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From the Pastor's Desk

Greeting Bath Church!

I am so ready to head into this Fall season when the weather gets a little cooler and the holidays are right around the corner and school is back in full swing (sort of). This is my favorite time of year.

This summer was slightly low energy at Bath, as well as the rest of the world. This pandemic has worn out its welcome and I think we're all growing a little weary of wearing masks and distancing from those we love to spend time with. I am hopeful that this new Fall season will encourage our creative spirits to care for ourselves and others in safe and meaningful ways.

Session has been discussing ways to gather socially online. Stay tuned for updates. The worship committee is working out a plan to safely observe communion, especially for World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. We will also begin discussions on what music and carols look like during the holidays with our current "no singing" guidelines.

*Session is creating a sub-committee for COVID-19 response. All are invited to participate! Susan Lockwood will be heading up the committee initially and they will be responsible for reporting back to Session on the current state and county guidelines, as well as how worship is meaningful for Bath participants. Please consider joining this subcommittee and adding your input!

* So many thanks for all your generosity toward our many missions, especially lately to Rescue Me, Huber Heights school, FISH and the Samaritan Homeless Clinic. To reduce confusion and congestion, Session would like to ask that when you bring donations to church, please label which mission they are intended for and leave them in your

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pew during Sunday worship. The mission committee will collect all items after worship and get them where they need to be. Thanks for your help with this!

* Beginning in September, the church doors will not be opening until 10:40 on Sunday mornings. We ask that you wait in your car or in the parking lot until then to reduce time spent in close quarters in the sanctuary. As the weather gets colder, we will most likely be modifying this.

Many, many thanks to J.O. Miller for agreeing to fill the Treasurer role after Steve Mast moves to Finley in October. J.O. and Steve have begun the transition process now, so you may notice them both filling treasurer roles through September.

I continue to want to be as accessible to you all as possible. I am continuing to hold Wednesday office hours 10-4 (please wear a mask when you enter the church building). I can be reached at:

Phone/text at (937)903-8188

Email at emilyhaddox1@gmail.com.

I will return your message as soon as I can if I do not answer immediately. Session is continuing to form and mold the congregational care committee, chaired by Donna Swingley to assist with care for all as well.

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Emily



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Clerk's Corner

It's hard to believe that fall is almost here! This summer has been an interesting one, and hopefully we've all been able to realize what is important. Although we may not be physically together as often or at all, our church is still a small community and very lively!

Session continues to adapt and reminds everyone to maintain our strength and vitality in adhering to COVID-19 mitigation. Although the mitigation practices limit our interaction and require minor inconveniences, they are in line with best practices from the medical community. At our last meeting, Session formed a committee dedicated to guiding the church through this pandemic. The committee will deliberate guidelines, mitigation practices, and the current situation to form recommendations to Session. Susan Lockwood will be Session's liaison on the committee, and you are encouraged to speak with her if you would like to join the committee.

At our recent called congregational meeting, we voted Donna Swingley to fill Becky Mast's position in the elder Class of 2022. Thank you to Becky, Donna, and the Nominating Committee for their continued service! As Donna moves onto Session, she will be overseeing Fellowship and the newly created Congregational Care ministries. Susan will transition to Property through the end of the year.

Finally, the Nominating Committee will shortly begin considering elders for installation next year to the Class of 2023! Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve. Further

details will be coming soon from the committee chair, Deb Hitchcock.

Best,
Ethan
Clerk of Session

Mission/Outreach

I am again touched by the generosity and outpouring of love from this congregation to our local and global community. This past month, we collected and delivered lots of school supplies to Huber Schools (see below). We also collected and sent cards, pictures and notes for BJ and contributed to his care monetarily at Wings of Hope in Haiti.

Our focus in Mission this month is The Samaritan Homeless Clinic and Peace and Global Witness. Mabel Geis has provided us with some background information about the Clinic that we are collecting items for:

The Women's Gathering adopted this clinic as a mission area. We provide all the hygiene kits needed, also scarves, hats, gloves, socks, warm clothes for winter, etc. This year we also sewed 41 masks for them.

The cost of treating one homeless patient for a year is around \$800 at the clinic. If that care were provided at an emergency room, it would cost the community seven times more. The estimated homeless population is 5,000 in Dayton.

The clinic provides a complete package of services: Medical Services, Dental Services, Psychiatric Services and Mental Health Counseling, Chemical Dependency Counseling, Recuperative Care, Vision Services, Podiatry Services, Educational Programming and Life Skills Classes and

Medical Social Work and Case Management (Social work services include Medicaid applications, basic case management, hygiene kits, shoes, transportation and advocacy for specialty services).

Thank you for the information, Mabel!

We also will be starting the Peace and Global Witness Mission from the Presbytery. This mission goes through October 4. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. There will be envelopes in the pews if this is a mission you would like to contribute to. Please feel free to ask me, Deb Hitchcock, any questions you might have about this.

