

# Bath Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April - June 2021

Navigating our first Covid impacted Lent was a unique challenge and Call to be innovative. We kicked off Lent with "drive thru Imposition of Ashes". I greeted members and guests in the parking lots to pray with them and give them a container of ashes with directions of how to make the sign of the cross on their heads or hands using the burnt ashes from Palm Sunday 2019. The day was frigid, so we didn't spend much time catching up in the parking lot. But all feedback, so far, was positive.

Maundy Thursday was in person in the sanctuary due to unseasonably cold weather in late March. It was a brief, yet meaningful service with individually packaged elements (thanks Deb!) and communal prayer and service of Holy Communion. Good Friday, most of us gathered in solidarity with Maudie Lawson's family and friends to remember her life and impact at Bath as well as to bear witness to the Life and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then, Easter Sunday was in the parking lot. The weather was gorgeous and there was a small, brown alpaca in attendance (he/she sat way in the back!).

Ethan and Donna are working to update our church website and make it more user friendly due to our increased traffic virtually during Covid. Our worship attendance has grown from around 30 people for in-person worship during the past few years to over 80 people worshipping with us online with our FaceBook Live and website presence. Session likes to point out to me that most of them are my extended family! Still, virtual worship is worth continuing even when we are back together in person and we will be working to find new ways to invite others into our Missions and Fellowship virtually.

## What is my Pastor up to?

The WG has had virtual bazaar's this year and we have changed Coffee and Donut time each month to online Coffee and Trivia. The Holy Spirit seems to be nudging Bath toward some technology upgrades to reach the most people with our worship, mission and fellowship. Very exciting! I attended the PC (USA)'s Next Church conference online in early March and this seems to be the push and momentum all across the country's congregations.

Session will meet this Sunday (4/18) and will decide how worship, mission and fellowship will move forward, now that most of us are vaccinated from Covid19, if that is our personal choice. We will update the congregation as soon as decisions are made and if changes need to be made as we navigate these continuing unprecedented times.

In all things, I have no doubt that God is indeed always faithfully doing a new thing at Bath and I am so grateful to be part of the discernment process with you all. I am grateful for our ministerial relationship every day!

In Christ's Peace,  
Pastor Emily

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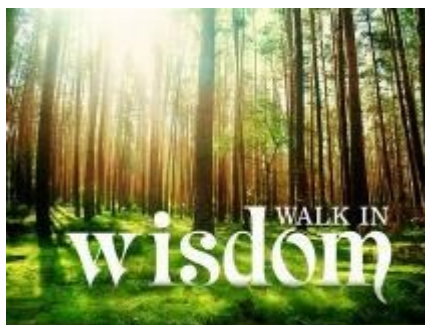
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### Walking with Wisdom ~ Mother Teresa

We cannot find God in noise and agitation.

Nature: trees, flowers, and grass grow in silence.  
The stars, the moon, and the sun move in silence.

What is essential is not what we say but what God tells us and what He tells others through us. In silence He listens to us; in silence, He speaks to our souls. In silence, we are granted the privilege of listening to His voice.

Silence of our eyes.  
Silence of our ears.  
Silence of our mouths.  
Silence of our minds.  
...in the silence of the heart

God will speak.

Silence of the heart is necessary so you can hear God everywhere - in the closing of the door, in the person who needs you, in the birds that sing, in the flowers, in the animals.

If we are careful of silence it will be easy to pray.

St. Teresa of Calcutta



## Bath Presbyterian Women News

**Mission - The Samaritan Homeless Clinic:** We delivered to the Samaritan Homeless Clinic: 18 hygiene kits, 10 large bottles of shampoo, 1 box small soaps, 10 men's new socks, 3 new women's socks and 12 hand sanitizers. **THANK YOU!**

**Mission-Heifer, International:** We sent **\$600.00** to *Heifer, Int.* to purchase 30 flocks of chickens from donations we received plus the sales from the Virtual Spring Bazaar. **WOW! THANK YOU!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### April News

**April 18, 25 & May 2:** We will be collecting donations for **Healthy Women Healthy Families**. A donation provides vital medical services to needy families around the world.

#### May News

**May 3 - Meeting 10-3:** We will study Lesson 8 and work on crafts and missions.

**May 9 - Mother's Day:** Names of those honored or remembered will be in the bulletin on Mother's Day and the **Healthy Women Healthy Families** offering will be dedicated.

