

Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church

This year we have decided to send one Redeeming Times for November and December. The first week of December we will send out the Community Newsletter. This letter will invite our neighbors to join us to celebrate the Birth of our Lord.

I thought I would share with you the ministries of the church that touch the needs of people in our community. These ministries are often “behind the scenes” and many are not aware they even exist.

- Food giveaway from the Pittsburgh Food Bank. On the first Friday of every month we give food away to 50 to 60 families in the Wilmington School District. This food is picked up by the Township and delivered to our church. A group of volunteers, led by Mary Beckman sort the food and loads the food into the cars of families that come to pick it up. We have been doing this ministry for almost 15 years. We are in need for additional volunteers to help in this ministry. If you are available one Friday afternoon a month contact Mary
- Salvation Army Distribution Center. We are the Salvation Army Service Unit for Wilmington School District. We give to families in need vouchers for food, for clothing and for heating fuel. We have been serving in this capacity for over 17 years.
- Angel Tree Presents. For the past number of years we have provided the ministry to providing Christmas gifts to children in our community that would otherwise get very little for Christmas. We receive these names from contacts in our local school and from families that call us expressing a need. Terri Emery leads this ministry.
- Thanksgiving Gift Certificates and Christmas Food Baskets. Our Deacons give gift certificates for Thanksgiving and pack food baskets for Christmas for a number of families in our community. Some recipients are members of our church... others are families that we are aware of in need.
- City Rescue Mission Food Drive. This ministry, led by our children in AWANA, gives much needed food to the Mission to help their ministry to the men and women and children in need
- Feed My Sheep Donations. Throughout the year, when there is an expressed need, we conduct clothing drives for the ministry of Feed my Sheep. We also give this ministry our children books and supplies after the Bazaar. Beth Kendall is the point person for this ministry.
- Breakfast in Bethlehem. This is a major outreach event in our church. It involves scores of volunteers and touches the lives of hundreds of children and their parents. Every child (and parent) will be exposed to the message of Christ’s birth numerous times as they “walk the streets of Bethlehem.” Brad and Marti Marshall lead this ministry in our church
- Christmas Offering. Every year we have a special offering to help one of our missionaries or another ministry serving the Lord. This year we will have an offering to help Adam Marshall in his ministry at Miracle Mountain Ranch.

Please pray for all of these ministries. If you are able, please volunteer to help in these ministries. Thank you to all who give so much of their time touching the lives of others. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

In Him,
Doug

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved a bid for Snow plowing
- Approved the budget and sent it to the congregation to be received
- received a report from the Christian Ed committee. Discussed process of search for full time Director of Young Adult Ministries. This committee will create the Job Description and serve as Search Committee.
- Received report about great success of Butterfly Message program
- Reported that link has been added to Gisela Dieter's blog on church's website
- Discussed changing ministry of Autumn Marshall as she expands her ministry in Haiti.
- Hired Jonathan Ruby as church custodian
- Received report from Nominating Committee
- Received report from Woman's Association. Income was over \$6000.00 from the bazaar
- Vision Team had an evaluation of ministry with Elders
- Reviewed membership



***Our church family is invited to join us in making, serving and sharing a meal at the City Rescue Mission on January 30th. More details to come.**

***Our church will host the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, on February 25th & 26th. Mission and Deacons will serve the Friday dinner and Saturday continental breakfast. Funds collected will go to a mission trip fund.**

***The National EPC convention will be in Detroit, June 21-25. Please pray and consider this an individual mission trip as a time of learning, growth, renewal and fellowship. If there is enough interest we can look at organizing a group adventure.**



Violet Hilliard.....03
Deneen Greene.....06
James Emery.....08
Dana Gardner.....11
Brenda Hostetler.....16
Bernice Boyer.....25
Lee Harris.....27
Alyssa Boyer.....29
Curtis Bretz.....29



Adam Marshall.....01
Diana Halt.....02
Betty Komar.....05
Kyle Jones.....07
Alexis Jones.....09
Chuck Bell.....09
Bob Bell.....09
Bob Miller.....10
Caroletta Doverspike.....11
Katee Paglia.....13
Evelyn Exley.....14
Jo Ruby.....14
Glenn Hepler.....16
Wanda Boyles.....16
Angela Houk.....17
Addie Moore.....17
Rebecca Halt.....19
LaVon Rogers.....21
Richard Robison.....21
Ruth Hunt.....21
Florence Allison.....24
Darlene Robison.....28
Christa Matthews.....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 Cont Care Community





- November 22nd: Hank & Bonnie Glogowski
- November 29th: Ray, Nicole & Ethan Pence
- December 6th: Margie Matthews
- December 13th: Laura Harshbarger
- December 20th: Ed & Nancy Rudzik
- Christmas Eve: Bud & Shirley Freeman
- December 27th: Renee Burrows

Thank Offering Sunday is on November 22nd. The women of the church will lead our worship. Adam Marshall will be here speaking about his mission work at Miracle Mountain Ranch.





