

Bath Church Mouse

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From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings Bath Church Family!

The church calendar year is flying by! We enter the season of Lent this month. I invite you all to join us for the Ash Wednesday service on March 1st @ 7pm. It will be a shorter service, with quiet time for personal reflection and the imposition of ashes. Why do we do this? Presbyterians celebrate the season of Lent, which is the 40 days leading up to Easter. Ash Wednesday begins this season with an opportunity for reflection and repentance. Some people will choose to give up an activity that they feel separates them from right relationship with God for the 40 days, while others take on an activity that they are feeling called to in order to deepen their relationship with God. Ash Wednesday provides the space and structure to listen to the Holy Spirit's direction in these Lenten practices and acknowledge that we all have fallen short and need God's help. Come check it out. It's a unique, meaningful service!

Again this year, you will notice the Paschal Candle in the sanctuary during Lent. As a reminder, it is the Easter equivalent of the Christ candle at advent. A visible symbol of the light of Christ in our midst.

In February, we began the book and Bible study entitled "Just Walk Across the Room". There is plenty of room for more participants, you don't need to have attended before to drop in. The schedule is on the bulletin board. The participants all agreed that the best part of this study has been the fellowship. Even in a small church, sometimes Sunday mornings are the

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only times we see one another. Before worship it can be awkward to share our lives or "get deep". Attending a small group is a great way to get to know your church family as we discuss the topic of evangelism, that we all struggle with. Please join us!

Just a reminder that my office hours extended at the first of the year, so I have more time to provide pastoral care on Thursdays 9:30-3:30. Please continue to make appointments because I do have meetings and these slots fill up quickly. If it is difficult for you to make it to the church, let me know and I can come to you.

Christ's grace and peace to you all!

Pastor Emily

"All are from the dust,
and to dust all return."

Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 1

7pm

Serving the Lord in & Through Bath Church

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Clerk's Corner

Pastor Emily has been leading the Bible Study in the parlor twice a month. Anyone interested may still participate in the study. It is a fun time to share in fellowship.

Bank balances as of January 25th are: Checking \$20,382.30; CDs \$70,000.00; Money Market \$15,331.45; Vanguard Wellington \$89,967.94
Total: \$195,681.69.

Our Committee on Ministry liaison, Reverend Linda Niece, will come to the March session meeting to check in with us.

The clerk signed up for webinars hosted by Church Mutual Insurance regarding "Protecting the Greater Good From Violence." The webinars have specifically talked about how to spot the warnings, handling an intruder, and communicating during a crisis.

Session has decided to have a baptism celebration of cookies and punch following baptisms. This is not a party, but rather a celebration of a new Christian. Session felt it was important to honor this occasion. Fellowship committee will be responsible for the event when needed.

On the first Sunday of each month the session meets in the pastor study prior to worship for a time of prayer. This is a few minutes of time together to lift up our congregation in prayer, as well as joys and concerns.

Session elected the treasurer and clerk at the last meeting. Hazel is doing a good job, and all are happy with task performance. Hazel

Pomfret was elected as church treasurer through March 2018. Cheryl (Gidget) Collins does a great job, and all are happy with task performance. Cheryl (Gidget) Collins was elected as clerk of session through March 2018.

There will be a coupon basket on the annex table for everyone to donate coupons that are not needed. Please look through coupons and choose those that can be used. All coupons left over will be taken to FISH.

Gidget Collins
Clerk of Session

Mission

There are several "Thank You" notes on the back bulletin board from work our church has done recently. Read them and be proud of the work done as the hands & feet of Christ at Bath Church.

I appreciate the women on mission committee for donating their time & food to February's coffee & donuts and also to Norma & Shirley for donating their delicious soups. Souper Bowl raised 140 items for the FISH pantry.

Carol & John Brackney have asked to collect pop & beer cans to recycle and help with pets finding homes through an organization called "RescueMe.org". Your recyclable cans should be brought to church in a garbage bag so they can take them to this organization.

There will be a recycle bin out back of the church. There will also be a new trash can to separate our recyclables into plastic and cans in the kitchen.

There will be a new basket on the corner narthex table for coupons to share with others in the congregation. After they have been looked over by us then they will be moved to FISH who also offers them.

The next Presbytery mission will be One Great Hour of Sharing and it will start March 1st.

Verna Drake
Mission Session Elder



WOMEN'S GATHERING NEWS

Monday March 6th - Meeting from 10am-3pm

We will study Lesson #6 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 make crafts.

Monday March 13th & 20th - Kairos cookie baking from 10am-3pm

We will bake cookies for the prison ministry and make candy for the Spring Bazaar.

Sunday April 2nd - Spring Bazaar

All sales proceeds will be donated to The *Heifer Project* to provide flocks of chickens. Cards will be provided if you wish to make a donation to honor someone and/or your *Secret Sister in Christ*.

Human Trafficking

This form of modern-day slavery has to have three elements present. They are action, means, & purpose. The action is one of controlling a person. The means can be force, fraud, or coercion. The purpose is exploitation (illegal gain from use of the victim). Be aware of any suspicious activity & report it to 1-866 347-2423. It is toll free and open 24/7.

What to Give Up...

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| Give up complaining... | focus on Gratitude |
| Give up pessimism ... | become an Optimist |
| Give up worry ... | trust Divine Providence |
| Give up bitterness ... | turn to Forgiveness |
| Give up hatred ... | return Good for evil |
| Give up negativism ... | be Positive |
| Give up anger ... | be More Patient |
| Give up pettiness ... | become Mature |
| Give up gloom ... | enjoy the Beauty all around you |
| Give up jealousy ... | pray for Trust |
| Give up gossiping ... | control your Tongue |
| Give up sin ... | turn to Virtue |
| Give up giving up ... | Hang in there! |

BATH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm Barbara S.	2	3 World Day of Prayer	4 Verna using church for Kairos 7:00 am – 5:30 pm
5 Coffee and Donuts Session prayer time	6 W.G. 10 – 3:00 pm Pam Byrd using F.H. 6 – 9:30 pm	7	8 International Women's Day Choir 7pm	9	10	11 Clerk of Session – Records review at Presbytery (Verna using church for Kairos if needed)
12 Book Study 12:15 pm Daylight Savings Begins	13 Kairos cooking baking	14	15 Choir 7pm	16	17	18 Verna using church for Kairos 7:00 am – 5:30 pm
19 Holy Communion Session Meeting	20 Kairos cooking baking First Day of Spring	21	22 Newsletter articles to Janet by noon Choir 7pm	23	24 Bob and Roberta P.	25 Val Quinn using F.H. for her mission group My Brother's Keeper.
26 Book Study 12:15 pm	27	28	29 Choir 7pm	30 Pam Bowen	31	Notes: