

**REDEEMING TIMES**  
**NEW BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SEPTEMBER 2011**



Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church

We are beginning a new school year in our church. After the “down” months of Summer, the busy season is beginning. I am especially excited about the next few months. All last Spring the Elders were discussing and praying about a renewal/ revival event for this Fall. It has now been organized and about to be launched. It is entitled “Fresh Encounter with a Living Lord.” The title also gives us the primary goal. We want to offer new opportunities for you to encounter our Lord. We want to reach into our community and allow them to encounter a living Savior. I am reminded of the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was in a tree. Jesus stopped looked up and said.... “Come down immediately. I must stay in your house today.” The story concludes, “so he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Let us “come down” and once again, “welcome” our Lord. Allow me to share with you a number of opportunities we will be offering in the next few months.... opportunities for a renewal of faith and an encounter with our Lord.

**Encountering the Lord in prayer and devotions.** We invite each person who receives this newsletter to make this Fall a season of prayer and study of Scripture. I normally have my devotions in my home before I come to work. I have decided to have my time of prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the parlor of the church from 8:30 to 9:00. I want to invite you to join me in prayer. Come whenever you can for as long as you can. This time in our church is a time of uncertainty. This time in our church is a time of renewal. We need to saturate our church in prayer. I realize that most of you can not come to the church. I invite you to join with me where ever you are and at the time that fits your schedule. Please, keep New Bedford Church in your prayers. Please pray for a fresh encounter with a living Lord. Please pray for opportunities to share faith with neighbors.

**Encountering the Lord in Bible Study.** We will continue to promote our existing Bible studies. We have three wonderful adult classes. We have classes for College kids, High School kids and for all ages. We will continue to have our Circle Bible studies for the women of the church. We feel there is a need for a Men’s Bible Study and will begin one this Fall (let me know when the best time is for you). We will revive our ministries to our Older Adults.

**Encounter the Lord in Worship.** We will continue our wonderful Traditional Worship service at 10:30. The Lord will speak to us through the ministry of the choirs and the Word proclaimed. We will begin a new Contemporary Worship service at 8:30. Through the leadership of the new Worship Team we will have a less formal, more music oriented service. It is our prayer that this will draw families that do not find the liturgy of a Traditional Service to be meaningful. Both services will be opportunities to be in the presence of God.

**Encounter the Lord through invitation of neighbors.** The Evangelism committee is planning a process of inviting our neighbors to all the above mentioned “Encounters.” Tentatively set for October 16<sup>th</sup>, we will invite our neighbors to our Worship Services. We will use mailings and other publicity but we believe the key to reaching our neighbors is individual invitation.

It is indeed an exciting time in our church. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Let us have a “Fresh Encounter with a Living Lord.”

In Christ,

Doug

## **SESSION NOTES**

Session met on August 18, 2011 in a classroom of the church. Ten members were present.

A new job description was presented to the Session for Children's Ministries

Dawn Harris was hired to take over the Children's Ministries beginning in September. She will work approximately 10 - 15 hours a week. We are still looking for a part time person to take over the Youth ministry.



A new service "Fresh Encounter With a Living Savior" (Contemporary Service) will begin in October. The early service will begin at 8:30 and the regular service will stay at 10:30A.M.



### **Town Hall MEETING**

Session approved having a "Town Hall" meeting following worship on September 18<sup>th</sup> to hear a presentation of the Denominational Issues Team. Dan Dieter and Lori Smith will give the presentation and give folks a chance to ask questions. Please try to be at this important meeting. There will be a light luncheon of soup and sandwiches.

We want to thank the Ward Family and the Bretz Family for the generous donations given to the Memorial Fund in memory of their loved ones. Their wishes were that the money be used for the music ministry of the church.



### **New Treasurer**

After 15 years of service as Church Treasurer, Robert Stoughton has retired. The job will be taken over by Deneen Greene. We thank Bob for his excellent service and welcome Deneen to the new position.

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Session meetings are scheduled for Thursday **September 15<sup>th</sup>** and for Thursday **September 22** both at 7:00P.M.

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

This coming Saturday night, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00P.M. the Evangelism Committee will sponsor "Movie Night" in the sanctuary. The movie will be SOUL SURFER. The committee will provide snacks and beverage. Please come and bring a friend

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Dear Friends,

I am so excited to be working with you to nurture our children in God's love and truth. We have a wonderful opportunity to welcome the children of our church and community through the doors of New Bedford Church. Please be in prayer for me as God leads me to do His work here in New Bedford. I will be praying for you to listen for God's guidance in how you are a part of that work. Can you be a prayer warrior? a Kidzone teacher? a Kidzone helper? work in the kitchen? children at worship leader? chaperone day trips? music leader? Recreation leader? Take pictures?...What are your talents to share? I'm looking forward to the work set before us.