Word has been received of the death of Robert Stoll, a missionary to India, whom the church has supported. He, along with his wife, have spoken here several times. A word of sympathy can be sent to his wife at the following address.

Mrs. RoberStoll & Family
1849 Tibbets-Wick Rd.
Girard, OH 44420

Congratulations to Erika and Chad Taylor on the birth of their daughter, Anna Grace. Anna was born on the 4th, weighing 8lbs. 3oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Enjoy your precious newborn!!





I would like to thank the Lydia Circle for the Prayer book they gave to me. It is very useful and I appreciate it very much.
-Marie Snyder

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Thank you to the Women's Association, the church and individuals for my gifts and cards for Pastor Appreciation. Kim and I will appreciatively use the gift cards.
-Pastor Doug

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Thank you for the beautiful flowers. They were very much appreciated!
-Bobby Morehead

BAZAAR 2015

Thank you to everyone that had a part in helping with the Bazaar. We all pulled together for a day of work, fellowship and shopping. It was a wonderful day ending up with \$6,372.00 profit. Thank you for serving with a Christian spirit, ladies and men!

2015 Bazaar Committee,
Cindy Bell
Nancy Bretz
Beth Kendall



There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 29th following the second worship service. The purpose of this meeting is for electing officers and receiving the budget.



BUTTERFLY MESSAGES OUTREACH UPDATE

The response to the Butterfly Messages that we have been sharing with others is amazing. The continued praises and requests for additional messages has truly shown the importance of our Outreach. So a big Thank-You to all that have participated, either as a sender or a receiver, and all that continue to participate in our Outreach. Butterfly Messages Outreach would not have been possible or successful without the help and participation of each of you :)

Our next "Blast" begins the first week of December. Please continue to share God's Word with those you have been sharing with and pray about sharing with someone that you haven't shared with yet, even if you are not certain of where that person may be in there faith walk. By sending one, several, or all the messages that we receive during the "Butterfly Messages Blast" , we continue to further God's Kingdom by sharing His Word :)

Again, Thank-you for your participation in the Butterfly Messages "Blast" and for being a blessing to others :)

Not signed up yet to be a participant of the Butterfly Messages Outreach, look for the sign up sheet, which can be found on the Butterfly Messages table in the Narthrex or contact any Evangel group member or contact Addie at the Church office. Please remember that hard copies of our Butterfly Messages "Blast" can be found on the Butterfly Messages table and don't forget to check out Butterfly Messages on the Church's website :)

"Declare His Glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all people."
(Psalms 96:3)

Blessings:) NBEPC's Evangel Group





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Upcoming December Events



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE ~

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 7:00P.M.

There will be Christmas Carols, music from our amazing Choir, Candle Lighting, and a Message of Hope and Joy. Please come and join us for a time of remembering the night that our Lord Jesus was born.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS DINNER ~

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST ALL Women of the church are welcome! Dinner will be at Chuck Tanner's Restaurant, beginning at 6:30p.m. Bring a White Elephant Gift (if you would like to be in the gift exchange) with a limit of \$5-\$7. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. You will need to choose between CHICKEN FRANSAISE (\$16) or BAKED COD (\$17). The last day to sign-up for this dinner is **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND**.

POINSETTIA'S ~ The Deacons will once again be selling poinsettias. The cost will be the same as previous years, \$7.00. Please see any of the Deacons to place your order.

ANGEL TREE ~ Again, this year we will partner with the Wilmington and Mohawk Area School Districts to provide gifts for local families in need. There will be Angel Tags displayed in the church vestibule beginning this Sunday, November 22nd. The gifts must be brought to the church by Sunday, December 13th, the gifts must be wrapped and the Angel Tree Tag must be attached. This may be the only gift this child receives this Christmas, suggested cost for these gifts is \$25-\$30. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Terri Emery or Diane Bell. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM ~ **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 8:30-11:30a.m.** Please invite your friends and neighbors to our annual Breakfast In Bethlehem! It is fun for children and adults of all ages. Breakfast will be served until 10:00a.m. If you have never come, please try to come this year. The church is transformed into the streets of Bethlehem. There are live animals for petting, a Christmas movie, two craft rooms, face painting, etc. In the village of Bethlehem you will visit the stable, the synagogue school, the basket shop, the pottery shop, the net mending shop, Mary's kitchen (where the children help make home made sweet rolls), the carpentry shop, the village well and a hide and fur shop. Lots & Lots of FUN!!

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER/PROGRAM ~ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**

The program will begin at 4:00p.m. with dinner following. The meat and drinks will be provided. If you are able, please bring a side to share according to your last name; A-F/HOT DISH, G-P/DESSERT, Q-Z/SALAD.

