

Bath Church Mouse

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From the Pastor's Desk

Grace and Peace to you, friends and members of Bath Church!

Spiritual teacher and author, Joan Chittister, writes "Spirituality without a prayer life is no spirituality at all; and will not last beyond the first defeats." A life of prayer is difficult for many Christians, especially Protestants. This is legitimate in our history of separation from the Roman Catholic church and "de-mystifying" religion to make God more accessible to the common lay person. But maybe we've gone too far.

I've introduced a few starter ingredients in some recent sermons to an active prayer life; the finger labyrinth that we did with the children, and the breathing exercises that we talked about on Pentecost. I've placed the finger labyrinths on the table in the narthex, please take one if you

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think it would enhance in your centering and calming practices before starting your prayer routine.

These are just an introduction. Stay tuned throughout this calendar year for more history, practices and opportunities to explore active prayer life together.

As we head into the Summer months, we look ahead to changes in Summer Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, guest preachers from our own church family, new missions, the Session Retreat and many more opportunities to get involved and put faith into action!

Blessings!
Pastor Emily

Serving the Lord in & Through Bath Church

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Clerk's Corner

Session will not be meeting in June, but here are the highlights from the last meeting:

Becky and Steve Mast officially became members on Pentecost Sunday. We celebrate their joining the church by Letter of Transfer.

There continues to be discussion about the next treasurer. Pam Byrd has taken over as Financial Secretary. The audit for 2017 records will be done by a couple of people in our church who are not related or involved with finances.

Recorded in the church record book were the passing of Omer Lawson and Claire Harsh.

Bath will be helping Faith Presbyterian Church with Vacation Bible School this summer and will be doing one of the dates ourselves at Faith.

Session retreat will be on Saturday, July 28th.

Operation Christmas Child will no longer be supported by Bath Church. We will be supporting Michael's house in Fairborn and also Huber Heights Schools with supplies for classrooms at the half way mark during the school year. Rescue Me, a mission that John and Carol Brackney support, will be an active mission of Bath Church.

Clean-up day at Bath was successful. Our property chair is busy getting estimates for improvements around the church.

Watch for news about General Assembly being held in St. Louis June 16 – 23. There will be live streaming on the internet. Please keep our G.A. commissioners in your prayers as they discern God's will for our denomination.

Gidget Collins
Clerk of Session

Property

Spring Clean Up Day went very well. We had a long list for inside and got a lot done. Many thanks to my fellow workers. Between Larry Byrd, Ethan John, Susan Lockwood, Paul and Verna Drake and Pastor Emily, the church was cleaned in and out, up and down in record time. I would also like to thank Val Quinn and her

group, "My Brother's Keeper", for graciously serving us a fantastic lunch afterwards.

Thank you also to both Danny and Larry for all the grass cutting.

Sharon Cottrill
Property Session Elder

Fellowship

The 194th birthday of Bath is on June 10th. We will celebrate with a potluck dinner after church services.

Father's Day is on the 17th., and punch and cookies will be served after worship. You are welcome to bring a photo of your dad to display on the back table.

Susan Lockwood
Fellowship Session Elder

Mission

There was a Mission Committee meeting May 6. Discussion items included Operation Christmas Child, money Ella raised for missions and Rescue Me. The Committee decided to forgo Operation Christmas Child in favor of supporting local causes. Bath Church Missions will now support Michael's house in Fairborn, Huber Heights Schools with supplies for classrooms at and Rescue Me, a mission that John and Carol Brackney support.

Catch the Building Spirit

While the Huber Heights City Council approved building the Catch the Building Spirit 2018 house on Shull Road, Habitat of Humanity – Greater Dayton has run into a snag on re-zoning the lot. This is the first time in 25 years that Blitz Week will not occur starting Memorial Day.

CtBS will still build a house this year but the kick-off day will slip. Janet Miller will keep all informed as details are known.

Verna Drake
Mission Session Elder



Women's Gathering

JUNE WOMEN'S GATHERING NEWS

Heifer, Inc.

The donations in March that totaled \$440.00 were all matched and will provide 44 flocks of chickens.

Monday June 4th – WG Activities, 10am-3pm

We will enjoy a potluck lunch and work on crafts and missions. At 2pm we will study Lesson #8 of our Bible study.

Mothers` Day Offering

Donations to date for *Healthy Women Healthy Families* total \$422.00. 23 ladies were honored and 8 ladies remembered with this offering.

Hymn Focus

Following on from the monthly scriptural focus of the past year, for 2018-19 the presbytery-wide emphasis will be on selected hymns and reflection questions.

Leadership Council encourages committees, churches, sessions, groups, and individuals in our presbytery to use these materials as a regular spiritual activity in the year ahead. We invite you to take part in this initiative to help bind our hearts, our voices, and our work together in faithful service to the Risen Christ.

JUNE 2018 - Ordinary Time

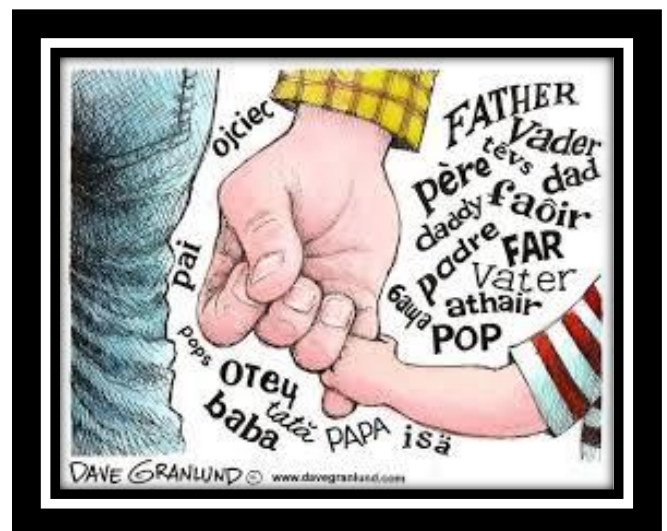
Hymn – A Mighty Fortress is Our God Words by Martin Luther

Glory to God #275 Presbyterian Hymnal #260

This hymn, the theme song of the Reformation, was written by Martin Luther himself, who once said that “next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.

1. What emotions does this hymn evoke in you?
2. Do the words and music speak to you and your relationship with God in the 21st century? If so, how? If not, why not?

Happy Father's Day!



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June 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bath supplies lunch to Catch The Building Spirit. Ann and Jim D.	2
3 Session Prayer Time Coffee and donuts	4 W.G. 10 – 3:00 pm Carol and John B.	5 Emily and Cliff H. Norma and Dan H.	6 7:00 pm Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 Holy Communion 194 th anniversary of Bath Church	11 Pastor Emily on vacation	12 Pastor Emily on vacation	13 Pastor Emily on vacation 7:00 pm Choir Practice Margaret B.	14 Pastor Emily on vacation	15 Pastor Emily on vacation	16 Pastor Emily on vacation
17 Father's Day Pastor Emily on vacation Gidget Collins pulpit supply Cookies and punch	18 Pam Byrd craft group	19 Caelan and Aven F.	20 7:00 pm Choir Practice	21 VBS at Faith PC	22	23 Janet and J.O.
24 Pastor Emily at Kirkmont	25 Pastor Emily at Kirkmont	26 Pastor Emily at Kirkmont Aaden S.	27 Pastor Emily at Kirkmont 7:00 pm Choir Practice	28 Pastor Emily at Kirkmont	29 Pastor Emily at Kirkmont	30 Pastor Emily at Kirkmont