#### June News

**June 5 - Garage Sale:** This will be at Verna's front yard. **Start** saving your items!

**June 7 - Meeting 10-3:** We will study Lesson 9 and work on crafts and missions.

#### July News

**July 5 - Meeting 10-3:** We will work on missions and **Christmas** crafts.

## Refrigerator Cucumber Salad

Maudie Lawson



In June 2019, Maudie sent me (Val Quinn) this recipe via Facebook Messenger and asked if I could make it for her (we are both lovers of all things pickled). Since that time, I've probably made 30 quarts of this salad; many for Maudie.

8 cups thinly sliced pickling cucumbers\*\*  
2 cups thinly sliced white onion  
2 cups thinly sliced red bell pepper (you can substitute/add yellow or orange bell pepper for a more colorful salad)

Toss together to evenly distribute the onion and pepper among the cucumber slices. Pack into canning jars (this makes about 2 quarts)

In a saucepan, heat till boiling:

1 tablespoon salt  
1 cup white vinegar  
1 cup water  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon celery seed  
1 teaspoon mustard seed

Cool slightly, then pour the still warm liquid over the cucumber mixture. Cover loosely and let jars cool completely. Tighten the covers and place in refrigerator. Salad is ready in about 1 week. Will keep for a month or 2 in the refrigerator. But if you're like Maudie and me, it won't last that long before it's eaten.

Note: sometimes I make a triple batch of the pickling liquid and put the extra in canning jars that I store in the refrigerator. When I'm able to get pickling cucumbers, all I have to do is reheat the liquid.

\*\*If you can't get pickling cucumbers, English cucumbers (found at Meijer) work well also, as they don't have

Many at Bath fondly remember the delicious food that Maudie and Jackie shared with us. In their memory, here are 2 recipes for you to try and enjoy!

### Cherry Bread - Jackie Beatty

(From the Bath Church Cookbook)

1 egg  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
1 tablespoon grated orange rind  
1 cup sour cream  
2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour  
1-½ teaspoon baking powder  
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 tsp salt  
½ cup chopped maraschino cherries

Mix together.

Bake 325° for 1 hour.



The CE/Media Committee met April 7 at the church. Present were Pam Byrd, Pastor Emily and Deb Hitchcock. Next meeting is June 9th at 1:00 at the church.

The adult Sunday School is meeting per Zoom on Wednesdays for about an hour (starting at 5:30). Any interested adults are invited to attend. We are currently reading the gospel from the weekly service and talking about questions developed by the Pastor about the sermon or the general idea of the sermon. At the meeting we discussed possibly switching to a book club type meeting and all reading a book we selected.



***Walls have been painted a soothing teal color.  
This new storage box doubles as a  
comfortable seat.***

No other in-person classes have been going on since the church began applying COVID precautions.

The Media crew, Donna Swingley (website), Pam Byrd (church sign) and Val Quinn (newsletter) have been working hard and effectively to keep us up to date with all the changes in service places, times, etc due to Covid 19 and mitigation rules. I want to say a big "Thank you" to them all!

Deb Hitchcock CE/Media liaison to Session

## News from Christian Education & Media

The Children's classroom was painted by Sarah Clark (Ellery's wife and my daughter-in-law) and me. Donna Swingley and I organized the toys, books and supplies in the room. We have added a toy chest that is also a bench, 3 bean bag chairs and special lighting and book nook for a cozy reading area.

The bean bag chairs needed filling and it was kind of a mess but there were finally more "beans" in the chairs than on the floor, my shoes and in the vacuum cleaner. We also have a white board.

One of the purposes for the updating of the room was to make it fit the age of the kids who are usually in it and another was to make it work better as a classroom by keeping the toys out of sight when not in use. With less need for "nursery" type space, this will be a room set up for older children as a classroom but will have toys and accommodations for multiple age children when needed.



***Comfy bean bag chairs and  
soft lighting make for a  
relaxing reading nook.***



## Congregational Care & Fellowship

After Worship on Sunday, March 7, 2021 the **Fellowship Committee** hosted the second online ZOOM Coffee and Trivia. Val Quinn served as emcee. The Haddox family, receiving a gift card for the big win. A great time was had by all. Coffee and Trivia is a wonderful way for us to gather virtually until we can gather in person at church.

So, mark your calendars for the first Sunday of each month, as Fellowship will host Coffee and Trivia via ZOOM. Pastor Emily will send out a ZOOM invite email for you to join us. **Remember there will not be any in person gatherings until further notice.**



We lost two long time members of our congregation, Jackie Beatty and Maudie Lawson, both will be missed by so many people; they were loved by anyone that met them. The family of Jackie Beatty said a Celebration of Life will be sometime in May or June 2021.