"Lead Me Back to Bethlehem" CHRISTMAS CANTATA ~ **SUNDAY, DEC. 6TH**

This Cantata will be presented at First Presbyterian Church in Hubbard, OH at 3:00p.m. by the Simple Gifts Interfaith Choir (this includes members of the New Bedford Choir). The concert will be followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



It's that time of year again! Thanksgiving and Christmas are always a busy time for the youth of New Bedford Church, as well as a time to give thanks and praise to God for all He has done! October was fun-filled with several events; Silver Ring Thing, where four kids decided to purchase a ring to openly proclaim their commitment to purity!, hayride and bonfire at the Whiting's house, and also a trip to Westgate to see the movie "Woodlawn".

November has been an awesome month to begin our new studies! Kyle is teaching the boys of the youth about being Godly men in his study, and Jocilyn is looking at a study on Ruth with the girls of the youth. The youth is also fundraising for their annual winter retreat by selling pies and calendars; pie pick up will be at the church on Tuesday, November 24th. The time will be announced at church this Sunday.

December will put the kids in a giving spirit as we do our Secret Santa at the Christmas Dinner! This will be held at Jocilyn's house on December 20th from 6:30-8:30p.m. Just show up with your gift and an appetite! (Jocilyn and Kyle cook the youth dinner every year).

Just a sneak peek at some of the New Year's events, we have the Winter Jam concert at the Consol Energy Center on January 30th. This is always a favorite event of the kids (and the leaders) and is only \$10 at the door! This year's concert features For King & Country and Grammy nominated singer/songwriter Matthew West. The tour will also feature Crowder, RED, Sidewalk Prophets, NewSong, KB/Tedashii/Trip Lee, Lauren Daigle and evangelist Tony Nolan.

The last event in the new year so far is the Winter Retreat! It is February 12-14 and is \$90 per person. The youth is fundraising for this trip, so make sure your child participates in the sales we have going on!

As always, Kyle and Jocilyn welcome any new youth to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45a.m. for Sunday School and also for Youth Group that evening from 6:30-8:30p.m. God bless the youth of our church! We pray they are growing stronger in their faith as well as fellowshiping with their brothers and sisters in Christ.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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 generous donation of food....we collected 174 items for the City Rescue Mission.

Thank you for helping to provide this ministry with food for families in need.

Awana CAN make a difference for the CITY RESCUE MISSION

For the remainder of the year we will continue to collect food for **The New Castle City Rescue Mission**. It is a Christian ministry providing spiritual and physical care to the hurting, hunger and homeless of our community. Visit www.cityrescuemission.org for more information. Awana Clubs are collecting can goods/non-perishable food for the Family Care Ministry at the City Rescue Mission.

Our goal is to collect 300 pounds of food!

Coach Lee has made a challenge that if the goal is met he'll provide a pizza party!!

Needed Items: Jelly, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Tuna, Pork & Beans, Mac n Cheese

Any of the above items can be donated at anytime. However, there is a 'Most Wanted Item of the Month'.

MOST WANTED ITEM FOR DECEMBER-CANNED SOUP

November 4th - Regular Club Night

November 11th - Veteran's Day Night & Special Guest Night

Show your patriotic pride...wear Red, White, and Blue. Don't miss large group time! A special guest will be sharing a special message with all the Clubbers.

November 18th - Double, Double Point Night

Clubbers will get double the points for attendance, bringing their Bible and Handbook, and completing sections.

November 25th - NO CLUB ~ Happy Thanksgiving!

"They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness." Psalm 145:7

December 2nd - Double Point Night

Clubbers will get double the points for attendance, bringing their Bible and Handbook, and completing sections.

December 9th - Regular Club Night

December 16th - Happy Birthday Jesus Party

December 23rd & 30th - NO AWANA - Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Awana will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Thank you Pastor Doug for coming to Awana and sharing during the Large Group time on November 11th.

*****Remember if school is cancelled because of weather then Awana will not meet in the evening.*****



Christmas Program & Church Dinner Sunday, December 13th at 4:00

Join us in this humorous instant play. Everyone will discover the true Star of Christmas, Jesus- all in one fun-filled night!!

With everyone involved, it's as easy as 1-2-3.....

1. **Rehearsal!**- Everyone will join in a devotional then create a prop and rehearse a simple song and motions!
2. **Places, Everyone!** – Those willing to participate will present a full-fledged production with music!
3. **Cast Party!** – Time to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas and a job well done at the Church Christmas Dinner.

Thank you Sandy Ruby and Amy Geisinger for helping with Children at Worship while I am recovering from surgery. There is still a need for a leader on December 20th and 27th. Please call Dawn Harris at 330-881-8110 if you can help. Thank you.