

Upcoming Events

Mar 3	Sunday	7:00 Board Meeting
Mar 4	Monday	12:00 Bingo, Fellowship Hall
Mar 5	Tuesday	6:00 PM AA Meeting (Every Tuesday)
Mar 6	Wednesday	6:00 CMF 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Mar 7	Thursday	8:00 AM Scotty's Men's Breakfast (Every Thursday)
Mar 12	Tuesday	2:00 Movie, Fellowship Hall
Mar 27	Wednesday	6:30 Family Night Team 4 7:30 CWF
Mar 28	Thursday	7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
Mar 29	Friday	Noon 'til Midnight Good Friday Prayer Vigil
Mar 30	Saturday	3:30 PM BCC Community Egg Hunt
Mar 31	Sunday	Community Sunrise Service Bonner Point
Mar 31	Sunday	10:00 AM Easter Sunday Service

March Birthdays

7 Beverly Holt

8 Mary Lynn Edwards

12 Jessie Brooks

14 Claudia Alligood

24 Claude Dupree

28 Billy Hill

31 Pastor Harry Smith

Jerry Walton



The Good News

March 2024 Newsletter



Pastor Harry's Thoughts for March

As we step into the month of March, we are coming into one of the most beautiful seasons of our Christian walk where we recall our Lord's passion. Like many words and phrases we have heard over the years, the meaning of our Lord's passion tends to get lost. We hear this around Easter, but some of us have never been taught the real meaning of this beautiful truth. It was Christ's passion for us that lead him to the cross. And so, in the weeks leading up to and surrounding Easter, we celebrate our Lord's love for us, what he endured, and what he accomplished at the cross by his suffering, his death, and his resurrection. The history of this celebration dates back somewhere between the 3rd and 4th centuries. As we love to celebrate traditions, this time has become one of the most meaningful traditions for us as believers. We embrace sacred moments in our lives by celebrating them: The moment of someone's birth; a birthday. We celebrate the moment two souls become one; holy matrimony. We honor the passing of someone's life we hold dear; a funeral. In like manner, our Lord's passion is a time we recall what Christ bore out of his eternal love for us. From his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane to his death on the cross, this is our Lord's passion. But there are other significant moments we celebrate and honor during this 40 day season of Lent.

Palm Sunday, the day when Christ rode into Jerusalem and declared his Lordship as he was met with the crowd waving palm branches. A tradition customary as a time to welcome royalty.

Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter: celebrating the washing of feet and the Last Supper that Christ shared with his disciples; Good Friday, the day of our Lord's crucifixion that would atone for the sins of all mankind. And finally, Easter, end to our spiritual death, granting us eternal life with him. Considering the sacrifice Christ made for all mankind, I want to urge you this month to think about what we can do for one another. Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment before going to the cross. In John 13:34 Jesus said "A new commandment I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another". The writer of Hebrews says in Hebrews 10:24, "Let us consider how we may spur one another onward toward love and good deeds". As humans it doesn't come natural to us to consider someone else first. So how can you today spur someone else to good deeds and to love? Often times we don't pause long enough to consider anyone else's needs and how our actions or words may affect another. May we take time during this beautiful season and think of ways to put someone else first. To cause another to be blessed rather than ourself.

There is an old hymn of the church that says, "They will know us by our love". So how do you show love today to someone else? Jesus said in John 13:35, "By this everyone will know you are my disciples." Do others know that you are a disciple of Christ? As we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord this month, may we all recall how Christ sacrificed for us so that we may mimic Christ's sacrifice by sacrificing for others.

Blessings to All,

Pastor Harry

The Good News

March Devotion

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him. (Psalm 62:8)

“I saw a robin!” My mother’s voice on the phone had the singsong quality of smug victory. She might as well have added, “*Na-na-na-na-na!*” She likes to win this game.



Mom and I have an annual competition to see who can spot the year’s first robin. It started the year I left home, and it’s been going on for more than two decades. Here in Connecticut, the first robin is a big deal. It means that the winter will, indeed, end, even when we’re convinced it’s going to go on forever. Mom and I are not winter lovers by any stretch of the imagination. For both of us, it’s always been a long, gray crawl from Christmas to Easter. So the first robin is an important signpost, and even more so this year.

My grandmother has been ill for months, and my mother’s older sister died shortly after Christmas. Our lives have been touched by melancholy, and the road ahead looks bumpy and gray as mortality looms large in our lives. To make matters worse, it’s also been the coldest winter in a decade. It’s hard even to imagine Easter. Then Mom’s call came. I couldn’t remember the last time she sounded so excited.

This year’s sighting was the earliest yet. Three days later, I saw a dozen robins gathered together in some undergrowth by the road. A dozen! It was nine degrees out. Mom may have had the victory, but we both won this year.

