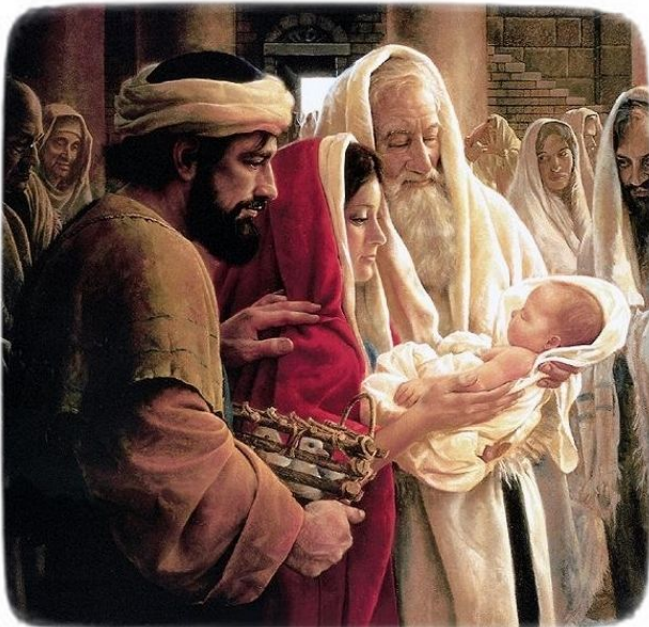


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– Luke 2:34-35



December 9, 2018

Welcome to Bath United Methodist Church

December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

* Please stand as you are able

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

We Gather as God's People to Praise God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Gwyneth

LIGHTING ALTAR CANDLES

He Shall Feed His Flock, Handel

Iris Fields

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on 1 John 1-2

Irving Ouellette

Leader: I proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen.

All: We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands.

Leader: He is the Word of life. This one who is Life itself was revealed to us.

All: And we have seen him!

Leader: And now I testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us.

All: Come, let us worship Jesus the Lord of Life!

* HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 196

ADVENT WREATH

Diane Nicol & Kathleen Lacasse

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Gwyneth

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:6-9

Irving Ouellette

MISSION WITNESS

Morse High Food Pantry

OFFERING

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

UMH 216

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

UMH 95

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To the Tune of *The First Noel*

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:25-35

Pastor Gwyneth

MESSAGE

The Piercing of Mary's Soul
Advent Sermon Series: Not a Silent Night

Pastor Gwyneth

We Go Forth in Witness and Service

* HYMN

Mary Did You Know?

* BENEDICTION

As we leave this worship space today, go 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.

Church Staff Include: Music Minister, **Iris Fields**; Custodians, **Fred Conners & Emelia Casillas**; Church Secretary, **Julie Ramsey**; and the **Rev Gwyneth Arrison** is our pastor. Others serving in worship today include:

Usher – Diane Nicol

Greeter – Letty Race

Refreshments – Audrey Cheetham

Worship Slides – Nat Hicks

Reader – Irving Ouellette

Craft Table – Jen Conners

Videographer – Ralph Lewis

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 get a visitor packet and pocket Bible as our gift to you! Also, **Coffee is Available**; feel free to get a cup anytime.

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 9am (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. And **Our Daily Bread devotionals** are available on the table in the entryway, in both small and large print versions.

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.

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](#)

Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:6-9 (NIV)

⁶ "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸ "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Luke 2:25-35 (NIV)

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." ³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Notes and Prayers

Not a Silent Night – This Sermon Series is based on an Advent Study by Rev. Adam Hamilton, *Not a Silent Night*. The holidays can be filled with stress, grief, fear and darkness, and the nostalgia of our culture can place unhelpful expectations on us which may intensify these negative feelings. As we delve into the first Christmas through the eyes of Mary, we will see that it was far from the peaceful greeting card scenes often pictured. But the Good News is God brought forth Light from that within darkness, the Light of Jesus Christ. We hope you can join us and experience for yourself this hope Jesus offers.

Dec 9 The Piercing of Mary's Soul (Luke 2:25-35)
Dec 16 Mary, Full of Grace (Luke 1:26-33)
Dec 24 It Was Not a Silent Night (Luke 2:1-7)

This Week's Events at a Glance:

Dec 9 9am - Sunday School
Dec 9 10am - Holy Communion
Dec 9 10:15am - Worship
Dec 9 11:45am - Finance Committee
Dec 9 1pm - Open House at the Hicks
Dec 9 6:30-8:00pm - General Conference
Listening session, Waterville, ME
Dec 11 10am - Bible Study
Dec 11 12:30 - Backpack Ministry
Dec 11 6:30pm - Bible Study
Dec 12 9:30am - Prayer Gathering
Dec 12 9am - Christian Connections potluck & Christmas party
Dec 12 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal
Dec 16 9am - Sunday School
Dec 16 10am - Holy Communion
Dec 16 10:15am - Worship
Dec 16 1pm - Christmas caroling

Bath UMC News & Events

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Advent is the time we as a church prepare for the Christmas season. We are so glad you are here!

