

# *Bath Church Mouse*

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**Starting June 4 Bath Church Sunday service hours will be 9:00 - 10:00 for breakfast and multigenerational Sunday School.**

**Worship service begins at 10:15 am.**  
**This is a half hour earlier for Worship service.**

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

Hello Bath family and friends! Grace and Peace to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

School is almost out, it's getting warmer and we're heading into vacation season. This usually means things slow down in the church. Not true for Bath! We are planning our next Coffee House, stay tuned for more information!

The Missions committee is in full swing with some new missions in the works and our summer project, Habitat for Humanity's Catch the Building Spirit.

We are also making some changes to Sunday's schedule for June-August. Breakfast will be at 9, followed by an intergenerational Sunday for Everyone!! Worship, beginning June 4, will be at 10:15am, with a more casual summer atmosphere. Come experience the Spirit alive and active at Bath Presbyterian this Summer!!

Summer can also be a good time to learn something new and unfamiliar! I recently went to a Mosque in Columbus to take a day-long seminar on Islam in America, and I thought I would share some interesting facts with you all.

\*Only .0001% of Muslims in the world are part of Isis

\*0.3% of murders in American are committed by Muslim terrorists

\*Primarily, Isis targets Muslims in the Middle-East

\*Most of the patriarchal/misogynous traditions we associate with Muslims (male escorts in public, females not being educated, males and females not

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being in the same room, women not being able to drive) are cultural laws in Middle-Eastern countries, NOT RELIGIOUS based, and are not practiced by Muslims in America.

\*The "hijab" that some Muslim women wear is a sign of respect to God and in America is not something husbands enforce. Conservative Muslim women are required to wear it when they enter puberty, but some families chose to have their daughter wear it much younger so she gets used to bullying and teasing and it doesn't coincide with awkward teen years.

\*George Washington hired primarily Muslim workers at Mt Vernon because of "their efficiency".

\*The Islam faith is on record over 100 times stating that "Isis is in no way a Muslim organization because of their abuse of this peaceful religion." Terrorism is considered an unforgivable act in the Koran!

\*The fundamental beliefs of Islam are peace, trust and honesty.

\*The five pillars of Islam are:

- 1- shihada (similar to our declarations of faith)
- 2- pray to God 5 times a day
- 3- fasting at Ramadan (holy holiday)
- 4- give to charity
- 5- pilgrimage to Mecca during one's lifetime

Most of this should sound very similar to us! The 3 Abrahamic Faiths (Islam, Christianity and Judaism) are much more similar than different. We get a lot of mis-information online and through our media. I am very open to a conversation about World Faiths, if anyone is interested. Call, text or email me at any time to discuss or set an appointment.

Blessings!  
Pastor Emily



## **Something New!! Monthly Scripture Focus**

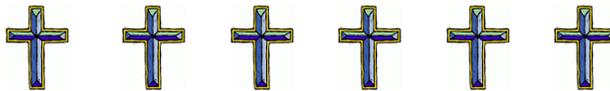
As part of our covenant together with the Presbytery all committees, the session, WG group, and our Bible study group, have been asked to participate in a scripture focus each month. The scripture themes are based on the gospel of John’s “I Am” verses and on the “O Antiphons” names of Christ.

It is not a curriculum, but a tool. It is adaptable and can be melded to suit each group. This is us going to a spiritual place together as gathered groups at church, and as a Presbytery. Scriptures follow the Presbyterian calendar. There are two questions to go along with the scripture to use for discussion in groups. The idea is that our Presbytery is connected by the monthly scripture and we are in covenant together. The scriptures are posted on the Presbytery website, will be Eblasted out each month, and will also be noted here in the newsletter.

### **June Scripture Focus: Proverbs 4:7-9**

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever else you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a fair garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.

1. When and how have you embraced wisdom in your life?
2. Who exemplifies wisdom in your life?



## **Serving the Lord in & Through Bath Church**

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### **Clerk’s Corner**

What a wonderfully successful Presbytery meeting at Bath Church in May. This was a first for us and it could not have been any better. There have been constant emails of thanks and praise, and positive comments from so many people on how the feeling of the meeting was one of comradery even more pronounced than many other meetings. The sanctuary was filled; chairs were brought in to seat the overflow. The wonderful sound of a filled sanctuary singing

praises to God was overwhelming and beyond words.