Huber Heights School Donation Report

August Mission was for the Huber Heights school system. Deb and Verna delivered:

- 71 Glue Sticks
- 36 Pocket Folders
- 27 Scissors
- 10 packs of Wide Ruled Notebook paper for binders
- 13 packs of College Ruled Notebook paper for binders
- 16 Composition Notebooks (Wide ruled)
- 10 Composition Notebooks (college Ruled)
- 250 Pencils
- 18 colored pencil packs

- 83 Highlighters (various colors)
- 121 Dry Erase Markers (broad tip)
- 9 Dry Erase Markers (fine tip)
- 9 Headphones (wired, no ear buds)
- 26 Paper Towels
- 23 Pencil bags
- 30 Pencil Boxes
- 24 Facial Tissues
- 20 play-dough
- 12 water color paints
- 5 disinfectant sprays
- 240 Baby wipes
- 12 Water Colored Paints
- 169 Gallon size zip topped baggies
- 176 Quart size zip topped baggies
- 140 Sandwich size zip top bags
- 90 Snack size zip topped baggies
- 10 Hand sanitizer with 2 large gallon size fillers
- 12 Dividers for binders
- 2 Accordion file
- 9 packs of Graph paper
- 14 pencil sharpeners
- 1 ear bud
- 4 backpacks
- 12 16 gig flash drives
- 10 blue pens
- 65 black pens
- 3 binders
- 12 pencil top erasers

Thank you to all who donated to help the school system. Please continue to pray that they have a good year.

Rescue Me Report

This mission was featured in late July and early August. The donations they received include: 44 rolls paper towels, 4 blankets, 3 toys, 3 feeding/watering dishes, 4 cans of cat food, 2 harnesses with matching lease and collars, \$50.00 check from one individual plus used items such as linens, etc. **MANY THANKS!**

Donations of canned dog food are now greatly needed.

Rescue Me had to cancel their regular fundraisers this year because of COVID-19, BUT –

They will have a **BIG Garage Sale** on Saturday, Sept 12; 9-5 at 1123 S. Brown Street, Vandalia. (Masks required.)

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Hitchcock
Mission/Outreach Elder

Admin & Finance

Session recently voted to elect J.O. Miller as our new Treasurer! J.O. will begin officially transitioning through September and take over for Steve Mast upon his departure. Thank you to both J.O. and Steve for their dedication, service, and leadership!

Ethan Johns
Admin & Finance Elder

Fellowship

Autumn is almost here, and we can hope to enjoy some cooler weather and all the beautiful colors of Fall.

Like all of you, I have missed all of the Fellowship events-from Easter to the Fish Fry-that we've had to cancel due to COVID-19. May we get back to a more normal time next year.

With Donna being our newest Elder, she will take over Fellowship for the rest of the year, as well as her Congregational Care. I will take Becky's place as Property Elder for the next four months-now that she and her committee have done all the hard work! Best wishes to both Donna and Becky.

Susan Lockwood
Fellowship Elder



Women`s Gathering

Masks

Several ladies have been busy sewing lined cloth masks. Dozens of masks have been made

on request. We have received donations for some of the masks we have provided. In August, an additional \$70.00 was sent to *Heifer, Int.* to produce cacao farms in the Amazon of Ecuador since we received more donations. The \$294.00 sent in July was doubled because donations were matched.

September 14th Gathering - 10am-3pm

We will wear masks and follow the guidelines Session has approved. We will begin our NEW Bible study "Into the Light" about prayer. This first lesson gives us assurance that God is ALWAYS with us. We will order a great lunch and work on crafts and missions.

September Samaritan Homeless Clinic Donations

We receive donations and deliver items year around but feature the kits this month. The clinic is recognized as a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

HYGIENE KITS

Comb

Nail clipper

*Toothpaste

*Toothbrush

Female products

*Hairbrush

[women]

Shaving cream

[men]

*Small shampoo

*Antiperspirant

*Bar of soap

*Washcloth

Chapstick

Razors

*Totes, purses, backpacks - 9"x11" or larger

*Checks- "Bath Presbyterian Women"

(to provide items to complete the kits)

*most needed

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day 5:30 pm Elder training	3 Pastor Emily on vacation	4 Pastor Emily on vacation	5 Pastor Emily on vacation
6 Pastor Emily on vacation 10:45 am Worship	7 Pastor Emily on vacation Labor Day	8	9 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day 3:30 pm Bath Worship committee 5:30 pm Bath Book Study	10	11	12 7:00 am My Brother's Keeper 9:00 am Rescue Me Garage Sale
13 10:45 am Worship 11:00 am Installation service 12:00 pm Bath Session meeting	14 10:00 am Women's Gathering	15	16 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day 5:30 pm Bath Book Study	17	18	19
20 10:45 am Worship	21	22 1:30 pm Card Ministry	23 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day 1:00 pm Bath Mission 5:30 pm Bath Book Study	24	25	26
27 10:45 am Worship	28	29	30 10:00 am Pastor Emily's Office Day 5:30 pm Bath Book Study			