members
2. Hear the information on the Stephens Ministry as they begin their active ministry in our midst... again an amazing message
3. Heard the report on the new handicap parking spots
4. Scheduled June 13th as a work day
5. Received the report on the youth Groups and their upcoming trip to the Alive Festival
6. Received a ministry update from the Evangelism committee
7. Heard of the Visit of Matt and Stacy on July 19th
8. Approved vacation for Pastor Doug on August 2nd and move communion to August 9th
9. Discussed our worship times and the blessing that can be seen in both the early and the late service.
10. Approved the dates for Choir Appreciation, new member reception and graduate reception.
11. Discussed the janitor situation because of Mike's serious illness.
12. Received a report on the Presbytery meeting
13. Received and reviewed the Financial report.
14. Heard an update on the Men's Ministry
15. Heard a report on the new State law for required clearances. All staff needs 3 levels of clearances (including finger printing) and all volunteers who work with children need 2 levels of clearances. Session decided to cover the cost of clearances for all volunteers and staff.

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S



Carl Black.....	04
Pearl Reed.....	06
Lisa Craig.....	07
Dennis Jones.....	07
Autumn Marshall.....	07
Ray Janoski.....	12
June Smith.....	12
Marissa Carr.....	12
Sam Varano.....	18
Christian Fulkman.....	19
Geniene Jones.....	22
Carrie Bretz Kaufman.....	22
Margie Matthews.....	24
Shirley Sikora.....	25
Amy Geisinger.....	26
Tim Smith.....	27
Ashlynn McAllen.....	28
Dorothy Rishell.....	29
John Anderson.....	29



JULY BIRTHDAY'S

Linda Canami.....	02
Brandon & Ethan Harris.....	04
Tim Pogozelec.....	05
Mary Beckman.....	05
Tracy Duffy.....	06
Nathan Book.....	07
Amber Morse.....	08
Scott Phillips.....	09
Jane Eppinger.....	11
Matthew Miller.....	12
Gary Greene.....	12
Gail Phillips.....	17
Sharon Book.....	18
Barb Carr.....	18
Maverick Whiting.....	18
Jessica Halt.....	19
Isaac Duffy.....	19
Aryn & Alyson Boyer.....	21
Al Belgie.....	24
Diane Bell.....	26
Natalie Carr.....	26
Art Spence.....	27
BillyRay Moore.....	27
Jacob, Nicholas & Samuel Moore.....	27
Richard Pence.....	27
Sheala McCarthy.....	29

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
- Don Jones-----Avalon Nursing Home-Rehab
- Carl Black-----Clen-Moore Place (Greer House)
- Ruth McClanahan-----Nugent's Ret. Community
- Bea Brinza-----Home
- Larry Pence-----Home



On Sunday, May 31st we welcomed eight new members into our congregation. Below is a little information about our new members!

Cameron Trott ~ Cameron is a high school student at Wilmington Area H.S. He enjoys riding his bike and JuJitsu.

Julie Fulkman ~ Julie is a stay at home mom who enjoys scrapbooking, gardening and baking.

Mollie Fulkman ~ Mollie works for State Farm Insurance Co. and she enjoys being a new mom and doing things outdoors.

Lee Harris ~ Lee is a Master Machinist at Joy Cone Co. He enjoys coaching baseball and camping with his family.

Nicole Pence ~ Nicole is a pharmacist for Sharon Regional Health System. She enjoys running, being outdoors and being a new mom.

Shawn Kendall ~ Shawn is a manager for a manufacturing company. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, wood working and spending time with his family.

Beth Kendall ~ Beth is a homemaker, she enjoys playing with her grandchildren, dancing, gardening and four wheeling.

Anthony Pruszenski ~ Anthony is a Mechanical Engineer. In his spare time he enjoys being a wrestling official and camping.



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Bob and Mary Miller will be celebrating their 68th Wedding Anniversary on July 12th. We would like to wish them a very Happy Anniversary and Blessings for the years ahead!!



“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love”

I Corinthians 13:13

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The family of Larry would like to thank Pastor Doug for his visits during Larry's recovery and the sewing ladies group for the lovely quilt. It really came in handy. We also would like to thank our church

family for the beautiful cards and prayers during Larry's recovery. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and your prayers.

