



Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

August 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 4 – Communion

Pulpit Supply: Tenna Rhonemus
Liturgist: Kerry Fremont
Special Music: Jayne McGarrity
Sound: Jeff Gillen/Camera: Betsey Angus
Slides: Linda Nelson
Acolytes: Bowen
Greeters: David and Barb McClurg

Sunday, August 11 – Cents-Ability Offering Outdoor Service

Pulpit Supply: Jim Boroff
Liturgist: Morgan McVetta
Special Music: Lori Schmidt
Sound: Rob McGarrity/Camera: Clair Winebar
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolyte: Morgan

Sunday, August 18

Pulpit Supply: Jim Boroff
Liturgist: Clair Winebar
Special Music: Mike and Sharon (Sue's Friends)
Sound: Ryan Brauen/Camera: Owen
Slides: Michele Talavinia
Acolyte: Avery

Sunday, August 25

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Jeanne Gay
Liturgists: Lynda Best
Special Music: Don Brauen
Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Tenna Rhonemus
Slides: Cathy Carroll
Acolytes: Owen and Clara



Mark Your Calendars!

Sundays:

Sunday School and Children's Church will pause from May until September.

Worship 10:15 AM – Sanctuary

Tuesdays: Claralice Circle 6:30 PM

Aug 4 – Deacon Meeting 9:15 AM

Aug 4 – “The Life of Jesus in Music” concert
7:00 PM in BPC Sanctuary

Aug 7 – Mission Meeting 7:30 PM

Aug 8 – Session Meeting 7:00 PM

Aug 10 – Bluffton History Day – BPC Food Vendor
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM- Church Lawn

Aug 10 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM

Aug 25 – Congregational Meeting Following
Worship

Aug 25 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The second Sunday in August will be the last outdoor worship service. Some chairs will be provided, or you can bring your own. If rain, the service will be moved inside.

PERSONNEL

Thanks to Chris Hochstetler who has served as our Custodian for the last 2 ½ years. She has decided to step down at the end of July. We appreciate her dedication and efforts to make our sanctuary and church welcoming!

The Personnel Committee is seeking names of individuals (from either inside or outside the church) who may have an interest in serving in this part time custodian position. Feel free to contact Lori Schmidt, Phill Talavinia, or Sue Van Eman

SESSION

No meeting held in July.

Session Update

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 25 following worship for the purpose of reviewing the call between Rev. Dr. Matthew Zuehlke and Bluffton Presbyterian Church and if necessary, to re-establish the Pastor Nominating Committee.

After receiving Pastor Matthew's email in late April about delaying his arrival in Bluffton due to medical reasons, Session made numerous attempts to connect with Pastor Matthew via phone, text, email, and certified mail. Having received no communication from him since mid-May, Session reached out to Matt Meinke (General Presbyter of Maumee Valley Presbytery) and the Presbytery's Leadership Commission. The Leadership Commission met, discussed the information presented, and found the "call between Rev. Dr. Matthew Zuehlke and Bluffton Presbyterian Church is no longer in order" and asks the Bluffton Session to call a Congregational Meeting to review the call.

Feel free to contact an Elder if you have questions.

Special Concert at Our Church

We are inviting the community to join us in the celebration of our 175-year anniversary with a special concert, "The Life of Christ in Music."

The musicians presenting the concert include three professional harpists, a violinist, violist, classical guitarist, hand bells, a choir, and a narrator. A reception will be held after the one-hour concert in the back of the church. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m.** and plan to attend. The concert is being hosted by our church. There will be no admission charge.

This group will also be giving the same concert in two large churches in Findlay. For any questions, please contact Marilynn Edwards.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship and Finance committees decided to stop passing collection plates as of the first of August. Due to most people do online or box in office. We will have an offering plate by the sound board in the back of church for people to drop envelopes in.

DEACONS

No meeting held in July.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a food vendor area on our Church lawn for 'Bluffton History Day' Saturday, August 10 during the re-enactment 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be serving (for purchase) cream chicken and BBQ sandwiches, chips, drinks, and desserts. We are looking for help from the congregation for set up/tear down, food workers, and donations of cupcakes, brownies, and large cookies. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the sanctuary, or contact Kerry Fremont to volunteer.

