

***New Bedford Presbyterian Church
Redeeming Times
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Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

I want to reflect for a moment on being a grandfather. Alex, my grandson, will soon be fourteen months old. It is a wonderful joy to be with this little boy. Erin and Paul live in Zelienople so we are able to see the family almost every week. Alex is now walking around the room. He still looks somewhat drunk when he walks... he still tumbles constantly... but he always gets up and keeps going. He is beginning to say words.. he still hasn't learned "grandpa" yet.... but I assure you its not too far away. He has developed a temper... he certainly knows what "no" means and he does not like to hear it. You can see him reach to touch a plant (or scores of other things he is not allowed to touch), hear the word "no" and then stand there for a ten seconds contemplating obedience. Often he will give it one more touch to see if we really mean it. When he discovers we mean it he will, at times, react in anger and cry. As I grandparent I do what comes natural... I call for his mother. Alex is a joy! As a matter of fact... if I knew how much fun grandchildren are I might have skipped the parenting and went right to grandparenting (Think about that).

I love to read in the story of Timothy in the Bible. Timothy was a young man who was often in the presence of Paul. The amazing truth is this... we know of Timothy's mother and his grandmother. His mother was Eunice and his grandmother was Lois. We know that his mother was Jewish and his father was Greek. Timothy grew up in the city of Lystra. 2 Timothy 3:16 is possibly one of the most "famous" verses of scripture. But allow me to quote the two verses before this verse as well as verse 16.

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Notice this truth about Timothy...he learned scripture from infancy. His grandmother and his mother taught him the Word of God. They were examples of faith to their son for their entire lives. It is likely that they were in the synagogue when Paul went to Lystra during his first missionary journey. Paul always began in the synagogue in every city he visited. It is likely that Eunice and Lois and Timothy, who was in his late teens or early twenties, heard the gospel of Jesus Christ from Paul. And they responded to that gospel. Their hearts had been prepared their entire lives to hear the message of salvation. This family grew in their Christian faith in this new young church and when Paul returned to Lystra at the beginning of the second missionary journey, Timothy joined him and almost never left Paul for many years. He was ***"equipped for every good work."***

Parents, grandparents, be the Eunice's and the Lois' in the lives of the children God has given you. Share with them the truth of Scripture from an early age. Paul and Erin are daily reading the Bible Stories to Alex and he already is in Sunday School. Parents and grandparents, prepare your children to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Be examples of faith so that when they are old enough the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior will be a natural step. They saw Christ in their parents' every day life. Finally, pray for your children and grandchildren every day. Pray that they will make choices of faith and obedience.

Praise God for the joy of children.... and especially grandchildren. They are gifts to us from God.

In Christ,
Doug

Birthdays for March

Gene Bicehouse-----	3
Dee Haines-----	3
Steve Fox-----	3
Jean Rishel-----	7
Ray Hilliard-----	7
Sue Bluedorn-----	8
Glenda Fulkman-----	10
Gert Bretz-----	11
Larry Bluedorn-----	11
Dakota Boyer-----	16
Jim Allison-----	17
Sandy Saulpaugh-----	17
Dan Dieter-----	19
Ed Rudzik Sr.-----	20
Perry Boyer-----	21
Erik Boyer-----	25
Jackie Hall-----	25
John Book-----	25
Jamie Swiger (Phillips)-----	26
Rob Bretz-----	27
Ryan Morse-----	27
Shirley Cramer-----	28
Judy Stuhlmann-----	29
Helen Bicehouse-----	30



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

Justin Dillon-----	Home
Katharine Bell-----	Overlook
Verda Hepler-----	Home
Nancy Templeton-----	Overlook
Mrs. Bernice Chrobak-----	Edison Manor
Harvey & Dee Haines-----	Home at Harvey Jr.
Gertie Bretz-----	Home
George Snyder-----	Home
Shirley Cramer-----	Home
Chuck Ruby-----	Avalon Nursing Home
Teresa Debelyak-----	Home
Bob Rishel-----	Home
Lillian Fulkman-----	Home at her daughter Nancy's
Charlotte Wallace-----	Home
Jim Boyer-----	North Side
Bernice Boyer-----	Home
Bill Miller-----	Home (Gay Ann's husband)
Steve and Mary Kline-----	Shirley and Nancy's parents
Helen Bicehouse-----	Having tests
Henry & Pearl Reed-----	Home
Bill Ridenour-----	Home (broken ankle)
Bobby Morehead-----	Recuperating at home

Women's News

Association Meeting

There will be a Women's Association Meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 6:00P.M. here at the church. All officers and members of committees should attend this meeting.

CIRCLES

The Elizabeth Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30P.M.

The Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 9:00A.M.

The Rebekah Circle will meet on Monday, March 16th at 6:30 P.M.

The Lydia Circle will meet at the church on March 16th at 7:30P.M.

