

# *Bath Presbyterian Church Newsletter*

## *Pastor Emily's Summer / Fall Message*

**Has anyone else noticed that the Pastor has been gone a lot this Summer??**

**Kirkmont Center: June 19th-25th**—My family and I spent a week at Kirkmont Center in Zanesfield, OH near Bellefontaine.

This week at camp is called PYC (Presbyterian Youth Connection). It is divided into PYC (high schoolers) and PYC Jr (3rd-8th graders). There were about 80 kids on campus this week. Madeline was a PYC Jr camper, and we didn't see her except at meal time! Jonah was our "junior volunteer staff", and hung out and helped us all stay holy!

Cliff and I served as the CE (Christian Education) volunteer staff for the week. In our official capacity, we met with all the counselors and staff each morning to introduce the theme for the day, lead conversation in concerns the staff struggle with and lead morning prayer with the staff. We then lead "Morning Watch" after breakfast to introduce the campers to the theme for the day, lead a brief Bible lesson, lead a song, and pray with and over them for their day ahead. We then taught 4 Christian Ed sessions a day with the campers, two in the morning for PYC Jr; and 2 in the afternoon for PYC. In Christian Ed we center our study, play, prayer and creativity around chosen themes for the week...the theme this week was "I AM", we focused on identity in God and how that differs from how others see us. In the evenings, Cliff and I lead evening campfire devotions with staff and youth to wrap up the day, give a brief/youth friendly sermon, and pray with them before bedtime.

It was a great, exhausting, hot, fun, holy week in one of the most special places in earth (in my humble opinion).

**Montreat Conference Center: July 16th-23rd**— My family and I spent a week at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina; near Asheville.

The kids got to go to Kids Camp that the town of Montreat hosts for Conference center employees' kids, Montreat College staff's kids and local kids from the Montreat/Black Mountain to all come together to play, worship, create and fellowship together. Then our kids worshiped and played with us at the Conference in the evenings. Cliff's official role was as Recreation Director for weeks 3 and 4 of Summer Youth camps. I served as a Small Group Leader. Each week of montreat summer youth camps draws around 1,000 Presbyterian youth from all over the country. They are divided up into about 20 small groups to discuss the Keynote speaker, Worship, and Conference experience in general with a Small group that covenants, prays, discusses and plays together twice a day.

Kirkmont and Montreat are these two unique camp and conference experiences. Kirkmont is small and local and struggles financially, but has huge passion and heart. Montreat is large and beautiful and draws from around the US and equips youth through Spirit filled worship and activities to re-enter their worlds back home and know they are not alone, even when they feel lonely. Both camps are really good at giving youth a community of Christ, even if they feel disconnected from their church families; and an intimate, loving relationship with God; even if they often don't feel loved within their home communities.

I am so grateful to have gotten to take part in both of these conferences this Summer. I definitely learned that the Church will look very different in the next 50 years. However, the youth of today and Church Mothers and Fathers of tomorrow are enthusiastic to show the world that the God of Creation is alive and on the move and always calling for partners in bringing about the Kingdom of God on earth.


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## Mission Committee Update April – July 2022

**Doing outreach under Random Acts of Kindness**, where we actually serve in the community face to face and hand to hand, has been a wonderful growth experience for those who have participated. If you recall, in 2021 we did outreach at a laundromat, at Rob West's community house and at Riverscape. This year we have partnered with **Jesus on the Street** to give prayer and words of encouragement as well as hot dogs, cupcakes, and water to anyone interested near the downtown Dayton RTA hub once a month. The Mission Team invites anyone interested to join us in our various efforts. Additionally, we are open to other opportunities to be in the community as God's hands and feet.

Bath Mission continued **supporting Spinning Hills Middle School**, Riverside, during the school year by providing **fidget toys** and a few other needed items. A fidget toy is an object that allows a child to regulate his need for movement and touch enhancing his ability to remain calm, focused, and attentive. Fidget toys provide a place for kids to direct their energy in a less distracting and more socially appropriate way while they focus on the task at hand (e.g. listening to a lesson in the classroom, paying attention to a book during circle time). These were greatly appreciated by the teachers and staff of the Spinning Hills 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!