FAITH FORMATION

We are looking for a Youth Intern to lead our Sunday School, Children's Church, and Youth Group. If you think you might be interested, or if you know of someone who might be, please contact Linda Nelson or Dick McGarrity.

MISSION

- Thank you to everyone who donated to Christmas in July.
- Looking for volunteers for National Night Out. Please let someone from mission know if you can help. Sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.



Thanks to Mike and Tenna Rhonemus for volunteering to help cover July Pizza Night at Lima Rescue Mission. We saw another month with 30 plus men who continue to express their appreciation for the pizza. Thanks as well to everyone who continues to help with donations.

We are looking for servers for August 10. And September 14. Anyone interested in helping or donating soda, water, variety pack chips, candy bars, 10" plates, or gallon ziplock bags, 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!

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

June 2024 – General Fund Summary

Balance January 1, 2024	\$
Year-to-date offerings and receipts	
Year-to-date expenses	()
Balance June 20, 2024 balance	\$

A couple special non-budgeted fund balances on June 30 were \$188 for Little Free Pantry supplies, and \$743 for monthly Lima Rescue Mission pizza dinners. Thank you for supporting BPC's ministries!

Little Free Pantry

July 29-Aug 4 – Sarah Brauen
Aug 5-11 – Jodi Brauen
Aug 12-18 – Jayne McGarrity
Aug 19-25 – Sue Van Eman
Aug 26-Sept 1 – Carole Enneking

Items that would be welcome this month are: ramen noodles, canned fruit, boxed cereal, and hamburger helper. Thank you!

Prayers of Sympathy for:

The family of Bill Warner (Cindy Gillen's father) who recently passed away.

Prayers for:

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

Members and friends serving in the armed forces.

We Pray for God's Healing for:

Jodi Diller
Darlene Hey
Sue Mathewson
Colletta Mullenhour
Jeannie Nichols
Mariah Pneuman
Rev. Matthew Zuehlke
LeAnn Carr's mother
Sylvia (Diane Winebar's sister)
Jim and Deb Augsburg (Jodi's friends)
Linda Francies (Bev Begg's daughter)
Bill Johnston (Dan and Sarah Noland's son-in-law)
Bobbi Mueller (Darlene Hey's daughter)
Eileen Rhonemus (Mike Rhonemus's mother)
Andrew Sycks (Dave Sycks' great nephew)

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, contact Mike Rhonemus at phone. PLEASE leave a message if no answer. Or call the church office 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.



Dear BPC Family,
Thank you very much for all your kind words, cards, and prayers for our family during the past several months. It has meant a lot to us having your support.

Love,
Jeff, Cindy, and Sarah Gillen

Thank you to Linda Nelson, Carole Enneking, Robbie McGarrity, Barb McClurg, Sarah & Dan Nolan, Clara Brauen (& friend Addie), Diane & Clair Winebar for helping with VBS games the week of July 21. Over 100 area youth participated, and more than \$550 was collected for bedding sets for kids in Children Services custody.

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

BLUFFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
112 N. MAIN ST., P.O. BOX 149
BLUFFTON, OH 45817

Sundays: Worship: 10:15 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Administrative Assistant: Cathy Carroll

Email:

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

Treasurer: Clair Winebar

Email:

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman

Choir Director: Jeremy Zank

Custodians: Chris and John Hochstetler

2022 Church Officers

Elders on Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt

Buildings & Grounds – Dave Sycks

Faith Formation – Linda Nelson

Fellowship – Kerry Fremont

Mission – Jade Hochstetler

Nominating – LeAnn Carr and Tom Edwards

Personnel – Lori Schmidt

Stewardship & Finance – Clair Winebar

Worship – Lynda Best

Elders at Large – Sarah Brauen, LeAnne Carr, Tom Edwards

Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Chris Hochstetler

Members: Jodi Brauen, Cindy Gillen, Rob McGarrity,
Tenna Rhonemus, Mike Rhonemus