

## *Bath Church Mouse*

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### **From the Pastor's Desk**

Greetings Bath Church Family!

***WE HEARD YOU!*** Thanks again to all those who participated in the roundtable discussions during Coffee and Donut time at the beginning of the Summer. Throughout our Summer meetings, Session and its committees have been guided and informed by your input.

Here's what we heard from you: publicize our public events better, beef up the Church Mouse from committees and members' events, balance intinction and traditional communion, include more familiar hymns, improve curb appeal of the building, improve the cemetery fence, have an outside Blessing of the Animals service, involve mission projects outside of the church building, be more flexible and try new things, improve communication between Session and members, and increase transparency between Session and members.

Here's what we're doing:

\*We partnered with Faith Church to gather their publicity sources for VBS that were so effective and will use those sources to publish our public events in the future.

\*We requested all Elders add more detail of their committees work to the monthly newsletter reports. Additionally, the Pastor and Clerk will provide more detail about Session's actions and "behind the scenes" work of Session in the Church Mouse.

\*We will be having traditional communion on World Communion Sunday in October.

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\*Each week, Pastor will strive to have one traditional hymn and one new hymn in the worship service

\*Session has a list of priorities for beautification of the property, beginning with necessities -- elevator, parking lot, windows, steps, cemetery fence, landscaping. Please be patient with us...but we intend to address all these concerns within the year.

\*We will have an outside special Blessing of the Animals service in October (not on a Sunday morning).

\*We are commissioning the Mission committee to look into ways to serve outside of the church building.

\*THIS is our attempt to improve communication and be more transparent.

You may ask questions, send input or visit Session, Clerk or the Pastor at any time; just arrange it. We plan to have these roundtable discussions a couple of times a year to increase communication between Session and the congregation as well.

Thanks for your input!

Christ's Peace,  
Pastor Emily



## Serving the Lord in & Through Bath Church

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### **Clerk's Corner**

I hope everyone's summer is off to a great start! The church has been a busy place so far, and has plans for more fellowship and mission events throughout August. Make sure to read the other sections of the newsletter to learn about all of the wonderful ministries and opportunities taking place.

Numerous events were held in June including a coffeehouse style worship, a private wedding and reception, as well as Vacation Bible School with Faith Presbyterian! It is truly a pleasure to be able to host these events and ministry opportunities! Unfortunately, issues outside our control prevented us hosting the Imani Miele Choir. Session and other volunteers learned several lessons regarding planning such an event including a variety of venue/logistical options. Hopefully we will be able to apply these lessons to hosting the choir in the future or other events!

Session and various committees continue working on on-going projects. Changes in code requirements, unfortunately, have expanded and delayed the lift replacement. An automated external defibrillator (AED) has been installed along with training for several members of the church. Thank you to all those who volunteered to learn CPR and how to use the AED! It is important for us to remember that anyone can use the AED if needed regardless of having been trained or not - there are pictures on the AED and audio instructions. Additionally, once 911 is called, the dispatcher is trained to advise you how to use the AED if needed. Finally, Session has recently approved upgrades to our

security system. These upgrades will ensure connectivity to ADT during phone or power outages, in addition to cameras monitoring the main entrances. These upgrades should not hinder the church's welcoming and open door but will allow for enhanced safety and awareness.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ethan Johns  
Clerk of Session

### **Admin & Finance**

2019 is off to a great start for the church, both in vitality and financially. The Admin & Finance committee is aware of minimal deviations from the planned budget, but anticipates no major issues! The transfer of funds to various accounts at Wright-Patt Credit Union has yielded higher interest rates! With Session's approval, all of the church's certificates of deposit along with our money market account are in the process of being moved to Wright-Patt Credit Union. Additionally, the committee is prayerfully examining our Vanguard Wellington account and exploring alternatives to utilizing and/or securing this fund. No recommendation has been made to Session yet and the committee welcomes suggestions for the congregation.

