

Bath Church Mouse

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From the Pastor's Desk

Hello Bath friends and family!

Christ's grace and peace to you all. Thanks to all of you who helped the Lenten/Easter season be so meaningful this year.

We remain in the Easter season for a few more weeks. So, as Easter people we can continue to be the church this month in meaningful ways. The first Sunday in May will be Older Adult recognition Sunday. This is an initiative by POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network) to recognize the contributions of older adults in the church, as well as challenge the church to think beyond retirement and see the 3rd phase of life as a productive and flourishing phase of life, even if there is no longer a monetary reward for the labors. The focus will be on continuing and enhancing spirituality after retirement age.

There will be a wedding held in the church in May which always brings excitement and life to the church! And Memorial Day weekend, we are planning a church family outing to the Dayton Dragons game.

The lectionary focus for the weeks following Easter is all about the early church and Christ commissioning the Body of Christ as a community. We are not called to travel this world alone, but to be in community as we seek to be followers of Christ and further God's mission for this world. The breath, Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit, given to the disciples after the resurrection, was given so that the followers

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would no longer be alone. So, you are invited into community, come be a part of your church family.

Come and see what new and vital ministries you are being called to. Come and see how God continues to breathe the Holy Spirit into Bath Church equipping followers to change the world!

-Love to you all!
Pastor Emily



May 14
Cookies and Punch
After Church Service

Serving the Lord in & Through Bath Church

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Clerk's Corner

We welcome one of the newest Christians, Emmeline Ford, who was baptized on March 26th. She joins our baptized member roll. We thank the Ford family for their generous donation given to the church in honor of Emmeline's baptism. Her information was recorded in the registry book as was the passing of Bill West on April 4th.

Thank you to Sharon Cottrill who put together a wonderful Palm Sunday program delivered by the children. That was a special way to begin Holy Week.

Pastor Emily is involved with events of the Greene County clergy women. This group of awesome pastors will get together for lunch and conversations each month.

The clerk watched a webinar on April 5th about reaching millennials by using the book of Joel. Notes on the webinar were sent to session members. On April 19th the clerk watched a webinar hosted by our Church Mutual Insurance Company about a real life church situation involving violence at church. Notes were sent to session members.

Reverend Linda Niece, our COM liaison, sent the First Year visit report to session. A copy of the report has been posted on the small bulletin board in the annex area.

Val Quinn and My Brother's Keeper Mission Group will once again be using the Friendship Hall for many dates in 2018 as they work on many mission projects that help our community.

We are glad to show our support to such a great group of ladies doing God's work.

On June 4th, during the joys of the church, Madeline Haddox and Aaden Sumpter will receive their God and Me medallions from the P.R.A.Y. program. They have been working very hard this school year to complete the necessary work to earn the award. They will meet with Pastor Emily to share their experience prior to receiving their medallions.

Bath Presbyterian Church is pleased to host the May 9th Presbytery meeting. This is the first time Bath Church has hosted the presbytery and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone and sharing our hospitality. Many of our members will be helping to make everything run smoothly. Susan has put together a great menu that will be served following the meeting. She is also putting together a church history bulletin board in the Friendship Hall. Hazel and Val will be running the registration table and collecting the money for the meal. Half of the proceeds collected will be given as a hunger offering to FISH in Huber Heights.

Jeff and Brad will be our friendly greeters as presbyters arrive. Monica will be playing for the worship part of the meeting, and Brad and Monica will be singing a song. Verna has agreed to work in the nursery. Jeff will be our commissioner for the meeting. He and Ethan will be helping to serve communion by intinction after Pastor Emily and Pastor Melissa (from Xenia Westminster) provide an invitation to the table.

Verna will have a mission bulletin board showcasing the many, many missions that Bath

Church supports. Chris will also use a bulletin board to show the work of the Third-Thirty Network. Various other Networks may also have displays, including our newest Network – Catch the Building Spirit. Read more about this Network and the wonderful work being done on the mission page of the newsletter.