Adult Sunday School at 9am has begun an **Advent Study**, and is meeting every Sunday this December. **All welcome** to attend any or all weeks. FMI see Jennifer Conners.

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

Reverse Advent Project offers us a way to give to others as we countdown to Christmas. We will be supporting the food pantry for homeless teens at the high school or the Adventist non-food bank. Many groups are preparing baskets. Individuals can join their donations with us and we will deliver them. See Diane Nicol for lists of needed items or call her 208-7730.

General Conference Listening session today from **6:30 – 8:00pm** at the Pleasant Street UMC, **Waterville ME**. in preparation for the special session of General Conference Feb. 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis. Please RSVP to the district office at 207-395-4080 or mmedist@neumc.org

Thank you to all who have turned in their **2019 Pledge Cards**. If you have not yet had this opportunity, place your card in the offering anytime.

Food Bank Item for for December: Boxed Macaroni & Cheese or Flavored Rice. Please place items in the bin in the hallway.

Christian Connections Christmas - Wed, Dec 12, 12:00 noon - Potluck - Bring your favorite dish to share. We will have a Yankee Swap, no more than \$5 or bring a craft or baked goods to trade. Need a ride or questions, call Deanna Wayman 389-4042 or Cathy Leonard 443-6541.

Christmas Choir - Are you interested in singing a choral piece on Christmas Eve? Join us for our first rehearsal Wednesday, **Dec 12 at 6:30pm**.

Christmas Caroling on Sunday, **Dec 16** to some of our shut-ins. We will have pizza, decorate cookies and rehearse some carols after worship and **drive away at 1pm**. All welcome!

Staff Christmas gift - If you would like to donate see Shirley Lewis, Yvonne Lamberty or Letty Race.

Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service – On the longest night, Friday, **December 21 at 6:30pm** held this year at the **Neighborhood United Church of Christ on Washington Street**. 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 by our Kids! On **Dec 23 at 10:15am** children will be greeting, ushering, leading music and bringing us Christmas joy! Please join us.

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.

Camp Mechuwana ... Not Just for Summer!

These camps are open to grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted. Need-based scholarships are available from our church upon request.

- **Dec 1-2** Senior High Rally (Grades 9-12)
- **Dec 31 - Jan 1** New Years Eve Celebration
- **Feb 8-10** Youth Rally

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 **WCSH6** and **WMTW8**.

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.

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

Schedule of Sunday Servants

Ushers & Greeters (FMI Barbara Johansen)

Usher	Greeter
12/2 - Dot Wing	Cathy Leonard
12/9 - Diane Nicol	Letty Race
12/16 - Bob Soule	Shirley Lewis
12/23 - Rob Hunter	Clara Merkord
12/24 - Marion Wright	Beth Wright
12/30 - Doris Gethicker	Yvonne Lamberty

Readers (FMI Diane Nicol)

12/2 - Hanging of the Greens, many
12/9 - Irving Ouellette
12/16 - Clara Merkord
12/23 - Harold Perkins
12/24 -
12/30 -

Slide Operators (FMI Pastor Gwyneth)

12/2 - Carl Turner
12/9 - Nat Hicks
12/16 - Rian Lewis
12/23 - Rory Garnett
12/24 - Bob Wayman
12/30 - Nat Hicks

Refreshments (FMI Brenda Ouellette)

12/2 - Diane Nicol & Kathleen Lacasse
12/9 - Audrey Cheetham
12/16 - Brenda Ouellette (Yule Log)
12/23 - Christian Education Team
12/30 -

Kids Craft Table (FMI Jennifer Conners)

12/2 - Myrtle Hicks
12/9 - Jen Conners
12/16 - Beth Wright
12/23 -
12/30 -

Small Groups and Bible Studies

Sinners Support Group All women welcome, currently studying the book Practicing Peace, by W. Glyn Evans, every other Monday at 2:00pm 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 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 the book of Acts. 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 Romans. 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 meets Thursdays 9am and is open to women of all denominations.

Children's Sunday School meets at 9am upstairs and is open to all children and youth K-12. FMI Cathy Leonard or Deanna Wayman.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9am in the library and is currently studying a 10-week DVD series by Philip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* FMI Jennifer Conners.