Ethan Johns  
Admin & Finance Session Elder

### **Christian Ed & Media**

Adult Sunday School has continued using curriculum from "The Wired Word" website led by Becky and Steve Mast. This website provides curriculum with current events, scriptures that correlate with the subject and discussion question. Pastor Emily has written a lesson, with

scriptures and questions, and she has also found a TED Talk to discuss regarding ways of talking about race. The class has agreed to use videos along with the "Wired Word" in the future continuing to talk about current subjects, even when they are difficult. There are usually 8-10 members of the group.

The children's Sunday School has been using the new curriculum, GROW TOGETHER NOW, along with a lectionary lesson play (Sermons4kids). The new curriculum includes a DVD of short plays representing the lesson of the week. The focus has been forgiveness. A new TV with DVD has been purchased to be used in the nursery/children's Sunday school room.

The video class is able to continue watching videos with discussion. Several members are able to run the equipment, so they seldom need help.

Pam has continued to get good messages up on the outdoor sign to inspire us.

The newsletter took a brief hiatus between June and July for the summer but is back in August, monthly as before.

The website has been updated to include VBS information and some new/changed information from the Session members.

Please consider signing up for nursery. We don't have many kids but someone is needed a couple of times a month for nursery. There is audio of the service available if you are in the nursery and someone to assist you if you need something. The nursery is fairly well supplied with interesting toys, puzzles and books.

VBS was held June 17th-June 20th at Faith Presbyterian Church and was a success! 45 students were registered. Pastor Emily and Deb Hitchcock co-directed with Maria Beimly from Faith Church. Susan Lockwood and Becky Mast planned snacks and, with Susan's sister-in-law

Sherry, prepared and served the snacks. Brad Hitchcock and Cliff Haddox played music. A banner was made and brought to the church (a matching one is at Faith) to display in the sanctuary and pictures of VBS were displayed on the screen in the annex and will be on the website (no pictures with name tags showing put on the website).

The C.E./Media meeting was June 12, 10:00. Pastor Emily, Verna Drake and Deb Hitchcock attended. The new curriculum for children's summer Sunday School was approved to try at the meeting. The Pastor will coordinate the lesson in the new book with Children's time when possible. There is a plan to meet in August for fall curriculum.

Deb Hitchcock  
CE/Media Session Elder

## Fellowship



Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 18. That's when Clyde, Dan & Co. will serve up delicious fish and chips in the Friendship Hall from 5-7. Invite friends and family for this wonderful fellowship occasion. A sign-up sheet will be out soon for side dishes and desserts. Hope to see you all there!

Susan Lockwood  
Fellowship Session Elder

## Worship

There were suggestions brought to the Worship committee's attention regarding trying alternative Worship Services. With this suggestion we put into place plans for two different styles of Worship. The first took place

on June 2 with a Coffee House Style during Coffee and Donut time. J.O. and Brad put together a selection of music as duets but also included the congregation by teaching new songs and singing favorites. Everyone was encouraged to partake of the great food prepared by Dan and Mabel Geis. Everyone seemed to have a good time and was made aware of another alternative to come.

There was a Worship meeting on July 10 where we discussed the next special Worship Service. We will have a Hymn Sing Service on Aug 11. We have held one in the past and had a lot of suggestions for songs. The congregation was asked to submit their selections again of their favorites or new ones they would like to try and or hear. We have had several people already turn in their choices. Thank you to those who have submitted their selections.

Communion was served on June 9. The next communion will be served on August 11.

The choir has been on hiatus the summer. The choir will have their first practice on the September 4 at 5 pm. They will be back to singing in Church on September 8.

The next Worship Committee meeting will be on September 18 at 5:15 pm. Anyone interested in joining the choir or participating on the Worship Committee please feel free to join us anytime.

Sharon Cottrill  
Worship Session Elder

## Property

### A New Adjustment!!

By now you have probably figured out that when you hear from me there is going to be a change. We have decided to upgrade our security system with ADT and this means changes and

adjustments. This is long overdue and necessary. We have acquired some new assets (calendar TV in the annex, computer, etc.) and will be getting more as time goes on.