### *Fidget Toy Examples*

**Bath's Mission focus for July 17 – August 14 is Back to School supplies for Spinning Hills.** The list of needed items is below but other school supply items can be accepted if the items are 'like new.' Monetary contributions will also be received. The donor can use the pew envelopes and explicitly mark that the donation is for 'Local School Support'

- #2 Pencils (students need at least 40 each!)
- Blue or black pens
- Glue sticks (4 or more per student!)
- Zipper pouch with 3-hole punches to inside binder
- Highlighters
- Dry erase markers, ie Expo
- Crayons, 24 count (there are over 500 students!)
- Colored pencils, 12 count
- 1" binders
- Loose leaf paper, white, wide ruled
- Corded headphones (NOT Bluetooth)



The congregation of Bath showed its generosity by supporting contributions this quarter:

\$900 to support PC(USA) efforts in war-torn Ukraine  
 \$215 for Daybreak  
 \$154 for Michael's House  
 \$408 for Local Food Needs such as Huber Heights FISH  
 \$420 for BJ at Hearts with Haiti  
 \$132 to PC(USA) for 60% of Pentecost Offering  
 \$372 to PC(USA) from One Great Hour of Sharing



At each Mission Team meeting, we discuss relevant topics which help us understand and expand our understanding of crucial societal issues. Topics discussed during recent Mission Team meetings included Child Abuse Awareness, Mental Health Awareness and Advancing Equality and Justice for All.

Blessedly submitted,  
The Bath Mission Team





## Notes from Ethan Johns – Clerk of Session

**Session Updates:** As Summer continues along, Session continues regular business and discussion of the church's various ministries! Session recently reviewed the church roll, had minutes and records from 2021 reviewed with exception, and continues to discuss new, exciting ministry opportunities. Among several areas of discussion, Session continues to discuss the idea of constructing an outdoor gathering space for the church and community, the relationship between the church and the Women's Gathering, as well as better understanding the Grand Patrons Fund.

**Worship:** Worship continues at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary with broadcast via FM radio to the parking and streaming to Facebook Live. Sincere appreciation to Brad Hitchcock and J.O. Miller for leading our joyful music as well as all those who assist in music! Sincere appreciation to all those who serve as Lay Leader helping with the service! Sincere appreciation to Janet Miller, J.O. Miller, and Verna Drake for sharing our sermon with us over the past few months!

**COVID-19 Mitigation:** Unfortunately, the three counties around the church have raised to a High level of COVID-19 community transmission. The CDC encourages social distancing and masking for all while inside public places. Additionally, the church is heavily encouraging folks to mask and maintain social distance during Worship and Fellowship events. These simple gestures help protect not only yourself, but those around you!

### CHURCH CONNECT

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**Contact Information**  
View and update your contact information.

**Online Giving**  
Make a one-time or recurring donation.


**Giving History**  
View your up-to-date giving history.



**Instructions available on the church website at**  
[BathChurch.org/church-connect.html](http://BathChurch.org/church-connect.html)

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## Online Giving



**Did you know?**  
Online giving allows folks to make both one-time and recurring donations to Loose Offering, Pledged Offering, the Building & Major Maintenance Fund, and the Memorial Fund using debit/credit cards or electronic check.

Visit [BathChurch.org](http://BathChurch.org) for more information!

### April & May Session Meeting Highlights

- Session is exploring construction of a pavilion on church property to support both church and community functions. A leech bed for sewer is behind the Church and would restrict possible locations. The Property Committee will continue this discussion, consideration for a gazebo, and locating the leech bed.
- Pastor Emily and the CE & Media committee are exploring the possibility of forming a Youth Group in the fall.
- The elevator was inspected by Custom Home Elevator & Lift. The Property committee is exploring alternative contractors to service the elevator, as required by the State of Ohio.
- A discussion was held regarding the possibility of removing various bushes around the church.
- Re-painting the church sign and gate in the same color was approved.
- Church's Facility Use Policy: currently the policy addresses use of facilities (church grounds and building) and does not address supplies including items for serving food and drink. The Property Committee will further investigate any necessary revisions to account for use of supplies, a post-use inspection or report, and/or co-ordination of cleaning.

**Copies of full Session Meeting Minutes are available to all church members. Check the website (under Announcements) or contact Ethan Johns.**

# Bath Church - History Revisited

*From: Fairborn Daily Herald - June 22, 1959*

## Bath Church Shares Building to Aid Organizing Methodists

A unique experiment in interdenominational sharing started yesterday near Huber Heights as Methodists and Presbyterians began sharing the same church building.

A new Methodist church for the Huber Heights area is now being formed but has no place to meet. The Bath United Presbyterian church opened its doors to this group and the two will share the Presbyterian church.

The United Presbyterian group begins Sunday school at 8:30 a.m. Worship starts at 9:30 a.m.

The Methodist church holds its worship at the Bath church sanctuary at 11 a.m.

James H. Conley, pastor of the Bath Presbyterian church, cited the building sharing as an example of the cooperative spirit which has prevailed among all the church in the Huber Heights community.