God’s lesser creatures know what we advanced folk sometimes forget: Easter and spring always come. Sometimes, we just have to wait awhile.

Lord Jesus, let me never forget that you are risen and present in all circumstances and in all seasons.

From “The Guidepost”

~CMF~

The CMF of Bath Christian Church met Wednesday February 7, 2024 with Claude Dupree presiding. Fifteen members were present and they were R. Winstead, R. Smith, G. Morris, J. Picariello, L. Wingate, L. Schmitt, B. Hill, M. Alligood, F. Hill, P. McRoy, J. Barnhill, C. Dupree, H. Smith, G. Heath and D. Adams.

Cooks for the evening were Wingate, Schmitt and B. Hill. A delicious meal of HOG stew, baked sweet potatoes, cabbage, rutabagas and cornbread were served. This was followed with pie and brownies. Great job cooks.

Business Meeting

- Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
- Financial report given and approved.
- Curtains on Moe Shack to come down after breakfast on 2/8. Volunteers needed.
- Cooks for March are Barnhill and Morris.
- Cooks for April are Dupree, Alligood and R. Smith.

Devotion given by L. Wingate. Reference material was from Psalm 131:1, "My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me". Christian life is small steps forward. Keep your eyes on Jesus, and keep going with small steps.

Prayer concerns were discussed. C. Dupree prayed for those mentioned and for unspoken request.

Meeting closed by C. Dupree.

March Holiday Calendar

Mar 1 National Peanut butter Lover's Day

Mar 3 National Anthem Day

Mar 8 International Women's Day

Mar 9 National Meatball Day

Mar 13 National K9 Veterans day

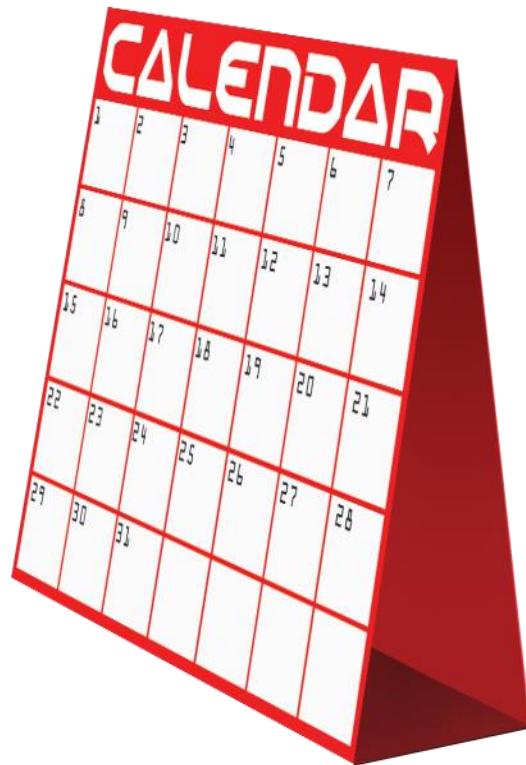
Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day

Mar 19 First Day of Spring

Mar 23 National Puppy Day & World Meteorological Day

Mar 26 Make Up Your Holiday Day

Mar 29 National Mom & Pop Business Owner's Day



~Board Meeting~

The BCC Board met on January 7, 2024, with Leon Wingate presiding. Starley Stell opened with prayer.

Leon welcomed new and old board members and expressed appreciation to the board members who are no longer serving on the board, Alex Shreve, Gloria Windley and Reeves Smith, who now serves in an emeritus position. Howard Robertson, Leon Wingate and others expressed appreciation to Gerald Morris, Jamie Barnhill and Claude Dupree for their commitment and service to Bath Christian Church.

Leon reminded the Board that we represent the whole church, and we need to listen to the concerns of the congregation.

The minutes of the Dec. 1 meeting, as well as the congregational meeting held on Dec. 10, 2023, were Distributed, reviewed and passed. (Motion, Gerald Morris; second Claude Dupree)

Jamie Barnhill presented the treasurer's reports of Dec. 2023, as well as the final quarter of 2023. The report was approved (motion, C.M. Cartwright; second, Reeves Smith). Jamie reported that the tent was finally removed.

Old Business

As an aftermath of the congregational meeting held on December 10, 2023, to vote on DOC disaffiliation, measures are being taken to incorporate and to gain 501C3 non-profit status for our church. A committee, consisting of Gerald Morris, Chair; Jane Alligood and Charles Allen has been appointed.

Howard Robertson reported that the guidelines for scholarships will be reviewed; no updates at this point.

Starley Stell reported the the Membership Committee has compiled lists of active and inactive members and will meet this month to finalize its report.

No other committee reports.

Youth Director's Report is attached.

No report from the minister; Harry was unable to attend the meeting.