Pastor Emily welcoming the Presbytery

Presbyters thought the church was welcoming with a feeling of happiness. Some mentioned how good the church smelled, not the musty and mildew smell so many old churches have. The meal received so many positive comments. It was deemed one of the very best served at any Presbytery meeting. Special thanks are lifted up to Pastor Emily, Susan, Val, Jeff, Monica, Brad, Verna, Deb, Ethan and Hazel. These folks deserve so many kudos for all their work, effort, and diligence to make the Presbytery meeting so successful. They made it all look easy and were the perfect hosts. All the small details done made it even more special. Every person who came to Bath left feeling even better than when they entered. Praise God for all His love and caring that clearly was shown in the hands of those at the meeting. Thank you friends for your work to show the discipleship of Bath. You all walked the walk and lived into the covenant we share together with other churches. Ethan Johns served as commissioner for the meeting and his report will be elsewhere in the newsletter.



Former moderator, Brian Maguire, installing Gidget Collins as the new Moderator, Maggie Gillespie as Vice Moderator, and Kelley Shin as Leadership Chair.

Pastor Emily and Gidget Collins attended a leadership workshop at Troy Presbyterian Church on May 6th. There was a lot of good material to use and the idea of having a session retreat came out of that workshop. The retreat will be Saturday, June 10th at Central PC from 9 – 1:00 pm.

Going forward a deposit of \$100 will be required to rent the church facilities. The money will be given to the clerk of session when the contract

to rent is signed. The clerk will give the money to the treasurer and it will be deposited into the church account. If there are no damages or excessive cleaning needed the money will be returned. This does not include Verna Drake using the church for Kairos or Val Quinn using the church for My Brother's Keeper mission group

Beginning June 4<sup>th</sup> the worship time will change for the summer. Breakfast and multigenerational Sunday School will be from 9 – 10:00 am, with Sunday worship beginning at 10:15 am. Please note this on your calendars.

A donation of \$150 was given to Catch the Building Spirit Presbytery Network. This allows Bath to pay for a wall panel for the new house. Bath will also be supplying breakfast on June 1st, during the kick-off week.

Bath Church is also donating \$500 to help support J. O. Miller as he attends the Habitat for Humanity International build in Poland this year (with Janet going as the team leader).

A total of \$680 was collected for One Great Hour of Sharing, and \$170 was collected for the Healthy Women Healthy Families.

Session wishes everyone a safe and happy summer.

Gidget Collins  
Clerk of Session

## Mission

This month we are focusing on "Catch the Building Spirit" organization, a partnership of Presbyterian & Catholic churches working in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton to fund and build a house for a partnering family each year. This organization's purpose is to assist low-income persons to obtain safe, affordable and quality housing. You can read about them at their website: <http://catchthebuildingspirit.org> or on Facebook. Bath Church has made a donation for a wall panel this year. Pastor Emily, Gidget, Ella and I will be serving a breakfast on

June 1st. They are always looking for volunteers to work on sites listed on their website. You don't need special talents for some jobs such as painting, sweeping or picking up nails. Janet has been volunteering for some time & is willing to share her experiences or answer questions. Janet & J.O. will be going on a mission trip for Habitat to Poland in September and Bath will be supporting them financially as well as praying for them during this time.

Carol & John Brackney are willing to take newspapers as well as pop cans for the Rescue Me organization for pet adoptions. The Pentecost Offering will start June 4th and continue through the June 18th.

Verna Drake  
Mission Session Elder

### **Human Trafficking**

**The legal system says anyone under the age of 18 is too young to legally consent to sex, so if they are paid, someone is trafficking them. That way they do not have to prove force, fraud or coercion.**

### **Worship**

In May, Pastor Emily spread the good news and the choir/musicians made joyful music leading us into Memorial Day weekend and the start of summer!

Starting Sunday June 4, 2017, worship will begin at 10:15 am. Only the time is changing, NOT the normal worship experience you have grown accustomed to.

Sunday June 4 is Pentecost Sunday (with Communion) and Sunday June 11 is Trinity Sunday (also the 193<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Bath Church). These are special dates for Bath Church, the PCUSA, and Christians around the world.

We welcome The Reverend Marcy Bain back to our pulpit on June 11 and June 25. We look forward to her spreading the gospel along with our musicians and choir.

See you at 10:15 am on June 4!

The Worship Committee Members!

### **Fellowship**

On June 11th, we'll celebrate Bath's 193<sup>rd</sup> anniversary with a potluck dinner after church. Sign up to bring your favorite dish.

Cookies and punch will be served on June 18 to honor the fathers in our congregation. The refreshments are also to celebrate the baptisms of Claire and Rengio Reynolds and welcome them into Christ's flock.

Brad Hitchcock will hold another Coffee House June 9, 7pm. Bring a snack to share!