RETREAT NEWS

The Women's Retreat will be held at the Castle again this year on April 17 and 18. The cost is the same as last year \$50.00. The theme is "*Are You Loving Well?*"

Come join us for a fun-filled weekend as we learn how to love well. Through video we will hear from best-selling author and teacher Beth Moore, enjoy fun and fellowship with other women, laugh our heads off, shed a few tears, eat, stay up late and make new friends. It's a weekend you won't want to miss. Don't let money keep you from attending the retreat. There is a whole page in this newsletter with a registration form. Sign up and turn it in as soon as possible.

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON

To help defray the total cost of the retreat for all the women they will be sponsoring a soup and sandwich luncheon following church on March 15th. We will have several kinds of soup and sandwiches. We invite everyone to stay and enjoy the lunch and fellowship.



Lenten Programs

We are excited to announce the programs for Lent.

After a couple years of having Bible Studies in different homes, we are planning to have three Lenten Soup Suppers here at the church with a Bible Study led by Rev. Jim Cossin. Most of you are familiar with Jim as he has preached here on numerous occasions. He will be leading the study following the soup supper.



- *The first study will be on March 8th and will be taken from II Kings 20:1-7 "Lessons for the life of Hezekiah"*
- *The second one will be March 22nd and will be from Psalm 51:10-12 on "A Pure Heart"*
- *The third one will be Palm Sunday and will be from Luke 2: 38 - 52 on "Growing in Grace".*

We hope you will mark these dates on your calendar and come and be a part of these programs for Lent.

Sympathy

We extend sincere sympathy to Ed and Mary Beckman at the death of their brother-in-law Bill Donaldson last week

Sympathy is extended to Ruth McClanahan and Lorna Keller at the death of their mother and grandmother recently.



As brothers and sisters in Christ we extend our prayerful support and sympathy to Bob and Cindy Bell and family at the death of her father, Delbert Sizer.

Sincere sympathy to the Hartzell family at the passing of Carrie Hartzell last week.. Carrie is the sister-in-law of Don and Sis, Chuck and Joe Ruby and Mary Hartzell.

"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 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 also may be where I am. John 14:1-3"

Deacons Notes

The Board of Deacons met on Monday, February 23rd.

Jean Chrobak moderated the meeting.

Various committees reported their activities for the month of February.

One funeral dinner was served.

Next food distribution will be on March 6th.

Easter lilies will be purchased from Villa Maria and the cost is \$8.00. A form is included in this Redeeming Times if you would like to order a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one.



Last month we reported that Melvin Kauffman was moderator of Deacons. **WRONG!!!**

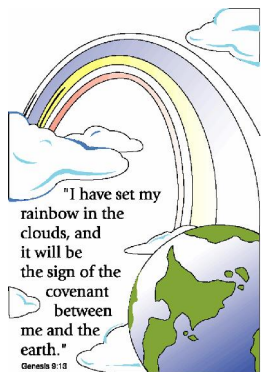
Jean Chrobak is the moderator of the Board of Deacons this year.

Sorry Melvin-----Sorry Jean

	<h3>Easter Lily Order</h3>
In memory of _____	
In honor of _____	
Given by _____	
Phone _____	
Price \$8.00 _____	Paid _____
Make checks payable to Board of Deacons	

Did You Know.....

- Lavon Rogers and Joe Paterno were born on the same day and the same year. (You're both in good company).
- Toni has a brand new baby niece, Marly May, born in Florida. Scott Kerr is the "grandpa".
- Jean has been scaring off wildlife, including some endangered species.
- Stay away from the Pogozelec's and Moores when there is an ice storm. How many vehicles were dented?????



In any given Christian community there are two groups: those who are contagious in their joy and those who are cranky in their faith. They've accepted Christ and are seeking him, but their balloon has no helium. One is grateful, the other grumpy. Both are saved. Both are heaven bound. But one sees the rainbow and the other sees the rain.

Attention Drama Team

Due to the Lenten Soup Suppers, we will be having practice after church until 1:30p.m. on the following dates. March 8th, March 22nd and April 5th. (These dates only unless specified ahead of time.)

Thanks for your cooperation. Jess



A Prayer For Lent

O loving God, we come to the Holy season of Lent truly sorry for our sins that have often separated us from you. We confess that we need to repent of our offenses against you which we have committed by thought, word and deed. We humbly pray for your mercy and forgiveness. We pray for a new quest for holiness on our part that we may become faithful and righteous servants of Christ. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Thank You

Thank You for everything you have done to help our family at this time. The weekly meals, the visits, the help you all gave, the flowers, luncheon following the funeral and the prayers meant so much. All of this was appreciated by the family.

The Whiting Family

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, visits and especially the prayers and love shown me during and after my surgery.. God bless all who cared.

-Gene Bicehouse



Our family thanks the members and friends of New Bedford Church for the expressions of sympathy, the meal prepared for us and especially the prayers for our family and especially the prayers for our family at the death of our husband and father Robert Sheeler. Your kindness meant so much to all of us.

