



Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

August 2023

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 6 – Communion

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dave Good
Liturgist: Helen Hawk
Special Music: Dave Good
Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Tenna Rhonemus
Slides: Pastor Dave
Acolytes: Owen and Clara
Greeters: John and Chris and Hochstetler

Sunday, August 13 – Outdoor Worship, Cents-Ability Offering

Pulpit Supply: Tenna Rhonemus
Liturgist: Dan Noland
Special Music: Dan Noland
Sound: Rob McGarrity/Camera: Lynda Best
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolytes: Robbie and Bowen
Greeters: Mike and Tenna Rhonemus

Sunday, August 20

Pulpit Supply: Jim Boroff
Liturgist: Jane McGarrity
Special Music: Mike and Sharon Wildermuth
Sound: Ryan Brauen/Camera: Betsey Angus
Slides: Michele Talavinia
Acolyte: Avery
Greeters: Craig Bowman and Rob McGarrity

Sunday, August 27

Pulpit Supply: Jim Boroff
Liturgist: Dave Sycks
Special Music: Clara and Don Brauen
Sound: Jeff Gillen/Camera: Clair Winebar
Slides: Cathy Carroll
Acolyte: Morgan
Greeters: Jeff and Cindy Gillen

Mark Your Calendars!

Sundays:

Worship 10:15 AM – Sanctuary
Second Sunday of the month 10:15 AM – Outdoors
Claralice Circle will not be meeting over the summer months. Meetings will resume in September.

August 1 – National Night Out – 7:00 to 9:00 PM

August 12 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM

August 13 – Frisbee Golf at Bluffton Village Park

August 13 – Outdoor Worship from Gazebo

August 27 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy by end of day

Weekly livestream worship is available on our [Facebook page](#) and later posted to our [website](#).

Outdoor Services

On the second Sunday of the month from August through September, worship services will be held in the gazebo at 10:15 a.m. Please bring your own chair, although there will be some chairs available. In case of inclement weather, the outdoor services will be held in the sanctuary.

Pastoral Nominating Committee

The PNC team has assessed 60 candidates in the last six months. They are in contact with several of these, but don't know whether this will lead to anything. They will keep their nose to the grindstone.



FAITH FORMATION

Two paid opportunities are available to work with young people – Youth Group Intern and Church School/Nursery leader. Please contact Dick McGarrity.

Sarah Brauen will be stepping down from leading the Young Youth Faith Formation Class on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (starting back in September), and we will need someone to replace her. Please contact Dick McGarrity.

MISSION



Thanks to Tanya Best for helping Bob and Tammie to cover July Pizza Night at LRM. Also, thanks to everyone who helped with donations.

The next couple of Pizza Nights are August 12, September 9, and October 14. Currently we have 3 volunteers for August. Anyone interested in helping or donating drinks, snacks, and supplies, please call or text Bob Hursh.

If you donate money, please submit a check (memo: LRM) to the church office or give online (www.blufftonpc.org/give). Thanks!

Little Free Pantry

July 31-Aug 6 – Jayne McGarrity
Aug 7-Aug 13 – Carol Enneking
Aug 14-Aug 20 – Sarah Brauen
Aug 21-Aug 27 – Sarah Noland
Aug 28-Sept 3 – Diane Winebar

Donations this month of chicken or beef ramen noodles and spaghetti sauce and noodles would be helpful. Thank you for your continued support!

As of June 30, the Little Free Pantry fund balance stood at \$378. If you would like to make a gift to the Little Free Pantry, please note Little Free Pantry on your check, or, if giving online, click the Little Free Pantry box on the BPC website giving link.



Prayers of Sympathy for:

The family and friends of Melissa Kirkpatrick who recently passed away (friend of Jana McVetta).

Prayers of Joy for:

Bev Begg on the arrival of great-grandson, Benjamin.

Jim and Bonnie Boroff on their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Continued Prayers for:

Those who live alone or in care facilities and are less able to engage in meaningful connections with others, including Jane Benroth, Peggy Hursey, Ralph Middleton, Ben Miracle, Hazel Rodabaugh, and Owen Ziessler.