There was a visitation/funeral held for Maudie Lawson at The Newcomer Funeral Home April 2, 2021 with Pastor Emily officiating, it was a wonderful service, Maudie would have loved it. The Congregational Care Committee provided drinks, plates, silverware, lunch and dinner for the Lawson family.

Thank you to Norma, Val, Deb, Susan, Pam, Mabel and Verna, without all of you, the luncheon and dinner would not have happened. Barb with the Lawson Family asked that I give a ton of thanks to everyone that brought food over and to let you know that their family enjoyed all the food and it was delicious.

**Congregational Care** continues to send out cards and make visits to shut ins, if you have someone you would like a card sent to, please send an email with the info to Donna, remember to include the name and address. So, if you know someone that could use a pick me up with a card or a home visit, let Donna know.



## Clerk's Corner



2021 is off to a busy start for all of us at Bath! As we continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we are thankful to be blessed with the opportunity of receiving vaccines and promising changes in mitigation guidelines! I can't help but think of the irony and beauty of these changes coming during spring – as flowers bloom, we are able to have renewed energy and life as we begin worshipping closer to our traditional ways.

In February, Session resumed in-person worship prior to moving to the parking lot for the Spring weather. Both the COVID-19 committee and Session continue to modify our mitigation efforts as a response to a variety of factors. At our meeting, we endorsed Dr. Janet Miller as a Commissioned Ruling Elder candidate. Janet follows Gidget Collins on this endeavor and intends to serve the larger church in various ministries! Congratulations and best of luck to Janet on this enriching journey and ministry!

The Fellowship & Congregational Care committee has begun hosting virtual Coffee & Trivia over Zoom. Val Quinn has hosted our friendly, engaging competition! Our support to the Huber Heights schools continues and we are considering expanding this ministry to include other churches. Due to Rescue Me's loss in their 501(c)(3) status, we are seeking other ministries to care for all animals and all of God's children

In March, Session appreciated the work of Deb Hitchcock and others in altering, decorating, and revamping our Nursery. Additionally, the Property committee began several projects to replace faucets across the church and begin receiving estimates for replacing a boiler and our roof.

Thanks to everyone for all their wonderful work and ministry in supporting Bath and the larger church!

### Admin/Finance

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the ministries of the church! Dr. J.O. Miller and Pam Byrd continue to serve as our Treasurer and Financial Secretary, respectively, and care for the finances of our church – thank you!

A friendly reminder that an Expense & Reimbursement Form must be received by the Treasurer for expenses. This form should denote what line item the money is being accounted to. Additionally, the individual submitting must ensure they are in communication with the appropriate Elder(s) for approval and tracking of the expense.

Ethan Johns—Clerk of Session

# *We're on a Mission @ Bath Church*

Greetings from your Mission Session Elder, Janet Miller, and Committee. Committee members include Pastor Emily, Verna Drake, Mabel Geis, Deb Hitchcock, and Val Quinn. We are excited to lead Bath Church in our commitment to Matthew 25 which calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities.

At our February meeting, Mabel provided information on the **Good Samaritan Homeless Clinic collection** which ran Feb 21 – Mar 7. The WG started their effort when Reverend Judith Barr was the Program Coordinator from 1992 - 2012. At that time, this collection was a Presbytery of the Miami Valley effort. While this is no longer the case, Bath WG felt called to continue this effort to support the needs of the homeless in our communities. Mabel provided a handout about the collection needs. The Women's Gathering section of the Mouse has more information on what was actually collected.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Presbytery Special Offering** was collected March 14 – April 4. This offering supports the Presbyterian Mission Agency in their efforts worldwide for the Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People. The full total of Bath donations has not been counted yet.

In our March meeting, we learned that Huber Heights FISH is currently fully stocked. Therefore, **Verna will be working with Fairborn FISH to accept our donations.** Also, we discussed changing our Local Schools Support to Dayton City Schools as they are quite underserved. Pastor Emily has reached out to Pastor Merritt at **College Hill Church** in hopes of having a collaborative effort and to expand our support to a larger demographic. The project collection date is moved to July 15 – August 15, as most schools start in August with Dayton City starting Aug 6, 2021. More information on items to donate will be forthcoming, closer to the collection date.

Virtually, we agreed to support Engage **the Community Church** as we did in 2020. ECC distributes weekend food bags for about 85 Huber Heights students with easy to prepare food items such as ramen noodles, mac & cheese and canned pasta. We realize this project will probably continue throughout the year especially with summer approaching.