First, the keypad by the door next to the office will be replaced with a new up to date one. The keypad by the double doors near the stairs will be removed. We can still enter at those doors and still have 30 seconds to go check in at the keypad. A new addition will be a camera for each of these two doors aimed at the doors. They are activated only by motion and will capture activity at the doors.

This final addition will be of great help in protecting our most important asset: you, our congregation. The cameras will send the images it captures to an app. This will particularly be helpful when we are in worship. A designated person will use a phone, tablet, or laptop open to that app during our worship time. They will then be able to see who enters the building.

If you have any questions just ask me. I'm hoping embracing this step into the present and future will make protection of our people and where they meet more secure.

Smile and wave!

Judy Morin  
Property Session Elder

## Mission

Thank you to all that supported the July Mission of "Rescue Me". There will be a garage sale on Saturday August 10th 8 AM to 6 PM at AmVets Post #99 at 1123 S Brown School Rd in Vandalia. They will welcome any donations to sell. See John or Carol Brackney or Carol Brickner to donate or if you have questions. Come shop the sale. It is inside and air

conditioned with 100% of benefits go to the pets in need in our community.

The August mission will be the children in the Huber Height's school system. We will be providing a list of items they need. The school supplies are already out with good sales going on now. Most of us have gotten our kids through school but there is still a need for those who are short on funds & children still needing supplies. Bless you for your giving heart. They are our future.

Verna Drake  
Mission Session Elder



### Women's Gathering August News

#### Monday August Activities from 10am-3pm

We will enjoy a potluck lunch and work on crafts and missions. Feel free to drop in anytime and stay as long as you wish. Come join us!

#### Delivered to the Samaritan Homeless Clinic

We donated 46 hygiene kits, 38 over the counter items or full-size toiletries, a shoebox of small soaps, 10 new clothing items and used clothing. Small hotel shampoos are especially needed now.



### August Anniversaries

Chris & Hazel Pomfret –18<sup>th</sup>



### August Birthdays

Cliff Haddox – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Deb Hitchcock – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Valerie Quinn – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Ethan Johns – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Maudie Lawson – 31<sup>st</sup>

*Happy Birthday and Anniversary .....  
and many more!*



I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER. BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

## Honor Flight- Duane Fornshell



We are honored to have a special veteran in Bath Church who went on an Honor Flight to Washington DC, May 25th; Duane Fornshell! Duane and his brother, Don, both served in the U. S. Army for two years including time in Korea. His brother was recuperating from heart surgery and had recently lost his wife so was not able to go on the flight with Duane.

Duane was accompanied on the flight by his daughter, Melissa. Duane said the weather was perfect - not too hot, and a little breeze. He was impressed by their motor escort of motorcycles as they were driven in an SUV directly to their destinations. They were met at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport by supporters cheering for them and were also cheered when they returned home to Dayton International Airport.

The Honor Flight mission is to take veterans of the WWII, Korean Era, and Vietnam Era wars to see their national memorials in Washington, DC. Priority is given to terminally ill veterans from any of these wars. These trips (both via air or our RVC ground transportation program) are provided at no cost to all qualified veterans which includes airfare, bus transportation while in DC, meals, and tee-shirts.

Duane was very touched by this opportunity. When asked what he like the best about this trip he said, " All of it!". He also said he would never forget the experience and it meant a lot to him.



*Melissa and Duane*



*Duane sporting his Tee-shirt*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship - Older Adult Sunday 12:15 pm Coffee and Donuts	5	6	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day 1:00 pm Card Making Ministry	8	9	10
<b>11</b> 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship with Communion	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Women's Gathering	13	<b>14</b> 10:00 am CE meeting 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day	15	16	17
<b>18</b> 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:00 pm Fish Fry	19	20	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day	22	23	24
<b>25</b> 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship	26	27	<b>28</b> 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day	29	30	31