Members and friends serving in the armed forces.

We Pray for God's Healing for:

Jane Benroth
Alaina (friend of LeAnn Carr)
Makayla, Skyler, and Rhett (friends of Tyler and Jade Hochstetler)
Sylvia (Diane Winebar's sister)
Dr. Sharon Cole (Darlene Hey's doctor)
Linda Francies (Bev Begg's daughter)
Bobbi Mueller (Darlene Hey's daughter)
Larry Rhonemus (Mike Rhonemus's father)
Jessie Spencer (Darlene Hey's great niece)
Sandi Waibel (Donnas Stone's sister)
Taylor Zsiros (Jeff and Kerry Fremont's son's fiancé)

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, contact Mike Rhonemus. PLEASE leave a message if no answer. Or call the church office at (419) 358-5806 with your prayer request, and we will pass along the information. If you would like to add someone else to the prayer chain, please be sure to get their permission first. Names and circumstances can be kept confidential, if desired. God knows for whom we pray. If you would like to be part of the chain or would like more information, please contact Mike or another deacon.

Thank You

Dear Bluffton Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the Amazon gift card and Dietsch's chocolates? I have been blessed to grow up in such a supportive church that truly feels like a family. Your kind words, well wishes, love, and support will never be forgotten.

Love you all,
Paige McVetta



Thank you Jeff Gillen, Dave Sycks, and Dan Noland, for mulching the church yard and manse.

National Night Out

National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 1. We are looking for volunteers to work the bounce house. There are two 1-hour shifts 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs if you would like to help.



SESSION

No Session meeting held in July.

DEACONS

No Deacon meeting held in July.



FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

June 2023 – General Fund Summary

Balance January 1, 2023	\$
YTD offerings to the general fund and other receipts	
YTD general fund expenses	()
June 30, 2023 balance	\$

Thank you for your financial gifts to the general operating fund to support BPC's ministries!



Fighting Hunger with Cents-Ability

The second Sunday of the month is the Cents-ability collection. The youth will be participating in the collection and making it a "noisy Sunday". Youth of the church will be walking around the sanctuary with cans, shaking them and collecting from the congregation! Make sure to bring your spare change to help make this as noisy as possible!!

Save the Date – Sunday, August 13 Frisbee Golfing

Fellowship will be hosting a fun, recreation disc (frisbee) golf event Sunday morning before church on August 9.

Location- Bluffton Village Park
Food & Drinks – Provided, but donations are welcome.
Experience Required – None!
Equipment – Optional, we will have extra frisbees.

Look for more information and sign-ups in early July!! Contact Sarah Brauen with any questions.

Bluffton Village Park in Bluffton, OH - Disc Golf Course Review
<https://www.dgcoursereview.com/mobile/course.php?id=13218>



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Upcoming PDA Mission Trip

Dates: Saturday 10/7 - Saturday 10/14

The team will drive to Madisonville, KY on Saturday, arriving in time to settle in and have a team dinner on Saturday night. We'll worship at the Madisonville Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. Work will begin Monday 10/9.

Spots: 15 have been reserved, more are available if there is more interest.

Participant Cost: \$200 (includes all meals, lodging, and gas) MVP is providing \$1000 to offset our costs and make a donation to Habitat for Humanity and the host church.

Host Church: First Presbyterian Church in Madisonville, KY (centrally located for work in Barnsley and Dawson Springs, KY)
www.newfpc.com.

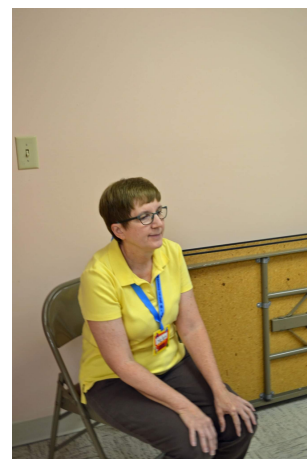
Type of Work: Home Repair from tornado damage in Hopkins County: Replacing siding, flooring, windows, doors, decks, hanging and finishing drywall, painting, or anything that can be repaired or replaced. A month before the trip, the Long-Term Recovery Associate will send out a skills survey to help us match skills with needed work.