*From: Fairborn Daily Herald, - excerpt, May 26, 1953*

## \$2,771 Pledged by 75 Persons for Church Community Center

As a result of the community rally held Saturday by the Bath Presbyterian church, \$2,771.32 was pledged toward the Bath Church Community Center.

This amount was pledged by the 75 persons attending the rally. Altogether to date, \$625.22 in cash has been received. Mrs. Vianna Painter, one of the oldest members of the church, gave the first cash donation.

Other donating cash from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Lewis of Greenfield; Mrs. John Hart Wilson of Wichita Falls, Tex; and Mrs. Leonard Rogers of Bradenton, Fla.

*From: Fairborn Daily Herald—October 28, 1952*

## Bath Circle Sponsors Sale

Bath Fellowship circle, a newly formed group of women at the Bath Presbyterian church, will sponsor a bake sale of home-made pies and cakes to be held at Bowman's Good House-keeping Shop, Saturday morning, Nov. 1.

*From: Fairborn Daily Herald, - May 22, 1953*

## Plans for Recreation Center To Be Discussed at Rally

A big community rally will be held tomorrow from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. by the Bath Presbyterian church. Entertainment and discussion for the prospects of a recreation building will be on the agenda.

The evening will start with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. John Morton is chairman for the dinner. John Morton is campaign manager for the rally and Claude Nolen is building chairman.

Dr. John Meyers, pastor of Bath Presbyterian church, will be toastmaster for the evening.

The planned recreation building will be non-denominational, will include possibly a nursery or kindergarten, be used by teenagers and will be a regular community building for everything. Pledges for the building will be prorated over three years time.

The meeting is primarily to find out exactly what the people want and how many would be interested in having the addition. The proposed name for the building is Bath Church Community Center.

Members of the committee for the rally and church building are: John Garrett, Jim Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Puckett, DeRoy Vandgrift, and Mr. and Mrs. John Bagford.



# Bath Church—A shared History with the towns of Osborn & Fairfield, Greene County Ohio

Osborn was a town located near the Haddix Road-Ohio 235 intersection at the northern edge of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in what is now the flood-prone basin of the Huffman Dam in the U.S. state of Ohio.

Osborn was named after the superintendent of the railroad named E.F. Osborn. The previously unnamed town allowed the railroad to be built through it after the nearby town of Fairfield refused the plan of the railway to go through there. Nearly the entire town of Osborn, along with the railroad, were relocated two miles away during construction of the Huffman dam to a site east of and adjacent to Fairfield, Ohio in 1921. This was necessary because of the Miami Valley Flood Control Project and the Miami Conservancy District that was begun after the Great Dayton Flood (Dayton, Ohio) of March 1913.

Many of the original houses of old Osborn still stand in Fairborn's "Osborn Historic District" (located on and around N. First Street, Fairborn). On January 1, 1950, Osborn and the neighboring town of Fairfield were merged as Fairborn. The first business to depict the name of the new city was the large vertical sign of the Fairborn Theatre.

The old Osborn cemetery lies within the boundary of Wright-Patterson, near the north end of the main flight line, which used to be part of the town. During the building of the longer runway to accommodate the large B-36 Bombers in the 1940s, the old streets of Osborn were still visible on the ground near the airstrip.

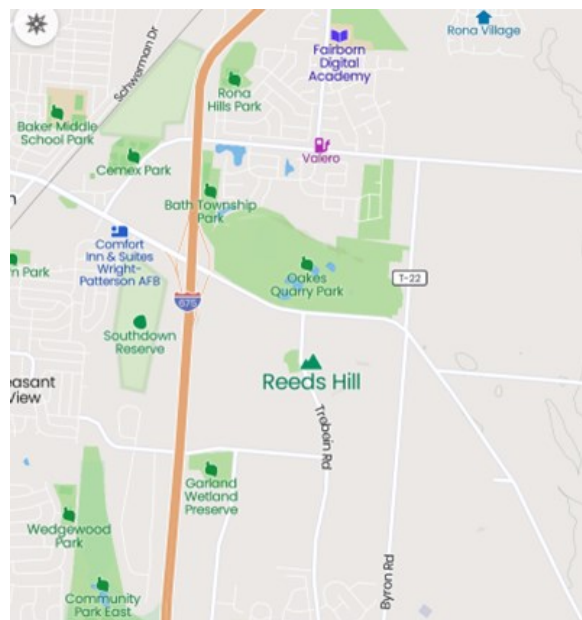
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NORTH RAILROAD STREET, OSBORN.  
Under the plans of the Conservation District, this town will be removed.

