

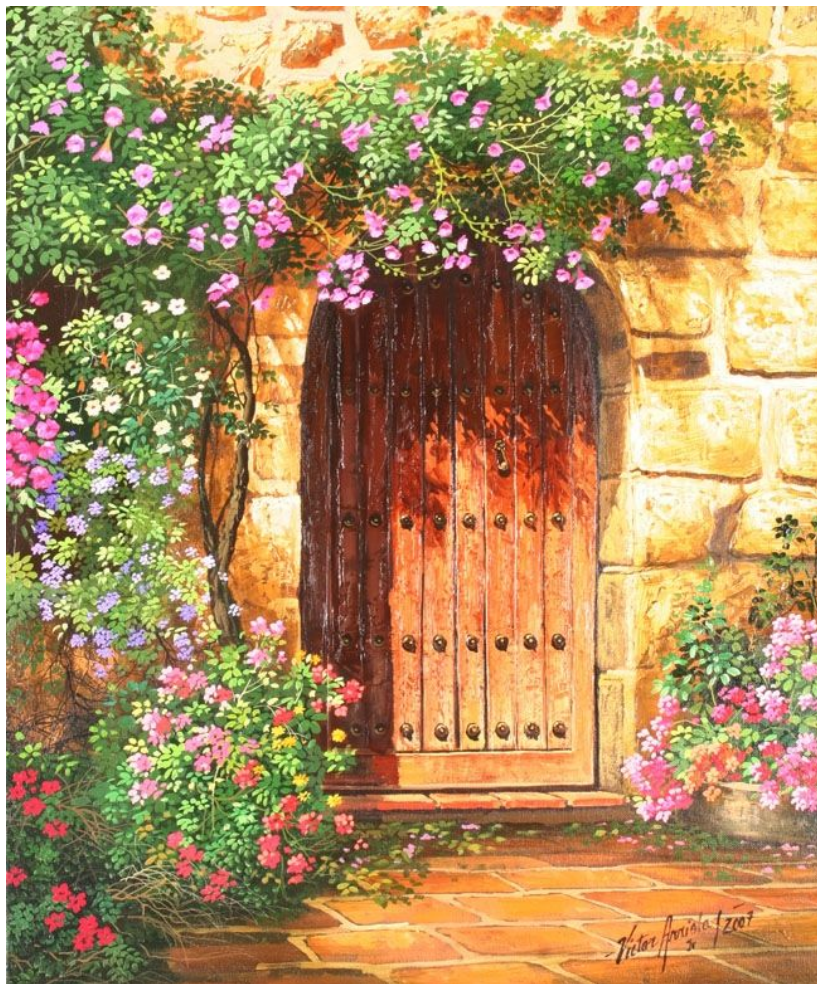
# Bath United Methodist Church

## [www.BathUMC.org](http://www.BathUMC.org)

340 Oak Grove Ave. Bath, ME 04530  
Worship With Us Sundays at 10:15am

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*"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." – Luke 11:9*

April 15, 2018

# Welcome to Bath United Methodist Church

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\* 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*

GATHERING MUSIC

Jazz Duo

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Gwyneth

LIGHTING ALTAR CANDLES

Jazz Duo

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 27

Harold Perkins

Leader: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says,

**People: "Seek the face of the LORD!"**

Leader: Do not hide your face from me. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

**People: Though my father and mother forsake me, You, O LORD will receive me.**

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: Let us walk with You, LORD, in worship.**

\* HYMN

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

**FWS 2158**

## *We Hear and Respond to God's Word*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-8

Harold Perkins

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Gwyneth

Afterwards, children may sit with their families or at the craft table.

OFFERING

*"Amazing Grace"*

Jazz Duo

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

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**UMH 95**

\* 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**

\*SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:5-13

Pastor Gwyneth

MESSAGE

*"The Persistent Friend"*

Pastor Gwyneth

Message Series: "The Greatest Stories Ever Told"

## *We Go Forth in Witness and Service*

RESPONSE

Jazz Duo

All are welcome to come forward, stand at the door, and seek God in prayer.

\* BENEDECTION 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. Please join us for refreshments here in the sanctuary, and enjoy a short jazz concert as well!

**Serving This Morning – Ministers: All of Us!**

**Music Minister** – Iris Fields

**Videographer** – Ralph Lewis

**Refreshments** – ????

**Special Music** – Brad Terry & Peter Herman

**Worship Slides** – Rory Garnett

**Reader** – Harold Perkins

**Ushers** – Clara Merkord & Yvonne Lamberty

**Craft Table** – Diane Nicol

**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!

**Children in Worship:** Children may take an activity clipboard and sit with their family during worship, or at the craft table when it is set up. Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.

