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From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings, Bath Church!

The Apostle Paul often wrote in his letter to the new fledgling churches or churches in times of great transition with gentle reminders of how to be in loving community with one another during strange and stressful times. In his letter to the Church at Philippi, Paul wrote:

"The encouragement in Christ is to console in love, share the Spirit of compassion and sympathy and make joy complete. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but the interests of others."

Our world is divided right now over the need to take precautions during this time of global pandemic or not take precautions. The Session at Bath has decided to take the stance of protecting the vulnerable and caring for the "other".

Worship is very different right now; it's not the way we want it. However, we are still being the Church of Jesus Christ in worship and Mission and we are loving one another by honoring the "interests of others" at this time by honoring the following guidelines for Sunday worship service:

- 1- Please arrive no earlier than 10:30am.
- 2- Enter the church through the double doors on the large parking lot side of the church as the other doors will be locked.
- 3- An Elder/Usher will greet you with a bulletin and any needed instructions. You will be required to wear a mask through the entire worship service. One will be provided by the Usher if you do not have one with you.
- 4- When you enter the sanctuary, you will notice that ribbons and signs mark off the areas that are not to be used for seating in worship. Please find an open space and sit only with other members of your household.

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5- Please do not leave this pew to socialize or for anything else besides the restroom until the end of worship.

6- We will not be singing in worship, but there will be lots of lively music.

7- The passing of the peace will be seated- smile, wave, flash the peace sign, etc.

8- Only the Ushers will touch the offering plate.

9- Children will not come forward during the children's time (exception, if pastor's kids are the only ones in worship).

10- The nursery is closed and will not be used at this time.

11- Cards will not be for sale in the narthex at this time.

12- The water cooler will not be available at this time.

13- If you bring food for FISH, or other Mission items, please leave them in your pew and Mission committee will gather them after worship.

14- At the end of worship, the Ushers will dismiss by rows (similar to a wedding) and we will leave through the side door of the sanctuary into the large parking lot.

15- Please practice social distancing in the parking lot. Wear masks/keep 6ft between yourself and others outside of your household.

There is encouragement in Christ! We have compassion and sympathy. May our prayer this month be that our joy be made complete, even when there are things at our church and in our lives and in our world that we are not happy about.

Peace, Pastor Emily

Serving the Lord in & Through Bath Church

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Clerk's Corner

It has been great seeing folks back at the church! The spring weather granted us the perfect opportunity to worship and even spread our service in the open air. Session continues our ministry and has some exciting news – make sure to read through this newsletter!

Session has approved groups of no more than 10 people to meet at the church on a case-by-case basis. Those meeting will need to ensure a plan is developed and fulfilled to ensure face covering/masks are worn and that social distancing is maintained. We are excited for groups to be able to meet yet want to ensure we are doing so in a safe manner.



Session also has approved worship make in-person, in the Sanctuary, starting June 28th! There are several details involved and I would encourage everyone to read through this newsletter, check emails from Pastor Emily, and speak with Session regarding any concerns.

The coronavirus has allowed us to realize the benefits of different technologies and ways of ministry. Pastor Emily has been using Facebook Live to stream our parking lot services, and folks seem to really enjoy it – mainly those who otherwise would not engage with Bath! Session has approved the creation of a Facebook page for the church that will allow this to continue as well as broaden our reach!

Finally, but certainly not least, Session has approved the creation of a Congregational Care sub-committee of the Mission committee. The sub-committee will be led by Donna Swingley and we would look forward to their wonderful work!

Blessings,
Ethan
Clerk of Session

Property

Nothing new to report from the Property Committee other than we will be having our new windows installed in July. As soon as the windows are installed, we will have the carpet in the church cleaned. More projects will be considered later.

Becky Mast
Chair, Property Committee

Worship

Now that the state has moved into another phase of slowly beginning to open back up, we will be changing things up a bit. Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed the outdoor Worship Services. However, with the heat starting to begin earlier in the day, we will be once again be having our services inside the church. Of course, there are quite a few changes in that we must remember to social distance and to have our masks on at all times.

With the restriction of wearing masks you won't be seeing the choir singing some of your favorite songs or something new that you may not have heard before. How long the wearing of masks is required will determine when you will see the choir performing again.

If there is anyone who would be interested in being the lay leader, a greeter, or join the choir, please let me know. I will be glad to let you know what dates are available. If you are interested in joining the Worship Committee, our next meeting is in July.

Regards,
Sharon Cottrill
Chair, Worship Committee

Fellowship

Summer is truly here, and with the calmer, hotter weather, it is nice to spend time outside, but a joy to be back in our sanctuary.

Let's all obey the rules to keep one another healthy and enjoy being together again.

Susan Lockwood
Session Fellowship Elder



Women`s Gathering

Meeting plans will be announced at a later time.



More questions on Bath happenings? See the 2020 Session Elders.

- Sharon Cottrill – Worship
- Deb Hitchcock - Mission
- Ethan Johns - Finance
- Susan Lockwood - Fellowship
- Becky Mast - Property
- Judy Morin - C.E. /Media

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Pam & Larry Byrd 19th
Gidget & Bob Collins 28th



Sharon Cottrill 1st
Janet Miller 3rd
Paul Drake 4th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day 1:00 pm Bath-Mission meeting 5:30 pm Bath Book Study	2	3 Independence Day observed	4 Independence Day
5 10:45 am Worship	6	7	8 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day 5:30 pm Bath Book Study	9	10	11
12 10:45 am Worship	13	14	15 Tax Day 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day 3:00 pm Bath Worship committee 5:30 pm Bath Book Study	16	17	18
19 10:45 am Worship 12:00 pm Bath Session	20	21	22 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day 5:30 pm Bath Book Study 9:00 pm Bath Mouse Input Due	23	24	25
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