The next **Presbytery Special Offering is Pentecost**, to be collected May 9 – 23. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

The **Catch the Building Spirit** project is highlighted at Bath from June 13-27. The sponsored family is the Koko family which moved from Sudan to the US in 2006 (see more on next page). The Koko family's Habitat home will give them the financial security and housing stability that they currently lack. However, it will also allow them to complete the dream that began many years ago on another continent, half a world away. The Mission Committee has not decided on how to best raise money for CtBS (the birdhouse initiative last year was an amazing success!) so stay tuned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Miller  
Mission Session Elder





*Saadia Koko and daughters Aya and Karen.*

When the Koko family moved to the US from the Sudan in 2006, the family struggled to find a home, employment, transportation, and more...and none of them spoke English. After the Koko's divorced, Saadia and her two daughters learned to become Americans on their own.

The girls quickly became skilled in English and made friends in school while Saadia took on a full-time job at Fuyao Glass America. Still, the family struggled financially. The three of them are proud to now be United States citizens.

The Kokos long to have a home of their own. Over the years they have been forced to move from a house to a small apartment. With the move, they had to change school systems, and the girls had to start all over again with new classes and new friends.

The location of their new Habitat home is within their current school system, allowing Aya and Karen to keep up with friends and classmates.

What else are the sisters looking forward to in their new home? Like most teenagers, they look forward to more space and the ability to play their music loud without disturbing their neighbors! The Koko family's Habitat home will give them the financial security and housing stability that they currently lack. And will allow them to complete the dream that began many years ago on another continent, half a world away.