There was a called Presbytery meeting in March where a committee was formed to start the search for a new Executive Presbyter. Their work has already begun. Please keep the committee in your prayers for the hard work they have been asked to accomplish.

Session has already been discussing ideas on how we can celebrate the 500th year since Martin Luther began the reformation. There will be many celebrations in October and November to commemorate this event. Stay tuned for more information.

Gidget Collins
Clerk of Session

Mission

May's mission focus will be "Catch the Building Spirit". This is a partnership of Catholic & Presbyterian Churches that work in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity. Their purpose is to assist a low-income person to obtain safe, affordable, and quality housing. They are celebrating a 25-year anniversary this year. Donations are tax deductible as well as they need volunteers for working the sites. There will be information about this on our bulletin board or check the website at <http://catchthebuildingspirit.org> or on Facebook. The Pentecost Offering will also be collected during May.

Verna Drake
Mission Session Elder

Human Trafficking: The victim is treated as a commodity to be exploited, rather than a human being with dignity. Sex trafficking still happens on the streets, but it is increasingly moving to the internet. Labor trafficking is found in industries including custodial services, restaurants, nail salons, sales crews, construction, agriculture and skilled nursing facilities.

Worship

Thanks to all the participants in the Easter time services! And to Sharon/Youth/Choir/Musicians for the Palm Sunday drama that prepared all of us for the Sunday Easter service that was full of wonderful worship and music, colorful flowers, and joyful worshippers! And we hope the Easter flowers are bringing you or a friend joy during this season!

This month will continue to bring us thoughtful worship for the upcoming Sundays of Easter with Pastor Emily spreading the good news and the choir/musicians making joyful music leading us into Memorial Day weekend and the start of summer!

The Worship Committee has discussed (along with Session) about having worship for the summer months from 10:00-11:00am. Please communicate to any of the Worship Committee or Session Members your thoughts. We recognize this was a prior common summer scheduling at Bath Church in the past, just not recently.

A special "Thanks" continues to go out to our committee members that use their time, talents,

and faithfulness to enhance our worship experience!

Jeff Whitaker
Worship Committee Chair

Fellowship

On Mother's Day, cookies and punch will be served after the worship service to honor our mothers and all the women of the church.

Susan Lockwood
Fellowship Elder



WOMEN'S GATHERING NEWS

Sunday April 2nd - Spring Bazaar

All sale proceeds from the Spring Bazaar and donations were donated to *The Heifer Project*. Checks totalling \$460.00 were given to provide flocks of chickens.

Monday May 1st – WG Activities from 10am-3pm

We will study Lesson #8 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.

Mothers` Day Offering

On April 30th and May 7th, we will receive donations for the "*Healthy Women Healthy Families*" offering, a PC (USA) program that 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, women are receiving prenatal care. There are forms to fill out to designate the women you wish honored or memorialized. Special cards are available. On May 15th, Mothers` Day, a bulletin insert will include the names of mothers and donors and these gifts will be dedicated.

History of Today's Mother's Day

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers, because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1908, the US Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would have to proclaim also a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all US states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday, the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother%27s_Day

BATH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 W.G. 10 – 3:00 pm Pam Byrd using F.H. for craft group 6 – 9:30 pm Judy M. Dan and Mabel G.	2	3 Pam B.	4	5	6 Val Quinn and mission group using F.H. Clean up day at Bath Pastor and Clerk @ Troy PC for leadership meeting
7 Coffee and Donuts	8 Clyde S.	9 Presbytery Meeting 4:00 pm at Bath Church	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day Punch and cookies following worship	15 Gidget C.	16	17	18 Private wedding rehearsal	19 Private wedding decorating Carol B.	20 Private wedding
21 Holy Communion Presbyterian Heritage Session Meeting	22	23 Rob W.	24 Mouse input due - Noon	25 Worship meeting 6:30 pm	26 Bath Dayton Dragons Fellowship Event	27
28	29	30 Deb and Brad H.	31	Notes:		