New Business

Leon reported that work is being done to appoint committees and volunteers are needed to complete sign up Sheets in the vestibule and Fellowship Hall. A suggestion was made that people who have formerly served on a volunteer committee sign up again and invite a person who has not participated before to sign up to learn what the committee does.

The Search Committee will remain the same. A motion was made and passed the the Search Committee contact Harry about an extension of his service beyond the end of March. (Motion, Starley Stell; second, Bill Hill)

Leon stated that his goals for the year include having a permanent minister and seeing everyone working together. Other suggestions mentioned from the floor were seeking young families and visiting new people who move into the community to invite them to our church.

Adjournment. (Motion, Don Shreve; second, Becky Tuten)

The meeting was closed in prayer by Becky Tuten.

Respectively submitted,

Claudia Alligood, Secretary

The Bath Christian Church CWF met on February 28, 2024 with the following ladies present: Darlene Ormond, Claudia Alligood, Gale Walton, Alice Wingate, Jane Alligood, Rachel Jordan, Sarah Stone, Debbie Smith, Sandra Dupree, Becky Tuten, Barbara Morris, June Wallace, Mary Lynn Edwards, Helen Brooks, Patty Selby, Yvonne Waters, Nelda Ormond, Corene Allen, Cynthia Stell, and Nancy Hill. Claudia welcomed everyone and reminded us that when we have a leap year, we are blessed with another day the Lord has given us and that is a special gift.

Debbie gave the opening prayer to begin our meeting.

Claudia gave the devotion, sharing a couple of readings, Shadow of the Cross, and The Son, both very timely for the Lenten season. A quote from the second reading, The Son, reminds us of the significance of God's giving His only Son not only to us but for us.

Prayer concerns were shared and many names and concerns were addressed.

Corene prayed for those mentioned and for our offering.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Gale gave the treasurer's report. She also shared that several thank you notes for the CWF contributions to various organizations had been received. She noted that we would pay the organizations/groups in our budget twice during the year and the first 6-month donation has been sent to them.

Business:

1) There are still several boxes of the Jean Bowen cookbooks that need to be sold and a place to be stored. Claudia asked the group to consider taking some to sell and think of places they could be put for selling.

2) One nonprofit organization that has been brought to the attention of the group in the past was discussed and the group approved a monetary donation to be included in the annual budget.

3) Volunteers were named to plan the Celebration of Women banquet.

4) The For the Troops project, a part of the mission work of Bath Methodist Church, is in need of donated items. CWF will donate some items and everyone was encouraged to also contribute individually. Claudia shared a list of needed items for the troops. This is an ongoing year-round mission.

5) Landscape maintenance needs include replacement of dead azaleas in front church/parking lot area and the replacement of a crepe myrtle.

6) Various church tasks and help with areas of need were addressed by several members. It was noted that there are many jobs to be done for our church to function properly. In particular was the need for more help in the nursery during Sunday morning worship, volunteers to teach children's church, and volunteers for children's moment. These are all a vital part of our Sunday morning worship.

7) A local monetary need for a family was mentioned and an approved donation will be given. Claudia emphasized to always be aware of the needs within our local community.

Meeting concluded with Claudia asking everyone to think of a word or phrase that comes to mind when we think about compassion.

Our next meeting will be March 27.

We adjourned with the CWF benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hill

**First Wednesdays 6:00 PM
Christian Men's Fellowship**

March meeting is March 5

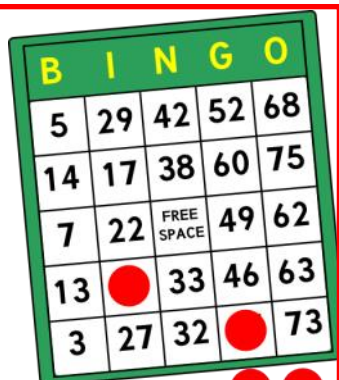


**Scotty's Men's Breakfast
Faith, Food, & Fellowship**

**Every Thursday 8:00 am
All in the community are invited
to attend.**

**Every First Monday
of the Month at
12:00 Noon in
Fellowship Hall**

**Mar 4
Next Bingo!**



**Movie Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
2:00 Fellowship Hall
Bring an item for donation to Eagles
Wings. Next Movie March 12**



**BCC
Community Easter
Celebration & Egg
Hunt**

**March 30th,
Sat. 3:30**

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips,
Drinks. Sign up sheet in church
office for Help with this fun event!
Needs: Candy for eggs, food items
& baked goods for cupcake walk,
Volunteers to assist with event
activities. Than you!**

**Please Join Us For
Family Night
March 27 6:30 PM**



**Team 4 will be preparing
delicious food!**



March 27 7:30 PM CWF

March 2024

Childrens Moment

Mar 3 Barbara Morris
Mar 10 Ami Staples
Mar 17 Rachel Jordan
Mar 24 Darlene Ormond
Mar 31 Alice Wingate