In His Grip,

Dawn

Please contact me through the church or email at [dawnhnbpc@aol.com](mailto:dawnhnbpc@aol.com)

### **Children at Worship Schedule**

September 4-----Brandy McAllen  
September 11-----Dawn Harris  
September 18-----Dawn Harris  
September 25-----Dawn Harris

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I can't believe KidsZone is only a month away. Our first Wednesday will be October 5<sup>th</sup>. Plans have already begun. If you're able to help out on Wednesdays please let Dawn know. This is a program that ministers to approx. 60 kids every week. It takes MANY people to make this a success. Please step up and volunteer if you are able. Even the "little" jobs truly are big jobs, so let me know if you are available.

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There will be a Kidzone Staff Meeting on Monday, September 19, at 6:30P.M.

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On Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a Youth Parents Meeting at 6:30P.M.

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On Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> we will be having our first youth group meeting.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Juanita Cornman-----	3
Bob Liddell-----	3
Autumn Hall-----	4
Marie Snyder-----	7
Don Jones-----	7
Rachael Shugars-----	9
Nancy Cummings-----	10
Brad Marshall-----	13
Rosalie Black-----	13
Doug Runyan-----	14
Nicole Bell-----	14
James Emery-----	15
Ted Hilliard-----	15
Larry Pence-----	16
Carol Madden-----	17
Erin (Mentzer) Teachy-----	18
Maggie Matthews-----	20
Bob Stoughton-----	22
Chuck Ruby-----	22
Madison Liddell-----	22
Elaine Slagle-----	24
Henry Sikora-----	27
Lori Jones-----	28
Wesley Jones-----	29
Helen Ruby-----	29



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## WOMEN'S NOTES

. As fall comes our circles and business come with it. The circles meet once a month and we invite any woman that does not belong to come and join us for the fellowship and Bible Study.



**Naomi Circle** meets on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September at the church at 9:00A.M.

**Rebekah Circle** meets the third Monday (the 19<sup>th</sup>) at the church at 6:30P.M.

**Lydia Circle** will meet on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30P.M.

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The cookbooks have arrived.

See Nancy Cummings, Linda Brubaker, or Helen Ruby for your copy of the cookbook. They are \$10.00



each. Profits go to projects the Women's Association support. One of these ladies will be in the vestibule following worship if you would like to purchase a cookbook. Thank you to all the ladies that contributed recipes for the book.

## PLANNING AHEAD

Ladies

It's time to be thinking and praying for our next Women's Retreat in April of 2012. This time of



fellowship has been a tradition started by Lillian Fulkman. It has been a wonderful time of renewal for our ladies. As the retreat has continued, we have seen God's plans evolve. In the past few years we opened the doors to our high school seniors and a bond began to build between them and the young at heart. We now have watched as these young ladies continue to attend the retreat through their college years and beyond. They have been such a blessing and examples of the Christian walk. Another change that we have noticed is the attendance growing among women who are members of our own church. Perhaps we should be viewing this retreat as not only a time of renewal, but an outreach mission. We have also seen the amount of money collected for various missions grow each year. Lives have been touched by those attending the retreat, and also those in need outside the retreat. How blessed we are to have so much and be able to share in his goodness. We are in need of a team of leaders for our next Women's Retreat. As many of you have found, being in this role has created special bonding with your leadership team and most importantly, a time to grow closer to Christ.

If you have never taken on this responsibility, pray about it. There are many women in the church to support you and lend you a hand. You are not alone in this adventure.



*Pray for the Women's Retreat*

If you are saying to yourself "I can't", begin asking "Why can't I?" Please pray for guidance.

Please contact any of last years retreat leader: Marty Marshall, Jackie Hall, Debbie Pogozelec, and Shirley Janoski if you would be willing to take on this task.

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The Fall Gathering will be held Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville. Time is 9:00A.M. To 3:00P.M. Theme: **God's Mission Matters.**

**DID YOU KNOW??????????????**

- Bob and Mary Miller celebrated 64 years of marriage. That is just awesome!!!!!!
- Ari Carr is home from Brasil
- Jane Eppinger turned 86 (She doesn't look a day over 40.)
- The kids got soaked in Kennywood but also got free tickets to go back
- 24 folks (young and old) went on the church bus to see the Pirates play St. Louis. Although the Pirates didn't win we had a really good time. Good eating, great seats, wonderful fireworks and free Roberto Clemente shirts
- Denny Eppinger was able to be home from Colorado and joined us for worship.
- Gene Bicehouse finally made it home from the hospital after ????days in the hospital.
- Did you know that Tish Kauffman is living with an 80 year old man!!! Happy birthday Melvin
- Did you know that on August 22<sup>nd</sup> it has been one year since the Financial Peace Classes started—how are all of you Financial Peace Classmates doing???
- Did you notice the big banner made by the 4 & 5 year old class It's by the bulletin board.
- Reanna Reynolds was on a trip to Albuquerque, NM and supposedly saw an image of Jesus
- Our new dishwasher was used for the first time after our picnic lunch on August 28th.



**LIBRARY**

We are desperately in need of a Librarian for our church Library. We have so many books that have been given in memory and in honor of loved one. These need to be cataloged. Please let Pastor Doug know if you could help with this project.