Pat Sheeler and family

Thank you for all the cards, gifts and prayers for Lillian. She has enjoyed each and everyone of them. She is now staying with her daughter, Nancy, in Mercer. Anyone who would like to visit her is more than welcome. Cards may be sent to her home address and we will see that she gets them. Thank you again for the love and support of our church family.

Gary and Glenda Fulkman

Thank you to my church family for the cards, visits, the wonderful meals sent in and especially the prayers during my surgery and recuperation at home. Thank you to Pastor Doug and Kim for their visit and to everyone for their love and support at this time.

Bernice Boyer

...During the illness and passing of my father, our church family has been a blessing. We thank all of you for your prayers, cards, comforting words, gifts, flowers and food. God Bless You All.

Bob, Cindy, Lucas, Nicole and the family of Delbert Sizer



Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, cards and support for my husband during his hospitalization and recuperation at home. We appreciate all the concern and caring of our church family.

Bill and Gay Ann Miller

Thank you for the cards and expressions of sympathy at the death of our brother in law. Mary & Ed Beckman

Dear Sisters in Christ



It is time to register for another great Women's Retreat. The retreat this year will be April 17th and 18th at the Castle in Franklin., This year our theme is Loving Well. It is a wonderful retreat series put out by Beth Moore and as you can imagine it is both entertaining and spiritually rich. Are you loving well?

I John 4: 7-8 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God because God is love.

We all deal with people who are a joy to love and those who are difficult to love. Come join us for a fun-filled weekend as we learn how to love well. Through video we will hear from best-selling author and teacher Beth Moore, enjoy fun and fellowship with other women, laugh our heads off, shed a few tears, eat, stay up late, make new friends, and enjoy old friends. It's a weekend you don't want to miss!

We invite you to participate in a special time of biblical learning, fellowship and fun. Don't miss out. Sign up today and reserve your spot.

Prices at the Castle have gone up this year, but we are working to keep cost down. A one night stay, including meals is \$50.00. If you will be able to join us for Thursday night and spend Friday helping set up for the retreat the two nights will be \$61.00 Partial scholarships are available. Please contact Shirley Janoski (724-528-1802) or Marty Marshall (724-964-8545) by April 5th if a scholarship is needed. Please return your registration and payment to Lori Smith or Debi Fynes by April 5th.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ CELL NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

BIRTHDAY _____

DEPOSIT MADE _____

PLEASE CHECK IF APPLICABLE

_____ NEED A RIDE _____ WILLING TO DRIVE/CAR

POOL

YOUTH NEWS

February was not an extremely busy month for the youth but things will be picking up again in March. On Sat., Feb. 7th, we met to prepare for our ham/scalloped potato luncheon. I can't even begin to tell you how hard these kids worked. We had 40 pounds of potatoes peeled, cabbage shredded, tables set, silverware rolled, and all preparations ready to go for Sunday in one hour. And it was "Whine Free". Many of them seemed to actually enjoy it!! I'm proud of each one of you that came out to help. After the preparation, we watched Madagascar 2 here at the church. (With munchies of course.)

On Sun. we had the luncheon which was supported by our congregation tremendously!! We were able to add \$500 to our account from donations. Thank you all so much for giving to our youth program. We would also like to thank Brad and Marti for the wonderful food, and to all the adults who either helped and/or baked cakes. Again, what a blessing our church family is.



On Mon., Feb. 23rd, Lawrence County Youth Ministries sponsored a "youth night" at Olympic Fun Center. Ten kids went and had a great time. Thank you to Pastor Doug who volunteered to drive the kids there. I



had to work and was unable to attend; however, kids, we will go again sometime and I will spank you all at laser tag!!!!

On Sun., March 1st, we had 36 kids and adults go snowtubing at



Avalanche Express. I think everyone would agree that the entire congregation should go next year. It really is a good time, and who doesn't like getting pulled back UP the hill?

Fri., March 13th, 7PM there will be a meeting for youth parents (or for any other adults who may be interested in our youth program). Please come with any questions or suggestions.

Sat., March 14th 5PM - High School Musical Marathon Movie night at my house. Yes, it's what you've all been waiting for! The girls may sleep over. Dinner will be provided.

Sat., March 28th - I will be taking the youth to see "The Music Man" which is being performed by WAHS. A few of "our own" will be making their "debut" in the school's production!

IMPORTANT

The youth will be joining our church for the soup suppers during Lent. Please take the opportunity to spend 3 Sunday evenings with our church family during this Holy season.



KIDSZONE

The children's choir will again be adding to our Worship service on March 15th. Please meet in the fellowship hall at 10:10.

Sat., March 14th, 12:30-3:30 - KidsZone kids will be going bowling at Colonial Lanes. We will meet at the church and take the bus. The cost is \$3.00 per person. Pizza will be provided.



Wed., March 25th **LAST KIDSZONE**

Share shopping, pizza and parachute party.
You won't want to miss it!!!