North Railroad Street in Osborn ca. 1908



Fairborn was formed from the union in 1950 of the two villages of Fairfield and Osborn. Fairfield was founded by European Americans in 1816 and Osborn in 1850.

The area of the village of Fairfield was settled by European Americans before Ohio was admitted as a state. The first log cabin was built in 1799 by George Greiner. Pioneers migrating northward and westward from Kentucky and Virginia considered this area near the Mad River desirable for settlement. They were encroaching on territory of the native Shawnee, who sometimes raided the village. Settlers retaliated. No massacres were recorded but both sides engaged in taking prisoners.

Two local accounts relate to the origin of the name "Fairfield". A local Native American chief, possibly a Shawnee, made peace and exchanged prisoners with leaders of the settlement. He said to William Cozad that, when he looked out from Reed's Hill over the town, "*Yonder lies a fair field. I see thousands of white men moving about in that beautiful fair field.*" (Reed's Hill is located on Trebein Road, Fairborn, across from Oakes Quarry Park)

Nearby Osborn was named after the superintendent of the railroad named E.F. Osborn. The settlement allowed the railroad to be built through it after the nearby town of Fairfield had refused such construction. Many of the original houses of old Osborn can be found in Fairborn's Historic Osborn District, where they were moved during the early 1920s.

Source: Cleo Wilson Hodgkins, Charles R. Linderman editor (1976). "History of Fairborn, Ohio". *A Tale of Two Towns*. City of Fairborn, Ohio. Archived from the original on 2007-07-01. Retrieved 2007-05-20.

## ***Pastor Emily's 2022 vacation and continuing education dates***

### **Allotted Time Off (according to pastor/Session contract):**

4 weeks vacation

2 weeks continuing education



#### **Vacation**

April 3 - Las Vegas

June 5 - Rhode Island

July 31 - Outer Banks

September 4 - Smokies

#### **Continuing Education**

March 27 - Kirkmonth Women's retreat

October 23 - conference in WV



#### **Other**

July 17 - Montreat Conference Center

Session approved service to the greater church

June 19-25 - Kirkmont - no time off taken\*

July 3-6 - Wisconsin - no time off taken\*

\* no time off taken = Pastor did not miss a Sunday as worship leader, Pastor still "worked" 19 hours that week even if pastor was out of town during part of the week.



### **2022 Communion Dates**

April 14 - Maundy Thursday

April 17 - Easter Sunday

June 12 - Pentecost celebration

October 2 - World Communion Sunday

November 20 - Christ the King Sunday

December 25 - Christmas Day Sunday

### **What's your favorite holiday recipe to make, to share, to gift, to enjoy?**

Is it cookies, or a pie, or stuffing, or a fool-proof trick for making creamy mashed potatoes? Well, dig out your cookbooks because the Mouse will be sharing those holiday recipes in the October-December 2022 Newsletter.

#### **Teasers:**

- Did you know you can fully cook a 10-12 pound turkey by having the oven on for only 1 hour?
- What Asian vegetable can be added to a traditional green bean casserole to give it a tasty crunch?



Deadline to submit-September 15. Email to: [kquinn2@woh.rr.com](mailto:kquinn2@woh.rr.com).





# Church EVENTS

August 1—Women's Group—10 am - 3 pm  
August 7—Ice Cream Social—after Worship  
August 10—Mission Committee Meeting - 1 pm  
August 24—Session Meeting, 5:30 pm

## **Birthdays:**

August 3—Rick Lockwood  
August 10—Cliff Haddox  
August 12—Deb Hitchcock  
August 23—Ethan Johns



## **Anniversaries:**

August 6—Jack & Abbie Keeton  
August 18—Chris & Hazel Pomfret

## **Mission Activity:**

July 17—August 14: Collecting school supplies for Mad River Schools—Spinning Hills Middle School

September 4—Coffee & Donuts—after Worship  
September 5—Women's Group—10 am—3pm

## **Birthdays:**

September 4—Brittany Gunckle  
September 5—Al Beane  
September 16—Susan Lockwood  
September 17—Carolyn Casanova  
September 21—Ernie Stockton  
September 22—Abbie Keeton  
September 27—John Brackney



## **Anniversaries:**

September 21—Verna & Paul Drake

**October—December 2022 Newsletter Deadline: September 15.** Email committee inputs, articles, photos, etc., to Val Quinn (kquinn2@woh.rr.com). Don't forget your holiday recipes!

Calendar information current as of newsletter publication date. Check the calendar on [www.bathchurch.org](http://www.bathchurch.org), or contact Pastor Emily or an Elder for most up-to-date information