

Bath United Methodist Church

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Worship With Us Sundays at 10:15am

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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. - Acts 2:42 (NIV)

Welcome to Bath United Methodist Church

October 22, 2017

* Please stand as you are comfortable

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) – hardback hymnal FWS (Faith We Sing) – black soft cover hymnal

We Gather as God's People

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Gwyneth

LIGHTING ALTAR CANDLES

Bluegrass Band

* CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 19:7-10,14

Irving Ouellette

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

All: Let the words of my mouth be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

All: Let the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Leader: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

All: Let our worship glorify you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer!

* HYMN

"God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"

UMH 108

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"The Apostles Creed Verse 7"

Pastor Gwyneth

SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:21-32

Irving Ouellette

All: Thanks be to God

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

OFFERING

Bluegrass Band

We offer our prayers, presence, gifts, service & witness. Please place Prayer and Connect Cards in the baskets and financial gifts in the plates. If you are our guest you may give but your presence with us is your greatest gift.

* DOXOLOGY

"Be Glorified"

FWS 2150

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS & CONCERNS Prayer cards will be read. After each prayer we will agree together, "Lord, hear our prayer."

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

* HYMN

"Bind Us Together"

FWS 2226

* SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:37-47

Pastor Gwyneth

MESSAGE

"Intentional Community"
"Fruitful Churches" Sermon Series

Pastor Gwyneth

RESPONSE

Baptismal Remembrance

All are invited to come place a hand in the water to remember your baptism, or as a sign of your desire to be baptized. Then please form a circle around the outside of the sanctuary from where we will sing our closing hymn.

We Go Forth in Witness and Service

* HYMN

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"

FWS 2223

* BENEDICTION

We leave this worship space today, going in the love of God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be the Light of Jesus Christ in the world.

Serving This Morning – Ministers: All of Us!

Music Minister – Iris Fields

Special Music – Bluegrass Band

Worship Slides – Carl Turner

Reader – Irving Ouellette

Videographer – Ralph Lewis

Ushers & Greeters – Brenda & Irving Ouellette

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you, and hope you find your time of worship here meaningful. Nursery and restrooms are down the hallway, and the greeters will be happy to answer any questions. Please be sure to get a visitor packet and pocket Bible as our gift to you!

Weekly Communion Service is held Sundays a few minutes before 10am (except 1st Sundays when we celebrate Communion during worship). This is a brief but meaningful time to receive the Sacrament each week. All are welcome to attend.

Children in Worship: Children may take an activity clipboard and sit with their family during worship. Nursery is provided for infants and toddlers.

Prayer Cards are found on the table in the back of the sanctuary, and in the red pads on each row. Please place your prayer card in the baskets during the offering collection.

Connect Cards are on the podium in the entryway and in the red pads on each row. Please fill out to revise contact info or communicate other needs to the church office, and place in the baskets during the offering collection. First time guests who return a completed connect card will receive in the mail a gift certificate to any upcoming church supper.

Name Tags: Please be sure to wear your name tags each week in worship. These are very helpful to newcomers and guests who may not know everyone's name. Thank you.

Pocket Prayer Cloths are available on the hallway table to take to a friend in need of encouragement. Many thanks to Yvonne Lamberty, Lovye Oesterlin and Audrey Cheetham for their contributions. More knitters are welcome!

Our Daily Bread devotionals are available on the table in the entryway, in both small and large print versions.

View Worship on TV channel 3 on Saturdays 7:25am or channel 14 Wednesdays 4pm as well as [Facebook.Live](#) and our [YouTube Channel](#).

This Week's Events at a Glance:

Oct 22 9:15am - Sunday School All Ages
Oct 22 10:00am - Holy Communion
Oct 22 10:15am - Worship
Oct 24 10am & 7pm - Bible Study
Oct 25 9:30am - Prayer Gathering
Oct 25 6pm - SPRC meeting
Oct 25 7pm - Annual Church Conference
Oct 28 3pm - Trick or Treat Tromp
Oct 29 9:15am - Sunday School All Ages
Oct 29 10:00am - Holy Communion
Oct 29 10:15am - Worship, North Woolwich
Praise Band, guest musicians

Bath UMC News & Events

When Christians Get it Wrong - New Adult Sunday School at **9:15am**. "More and more young adults have opted out of Christianity and the church. The reason? Christians. Adam Hamilton tackles some of the issues. FMI see Carl Turner. All welcome.

Oct 22 - When Christians are Unchristian

Oct 29 - Christians, Science and Politics

Nov 5 - When Speaking of Other Religions

Nov 12 - When Bad Things Happen

Nov 19 - In Dealing with Homosexuality

Nov 26 - When Christians Get it Right

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Christian Connections has put purple lights on the bushes outside of church in recognition of this important issue. The Maine 24-hour domestic violence hotline number is: 866-834-HELP (4357) for victims, family members, friends, co-workers.

Annual Church Conference, Wednesday, **October 25** 7pm. Our District Superintendent, Karen Munson will be presiding. All are welcome to attend, and members attending vote.