Susan Lockwood  
Fellowship Elder

### **Christian Education**

Starting Sunday, June 4 we will be doing Sunday School a little different. Breakfast will still be at 9 AM, then we will have an intergenerational Sunday School experience closing at 10 AM and followed by Worship at 10:15 AM. Join us to share God's love.

Don't forget the Christian Education meeting on Sunday, June 4th, at the end of Coffee & Donuts.

See you there!

Judy Morin  
Christian Ed Elder



### **WOMEN'S GATHERING NEWS**

#### **Mothers` Day Offering**

A check for \$170.00 was sent to the PC (USA) from the "Healthy Women Healthy Families"

offering. This program helps families live healthier, more productive lives by providing services they need to protect and restore their health. Through our gifts to *HWHF*, women are learning to grow and prepare nutritious foods, families are being protected from malaria, children are getting immunized, and women are receiving prenatal care.

### **Deliveries to *Clothes That Work and Goodwill***

Clothes were given, some being new items.

### **Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> - WG Activities from 10am-3pm**

We will study Lesson #9 of our Bible study from the *Horizons* magazine titled "Who Is Jesus?" We will learn how the four Gospel writers portray Jesus, plus how other faith traditions view Jesus. We also will enjoy a potluck lunch and work on crafts.

### **Commissioner to the Presbytery Report**

The Presbytery meeting celebrated many blessings for both Bath and the Miami Valley Presbytery! Elders celebrated two wonderful missions receiving reports from both the local Pass It On Network and Missionary Air Group in Colombia. Additionally, we recognized the ordination of Garth Adams as Teaching Elder on 21 May! Action items included the installment of new Presbytery officers including Bath's Clerk of Session Gidget Collins as Moderator. In her remarks, Gidget announced the Monthly Scripture Theme for use by churches, groups, networks, and ministries to guide and unite us in common ministry.

Ethan Johns

### **Older Adult Ministry (OAM): A Growing Necessity**

As many of you know, Bath Church has been *the* leader in our Presbytery in addressing the issues associated with becoming an Older

Adult. As life expectancy continues to rise, we have seen many of our parents' generation live to a "ripe old age" but have to endure a series of mental and physical constraints. What awaits us as we age and how do we prepare? To address these questions, our Presbytery formed a Third Thirty Network and several churches have started Older Adult Ministry activities, based upon what Bath Church initiated in 2013 with its Third Thirty Discussion Group. PCUSA has had a Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) for over 30 years of which our Church is a member. Benefits include receiving POAMN Network News, the quarterly newsletter filled with news of POAMN activities, articles on issues of older adult aging and resources and aids for older adult ministry as well as the opportunity to attend the POAMN annual conference. A great resource for Bath Church!

POAMN is holding a meeting in conjunction with the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality June 4-7 at Concordia University - Chicago. Additionally, POAMN has a Congregational Track at the conference. Chris Pomfret and Janet Miller will be attending to gain information as well as presenting material as part of the conference schedule. Chris' workshop is tantalizingly titled "Retired Clergy: Asset or Liability". Janet's papers discuss methods to help older adults think about the work God still has for them to do and are entitled "More than a Bucket List: Making a Personal Mission Statement to Focus your Life" and "Finding a Fulfilling Re-Purposed Life". Both Chris and Janet will undoubtedly come back with a wealth of information and insight and look forward to sharing.

Our small Church is leading OAM in a big way. Make sure you are a contributor or recipient, or both, of the wealth of advice, insight and information that is associated with this topic of growing importance. Irrespective of our age, it is never too early to pray, plan, and prepare for the future ahead of us. Do see Chris or Janet if you want any information on OAM.

## BATH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>June Scripture Focus: Proverbs 4:7-9</b>	<b>1</b> Bath serving breakfast at CtBS work site – 7:45am  Ann and Jim D.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Private party in F.H.
<b>4</b> Pentecost Holy Communion  Coffee and donuts  CE Meeting  Carol and John – 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	<b>5</b> W.G. 10 – 3 pm  Emily and Cliff H. Dan and Norma H.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Emily on Study Leave	<b>8</b> Emily on Study Leave	<b>9</b> Emily on Study Leave  Coffee House 7pm	<b>10</b> Session Retreat at Central PC 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
<b>11</b> 193 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Bath Church  Emily on Study Leave  Rev. Marcy Bain	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Father's Day	<b>19</b>  Caelan and Aven F.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Emily on study leave	<b>22</b> Emily on study leave	<b>23</b> Emily on study leave  Janet and J.O.	<b>24</b> Emily on study leave
<b>25</b> Emily on study leave  Rev. Marcy Bain	<b>26</b> Emily on Study Leave  Aaden S.	<b>27</b> Emily on Study Leave	<b>28</b> Emily on Study Leave	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>