

Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

Joyous Easter to each and every person. Praise God. He is alive! A couple weeks ago I shared from the book The Singer by Calvin Miller. It is the first of a trilogy retelling the story of Christ in prose. I shared the story of the crucifixion. We saw The Hater (Satan) dancing on the death machine of the Singer (Christ). In this letter I will share the story of the resurrection.

The Child lay wide awake and filled with fear. Something dreadful in the dying of her friend left her trembling in the cold. To be an orphan in a world that took so little thought of homeless children was tenuous enough. But a greater dread stalked her smaller world. The Singer was no more, and she felt again the way she had before he came and found her begging by the roadside

“Please keep me well,” she prayed. “Father-Spirit, keep me as the Singer left me.” She felt her little legs to be quite sure they had not withered in the night. “Now that he is gone, please, Father-Spirit,” she pled into the darkness, “must I become an invalid again?”

In every shadow of the night she saw the lurking image of the World Hater

The first faint coloring of dawn found her lying in fatigue, still begging for her legs which had not suffered any loss for all her worry. But her agony and doubt had caused her view of things to grow narrow in the night. Even the first pale light of day did not reveal the world that really was.

She felt someone beside her on the simple mat that was her bed

“You worried about your legs for nothing,” said a voice.

She sat upright in her fear. In but a moment she was on her feet and seemed about to run. The she looked and him more fully.



Her heart was pumping. “Can it be?” And she concluded in her madness, “It is!” She threw herself into the Singer’s arms with such a strong embrace it all but knocked him over. “You’re alive–alive.” She closed her eyes and opened them to be sure that blinking would not erase her joy. “Oh, Singer–I was so afraid. I Thought my legs would be as....

“Yours are better far than mine this morning,” he said.

His hands and feet were barely recognizable. She who had cried for her own legs was overcome by real concern for his.

“You healed mine!” she said. “Heal your own. Please, Singer, make them well.”

“They are well. There is no pain now.”

“But they are scared and wounded. How can they be well?”

“Earthmaker (God the Father) leaves the scars for they preserve the memory of pain. He will leave my hands this way so men will not forget what it can cost to be a singer in a theater of hate.”

When we get to heaven... the only ones who will have scars on His body will be our Lord. He will continue to have scars in his hands and his feet and his side. He died for us. For eternity we will see the truth of that fact every time we look at our Lord! We must be a ‘singer in the theater of hate.’  
Again, have a blessed Easter!

In Him,  
Doug

# SESSION NOTES

Plans are underway for Holy Week Services.  
All services are at **7:00P.M.** unless otherwise noted.

**April 17----Palm Sunday 10:30A.M.**

As we remember how the crowds in Jerusalem welcomed the humble arrival of the King with palms and shouts of "Hosanna!" let us honor and praise Him on Palm Sunday with that same joyful spirit.



At 5:00P.M. We join together for our last Soup Supper and hear of the trip to the Holy Land by Shirley, Sandy and June.

**April 21-----Maundy Thursday**

At this service we remember how Christ showed his role of servant in the washing of his disciples' feet.



In taking Holy Communion, let us vow to be worthy servants of our Lord.

**April 22, Good Friday**

At this service we remember a day of terrible suffering and sacrifice, a day of crucifixion.



We invite you to join hearts and hands with us in remembrance of He who bore his crown of thorns willingly, arose from the dead, and defeated death that we might have eternal life.

**April 23, Saturday**

**10:00A.M. Easter Egg Hunt**



**Sunday, April 24 Resurrection Morning**

**8:00A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE**

This service will be led by the youth of our congregation. A light breakfast will follow



On this Easter Sunday we will celebrate the foundation of our faith: the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We invite you to worship with us as

we celebrate His victory over sin and death.

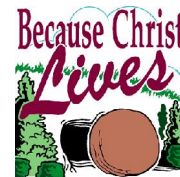
**On Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Michele Topolosky to membership in the church. Also Michele and her son Logan both received the sacrament of baptism.**



# DEACON NOTES

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

- Nancy Templeton-----Overlook
- 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-----Rehab in Denver
- Rod Smith----- Home (LaVon's brother)
- Bernice Boyer-----Receiving Treatments
- Patty Scarnati---(Margie's sister)---Beginning treatments
- Jack Keesey Jr.-----Home
- June Gates-----Back at Cleveland



*God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And live is worth the living, just because He lives.*

# EASTER LILY ORDER

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \$6.00                      Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Board of Deacons

## BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

02-----Jane Clingan

03-----Esther Bruce

**We wish Esther Bruce a Happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday**

04-----Katee Paglia

04-----Barbara Pence

05-----Peggy Hilliard

07-----Gary Fulkman

08-----Jodi Allison

18-----David Carr

19-----Barb Carr

19-----Ty Phillips

19-----Helen Anderson

20-----Reanna Reynolds

21-----Christy Cunningham

21-----Henry Reed

22-----Donna Fox

22-----Collin Duffy

23-----Bonnie

Glogowski

26-----Pat Wade

27-----George Snyder

27-----Eddie Rudzik

28-----Jean Frye

28-----Madeline Whiting

29-----Ray Boyer

29-----Sabrina DeVite

29-----Patty Bochy

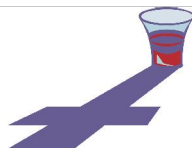
29-----Adam Anderson

30-----Donna Boyer

If your birthday is not included in our monthly birthday list, please let us know in the office.