**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.

**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.

**Pocket Prayer Cloths** are available on the welcome table to take to a friend in need of encouragement.

**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.

**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](#).

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



### This Week's Events at a Glance:

Apr 15 9:15am - Sunday School for All Ages  
Apr 15 10am - Holy Communion Service  
Apr 15 10am - Jazz Duo Gathering Music  
Apr 15 10:15am - Worship  
**Apr 15 11:30am - Jazz Duo Concert**  
Apr 15 9am - Yard Sale Sorting  
Apr 16 - 23 Pastor Gwyneth on Vacation  
Apr 16 10am & 6:30pm - Bible Study  
Apr 16 9:30am - Prayer Gathering  
**Apr 21 4:30 - 6pm Church Supper**  
Apr 22 9:15am - Sunday School for All Ages  
Apr 22 10:15am - Worship led by Rian Lewis

### Bath UMC News & Events

**Jazz Duo Today** - Brad Terry & Peter Herman are joining us for worship today to provide special music, and a concert after worship. We hope you enjoy the gifts of this clarinet & guitar jazz duo. Please show your support with your generosity for the duo in the freewill offering.

**Vacation:** Pastor Gwyneth will be away on vacation from **April 16 through April 23**. Rian Lewis will be leading worship on April 22, and you will be blessed!

**Pulled Pork Supper** on Saturday, **April 21 4:30-6pm**. Please sign up to help or just come share a meal with your neighbors!

**Food Bank Item for April:** Canned Tuna or Chicken 12.5 oz

**Kids Communion Class** -- Pastor Gwyneth is planning an interactive and instructive class for elementary school aged children on the meaning of Holy Communion. FMI, please contact Pastor Gwyneth, or fill out a Connect Card.

**Homelessness Conversations** continue on **April 25 at 7pm** at the Neighborhood UCC. This will be the fourth in the series this year, and will be a round-table discussion format. All are welcome!

**Ushers / Greeters Meeting** -- On Sunday, **April 29 after worship**, we will host an informational meeting and workshop for all who are involved (or interested) in the Usher & Greeter ministry. We will review some basics of the position, share new ideas with one another, and have time for questions and discussion.

**Casting Crowns in Concert** on Friday, **April 27 at 7pm** at the Civic Center in **Augusta!** Tickets have already been purchased, but feel free to purchase your own at Ticketmaster! Tickets with fees is \$33.

Also, tickets are on sale for the **Nov 3** concert in Portland, **Mercy Me & Tenth Avenue North**

**Worship Building Bridges Workshop** on Saturday, **April 28** 9am - 3pm at Londonderry UMC. For more information see <https://buildingworshipbridges.com/>

**Special Offerings** - Mission Shares on 1st Sundays and Ecumenical Benevolence Ministry on 3rd Sundays. Thank you for your generosity!

**Mandatory Reporter Training** on Sunday, **May 6 after worship**. This training is required now by the state of Maine for any person who volunteers with children at church. You may also take the training online with a short quiz. FMI Pastor Gwyneth.

**Bath Food Pantry** -- Our church is scheduled to serve next on **May 10** from **4pm - 7pm**, assisting people to find groceries. FMI or to sign up, please contact Myrtle Hicks at 443-7493.

**Cutting Through the Financial Fog** a UM workshop **May 15-17** in South Portland, to help church leaders help reveal stewardship as an outward and visible sign of an inner and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. FMI go to <http://www.umfne.org>

**Mechuwana Summer Camp** Register at [www.mechuwana.org](http://www.mechuwana.org) or call 207.377.2924. Full and partial scholarships are available from our church. Also, Middle school/high school rally on **April 27-29**.

**Yard Sale May 19** - Don't miss out on this great event, and be sure to tell your friends and family! Place your donations at the elevator and we will take them upstairs. Want to help sort & price? Join us on **Mondays at 9am**. FMI call Deanna 389-4042.

**Kids Ministry** on Sundays at **9:15am** for kids PK-6. FMI see Cathy Leonard or Deanna Wayman. **Adult Sunday School** meets during the same time in the upstairs library - older youth are welcome as well.

**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.

**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!

**Christian Music Radio - PositiveFM at 89.3 FM** with a variety of Christian music interspersed with short, uplifting messages and **AIR1** is broadcast at **93.9 FM** with the latest Christian music.

### Schedule of Sunday Servants

**Ushers / Greeters** (FMI Barbara Johansen)

4/8 - Jen & Fred Conners  
4/15 - Clara Merkord & Yvonne Lamberty  
4/22 - Shirley Lewis & Lovye Oesterlin  
4/29 - Karen & Richard Valentine

**Readers** (FMI Diane Nicol)

4/8 - Iris Fields  
4/15 - Harold Perkins  
4/22 - Ken Noyd  
4/29 - Emma Turner

**Slide Operators** (FMI Pastor Gwyneth)

4/8 - Nat Hicks  
4/15 - Rory Garnett  
4/22 - Bob Wayman  
4/29 - Nat Hicks

**Refreshments** (FMI Clara Merkord/Edie Robinson)

4/8 - Deanna Wayman & Clara Merkord  
4/15 - Brenda Ouellette  
4/22 - Harold & Juliet Perkins  
4/29 - Fred & Jen Conners

**Kids Craft Table** (FMI Jennifer Conners)

4/8 - Karen Race  
4/15 - Diane Nicol  
4/22 - Aerial Draper  
4/29 -

**Sunday School Teachers April**

Younger class: Barbara Word & Brenda Ouellette  
Older class: Irving Ouellette

### 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 6:30pm at the church. Currently studying Philipians. 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** is taking a break until September. Open to women of all denominations. FMI Lovye Oesterlin.

**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.