

Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,



In this letter I am announcing the “Fresh Encounter with a Living Savior” Renewal Emphasis. After months of prayer the Elders of the church have decided to move forward in the Fall with this “Fresh Encounter.”

The theme text of our “Encounter” is Philippians 3: 12. It states...

Not that I have already obtained (spiritual maturity), or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Whether we are three years old or ninety three years old we are called to “press on” We are called to ever grow in our faith.

It is always our desire for the Lord to be active in our midst. It is our desire to offer opportunities for each and every individual in our church family to grow in their faith walk with the Lord. Here are a number of aspects of the “Encounter.”

1. Renewal in our Traditional Service. Through the ministry of our Choirs and through the use of traditional liturgy we will continue and enhance this central focus of our church. We will reach out into the community to invite individuals to encounter a living Lord through a traditional worship service.
2. Begin a Contemporary Worship. We will begin this on Sunday mornings in order to minister to individuals within our congregation who desire a different worship style. We will also reach out into the community to touch lives of neighbors who desire a contemporary worship.
3. We will begin a Sunday Evening Home Bible Study
4. We will begin a Seniors ministry (Harvesters II)
5. We will have an active ministry of invitation to our worship services. We will “go into the world” of the New Bedford, Pulaski Community sharing the light of Christ.
6. We will continue the very active outreach though Kid’s Zone and use it as an entry point into our church.
7. We will begin a Men’s Ministry

In all these new (or renewed) ministries our goal will not be to have another program. Our goal will be “press on toward the goal” of maturity in Christ.

Please pray for this Renewal Emphasis. Please pray how you can be part of this “Encounter with a Living Lord.” Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Doug

KITCHEN UPDATE

After months of hard work our kitchen is close to being completed. Final work, such as the new drop ceiling, and the new doors on the windows between the fellowship hall and the kitchen, will take a few more weeks but we expect the kitchen to be functioning for VBS in a couple weeks.

It appears that the total cost of the new kitchen, when all the bills are paid, will be around \$73,000.00. Almost all the labor was done by volunteers. It is believed this volunteer labor saved the church between \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

I want to thank all the volunteers who made this work possible. I begin with the list of "foreman." These foreman have been here almost every Saturday since January. I want to offer a special thanks to Al Belgie, our electrician, he has been here almost every afternoon and Saturdays since January.

Foreman

Paul Cummings, Carpentry
Steve Fox, Plumbing
Al Belgie, Electrical
Gary Greene, Drywall
Andy Hostetler hood installation

Design Team

Glenda Fulkman
Harry Cornman
Mary Beckman
Brenda Hostetler

Volunteers

Brad Marshall
Adam Marshall
Sam Jones
Ed Rudzik
John Book
Tim Pogozelec
Colin Fulkman
Christian Fulkman
Gary Fulkman
Rachel Hostetler

Zack Hostetler
Tyler Craig
Tim Smith
Brock Janoski
John Book
Nathan Book

Duane Boyles
John Reynolds
John Reynolds Jr.
Bob Exley
Evelyn Exley
Billy Ray Moore



Finally, thank you to Bob Stoughton, who, as always, has paid the bills, transferred money to the correct accounts, and provided regular financial updates for this large project.

NEW LIGHTING UPDATE

In the past couple of month all the ballasts in the florescent lights in the church have been replaced. We now have energy efficient lights throughout the church. Also many rooms have had motions detector switches installed.

The total cost for this project was approximately \$ 4000.00. We will be receiving a Grant of around \$3000.00 to cover the costs. It is estimated that it will take less than two years to have a net savings.

This project was done entirely by volunteers. We were working under a time deadline to receive the grant. Thank you to Tim Pogozelec. He did the vast majority of the work giving up many, many afternoons and Saturdays. We also want to thank Brad Marshall and Duane Boyles. who assisted him

FUTURE SIDEWALK PROJECT

This Summer/Fall we will be replacing the concrete at both entrances to the Christian Ed wing. We will eliminate the 1 to 2 inch drop in the front and make the back entrance handicap accessible. We will also pave a sidewalk to the shelter. This project was required in order to receive a Building permit for the Kitchen Remodel.

SESSION NOTES

This coming Sunday, June 5th, the following young people will be joining our church. They have met with Pastor Doug over the past several month.

- Madeline Whiting
- Mitchell whiting
- Aryn Boyer
- Alyson Boyer
- Erick Boyer
- Bobby Liddell
- Ciara McAllen
- Lucas McAllen

Confirmation Class



Following worship service this Sunday there will be a reception for the congregation to congratulate the new members. Please stay and enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

This Sunday, Marshall Whiting will be presented for infant baptism. Marshall is the son of Austin and Julie Whiting.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be observed this Sunday, June 5th at the morning worship service.



DEDICATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

This past Sunday the new stained glass windows were dedicated at morning worship service. They were given by Martha Boyer and family in memory of her husband James F. Boyer and on in honor of Martha by her family.