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“My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” Matthew 26:42b



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Pulaski Twp. Recreation park

Committee is holding a pancake, French Toast and Sausage Breakfast on

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from

6:30A.M. - 11:00A.M. at

Pulaski Recreation Park. Cost

is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 3-12.

Children 0-2 is free.



## WOMEN'S NEWS

The Women's Association asking that anyone who would like to contribute to the bake sale at the Shenango Home have your baked goods here at the church on



Thursday morning,

April 7<sup>th</sup> by

10:00A.M. This is sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Shenango Home.

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The Women's Retreat will be held on April 8 & 9 at the Castle in Franklin, PA We hope you have signed up. The theme this year is 'Women Under Construction' Let's Build Something Together.

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### CIRCLES

The Deborah Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00A.M.



The Rebekah Circle will meet at the home of Sandy Courson on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30P.M.

The Lydia Circle will meet at the church on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30P.M.

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### SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to Renee Burrows at the passing of her sister Joyce this past month.



We send our sincere sympathy to the family of Don Kusky who entered his eternal rest this past month. Don was a member of this church since April 9, 1954. He was a faithful caregiver for his wife Shirley for many years.

***“Do not let your hearts be troubled, Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you may be where I am.***

***John 14: 1 - 3***

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# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 5, 2011

Theme:

## *A MIGHTY FORTRESS IF OUR GOD*

We invite you to join us on Thursday,  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30P.M. for **the  
NATIONAL DAY OF  
PRAYER, WORSHIP AND PRAYER  
SERVICE.**



It will be held here at New Bedford Presbyterian  
Church. Dessert and coffee will follow.

A sign up sheet will be available during the month of  
April so we may know how many to prepare for.  
Come and make this an evening of unified prayer with  
people from our communities.

## DID YOU KNOW

- Alexis Jones placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State Archery  
competition of all 5<sup>th</sup> graders and will head to  
Kentucky next month for the National Competition
- There is a new class for the 4 and 5 years olds now  
for Sunday School.
- Did you know Brad Marshall can fall asleep while  
mixing up meatballs
- Jimmy Buxton did really well on his HazMat test!  
(A test he was really concerned about)
- Kyle Jones took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Iron Man  
Competition at Thiel College

## LADIES-----YOU ARE INVITED

The Pulaski United Methodist Women are inviting you  
to join them for their Annual Prayer Breakfast on  
April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30A.M. at their church. The speaker will  
be Diane Miller, Certified Aromatherapist and she will  
discuss “Essential Oils of the Bible”. Mrs Miller will  
discuss the more than 170 oils and natural herbs  
mentioned in the Bible and their everyday uses.

Also **LADIES** We will be having a Tea for all ladies of  
the church and guests if you would like to invite  
someone. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall on May  
14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30A.M. Our featured speaker will be June  
Bennett, who will perform a selection of hymns and give  
the history and meaning behind them. We are asking  
each woman to bring her favorite tea cup. Also we need  
teapots. Anyone willing to donate their tea pot for this  
event, contact Margie Matthews, Angela Houk or Linda  
Canami.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for all the expressions of sympathy by  
your cards, words and hugs in the passing of my  
sister last week.

With much felt love  
Renee Burrows

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I would like to thank you for all your thoughts,  
words of comfort and prayers during the recent  
death of my father, Paul Moore. Your love and  
support means the world to us during this difficult  
time. We are so blessed to have a wonderful  
church family that lifts up and supports each  
other in times of sickness, difficulty and grief.  
Wishing god’s blessings upon each of you.

In Christian love,  
Martha Marshall and family



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Dear Folks at New Bedford Church,  
Thank you all for everything you’ve done for our  
family at the time of our father’s death. Thank  
you especially for the wonderful dinner, the love  
and fellowship you’ve shown our dad all these  
years.

He loved you all very much

The Ward family  
Janet, Linda, Sandy and families  
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Dear Church Family,

I wanted to extend my warmest thanks to you as  
a community and family. I have returned from  
Afghanistan in good health thanks to you and  
your extensive support and prayers. Thank you  
for the school materials, thank you for the prayers  
and thank you for supporting all of our soldiers  
and their tireless efforts.

Marcus Smith  
LT. IN USA

(This is Craig Smith’s son)


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Thank you all for your prayers, cards, phone calls  
while I was sick. You are all a great example of  
Christ’s compassion at work at NBPC. I am  
getting better everyday and soon it will be all  
cleared up. May God continue to bless you all.

