

## ***Bath Church Mouse***

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

Grace and Peace to you, Friends and Members of Bath!

CHANGE! It's that dirty 6 letter word. I don't like it, you don't like it, biblical characters weren't crazy about it. The Hebrew people were stressing about things changing around them, so the prophet Isaiah brought the message from God, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." The prophet Jeremiah also reassured the chosen people, saying "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

When changes occur in a church, God's people want to know why: is this necessary, is this good stewardship, is this our call to follow Christ into the mission field? And these are always fair and good questions!

In Presbyterian churches, changes are decided by committee, because we are very aware that not one single person speaks for God, or alone knows the will of the Spirit. When God's people disagree about the direction of their ministry, God's truth is usually not with either side; and instead somewhere in the middle. God's will is in the compromise, the dialogue, the relationships of faithful discipleship we share together.

Committees can only address concerns that they are aware of. No positive change or consideration can occur if all viewpoints and experiences are not represented.

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I invite all to come be a part of the dialogue. If there are areas of the ministry of Bath that excite you, confuse you, or concern you, come be a part of the committee that discerns to be led by the Holy Spirit in that area. Come bring your voice and your calling to our reconciled community.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Emily



Scripture Focus  
OCTOBER 2017  
Ordinary Time

I am the Bread of Life  
John 6:32-35

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

1. So often we hunger for a deeper relationship with God and with one another than the false bread of the world has to offer. What does the true bread from heaven taste like?
2. How can we feed on the Bread of Life so that we will never be hungry?

## Serving the Lord in & Through Bath Church

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### **Clerk's Corner**

The changing colors of the leaves welcomes in autumn weather. Change is constant, but the Lord is with us through all seasons. Session transitions into fall months with many events planned. There are fellowship opportunities coming up, including a lectionary study that Pastor Emily will start beginning in November and running through next April. Other meetings or gatherings can be held on Sundays and people can choose which to attend.

Dr. Larry Byrd has resigned from session effective 27 August. Larry felt he didn't have the time to devote to serving at that level, but he is always ready to help with committee work. Session sincerely thanks Larry for his service to the church.

Oversight of property will be taken care of by Ethan Johns, the admin elder. Ethan met with the property committee which selected a chair who will work with him. The property budget for 2018 will be set by the committee with information given to Ethan.

A lovely card and donation to our church mission was made by Elder Marge Mauntler, chair of Committee for Preparation on Ministry and member of Troy PC. Her father's farm was sold and she and her husband, Former Moderator John Mauntler, decided to tithe their share of the proceeds. Marge was so pleased with the mission and outreach at Bath Church that we were one of the choices where she donated money. A thank you letter on behalf of session and the congregation was sent to Marge.

It should be mentioned that as I have gone to over 30 of the 49 churches in the Presbytery for worship services or session meetings very often people have shared with me their delight at the job Bath Church did in hosting the Presbytery this past May. From large churches that know the work that goes into hosting, to smaller churches who have never considered that they could host Presbytery, positive comments were made about the great meeting in May. I have also had pastors talk to me about the great strides Bath has made as a small church in the last seven years. All this good news to hopefully keep us moving forward with new ideas and a fresh sense of community.

Pastor Emily prepared a comprehensive report for session highlighting her work the past year and a half. At our last session meeting the covenant contract with Pastor Emily was discussed from the stand point of her pastoral leadership and guidance, and the session support. The report is posted on the session bulletin board in the annex for the congregation to view.

Session unanimously approved the Pastor's salary package for 2018. Here are the 2018 Covenant amounts for 19 hours a week: Salary (which reflects a 2% raise suggested by the Presbytery) will be \$36,902.58; Medical amount of \$1000 (which goes away if not used); Travel allowance \$1000 (which goes away if not used); Professional expenses of \$500 (which goes away if not used); Continuing education of \$1173 (which is a new amount from Presbytery this year and can accrue if not used); Retirement of \$2000. Total monetary package is \$42,575.58. Covenant also includes 4 weeks of vacation (with 4 Sundays) and 2 weeks of study leave (with 2 Sundays).

Bath Church will be paying the suggested amount of per capita of \$505.08 (General Assembly at \$7.73 + Synod at \$3.25 = \$10.98 x 46 members = \$505.08), and a total of \$3610 to the Presbytery for Connectional Support (\$35 x 46 members = \$1610 + \$2000 donation = \$3610).

Bank balances as of August 31st: Checking account - \$27,217.64; CDs - \$70,107.50; Money Market - \$15,336.97; Vanguard Wellington - \$95,321.53; Total monies - \$207,983.64 A check for \$794.00 was received from the Haenzi Foundation to Bath Church. This is something the church gets each year from the Foundation.

Session decided to send money to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. An additional \$2000, along with the money donated by the congregation, will be sent soon to help with the recent hurricane damage in Texas and Florida. The money is sent to our Presbytery who in turn sends it to PDA.

Reformation Sunday is October 29th when we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Luther nailing the thesis to the door. Emily has themed scripture and sermon, and there is special themed music planned.

All Saints Day will be celebrated on November 5<sup>th</sup> as a day of remembrance. Emily will have themed scriptures and a special sermon, along with music planned. All worshippers will be welcome to light a candle in memory of someone special on their hearts and mind. The poinsettia flower platform will be used with a tablecloth and trays of tea candle lights on the chancel floor. There will not be a list of names, as often is the case with lists there are those who are forgotten. This special service, which session unanimously approved, will be in place of any memorial ornaments during the Advent Season. There will be no memorial ornaments placed on the Advent Chrismon Tree, however,

the ornaments will be gifted to family members. The reasoning behind this special service and changing to the Chrismon Tree is because Chrismons are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. They help Christians remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday. They are often used on Christmas trees in churches and Christian's homes. Pastor Emily will explain the different Chrismons each week as they are added to the Tree.

