

**Bath United Methodist Church**  
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**Worship With Us Sundays at 10:15am**

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The angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. – Luke 1:13

# Welcome to Bath United Methodist Church

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December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

\* 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	<i>"He Shall Feed His Flock" by Handel</i>	Iris Fields
* CALL TO WORSHIP	Canticle of Zechariah from UMH #208	Lovye Oesterlin
Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set his people free.		
<b>All: The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Savior from the house of David.</b>		
Leader: And you, Child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,		
<b>All: To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.</b>		
Leader: In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.		
<b>All: Let us prepare the way for the Lord!</b>		

* HYMN	<i>"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"</i>	<b>UMH 203</b>
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## *We Hear and Respond to God's Word*

LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH		The Larrabee Family
HYMN	<i>"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"</i>	UMH 204
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 3:2-18	Lovye Oesterlin
OFFERING	<i>"Prepare Ye!"</i> by Jean Anne Shafferman	Bath UMC Choir
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	<i>"Praise God"</i>	<b>UMH 95</b>
* PRAYER OF DEDICATION	To the Tune of, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"	
HYMN	<i>"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"</i>	<b>UMH 196</b>
JOYS & CONCERNS Prayer cards will be read. After each prayer we will agree together, "Lord, hear our prayer."		
PASTORAL PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER		<b>UMH 895</b>
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 1:8-13, 57-64	Dramatic Reading
MESSAGE	<i>Lessons from Zechariah</i> Advent Sermon Series: "From Darkness to Light"	Pastor Gwyneth
HOLY COMMUNION		See notes in the announcements

## We Go Forth in Witness and Service

\* HYMN

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

**UMH 211**

\* 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  
**Worship Slides** – Nat Hicks  
**Videographer** – Ralph Lewis

**Special Music** – Choir  
**Reader** – Lovye Oesterlin  
**Ushers & Greeters** – Karen & Richard Valentine  
**Refreshments** – Letty Race

**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, or at the craft table when it is set up. Nursery care 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.

**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](#).

**Storm Notifications** -- Worship or event cancellations will be sent out by email and posted on our website and facebook page. Also you can look for notifications on [WMTW channel 8](#).



## This Week's Events at a Glance:

Dec 10 9:15am Sunday School All Ages  
Dec 10 10:00am Pageant Rehearsal  
Dec 10 10:15am Worship & Holy Communion  
Dec 10 11:45am Finance Committee Meeting  
Dec 10 11:45am Orchestra Rehearsal  
Dec 10 1-4pm Christmas Open House @theHicks  
Dec 10 3pm Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins  
Dec 12 10am & 7pm Bible Study  
Dec 12 12:30pm Backpack Prep  
Dec 13 9am Sisters of Strength, Library  
Dec 13 12pm Christian Conn. Christmas Party  
Dec 13 9:30am Prayer Gathering  
Dec 16 8:30am Men's Group  
Dec 17 9:15am Sunday School All Ages  
Dec 17 10:00am Pageant Rehearsal  
Dec 17 10:15am Worship  
Dec 17 11:45am Orchestra Rehearsal

## Bath UMC News & Events

### Advent Sermon Series: "From Darkness to Light"

12/10 Zechariah (Luke 1:8-20, 57-64)

12/17 Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

12/24 Jesus (John 1:1-14)

**Adult Sunday School** at **9:15am** has begun the Advent study by Adam Hamilton, **The Journey**, which shows footage of the Holy Land on DVD, and is meeting every Sunday this December. **All welcome** to attend any or all weeks. FMI see Carl Turner.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, but there is also no pressure to do so. We will receive by intinction which means the server will take a piece of bread (or request rice cake) and dip in the cup for you to eat, which become for us the body and blood of Christ to nourish and sustain us in our faith. Communion can also be a sign of placing one's trust in Christ or renewing that commitment and knowing God's forgiveness and healing. All are welcome.

**Christmas Orchestra** - All ages and experiences of strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion players are invited to join. Sheet music will be provided (see Ms. Iris Fields). **Rehearsals after worship Dec 10 & 17.** The "joyful noise" (noyse) mentioned in Psalms was a brace of herald trumpets meant to welcome royalty. Let's join together to herald Jesus' birth in carols!

**Oliver Place Christmas Mission** -- Please sign up on the list to bring a Christmas dinner to this mission

for homeless boys in Bath. There are a few tags on the tree by the front door for gifts we are collecting for these teens. FMI see Myrtle Hicks or Irving Ouellette.

**Pageant Rehearsals** will take place **during worship** on **December 10 and 17**, with a dress rehearsal on Friday **December 22 at 4pm with a pizza party**. Our first rehearsal was last Saturday, but we would welcome more kids! FMI see Deanna Wayman or Cathy Leonard.

**Annual Christmas Open House** today from **1pm-4pm**, Hosted by the Hicks family at 6 Mariners Way in Bath. All welcome!

**Christmas Caroling** today at **3pm** to some of our shut-ins. We will leave from the Open House (see above) at 3pm. All welcome!

**Christian Connections Christmas Party & Yankee Swap** will be held Wednesday, **Dec 13 at noon**, here at the church. Chili and cornbread will be served with extras and dessert.

**Staff Christmas gift** - If you would like to donate please see Shirley Lewis, Carl Turner, Letty Race, or Lovye Oesterlin.

**Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service** – Our church will be hosting the first ecumenical Blue Christmas service in Bath on the longest night, Thursday, **December 21 at 6:30pm**. The holidays are not always a happy time, but we will offer our pain to the Christ child that we might find hope and strength.

**Christmas Pageant** on **Dec 24 at 10:15am** during worship. "Just a Little Christmas," a hilarious summary of the Christmas story, is sure to be enjoyed by all.

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Dec 24 at 4:00pm**. We hope you will join us for this family friendly gathering to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**Food Bank Item for December:** Boxed Macaroni & Cheese or Flavored Rice.

**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.

**Thank you to all** who have turned in their **2018 Pledge Cards**. If you have not yet had this opportunity, place your card in the offering anytime.

**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!

**Mechuwana ... Not Just for Summer!**

**Dec 31-Jan 1** New Year's Eve celebration

**Feb 9-11** Middle school/high school rally

**April 27-29** Middle school/high school rally

**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)

12/3 - Diane Nicol & Kathleen Lacasse

12/10 - Richard & Karen Valentine

12/17 - Frank & Sylvia MacNeil

12/24 - Barbara Johansen & Yvonne Lamberty

Christmas Eve - Barbara Johansen & Barbara Word

12/31 - Cathy Leonard & Dot Wing

**Readers** (FMI Diane Nicol)

12/3 - LOTS of readers!

12/10 - Lovye Osterlin

12/17 - Shirley Lewis

12/24 - Kids from Pageant

Christmas Eve - Rian Lewis

12/31 -

**Slide Operators** (FMI Pastor Gwyneth)

12/3 - Pastor Gwyneth

12/10 - Nat Hicks

12/17 - Carl Turner

12/24 - Rian Lewis

Christmas Eve -

12/31 -

**Refreshments** (FMI Brenda Ouellette)

12/3 - Brenda Ouellette

12/10 - Letty Race

12/17 - Carl Turner

12/24 - Education Team

12/31 - Harold & Juliet Perkins

**Sunday School Teachers December**

Younger class: Bob Wayman & Jen Connors

Older class: Karen Race & Harold Perkins

**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.