**2021 Newsletter  
Publication Dates**

- ♦ July 15
- ♦ October 15
- ♦ December 15

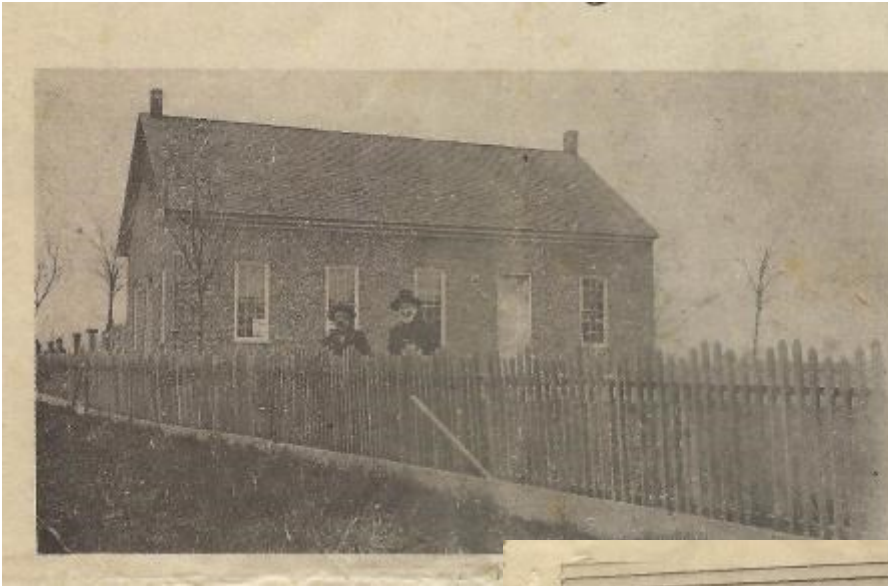
## Church Mouse Wisdom





# Bath Church - History Revisited

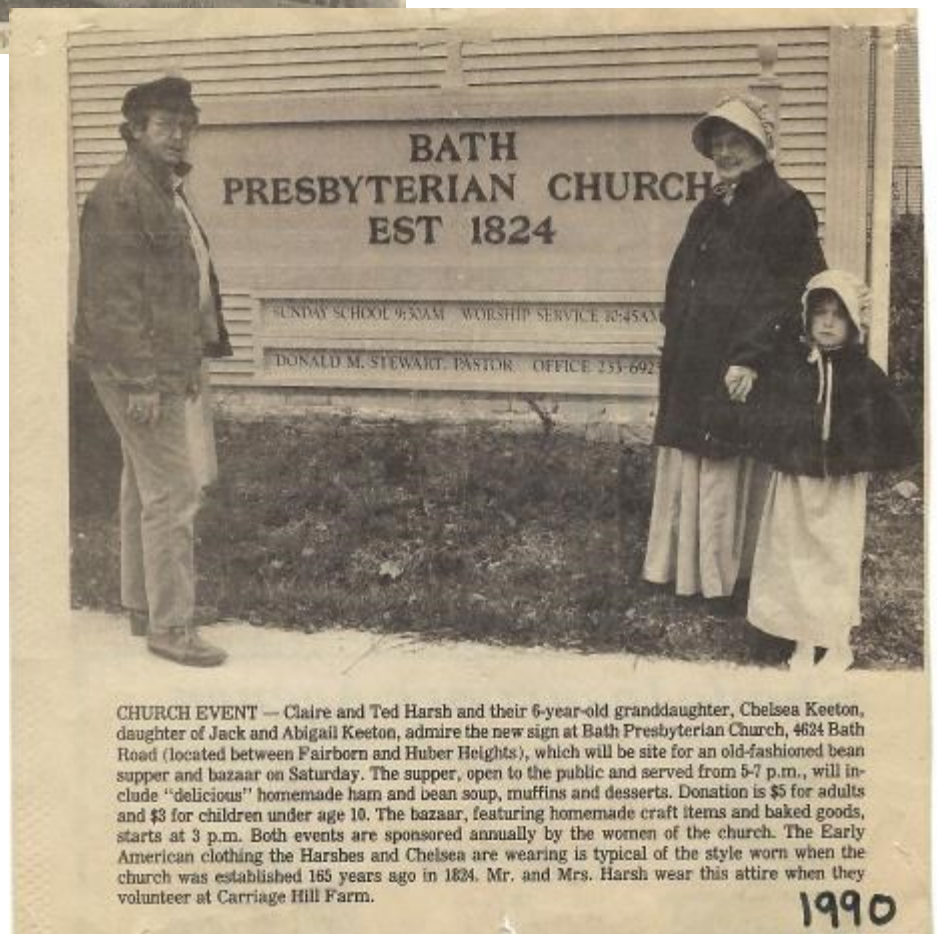
As the 200th year celebration of Bath Church approaches (2024), photos, articles, and personal accounts will be shared and printed in future newsletters. If you have a personal account of the church's history, a funny story, photos showing the church or a church event, or even a newspaper clipping that you're willing to share, please let Val Quinn know.



In this undated photos, it appears that the bell and/or belfry are being repaired/replaced.

Photo above (undated) was published in the Fairborn Daily Herald, June 4, 1974, in celebration of Bath's 150th Anniversary. According to the article, a 20-page historical account was being printed for the sesquicentennial (compiled by James Kinsey & Marilyn Nall). If any Bath member has a copy of this account and is willing to share it with Val Quinn, please let her know.

From the 1974 article: "Historical accounts say that the church at Bath was first properly organized in the spring of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-four in the town of Fairfield Greene county Ohio...and the first communion was held on the second Sabbath of June 1824, and was administered by the Rev. Archibald Steel."



**CHURCH EVENT** — Claire and Ted Harsh and their 6-year-old granddaughter, Chelsea Keeton, daughter of Jack and Abigail Keeton, admire the new sign at Bath Presbyterian Church, 4624 Bath Road (located between Fairborn and Huber Heights), which will be site for an old-fashioned bean supper and bazaar on Saturday. The supper, open to the public and served from 5-7 p.m., will include "delicious" homemade ham and bean soup, muffins and desserts. Donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under age 10. The bazaar, featuring homemade craft items and baked goods, starts at 3 p.m. Both events are sponsored annually by the women of the church. The Early American clothing the Harshes and Chelsea are wearing is typical of the style worn when the church was established 165 years ago in 1824. Mr. and Mrs. Harsh wear this attire when they volunteer at Carriage Hill Farm.

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# Calendar

<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Women's Group Activity:</b> Apr 25 &amp; May 2: Healthy Women/Healthy Families</li> <li>• Bible Study: every Wednesday 5:30 pm via Zoom</li> </ul> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> April 18 - Donna &amp; Brian Swingley</p> <p><b>April Birthday:</b> 15 – Bruce Hardin</p> <div data-bbox="1175 386 1354 457" data-label="Text"> <p><i>Healthy Women Healthy Families</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1360 275 1528 485" data-label="Image"> </div>
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<b>July</b> <div data-bbox="142 1675 240 1822" data-label="Image"> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coffee &amp; Trivia: Tentative: July 4 (due to holiday)</b></li> <li>• Women's Group: July 5 - 10 am-3 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>July Birthdays:</b> 01 - Sharon Cottrill 03 - Janet Miller 04 - Paul Drake</p> <div data-bbox="976 1734 1528 1881" data-label="Text"> <p>Calendar information current as of newsletter publication date. Check the calendar on <a href="http://www.bathchurch.org">www.bathchurch.org</a>, or contact Pastor Emily or an Elder for most up-to-date information</p> </div>