Trick-or-Treat-Tromp is **Saturday, October 28 3-5pm**. Our church will participate in this Bath Halloween parade outreach, handing out candy to kids in downtown Bath. Please contact Myrtle Hicks if you would like to participate or donate!

North Woolwich UMC Praise Band will be joining us on **October 29** as our guest musicians. They will be playing a **worship set beginning at 10am**, and then leading hymns throughout worship. Join us!

Bath Ecumenical Trick or Trunk -- All of the churches in Bath are invited to join NewLife Church

on **October 31 5-7pm**. We will decorate a car and hand out candy to lots and lots of kids! Please see Myrtle Hicks if you can help out!

Budgets to Finance - All committee and team chairs, please give your 2018 budget requests to Carl Turner by **November 5**.

Church Christmas Fair will be held on **November 11**. Please contact Deanna Wayman to help out!

Ripple Effect on Nov 15-17 at Sudbury UMC is a UM conference on church renewal and responding to the changing context of what it means to be a Jesus follower in today's context. <http://rippleeffectne.com/>

Heads Up for Christmas! Please add these events to your calendar as December always fills up fast!

Dec 2 First Kids Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Dec 3 Hanging of the Greens Service

Dec 10 Open House at the Hicks 1-4pm

Dec 10 Christmas Caroling 3-5pm

Dec 24 Christmas Pageant 10:15am

Dec 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 4pm

Disaster Relief -- How can we help? Our Christian Connections group has donated \$1,000 to UMCOR disaster relief. If you'd like to add to this amount, give to Bath UMC with "Advance #901670" in the memo.

Bath UMC UMCOR Drop-Off Site -- Our church was asked to be the official "HUB" for Maine! Currently the nearest HUBs are in Mass and VT. To become a HUB we need a few people to be trained to verify UMCOR kits before they are shipped to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA. Please contact Pastor Gwyneth.

Food Bank Item for October: Canned Fruit in Light Syrup, 16 oz.

Church Photo Directories in print or electronic form are available upon request.

Clynk Return Bottles: Grab a Clynk bag from the church, fill it up with your return bottles, and return to any Hannaford and the \$\$\$ goes to Bath UMC!

Pocket Prayer Cloths are available at the church to take to a friend in need of encouragement.

Youth Group for **grades 9-12** meets weekly and for special events as part of Young Life Midcoast. FMI contact Robin & Brandon Murray at 522-5369.

Young Life Chili Cook Off Sunday, Nov 5th, 5:00pm at the Bath Senior Center, a fundraiser to help get kids to Young Life camp for Fall Weekend. They could also use some help, a crockpot of chili, pan of cornbread, or plate of cookies. Contact: Ruth Francis, at [ylmidcoast@gmail.com](mailto:yamidcoast@gmail.com).

Keep Updated on our [FacebookPage](#) and our [Church Webpage](#). Also you can access the Calendars for [ChurchEvents](#) and [ChurchGuests](#).

Schedule of Sunday Servants

Ushers / Greeters (FMI Barbara Johansen)

10/22 - Brenda & Irving Ouellette

10/29 - Edie Robinson & Debbe Frost

Readers (FMI Kathleen Lacasse)

10/22 - Irving Ouellette

10/29 - Iris Fields

Slide Operators (FMI Pastor Gwyneth)

10/22 - Carl Turner

10/29 - Nat Hicks

Refreshments (FMI Brenda Ouellette)

10/22 - Brenda Ouellette

10/29 - WOW's

Sunday School Teachers Oct 22

Younger class: Audrey Cheetham, Dena Arrison

Older class: Ken Young, Fred Connors

Small Groups and Bible Studies

Sinners Support Group All women welcome, currently studying the Gospel of Mark, every other Monday at 6:30pm at the home of Mary Truesdell.

Men's Small Group - Mondays alternating times 6:45am at the Galley and 6:30pm at the home of Bill Truesdell.

Morning Group Bible Study Tuesdays 10am at the church hosted by Pastor Gwyneth. The group studies the upcoming sermon Scripture together

WOW! (Women of Worship) Tuesdays (Every Other) at 2pm and now studying Companions in Christ. FMI Shirley Lewis.

Sisters of Strength Wednesdays (Every Other) at 9am in the church library, for study, fellowship and some mission in community. FMI Barbara Word.

Evening Group Bible Study Tuesdays 7pm at the church. Currently studying the Book of James. FMI Shirley Lewis.

Prayer Gathering meets on Wednesdays at 9:30am. Please submit prayers during the week to the church office by phone or email, or through the facebook group [BathPrayerPartners](#).

Christian Connections meets 2nd Wednesdays, noon, lunch and meeting, at the church. FMI Deanna Wayman.

Ecumenical Women's Bible Study Thursdays 9am is Open to women of all denominations. Currently studying women of the Old Testament.

Men's Group - 3rd Saturdays at 8:30am for breakfast. FMI Dick Bartlett.

Choir rehearses on Wednesday evening once per month at 6:30 All welcome! FMI Wendy Morton.

Children's Sunday School begins at 9:15am. FMI Cathy Leonard or Deanna Wayman.

Adult Sunday School begins at 9:15am. FMI Carl Turner.