Debi Fynes


## YOUTH NEWS

As we continue to whine and complain about the winter weather, someone stated to me this past Wednesday that they were just thankful to not be in Japan. What a reminder of our blessings!!! Do continue to pray for those in Japan and in other countries where wars are going on. If the weather is your biggest complaint, you are truly blessed!

March was a very busy month. I will start with KidsZone. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, twenty-eight kids went to Ten Pin Alley for our annual bowling outing. We had a great time! We spent the month studying the crucifixion and what it means to us. March 30<sup>th</sup> was the last KidsZone until  October. We had a wonderful "last day" shopping, a parachute party, and pizza.

**Nineteen** kids had perfect attendance for the entire year!! Those honored were Sheala McCarthy, Maelee Whiting, Sabrina DeVite, Kara Haines, Lia Vastano, Logan Popovich, Cooper Cline, Sara Ruth, Ashlynn McAllen, Selena Debelak, Katelyn McKean, Madison Wigley, Garrett Maggazine, Isabella DeVite, Jonathan Takash, Ryan Popovich, Meadow Whiting, Dylan Haines, and Madison Liddell.

Those sixteen children only missing one week for the entire year are Matthew Sevachko, Skyler Sloan, Taylor Fishel, Juliet Fishel, Jean

 Fornataro, Connor McKean, Ethan Susan, Mackenzie Wigley, Morgan Whiting, Grant Dieter, Brandi Buxton, Yasmyne Anderson, Kaylee Vastano, Amber Morse, Tommy Fair, and Emma Duffy. Kaylee Vastano was recognized for receiving the highest number of tokens at 102!!!! As you read through these names there may be many that you don't recognize. Many of the children we minister to on Wednesday's are not regular attendees of our church!!! What a ministry this is to our own church and to our community. Kids, I pray you have a wonderful and blessed spring and summer and I will see you back again at Vacation Bible School. Be watching our bulletin for announcements about summer swimming parties!



Thank You

I also need to thank everyone who volunteers each week for KidsZone. I need to share that staffing this year was less than ideal.

(For those of you wondering about this statement, the staff themselves were amazing, it's the numbers that were lacking!) It takes many people to make KidsZone a success. We completed this year and the kids seemed to enjoy it but there is sooooo much more we could do, but not without more staff. Many weeks we barely scraped by to have enough help. I would like for everyone to begin praying now for next year's KidsZone. Whether it be myself as the program director or someone else, we have a tough year ahead of us and can't do it without your help. Talk to any of the kids about KidsZone and their faces light up. It truly is a rewarding experience and just one way of serving God!

The Children's Choir will be singing during our morning Worship Service on Palm Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Church begins at 10:30. Please have your children here by 10:00.



Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>-June 17<sup>th</sup>. More details will be coming soon but mark your calendars now! Again, many volunteers will be needed. Let me know now if you're available to help.



I would strongly encourage you to consider sending your child to a summer camp. Seneca Hills has many camps available for all ages. There are even partial week camps for the younger kids that parents can also attend. If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Doug or myself. Remember the church gives scholarships to those attending.

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Now on to the Jr./Sr. High kids. March 13<sup>th</sup> we had our Youth Worship service. The drama team blessed us with a drama and we watched a video of Reggie Dabbs. Our next service is this next Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm. We will be watching a video of Mark Cahill. He was a speaker at Niagara and talks on witnessing. Everyone, including adults, is encouraged to attend this service. I'm sure there isn't one of us who want our family or friends to spend eternity in hell? But what do we do about it? If we leave the talking to someone else when it comes to eternity, then you definitely don't want to miss this!!! Mark talks about ways that he witnesses and brings others to Christ. What could be more important during this lenten season?



The youth will again be having a bake sale during the Easter Egg Hunt. If anyone would like to donate baked goods, please let me know.



The youth will have their Easter Sunrise Service at 8:00AM on Easter morning. The seniors will be giving their testimonies. Please join us to support our youth, but most importantly, to honor our King on Easter morning. A light breakfast will follow.



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On March 25<sup>th</sup>, we headed to Seneca Hills for our annual winter retreat (a little late this year). We only had 22 people, but we had a great time. We studied the "Fruits of the Spirit" and were blessed by our guest speaker, Annetta Dewberry. The kids had a blast playing paintball, and some of the adults couldn't walk the day after paintball.

**WINTER RETREAT**

I give a great big thank you to everyone who helped out. Also to our youth worship team and Brad and Marti for cooking, thank you!

THE LONG AWAITED LOCK-IN is scheduled for Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. This is for Jr./Sr. High. Invite your friends! You all know it will be a blast with the normal ping-pong tournament, games, pizza, game-systems, karaoke, and so much more. I need chaperones!!!! Even if you're only available for part of the night, let me know. I will be planning on 100 kids so adults, don't bail on me now!!!



As Easter is approaching, our schedule is becoming fuller. The youth will be meeting after Good Friday service to watch the "Passion of the Christ". We will also be stuffing Easter eggs at some point during the week and we will then hide them and help out at the Easter Egg Hunt which is scheduled for Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

