

Bath United Methodist Church

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[Worship With Us Online](#) Sundays at 10:15am

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Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. - 1 Peter 5:2

July 5, 2020 [Worship Online Together](#)

Welcome to Bath United Methodist Church

July 5, 2020

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP - All are welcome to hang out on zoom before worship at about 9:45am. You may also join us by conference call at (346) 248 7799 and enter Meeting ID: 831 6704 5314 and Password: 930502. If Zoom is having trouble, try finding us on <https://meet.jit.si/> in room BathUMC.

WELCOME

Pastor Gwyneth

CANDLE LIGHTING

Draw Me Close to You

Rian Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 23

Judy Rathbun

Leader: The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

All: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Leader: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

All: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

Leader: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

HYMN

Shepherd Me O God

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
(Michigan) Virtual Choir

GREETING VIDEOS

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34:7-11

Clara Merkord

All: Thanks be to God.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:1-11

Woody Hodgkins

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Shepherds of the Flock"
Sermon Series on Peter's First Letter

HYMN

Mighty to Save

Rian Lewis & Andy Chipman

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION IN THE PARKING LOT - Please join us in your car at **11:30am** for Holy Communion. Pastor Gwyneth will lead us in the Communion Liturgy and then cars will drive up to receive Communion. All welcome.

Today's Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 34:7-11 (NRSV)

⁷ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ As I live, says the Lord GOD, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord GOD, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them. ¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

1 Peter 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it-- not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Who Are We As the Church?

Peter, who at one time worked as a fisherman, is now not only known as one of the 12 original disciples called by Jesus, but also the leader for the church after the death and resurrection of Jesus. And the church all across the Roman Empire is multiplying exponentially in spite of widespread persecution. We will be looking at what it means to be the church through difficult times through the eyes of Peter's letter. Peter was writing to churches in what we know of today as Turkey, which included the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia. The words of Peter are relevant to the church today as well, especially as we walk through this time of pandemic together and begin to re-think what the church is all about.

6/14 "Purified by Fire" 1 Peter 1:3-9

6/21 "Witnesses" 1 Peter 3:13-18

6/28 "Living Stones" 1 Peter 2:4-10

7/5 "Shepherds" 1 Peter 5:1-11

New Sermon Series - Next Sunday we begin a sermon series on "Remembering Our Story" beginning with the Creation story. We hope you can join us.

Vacation - Pastor Gwyneth will be away Sundays August 2 and 9 for vacation (July 27 - Aug 10). Stay tuned for more details but we're hoping to plan at least one outdoor praise and worship service. We hope also to have you join our brothers and sisters from the Pleasant St. UMC in Waterville for worship too.

Bath UMC News & Events

Parking Lot Holy Communion service is planned for **TODAY, July 5 at 11:30am** at the church parking lot. When you arrive you will be given a clean cup. You will stay in your car for a brief Communion liturgy service and then drive around the circle to receive Communion from Pastor Gwyneth who will place the elements in your cup for maximum safety. All are welcome!

Our amazing secretary, Julie Ramsey is back from vacation and will begin **mailing out bulletins** to those not on our weekly email list. If you would like to receive this mailing, or be added to our email list, please contact the church office at 443.4707.

COVID-19 Update - A small "re-launch" team will be meeting to begin plans for opening indoor worship at the church on **September 13** (or later if it's still not deemed safe). The team is Rian Lewis, Deanna Wayman, Pat Brown, Bob Soule, Letty Race and Pastor Gwyneth. Please hold them in prayer.

Freezer Update - We have purchased a new commercial freezer with your amazing donations! It is being delivered on Monday. Thank you!

Join us for Coffee Fellowship Sundays at **9:45am** on **Zoom** - the link is found on our website at **BathUMC.org**, or you can **join by phone** (346) 248 7799 and enter Meeting ID: 831 6704 5314 and Password: 930502. All who want may stay for **virtual Holy Communion** at 10am and to view worship together at 10:15am.

Worship services and children's messages can also be viewed on our **YouTube Channel**, **Facebook Page**, and **Bath TV Channel 14** on Thursday at 4:00 pm, and on **Brunswick TV Channel 3** on Saturday and Sunday at 7:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Readers and Greeters - Since we are social distancing, we are recording videos for worship each week. Pastor Gwyneth can record you from your front door or you can meet her at church to record. The pastor can also record you on Zoom, or you can send your own video. Would you be willing to say hello to your church on video, or lead the Call to Worship or read a Scripture? **Just go to this link to sign up!**

Joyful Generosity Appreciated! Please consider all of the ministries of your church family through this difficult time and know your offering makes a real difference. You may safely donate online by credit card, bank number or text. You can also mail your donation to 340 Oak Grove Ave. Bath, ME 04530. Thank you for your generosity!

Care Groups have been formed with a Care Captain assigned to each group to check in on you and your family. If you are not part of our regular worshipping community and would like to be placed in a Care Group, please contact the pastor or church office.

Drive Thru Dinner Church - To help in this COVID-19 crisis, **every Wednesday at 4pm**, we will be offering "to go" brown bag dinners for any who stop by. Financial donations are crucial for keeping this ministry going. Thank you!

United Methodist Economic Ministry - UMEM is THE safety net for western Maine where schools are shut and people have been laid off. Please consider a financial donation to them.

Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom Tuesdays at 10am as we study the Scripture for the pastor's upcoming sermon. The link is found on our website BathUMC.org or you can or you can **join by phone** (346) 248 7799 and enter Meeting ID: 814 4157 3633 and Password: 969181.

Camp Mechuwana Summer Programs have been canceled for this summer. Please keep the camp in prayer, and if you can make a donation to help keep them afloat financially, go to Mechuwana.org

Need a Lift? 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**.

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