The stained glass window, designs, colors and medallions were chosen by her family for the following reasons.

MEDALLIONS:

JESUS BEING BAPTIZED BY JOHN THE BAPTIST signifies the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

MARY, JOSEPH, AND BABY JESUS IN THE MANGER signifies the beginning of Jesus' life.

Colors

- Purple:----- A symbol of suffering and endurance
 - White:----- The hue of God
 - Blue:----- Hope and sincerity
 - Green:----- Faith and triumph of life over death
 - Gold:----- The Gates of Heaven
- We felt these colors signified Jim's faith, hope and suffering during his long illness.

Our hope is that everyone who enters our Church enjoys these stained glass windows. We trust they serve as a lasting tribute to my husband, father, grandfather n great-grandfather's memory

Martha Boyer and family.

NEWS FROM MISSION COMMITTEE



Cleaning Supplies

The Mission Committee is collecting cleaning supplies for the City Rescue Mission.

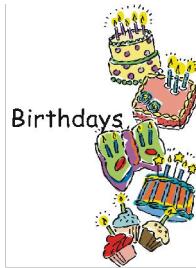
There is a large box in the vestibule where you may put any of the following items. Laundry soap; Liquid soap; Paper towels; Wipes; Bleach; Murphy's Oil Soap; and any other kinds of cleaning supplies. The box will be there till the end of June.

First Presbyterian Church in New Castle is sending a group of workers and supplies to **Joplin, Mo.** They will be leaving June 4th If you would care to help out with any of the following items or with monetary donations have it to the church by Friday, June 3rd. They could use: Gift card from area hardware stores that sell Building supplies; First Aid Kits; Baby Wipes, disinfecting/sanitizing wipes, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, lip balm, gloves, rope; extension cords, kleenex, trash bags. dust masks; Thank you in advance for your help. The address for First Presbyterian Church is:

125 N. Jefferson Street, New Castle, PA

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

Helen Groce-----	2
Carl Black-----	4
Pearl Reed-----	6
Mary Minich-----	6
Dennis Jones-----	7
Autumn Marshall-----	7
Lisa Craig-----	7
Dan Welker-----	9
Ray Janoski-----	12
Marissa Carr-----	12
June Smith-----	12
Marie Holtzman-----	17
Sam Varano-----	18
Christian Fulkman-----	19
Carrie Bretz-----	22
Geniene Jones-----	22
Margie Matthews-----	24
Shirley Sikora-----	25
Tim Smith-----	27
Ashlynn McAllen-----	28
Matt Anderson-----	28
Dot Rishell-----	29
John Anderson-----	29
Harry Ripley-----	30



Did you know:

- Our new kitchen is almost finished
- Wally and Ginny Huber were in town and worshiped with us on Sunday
- The 4 and 5 year old Sunday School class Willie and Rosie; Dylan and Hannah with their teacher Lori Smith passed out little American Flags to everyone in Sunday School.
- Jane Clingan was in worship on Sunday
- All the choirs, bell choir, Praise and Worship teams, musicians, directors and sound people, Kidzone chorus were honored at morning worship two weeks ago
- It was good to see Tike Wallace back in church after her hospitalization and recuperation.
- The Memorial Day Celebration was held here at our church. The Wilmington Band took part, and it was awesome to see all the men and women who have served their country.

CONGRATULATIONS SENJORS

Congratulations to the following seniors who will graduate this year.

- Kristi Jones-----Wilmington Area High School
- Megan Rudzik----Wilmington Area High School
- Taylor Allison-----Wilmington Area High School
- Samantha Shugars--Wilmington Area High School
- Curtis Bretz-----Wilmington Area High School
- Dakota Boyer-----Wilmington Area High School

Becky Greene graduated from Arcadia University with a Master of Medical Science.

Dani Greene graduated from Mercyhurst College with a B.A. degree in Hospitality Management. These are the daughters of Gary and Deneen Greene.

Autumn Hall graduated from Clarion University with a degree in Environmental Biology

These folks will be honored at worship service on Sunday, June 12th. There will be a reception following the service to congratulate the them.

Don't worry and fret, faint hearted,
 The chances have just begun
 For the best jobs haven't been started,
 The best work hasn't been done.
 -Braley

SYMPATHY

Our church family and friends would like to extend our sympathy to Doris and Art Spence at the death of her brother, John Miller of Rock Hill, S.C. last week.

We also rejoice with them in the good hope that is every Christians through our risen Lord Jesus Christ from whom we have received the promise of eternal life.

JUNE 14-----FLAG DAY



THANK YOU

Dear Church family,
Thank you all for the many kindnesses shown my brother Rod during his long illness and for the expressions of sympathy at the time of his passing. Your cards, good wishes and prayers meant so much to me and to Rods family. Thank you also to Pastor Doug for his comforting words to the family
-LaVon Rogers

Dear Friends of New Bedford Presbyterian Church
A very heartfelt thank you for all the cards, visits and especially the prayers during my time of surgery and recuperation. I feel blessed and humbled by your acts of kindness.