Flowers

Mar 3 Fred & Diedre Hill
Mar 10 Helen Brooks
Mar 17 Brenda & Vernon Godley
Mar 24 Palm Sunday
Mar 31 Easter Lilies

Nursery

Mar 3 S&C Dupree
Mar 10 C&S Stell
Mar 17 D.Smith & C. Alligood
Mar 24 R&C Jordan
Mar 31 C. Lyon & R. Cutler

Children's Church

Mar 3 C. Lyon
Mar 10 A. Woolard
Mar 17 L. Woolard
Mar 24 A. Wingate
Mar 31 P. Selby

Serving Schedule for March

Mar 3 Elders: Barnhill & Dupree

Deacons WK: Norman & Gurgan

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C. Woolard, Hill

Mar 10 Elders: Morris & Robertson

Deacons WK: John Jordan, J. Alligood

J. Jordan, J. Alligood
A. Jordan, N. Jordan

Mar 17 Elders: Wingate & Stell

Deacons WK: C. Alligood, D. Shreve

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C. Woolard, A. Woolard

Mar 24 Elders: Barnhill & Dupree

Deacon WK: J. Jordan, Norman

J. Jordan, Norman

A. Jordan, N. Jordan

Mar 31 Elders: Morris & Robertson

Deacon WK; Norman & Gurganus

Norman, Gurganus
C. Woolard, Hill



Youth In Action at Bath Christian Church

Thank you for an amazing Performance for Youth Sunday February 25
"You Are With Me" Psalms 23

WE THINK YOU ARE FAMOUS, WE LOVE YOU AND APPREIATE YOU!!!

Here are our stars

Alex Woolard

Hannah Bogenn

Gracie Greer

Nic Jordan

Raegen Bogenn

Alex Jordan

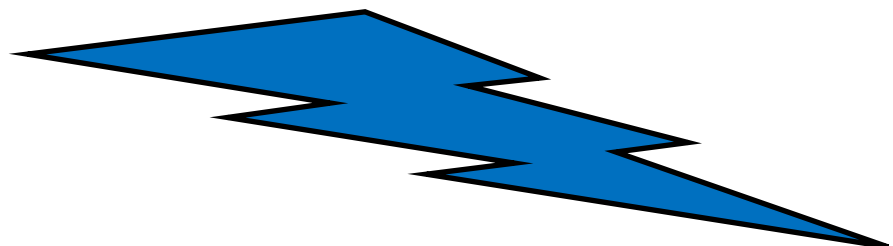
We missed you Olivia!

Charlie Woolard

Abby Woolard

Henry George

Special Thanks to:
Alex Shreve
Nancy Hill
Pastor Harry



Please Pray for Our Church

Family Prayer Concerns:

Diane Adams, Dick Adams, Sylvia Barnhill, Bill Bertram,
John & Sara Burgess, Julie Crawford, John Everett, Terry Everett, John Holt, Beverly Holt,
Margaret Midgette, Carol Richardson, Connie Winstead, Curtis White & **all care givers, & unspoken requests.**

Friends & Community Prayer Concerns:

Mar 3 Dianne Lee (cw), Cam Brooks(hs), Kathy Siemon(nh),
Pam Logan (ss) Betty Lou Gurganus(ss) Wayne Newton(ss), Grant Jarman (cc)
Feb.25: Bob Brescia (Main Street Bob)cl, Brent Hamilton (bh)
Ann Lancaster (ss), Ronita “Tweet” Cutler (ss)
Feb. 18: Charlie Pippin(cw)Jackie Smith (Pastor Harry’s Mother) Carolyn Stokely(hc)
Feb. 11: Geral Bissette(cl), Bethany Cobb(ss), Johnny Brooks(ss), Joe Mohorn (ss)
Jan.28: Davy Ann Fulmer(gw), Sam Fulmer (gw), Betty Wilson(gw),
Jerome Naylor(hb), Hilda McLawhorn(ss), Insley Sandifort(ss),David GlenWoolard(cw).
Jan. 17: Judy Alford(as)
& Unspoken Requests

Prayer requests that have been on Prayer List since Dec. 24, 2023 were removed.

Please renew requests that may still need our prayers.

The Families of:

Marvin Jarman, Willie Kenlaw, Jr. , Susan Moss, William O’Pharrow, Sr., Timothy Powell, Timothy Selby, Della Spell, Lonnie Stokesberry, Joan Tanner

Military Prayer List: Jim Bass, Chase Brooks, Will Cutler, Zack Davis, & Hunter Williams.

In Nursing Homes:

Jimmy Coltrain, Bobbie Jean Hobgood (Sister of Linda Heath) , Diane Lee, Susan Overton.

Contact Church Secretary concerning any Newsletter requests via email:
bccsecretary317@gmail.com. Deadline is March 25