

Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

We are in a month in which we as a nation celebrate Thanksgiving. As I started thinking about this letter a couple days ago I began reflecting on the praises I have from the last month. I want to share them with you.

- First and foremost, I praise God for the birth of my grand daughter Grace Marie Elmer. Grace entered the world on October 31st. Erin and Grace (and Paul) are doing fine. We do indeed all thank God for our families. Spouses, children, parents, grand children, grand parents, brothers, sisters are all a blessing from God
- I praise God for our church family. What a joy it is to have an “extended family” in our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- I praise God for our opportunities to Worship our Lord. Both our services in the month of October were wonderful encounters with a living Lord. The early service has been averaging around fifty people including new faces. We praise God for this answered prayer!
- I praise God for our new Worship Team. These eleven men and women of all ages have been working for months practicing together to lead our early worship. They are gifted and wonderful!
- I praise God for our new Men’s Bible Study. Even though we were competing against the turkey, eight men joined together for a time in God’s Word. This too is an answer to prayer!
- We had the opportunity to welcome Amy, Gary, Nancy and Rod as new members into our congregation. Praise the Lord!
- The kitchen is done!!! The Building Inspector gave his final approval. It is estimated that over \$70,000.00 in volunteer labor was put into the kitchen. Praise God for all the men (and women who cleaned and designed) who were part of this labor force.
- We were able, through the donations of the Pittsburgh Food Bank and New Wilmington Area Salvation to give an estimated \$4000.00 worth of food away in our monthly food give away. Salvation Army gave \$2200.00 worth of meat from Gillilands to the 66 families served. Thank you to the volunteers who work from 1:30 to 4:30 on the first Friday of the month. We need more volunteers!
- We praise God for the work of our Deacons. Last month they prepared the wonderful meal we shared together. Every month they visit our shut ins and provide ministries of care to our entire congregation.
- I praise God for the smooth transition of treasurers. Bob, after 15 years, retired and Deneen Green is doing a wonderful job as our new treasurer.
- I praise God for the wonderful new sign the Evangelism Committee placed at the front of our building.
- I praise God for the ministry of our Elders. The Elders in the past few month have put in many, many hours above their “normal” workload studying, meeting, and discussing the denominational issues (see update in “Session highlights” section.)

I do indeed praise God for the many blessing we have received and continue to receive as a church. October has been an amazing month. We have indeed received a ‘Fresh Encounter with a living Savior.’ We pray we continue to be blessed.

I close with this request. The Elders are committed to praying every day for the future of our church as they will, in the next couple of months, make a recommendation regarding denominational affiliation to the congregation. They are waiting for the Presbytery of Shenango to pass their “Procedures and Policy for Dismissal” guidelines on November 15th, to assign us a “Consultation Team” and to receive and consider the information this “Team” will give to them. Please join the Elders in prayer every day. We desire to walk the path the Lord has placed before us.

Again, Praise the Lord! Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,
Doug

SESSION NEWS

Welcome to our new members! On Sunday, October 16th the following persons joined our church.

*Rod and Nancy Spor
Gary and Amy Geisinger*

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others.
Romans 12:4-5

Denomination Issues Discussed...

—received recommendation from Denominational Issues Study Team (Dan Dieter and Lori Smith) Their recommendation is available on the table in the entranceway of the sanctuary.

—Continued to study “Reasons for Change” document. This document will be distributed if Session makes recommendation for change to congregation.

– discussed time line that could take an additional eight to eleven months.

Session Meeting will be held on November 17th this month.

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 27th following the second service. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing officers and reviewing the budget.

A community Thanksgiving Service will be held at our church on Wednesday evening, November 23, 2011 here at our church. Time is 7:00P.M. We have invited other area church to participate.



Saturday, November 12, 2011

from 8:30A.M. - 10:00A.M.

BIBLE STUDY. We will be studying: *Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Manhood* by Dennis Rainey

Men's Bible Study



On Sunday, November 20th, the Women's Association will be sponsoring Thankoffering Sunday. The guest speaker will be Bob Stoll. Bob was affiliated with India Crusade which now is a part of Life Song. He will tell of his work with the children in India.

The ladies from Lebanon Presbyterian Church have invited all women from our congregation to an Advent Breakfast at their church on Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00A.M. Check your calendar to see if you would be free to go. They need reservations so see Sandy Courson if you are planning to go.

THANK YOU

Thank You to the Deacons for arranging and preparing for the wonderful dinner for the men and women who volunteered their time (almost every Saturday since January) to rebuild our kitchen. The work is finally done and the kitchen is beautiful.

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The choir members thank Nancy Bretz for washing all the choir robes.

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Thank You to Mary Beckman who helps put the newsletter together each month. I surely appreciate the help. (June)

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Thank You to Judy Stuhlmann for “stepping up to the plate” and agreeing to be the leader for our Women's Retreat In April.

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Thank You to Gary Greene, Sam Jones and Dave Carr for the work on the sidewalk coming in to the church.

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Thank You to all who brought coats, blankets and men's clothing to take to Feed My Sheep. A large amount was taken and will help those who are in need. Again the Mission Committee thanks all of you to helped with this project.

SYMPATHY

Our congregation extends sincere sympathy to Bob and Cindy Bell at the passing of her uncle.