Larry Pence and Family



High School: Mitchell Whiting, Bobby Liddell, Lucas McAllen, Brandon Cummins, Erick Boyer and Joel Swiger (Phillips).

Jocilyn Houk graduated with dual Associate Degrees in Early Childhood & Childhood Development from Butler Community College.

James V. Buxton III graduated from The Center for Emergency & Medicine and Paramedics at the University of Pittsburgh.

2015 FORE FINTONIA GOLF OUTING

**WHERE: YANKEE RUN GOLF COURSE
BROOKFIELD, OHIO
<http://www.yankeerun.com>**

**WHEN: AUGUST 22ND 7:15 Registration
8:00 Shotgun Start**

COST: \$100 per player includes car/green fees, entry to all skill prizes, food and beverages. Entry fees will be collected the day of the golf outing.

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DOUG IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING.

**Mitchell Whiting's
Graduation Party will be
held Sunday, July 5th
1:00p.m. ~ 5:00p.m.
Congratulations Mitchell!**





Thank you to Nancy Bretz and Cindy Bell for all their efforts weeding the flower beds at the church.....They look fantastic!!

Thank you Steve Fox and Gary Greene for overseeing the new parking lot!!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped clean the church in the medical absence of our custodian!

Missionary UPDATE The Ayars Family will be here on Sunday, July 19th for breakfast during the Sunday School hour. Please come for breakfast and hear updates on how their mission work is going in Haiti.

WOMEN'S NEWS

Reminder to all Ruth Circle members: We will not be having our June Circle meeting. Our next circle meeting will be Monday, July 20th at 9:30a.m.

The Rebecca Circle is changing their meeting date and time. On Saturday, June 20th we will be meeting at 9:00a.m. at Bedford Trails. We will keep you posted for the July location.

MEN'S NEWS

The Men's Ministry will begin to meet monthly starting in September. The core group of the Men's Ministry met on May 30th at 8:00a.m. to begin making plans for these regular meetings. One topic of discussion was what time and which day of the week shall we meet? We will not be able to meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Please tell Pastor Dave Hunt your other times and days that will not work for you. We are hopeful that we will be able to nail down the best time and day of the month that will work. We will be looking at "Authentic Manhood" from a biblical perspective as the topic of discussion for our meetings. There will be other topics to follow.

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There will be a Spring Cleaning/Back Sidewalk work day here at the church on Saturday, June 13th beginning at 7:00a.m. (Or whatever time you are able to make it). This is for men and women. If you are able, please come help out!

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Beginning June 9th the church office will be operating on summer hours. The office will be open Tuesday - Friday 8:00a.m. until 12:00 noon.



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The church picnic/boating day will be on Sunday, July 26th at the Shenango Dam. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share!!



June 14 Join us for a joyous occasion here at New Bedford EP Church. At both services, 5 lay people from our congregation are being commissioned into a special ministry of care and concern for others as Stephen Ministers. This rite of commissioning culminates a period of extensive training and preparation for caring ministry through the Stephen Series, a program for lay caring ministry developed and administered by Stephen Ministries St. Louis. Our Stephen Ministers have studied and practiced skills in such areas as dealing with feelings, crisis intervention, asserting oneself with gentleness and firmness, and numerous other topics to prepare them to help people who are experiencing problems in their lives. After the commissioning these Stephen Ministers will be assigned to minister in our congregation and community, working with people who are experiencing such life crises as hospitalization, retirement, financial setback, the loss of a loved one, or any of a number of other difficulties people face in daily living.

The Stephen Ministers that will be commissioned are Debi Fynes, Todd Ambrosia, Hank Glogowski, Judy Riethmiller and Diana Halt. We thank God for their gifts of caring and listening. Their ministries will increase greatly the overall ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ at New Bedford EP Church. Please keep these people in your prayers as they carry the love of Christ to their care receivers.

For Stephen Ministry to work it takes a **TEAM** our entire congregation!
 Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

Prayer requests for referrals of care receivers:

1. That all acknowledge that they are broken by sin and in need of Christ's saving grace, recognizing that God has given them other people to care for and to care for them in times of need.
2. That congregation members be the eyes and ears of Jesus, looking for needs at church, at home, and at work, putting potential care receivers in touch with the Pastors and Stephen Leaders.
3. That those who are hurting be encouraged to turn to the Pastors and Stephen Leaders for help.
4. That those offered Stephen Ministry be receptive.
5. That Pastors and Stephen Leaders can discern the needs of potential care receivers and refer them to the level of care appropriate for their needs.

