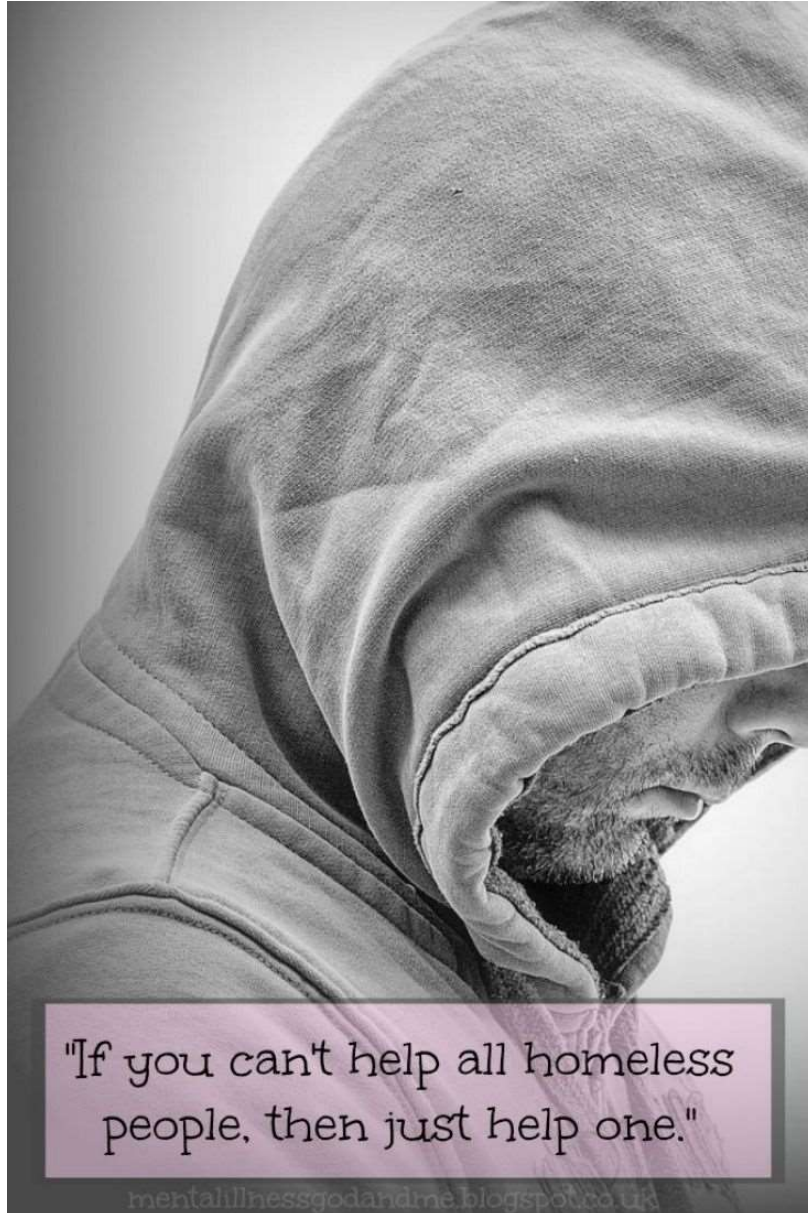


Bath Presbyterian Church

Hunger and Homelessness Sunday

November 13, 2022

In Church, In Parking Lot (Radio 105.3 FM) or on Facebook
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"If you can't help all homeless people, then just help one."

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Time for Quiet Reflection & Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Music for Praise & Meditation

Welcome!

Announcements

- In the life of our Church
- Minute for Mission
- Sharing of Joys & Concern
- Covenant Church for Prayers: Rachel Boden (Fairmont), Deanna Roberts (Oxford), Haley Ingram (Dayton:Westminster), Emily Knoth (Springboro:Covenant), and Josh Sweeney (Southminster).

Call to Worship: (Psalm 107: 2-6)

One: Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story - those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

All: Those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

One: Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

All: They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

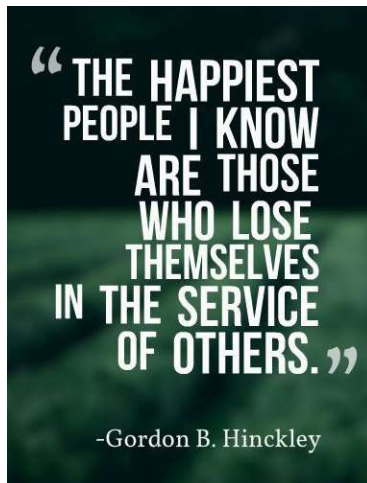
*Call to Worship in Music: “How Can I Keep from Singing” (refrain only pg 821)

No Storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

***Call to Confession:** We are called to pray for those around us who have less than we do. We are called to help as we are able and not to judge those we are helping. We are called to share and not build bigger barns. We pray for your guidance and direction so that we rise higher and help more than we can imagine.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison):

What more can we say, Expectant God, that you don't already know? You long for justice for all people but it is washed away by the flood of greed and self-centeredness in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those in need. Rather than helping, we often shut our mouths, close our arms around our possessions and turn away. Righteous God, forgive us. Have mercy when we do not



bear and share the fruit that we could. Push us, encourage us to take care of all of your children who are our brothers and sisters. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen

***Assurance of Pardon:** The saints of heaven who have gone on before us are cheering us on as we respond to God's urging us to help others in need and thereby run towards the finish line of our faith. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn: #744 “Arise, Your Light has Come!”

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Stay in your pew and display loving signs of Christ's peace to your church family.

Youth Message

1st Scripture Reading – Isaiah 65: 17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Music for Meditation

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2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 12: 13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks Be To God**

Sermon: “Why weeping and crying?” Janet Miller

*Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (The United Church)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People – Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response: “When We Are Tested” (tune - Be Thou my Vision #450)

“When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the power to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do.”

Offering

*Doxology - “Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly

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host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: #721 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

*Benediction- (in unison)

In faith, we have worshiped the God of all grace and hope. By faith, we will go to be poured out for all around us. Through faith, we have come to follow the Servant of the poor. With faith, we will go with our companions, justice and righteousness, to serve the oppressed. By faith, we learn the songs of the Spirit of love. In faith, we will sing these songs with those for whom the music has gone silent. Go in Christ’s peace and be the light of the world, today and always. Amen.

*Postlude: #542 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

“God be with you till we meet a-gain; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a Shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet a-gain. Amen.”

Announcements & More

This Week:

- November 13 – Nominating Committee – after Worship
- November 18 – Movie Night, Showing & Discussion: I am not your Negro – 7 pm
- November 20 – Session Meeting – after Worship

Birthday:

- November 19 – Ann Davis

Every Sunday:

- Breakfast – 9 am
- Sunday School – 9:30-10:30

Ongoing Events:

- Wednesdays – Book Study – 11 am
- Food for FISH: Non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, personal care items
- 4th Sunday of each month: Dollars for Daybreak collection