**SYMPATHY**

**Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the Dieter family. Dan's cousin Craig and his son Scott were killed this past month in Copley, Ohio along with 6 others. Please keep Craig's wife Beth and the extended family in prayer along with all those who lost loved ones.**



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**THANK YOU**

Thank You to Nancy Bretz for pulling all the weeds around the entrance to the church

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Thank you to Judy Stuhlmann for donating a "Steam Vac" to the church for easier cleaning of the new kitchen floor.

I love it. You're awesome -Toni

Judy donated the Steam-vac in memory of Jeanine Keesey. (Our former sexton)

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

I want to thank you all who prayed for me, sent me such meaningful cards of love and all who came to visit, some more than once. Thank you also for the candy, cookies, and books. I've been gratefully blessed many times over.

Many thanks and love,  
Gene Bicehouse

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Thank you to all who remembered our family with cards, prayers and words of sympathy at the sudden passing of my sister Sally. Your kindness and support meant so much to our family.

LaVon Rogers and family

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## YOUTH NEWS

Wow!! Is it really September?? The pool is closed, football has started, and the youth group activities are back in full-swing. I hope you all had a great first week of school and will be into a routine very soon.

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting at the Hostetler's at 1pm for our annual canoe trip. If you've done this in the past you know that this

is definitely not something that you want to miss. We will be floating (or swimming- depending upon how you canoe)



down the Shenango River. Please let me know if you plan on coming so that I am sure we have enough canoes (or you will be swimming). That evening following our trip is our church movie night. Please come and bring your entire family for a wonderful evening of fellowship with your church family.

Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have a parent's meeting at the church at 6:30pm. Give your parents ideas and suggestions of things you would like to see us do this year as a youth group. Parents, please make every effort to attend this important meeting.



Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Parents vs. Youth softball game at Smith Field at 3pm. Join us for a time of listening to kids whine and adults cry

from injuries. Actually, the crying from the adults doesn't occur for a few days after!!! It really is a good time and we invite everyone to come, even if you only plan to be a spectator. Hot dogs and chips will follow the game.

Our Sunday evening youth group meetings will resume on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm. Please come and bring your friends.

A few side notes: The pie sale will be starting soon. Pies will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Also, we will again be selling the wall calenders. Supplies will be limited so don't miss out on these beautiful calenders. They make great gifts!!! More details will be coming soon about both of these fundraisers.



Dawn Harris has accepted the position as part-time Director of Children's Ministries. She will be responsible for KidsZone, Sunday School, and Children at Worship. She is very familiar to these ministries and I'm very excited for all that she will have to offer. Please pray for Dawn as she begins her service!



KidsZone starts on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>!!! Mark your calenders and tell your friends!!!!!!

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 & Marie Snyder-----Home  
 Bob & Jean Rishel- Shenango Home (Bob 315) Jean (240)  
 Denny Eppinger-----Home  
 Dot Jones-----Avalon Nursing Home  
 Ron Root-----Receiving treatments  
 Don Jones-----Avalon Nursing Home  
 Gene Bicehouse-----Home  
 Rod Spor-----Recuperating at home  
 Art Spence-----Home

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**The Pulaski Township Fall Gathering will be held at the Pulaski Township Park on September 16 and 17. The parade will be on Saturday morning the 17<sup>th</sup>. They will leave Pulaski**

**Elementary School at 9:30A.M. and proceed to New Bedford Presbyterian Church where it will pick up groups that are walking or can't make it the whole distance from Pulaski.**

**(Approximately 10:30A.M.) They are looking for all kinds of help and donations etc.. If you have questions call Bev Varano 964-8617 or Kathy Kupiec at 724-964-8013. Also there is a flyer on the bulletin board with the schedule of events.**



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### Up Coming Meetings

September 6---Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30P.M.  
 September 7, Choir Practice 630P.M. (Each week  
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 September 10, 17, and 24-----Work Day to finish Kitchen  
 September 12,----7:00P.M. Mission Meeting  
 8:00P.M. Administration Committee Meeting  
 September 13----Deborah Circle meets  
 September 15-----Session Meeting  
 September 19-----Lydia Circle meets  
 Rebekah Circle meets  
 September 22-----Session Meeting  
 September 26-----Deacons Meeting

## ANNUAL BAZAAR

Ladies (and men) we hope you are working on some projects for our Annual Bazaar. It will be held the first Saturday in November. (November 5<sup>th</sup>. The time is from 9:00A.M. to 2:00P.M.

Again this year we will feature homemade craft items, Christmas items, a plant room,, the popular Trash and Treasure room, the country store with homemade baked goods, jellies and jams.

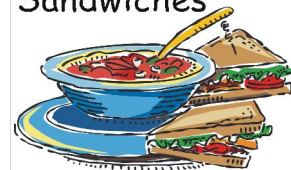


**Fall Bazaar**

After you are done shopping, come by the kitchen and enjoy lunch. We always have delicious soup, sandwiches, homemade pie and dessert.

We hope that you will invite your friends and neighbors and come out and enjoy the fellowship and support the work of the Women's Association. We certainly will be happy for any donations for any of our rooms. You may begin bringing (Good, clean and working) items for the bazaar.

**Enjoy Soup and Sandwiches**



Our church is located at the corner of Marr Road and Woodland Drive in New Bedford.

Questions???

Call the church office.964-8055