



Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

July 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 7 – Communion

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Bob Butcher
Liturgist: Dave Sycks
Special Music: Linda and Dave Sycks
Sound: Jeff Gillen/Camera: Betsey Angus
Slides: Linda Nelson
Acolytes: Owen and Clara
Greeters: Lou Best and Tanya Best

Sunday, July 14 – Cents-Ability Offering Outdoor Service

Pulpit Supply: TBD
Liturgist: Tanya Best
Special Music: Kerry Fremont
Sound: Rob McGarrity/Camera: Clair Winebar
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolyte: Robbie
Greeters: Dave and Barb McClurg

Sunday, July 21

Pulpit Supply: Tanya Best
Liturgist: Tom Edwards
Special Music: Don Brauen
Sound: Ryan Brauen/Camera: Owen
Slides: Michele Talavinia
Acolyte: Avery
Greeters: Phill and Michelle Talavinia

Sunday, July 28

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Tom Steensma
Liturgists: Dave Van Eman
Special Music: Lori Schmidt
Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Tenna Rhonemus
Slides: Cathy Carroll
Acolyte: Bowen
Greeters: Clair and Diane Winebar

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

July 13 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM

July 19 – 60's Survivor Band 7:00-9:00 PM – BPC Gazebo

July 21-25 – VBS 6:30-7:30 PM – BFR

July 28 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy by end of day

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



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

On the second Sunday of each month, we will be having an outdoor worship service. Some chairs will be provided, or you can bring your own. If rain, the service will be moved inside.



BPC Choir

Rejoice! Our choir will continue to Make a Joyful Song in the fall under the direction of Jeremy Zank. Jeremy and his wife Sunny have been part of our church family for several years and both have given string lessons to some of our youth. Professionally, Jeremy is an orchestra director and enjoys singing in church choirs - including ours! He is excited to work with us as we continue to make wonderful music together!

Happy Birthday Bluffton Presbyterian Church 175 Years!!!



SESSION

Highlights of Session's June Meeting

- Jane Benroth passed away on May 22 – Rev. Bob Butcher presided at services. Deacons provided funeral meal following services. Deacons provided cookies for Roland Stone's (Donnas Stone's husband) visitation.
- Faulty electrical switch was found in one of the circuit panels in the church basement – electrician resolved the issue. Repaired a broken gutter near the back of the church. Garden hose reel purchased to make watering at the church a little easier. Decided not to mulch this year around church/manse since it still looks good from last year. Bushes were trimmed and walks were edged before first outdoor service. Planning to extend a drainpipe in the backyard of the manse all the way to the new ditch – should eliminate the constant “mushy” yard in the back.
- Approved to host concert “The Life of Jesus in Music” performed by Findlay area musicians in our sanctuary on Sunday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m. Concert is part of church's celebration of our 175th year anniversary.
- No meeting to be held in July.

DEACONS

June 2, 2024 Deacon Meeting

- Follow-up on funeral dinner.
- Update on member contacted by email.
- No meeting to be held in July.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Ice Cream Social originally scheduled for Thursday, July 18, has been postponed to a later date to be determined.

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 brownies, pies, and cupcakes. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the sanctuary starting the first Sunday of July, 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS is July 21 to 25 and will be held at the BFR. Our church is responsible for the games and we will need 2 to 3 volunteers per night, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We also will need help with some of the props for the games and a list will be made of what is needed closer to the date. If you can help, please sign up in the back of the church or contact Carol Enneking or Linda Nelson.

MISSION

- Having Christmas is July. Will be donating to Samaritan House and Family Promise. Items needed are on the bulletin boards.
- Donating \$100 to National Night Out.
- Thank you to everyone for continuing to donate to Little Free Pantry.
- No meeting in July.

Donations needed this month are boxed cereal, ramen noodles, canned fruit, and peanut butter. Thanks for your support!



Thanks to Reid Foust and Mike Short from Lima Municipal Court for helping Tammie cover June Pizza Night. Also ,thanks to everyone who continues to help with donations. We were able to provide pizza and pop for approximately 25 men.

We are looking for servers for July 13 and August 10. 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

May 2024 – General Fund Summary

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| Balance January 1, 2024 | \$ |
| Year-to-date offerings and receipts | |
| Year-to-date expenses | |
| Balance May 31, 2024 balance | \$ |

A couple special non-budgeted fund balances on May 31 were \$211 for Little Free Pantry supplies, and \$628 for monthly Lima Rescue Mission pizza dinners.

Thank you for supporting BPC’s ministries!

Little Free Pantry

July 1-7 – Carole Enneking
July 8-14 – Sue Van Eman
July 15-21 – Diane Winebar
July 22-28 – Sarah Noland
July 29-Aug 4 – Sarah Brauen

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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:

Don Brauen
Jodi Diller
Sue Mathewson
Jeannie Nichols
Mariah Pneuman
Rev. Matthew Zuehlke
LeAnn Carr’s mother
Sylvia (Diane Winebar’s sister)
Jim Basinger (Jodi Brauen's brother)
Linda Francies (Bev Begg’s daughter)
Bill Johnston (Dan and Sarah Noland’s son-in-law)
Bobbi Mueller (Darlene Hey’s daughter)
Julie Oberly (Jodi Brauen's sister)
Eileen Rhonemus (Mike Rhonemus’s mother)
Andrew Sycks (Dave Sycks’ great nephew)
Bill and Sharon Warner (Cindy Gillen’s father and mother)

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, contact Mike Rhonemus. 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.

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 Marilyn Edwards.

60's Survivor Band – BPC Gazebo

60's Survivors Band will be playing in the gazebo on **Friday, July 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** (rain date will be Saturday). Thanks!



Birthdays

- July 1 Brandie Wagner
- 3 Greg Elwood
- 5 Dave Van Eman
- 6 Lisa Culbertson
- 8 Kim Best
- 10 Bill Gable
- 13 Barbara McClurg
Ashley Rehus
- 16 Aubrea McBride
Diane Winebar
- 19 Ryan Brauen
Evelyn Culbertson
Mary Culbertson
- 23 William Culbertson
- 24 Betsey Angus
- 30 Mike Rhonemus



Dear Church Ladies,
Thank you so very much for all your cookies for Stoney's visitation. I liked them as much as the kids! What a beautiful day it was for his long ago wish for us to have it take him to his grave! "The old hearse beautiful." Bless his soul!

My love to all,
Donnas and Family

Anniversaries

- July 3 Jim and Carole Enneking
- 11 Tom and Rebecca Hursey
- 14 John and Chris Hochstetler
- 15 Dave and Linda Sycks
- 22 Mike and Tenna Rhonemus
- 31 Steve and LeAnn Carr



BLUFFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sundays: Worship: 10:15 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Administrative Assistant: Cathy Carroll

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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