The youth slid into summer this past Sunday with a slip n' slide and bonfire to kick off the summer activities. They had a total of 22 kids at Gary and Glenda Fulkman's house! The next event the youth is preparing for is the annual Alive Festival trip. From June 17th through June 21st the kids will be swimming, gaming, worshipping, growing, and strengthening their relationship with God at this fun event. It costs \$70 per person and we will be purchasing our tickets at the gate. We also camp out all week, so prayers for good weather are greatly appreciated! The last event in June is Wednesday the 24th: the kids are going to Mr. C's Putt Putt in Butler, PA. We also cool off with some ice cream afterwards at the picnic tables, so make sure to bring money for golf and ice cream. That concludes June's activities and brings us to July. Wednesday the 8th is the boating trip to the Sharpsville Lake. We will meet at the church at 10 am and be back there around 5 pm. The kids should bring a towel and money for ice cream at DQ on the way home. The last major event in July is Kennywood: watch the text chain because we are unsure about the specific date of it at the moment. We think it will be around July 10th, but we will keep you guys posted! Kyle and Jocilyn encourage and welcome all newcomers to join the youth in their summer activities! The more the merrier! We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and hope that you can make it to our fun-packed, Christ centered activities! God bless!



New Bedford EPC Youth Directors Jocilyn and Kyle

Sunday School Teacher Needed: Christian Education Committee is praying for God to touch the heart of His servant who will be called to fulfill the position of 3rd-4th Grade Sunday School Teacher. If you feel that God is calling you to help with this ministry please let any CE Committee member know. We'd be happy to talk with you.

CE members are: Christian Fulkman, Shirley Janoski, Gay Ann Miller, Dawn Harris, Jocilyn Houk, Kyle Jones, Tracy Duffy, Collin Fulkman, Julie Whiting, and Jackie Hall.

IT'S TIME FOR A TROPICAL ESCAPE!

Who wouldn't want to explore a tropical island, with its glittering turquoise waters, warm white sands and cool ocean breezes? Treasure Seekers to **SonTreasure Island VBS** are welcomed by the scent of exotic flowers, the taste of tropical fruits and the captivating sound of island music. But this is no ordinary tropical escape! There is treasure to be found here. More precious than gold, more lasting than diamonds, it is the greatest treasure of all—God's love!

At **SonTreasure Island VBS**, treasure seekers will play island games, create colorful crafts and enjoy tropical snacks. But more importantly, they will discover the rich treasure of God's love through the life of Jesus. So set your sails to arrive at New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church for.....

SonTreasure Island Vacation Bible School

June 22-26, 2015 9:00-12:00

Join us for the closing program on Friday, June 26 at 11:45. A picnic lunch will be enjoyed after a brief program in the Fellowship Hall.

ATTENTION: Adults, Jr./Sr. High & College Students.....

Don't miss out on this tropical escape with God!!!

Join now for the satisfaction of leading kids to discover the rich treasure of God's love!!

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Teacher helpers

Bible Game Center

Registration

Recreation Center

Decorating (weekend before VBS)

Prayer partners.

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

VBS Decorations & Props: We will be transforming the church into the Tropical Island. Please place the decorations on the Fellowship Hall stage marked with your name, by June 14th. Items needed are: beach chairs, beach umbrellas, palm trees, tiki lights, treasure chest, stuffed sea animals, blow-up sea animals, or anything island themed.

Summer Children At Worship: Leaders are needed to help with Children At Worship during the 10:45 worship service. Sign up sheet is posted by Dawn's Office.

Swimming Parties will be held in July & August. Dates to be announced.

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

NEW BEDFORD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
151 WOODLAND DR. PULASKI PA 16143



JUNE 22-26, 2015
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: _____

Medical Conditions Y / N List: _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Name of Home Church, if any _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Parents/Guardians... are you able to help with VBS in some way if necessary? Yes () No ()

If you answered yes, we will contact you if we need your help. Thank you!

Get ready to discover the rich treasure of God's love!!!

Register by June 7th to get a special prize!!

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