Sincere sympathy to Joe and Linda Feil on the passing of Joe's brother and Linda's cousin this past month.



Our congregation extends sincere sympathy to the family of Elaine Slagle who entered her eternal rest this past month.

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

Sara Emery-----03
 Violet Hilliard-----03
 Deneen Greene-----06
 James Emery-----08
 Dana Gardner-----11
 Bob Rishell-----16
 Collin Fulkman-----21
 Rachel Whiting-----23
 Bernice Boyer-----25
 John Reynolds-----27
 Lee Harris-----27
 Curtis Bretz-----29
 Alissa Boyer-----29





CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Elaine Hepler on her retirement.

Elaine worked for some years at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and then retired from the Rugh Agency in New Castle.



WOMEN'S NOTES

Circle Meetings

The Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 8th at the church at 9:00A.M.

The Rebekah Circle will meet at the church on Monday evening, November 14th at 6:30P.M. (Note the change of date).

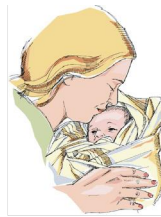
The Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, November 21st, 7:30P.M. at the home of Martha Boyer.

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 Breaking News!!!! After a long "sabbatical", the Elizabeth Circle will be rejoining on Tuesday, November 8th from 6: - 8P.M. We will have a time of praise and worship followed by a video series of Who Jesus Is. You are all welcome to join us.

Beginning in December, we will again meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6 - 8p.m. If you have questions, see Geniene, Gisela or Angela

Also we will meet after the second service on Nov 6th to go out to lunch. If you are interested in a Bible Study that meets monthly, feel free to come with us

CONGRATULATIONS



Welcome
 Grace Marie

Congratulations to Paul and Erin Elmer on the birth of a baby girl, Grace Marie born October 31st. She has two brothers Alec and Luke. Grandparents are Pastor Doug and Kim Runyan.

Please remember in prayer the people who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have ask for prayer.

Nancy Templeton-----Overlook Medical Clinic
 Shirley Cramer-----Home
 Chuck Ruby-----Avalon Nursing Home
 Jo Ruby-----Home
 George Snyder----- --Jameson
 Marie Snyder-----Home
 Bob & Jean Rishel-----Shenango Home (Bob 315) Jean (240)
 Denny Eppinger-----Home
 Dot Jones-----Avalon Nursing Home
 Don Jones-----Home
 Cathy (Hetrick) Fox-----Home
 Jim Greene (Gary's father)---Receiving treatments
 Joe Feil-----Home
 Al Belgie-----Sharon

DON'T FORGET----The Bazaar will be here this coming weekend. We hope you are working on items for the different rooms. The date is November 5th from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

There will be homemade raft items, Christmas decorations, the plant room, the candy with all kinds of sweets; the trash and treasure room; the popular country store with homemade jellies, bakes goods, vegetables from the garden; soup to

sell and of course we will serve lunch featuring the homemade soup, sandwiches, and dessert. This year we will be selling cookbooks with recipes



Soup and Sandwiches



We are looking for someone to volunteer to be in charge of the Bazaar for 2012. Think about it, pray about and let Barb Carr, or Helen Ruby know if you are willing to do this.

Pie Delivery----November 15th 4:00 - 6:00P.M.

New Bedford Church,
 Thank you so much for your gift (from
 (VBS) for fishing equipment! We are
 giving away two boats next week and we're
 including the gear you helped us buy!
 THANKS SO MUCH for your help with
 our fishing ministry.



Sincerely,

Jose and Jody Castillo
 NW Haiti Christian Mission

The mission collection from SonRock Kids Camp was
 over \$250. The money was sent to Haiti to help purchase
 fishing nets, baskets and spears.

THE KIDS KORNER

The chorus to one of my favorite hymns is "Count your
 blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings
 see what God hath done."

God has done a LOT at KidsZone.....

-83 kids are registered for KidsZone weekly
 attendance is 75
-each class has a dedicated teacher and aid
-Nathan brought the fire truck on October 12th for the
 kids to see and they got to spray the hose
-all positions have been filled: bus monitor, music
 leader, kitchen staff
-22 kids and 11 adults had a great trip to Noah's Lost
 Ark on October 22nd.
-mission collection for the month of October was
 \$89.56. The collection is for The City Rescue
 Mission and will help feed 22 families

God has done a LOT in Children at Worship

-a new curriculum will be started in November.
-two teachers have committee to teach one Sunday a
 month.
-there are 9 kids in regular attendance each Sunday

God is doing **A LOT** with our children's ministry, please
 keep lifting these programs up in prayer

During this month of November be sure to count your
 blessings and thank God for all He has done for you. I
 count each and every one of you as a blessing to me.

In His Grip
 Dawn Harris

Events in November

- Nov. 2----KidsZone
- Nov. 9----KidsZone
- Nov. 13----KidsZone kids sing at church service
- Nov. 16----KidsZone
- Nov. 23----NO KidsZone-Thanksgiving



Nov. 30----KidsZone

Children at Worship Teaching Schedule

- November 6.....Brandy McAllen
- November 13.....Dawn Harris
- November 20.....Amy Geisinger
- November 27.....Dawn Harris

YOUTH NEWS

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