Holy Communion is being served by Intinction as a community of Christ. A few individual servings are available to those who don't want to participate in Communion by intinction. A new pulpit microphone will be installed soon. This comes from memorial funds.

The church mail should only be picked up from the mailbox, and distributed, by active ruling elders on session. The only other person that should be getting the mail is Carol Brackney on Sunday mornings. Please leave the mail for session elders to retrieve and put in the correct wooden mailboxes.

We are in the process of ordering new Bath Presbyterian Church t-shirts that will have the new mission statement on the back. Colors ordered will be royal blue, navy blue, red, and gray. Email or call the clerk to place an order.

Session gives thanks for all the members and friends of our church that make worshipping the Lord together such a blessing. ...*Rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you...* Deuteronomy 26:11

Gidget Collins  
Clerk of Session

## **Mission**

Thank you to all who donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for help with the hurricanes during September. Please continue praying for

those who are in harm's way and rebuilding from a tragic loss in both Texas & Florida. Thank you also to those that helped with the Kairos cookie bake and prayed for the Kairos weekend. I appreciate you. We will be having a mission meeting on Thursday, Oct. 5th at 4:00 PM at the church. All are welcome to attend and discuss our missions.

### **Habitat for Humanity – Global Village – Poland**

Thank you so much, Bath Church, for contributing to JO Miller's Global Village Build in Redzynskie, Poland, September 15-25, with Team Leader Janet. The recipient family, the Kawkas, has six children, and the grandmother lives with them as well. The Kawkas currently live in a very small house with all the children sleeping in one room which also serves as the dining and living room. Their outhouse sits 50 feet from the house near the barn which houses two cows, three pigs and several chickens. Habitat for Humanity addresses not only the housing needs of families but also works with them to improve their money skills, nutrition awareness, and general housekeeping abilities.



JO working on the house trusses



The Family and Build Team

Verna Drake  
Mission Session Elder

### **Fellowship**

There are several fellowship events to look forward to now that cooler weather is here. Clyde Sumpter and his assistants will provide their yummy fish for the Fish Fry public dinner on Sunday, October 22, from 5 to 7pm. Two weeks later, on Saturday, November 4, from 9 to noon, is our Harvest Breakfast, with shopping available upstairs at the Bazaar.

Mark your calendars for these two occasions to share food and fellowship and bring your family and friends!

Susan Lockwood  
Fellowship Elder

### **Worship**

On Sunday October 1, we are excited to be celebrating World Wide Communion with millions of Christians across the world. A great Sunday to be at Bath Church!

Coming in future worships;

- October 8- Janet Miller is our guest speaker
- October 29- Special service for Reformation Sunday
- November 5- All Saints Day special celebration

We are also in the planning stage for the Advent Season! We will have a Christmon Tree this year along with special music and worships.

We look forward to seeing you each Sunday!

Jeff Whitaker  
Worship Session Elder  
And the Worship Committee Members

### Human Trafficking

We can make a difference in human trafficking. Here is the hotline number 1-888-3737-888 We need to know three things: What it is, who to report it to and what the red flags are. We have been focusing on the first two & now I would like to cover some red flags. I will cover communication this month with more signs to follow. 1. Lack of eye contact. 2. Fearful or anxious. 3. Answers that sound scripted or rehearsed. 4. Lack of knowledge of their location. 5. Inconsistent details of their story. 6. Tearful. 7. Does not speak especially if trafficker is there. 8. Always under the presence or under surveillance of the trafficker.



### WOMEN'S GATHERING NEWS

**Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Activities from 10am-3pm**

We will enjoy a potluck lunch and make crafts, including baby items. At 2pm we will study

Lesson #2 of our NEW Bible study "Cloud of Witnesses", a study of Hebrews, from the *Horizons* magazine.

### **Stitches of Love Baby Shower**

The NUMEROUS baby gifts you donated will be a blessing to local mothers in need. These will be delivered to the *Stitches of Love* annual baby shower on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Memorial PC.

### **Cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry**

48 dozen cookies were baked for the ladies.

### **Hygiene Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

37 hygiene kits were given locally to be delivered to a receiving area after an urgent request was received from PDA. Each kit includes a hand towel, washcloth, nail clippers, soap, toothbrush, comb and 10 bandages.

### **Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday at Bath**

The Women's Gathering will have a table of pink items for sale following Worship with ALL proceeds sent to the *Breast Cancer Research Foundation*. You also have the opportunity to make donations. A table will be in the Annex for donations and special cards will be available if you wish to honor a special lady or your *Secret Sister in Christ*.

### **Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> Harvest Bazaar, Bake Sale, Raffle and Flea Market 9-3pm**

Start gathering your flea market donations. The WG has been busy this year making crafts to fund our MANY charity activities. We appreciate your support!

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## BATH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Coffee and Donuts World Wide Holy Communion	<b>2</b> W.G. 10:00 – 3:00 pm Pam Byrd using F.H. 6:00 – 9:30	<b>3</b>  J.O. M	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Mission Meeting 4 pm  Pastor Emily	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pastor Emily on study leave
<b>8</b> Pastor Emily on study leave Janet Miller pulpit supply Third-Thirty Meeting following worship	<b>9</b> Columbus Day  Eli S.	<b>10</b> Pastor Emily on study leave  Stella B.	<b>11</b> Pastor Emily on study leave	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Jonah H.	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Session Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Book Club meeting at Faith PC	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Val Quinn using F.H.
<b>22</b> Fish Fry 5-7 pm Breast Cancer Awareness	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Mouse Input due Noon	<b>26</b>  Shirley D.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 500 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Reformation Third – Thirty Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>			