In Christian love,
June Gates

The National Day of Prayer Committee would like to thank the following people for helping and participating in the prayer service that was held on May 5th, 2011 and followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Pastors: Doug Runyan and approximately 50 folks from our own church

Pastor Jim Leas with Barnstone Ministries and his wife.

Pastor Bill Beck and his wife Judy
For all those who came and helped in any way with the program-----THANK YOU!

Toni Reynolds, Lori Jones, Jane Eppinger

Special Thank You to Helen Ruby and Laura Harshbarger for lending their beautiful tea pots of our Women of the Church Tea.. Also to the ladies who made the tea such a nice occasion.

God answered our prayers! After many prayers and her consultation in New Orleans LA my sister Patty Scarnati received a great report of excellent health. The doctor feels she should remain cancer free and enjoy a long life. Sisters are so special. Thank you all for your prayers and kindness.

Margie Matthews.

HELP NEEDED FOR FOOD BANK



More help is needed to help with the food distribution on the first Fridays of each month.

Anyone who can come and help between 1:00P.M. and 4:30P.M. is welcome. Even if you could help for a couple hours it would be appreciated.

SONGFEST

There will be a Pentecost Songfest on Sunday, June 12th at 3:00P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church in Hubbard, OH. Music provided by First Presbyterian Church Choir, Morning Star (a local contemporary group) and other guest musicians. There will be Traditional and Contemporary selections. Admission is: Bring a non-perishable food item to share with the Hubbard Food Pantry.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Pulaski Township Parks is sponsoring a SUMMER FUN ON Sunday, June 12 in the park.



Music by the Dorals, a huge yard sale, Car show, Games, Food and fun and a bake sale; and a community yard sale. There will be a Car Cruise, games of Corn hole, sack races, tug of war and much more. For more info go to www.pulaskitownship.org or www.pulaskitwp.com

Also there is a poster on the bulletin board.



Pentecost Sunday
June 12, 2011

Pentecost

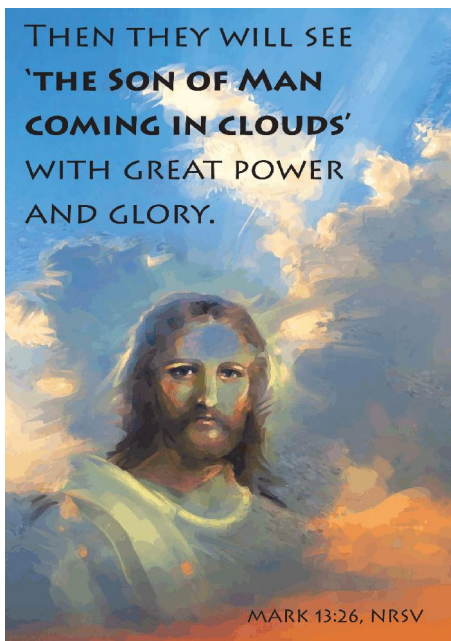
Please remember in prayer the people who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have ask for prayer.



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-----Hospital in Denver
 Dot Jones-----Silver Oaks
 Ron Root-----Receiving treatments
 Don Jones-----Beaver Valley Medical Center
 Bill Harshbarger---Knee replacement--Sharon

Please keep Gene Bicehouse in prayer as he will be having total knee replacement on Tuesday in Sharon Hospital. Gene's surgery will be Tuesday, June 7th. It had to be postponed due to the doctor having two emergency surgeries this Tuesday.

The correct address for Don Jones is:
 Hermitage Valley Health System
 918 Third Avenue
 Beaver Falls, PA 15010
 (Formerly the Beaver Valley Medical Center)



NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The following items are needed for Vacation Bible School If you have any of these items and could donate them, it would be greatly appreciated.

Aluminum Pie Plates Beads
 Clean Baby Food Jars with lids
 16 oz/20 oz clear plastic bottles with lids
 Nature items--seeds, pods, small pine cones, pebbles, leaves, twigs, acorns etc.
 Clear fishing line. Plastic lacing, Blue food coloring
 Mosaic Tiles, Glass pebbles, Craft foam, Craft wire--16 gauge and 24 gauge--Monetary donations
 Thank you for your prayers and support of the VBS program. Items can be placed by Geniene's office by June 5th. If you have any questions, please see Dawn Harris.
 Along with the above items they also need

White and Blue flat sheets
 Green, black and brown spray paint
 Also if you could lend the following items, they will be returned to you at the end of Bible School
 Dome tents
 Camping and fishing assorted artifacts
 Fake rocks
 Pop up shelters-picnic tables
 Indoor-outdoor carpet
 We need artificial trees, artifical Christmas trees and bushes
 String of blinking Christmas lights.

WOMEN'S NOTES

The Deborah Circle will meet on June 14th

The Lydia Circle will meet at the church on Monday, June 20th at 7:30P.M.

The Rebekah Circle will not be meeting in June