How do I register? Click on the link below:

[Register Now](#)

Vacation Bible School 2023

A big thank you to our VBS volunteers Kerry Fremont, Helen Hawk, Dick McGarrity, Linda Nelson, Sarah Noland, and Lori Schmidt. Our church provided snacks and games. Thanks to all for the planning, shopping, serving, fellowship, and songs.



Greetings from World Heritage

World Heritage International Student Exchange Programs is currently looking for Host Families for exchange students who will be attending local high schools in the upcoming 2023-24 school year.

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to consider hosting an exchange student. Additionally, if you know of any outstanding families in your Congregation who would make great host families, we would greatly appreciate any referrals. Perhaps you would be willing to share the opportunity during church services? Perhaps by handing out a flyer, which we are happy to send you.

We strongly believe that student exchange programs contribute to world peace at a grassroots level, and our host families play a crucial role in achieving that. World Heritage students are all of high school age (15-18) and come to the United States with their own insurance and spending money, eager to learn about America through their host family and the local community.

Whether you are a young family, retired, a single parent, or empty nesters, hosting one of our students from countries like France, Italy, Ukraine, Denmark, and many others presents an extraordinary opportunity to personally experience their cultures and values while simultaneously sharing your own knowledge about the United States.

To get a glimpse of some of the hopeful students who are eagerly waiting to be matched with their host families, you can click here [1] to view their profiles and read some of their captivating letters. These students are genuinely grateful to you and the USA for giving them the chance to live with your family and become part of your community for a year.

World Heritage is fully committed to turning their dreams into reality, and we hope that you or someone in your Congregation would be interested in opening your/their home to a new family member this year.

If you're interested, please click here to start your host family application [2], without commitment of course, and we will be in touch to address any questions you may have.

If you are not able to host, but believe the opportunity to be valuable to others in your community, sharing this email would be greatly appreciated. Together we can change the world, one exchange at a time!

Warm regards,
Sarah Gremaud, World Heritage Director
Email: sgremaud@world-heritage.org

[1] https://world-heritage.org/meet_our_students/
[2] <https://db.asse.com/hfa2/index/company/asse/>

Birthdays

Aug.	11	Bev Begg
	12	Tom Edwards
	18	Gene Mathewson
	20	Bob Hursh
	21	Lynda Best
Sept.	2	June Strahm
	4	Jeremy Szabo
	7	Marshall Wagner

Anniversaries

Aug.	14	Jeremy and Sunny Zank
	25	Kory and Alora Enneking
	28	Greg and Laura Elwood
	30	Gene and Sue Mathewson
Sept.	1	Jeff and Cindy Gillen



Please feel
free
to sit
in the gazebo!

To reserve for an event, call BPC.

St. John's United Church of Christ Street Fair

St. John's United Church of Christ, 223 West College Ave. is inviting the community to its 150th anniversary Street Fair on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The street fair will take place on West College Ave. between S. Lawn and S. Jackson, right next to the Church. Featuring food, entertainment, kids' activities, crafts, games, and historical displays, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

BLUFFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Sundays: Faith Formation: 9:00 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Administrative Assistant: Cathy Carroll

Email:

Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Treasurer: Julia Szabo

Email:

Communications Coordinator: Abigail Gwin

Email:

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman

Choir Director: Linda Sycks

Custodians: Chris and John Hochstetler

2022 Church Officers

Elders on Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt

Buildings & Grounds – Dave Sycks

Faith Formation – Dick McGarrity

Fellowship – Tom Edwards

Mission – Jade Hochstetler

Nominating – Sarah Brauen and Tom Edwards

Personnel – Lori Schmidt

Stewardship & Finance – Clair Winebar

Worship – Lynda Best

Elders at Large – Sarah Brauen and Phill Talavinia

Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Chris Hochstetler

Members: Cindy Gillen, Rob McGarrity,

Jana McVetta, Tenna Rhonemus, Mike Rhonemus