



What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

April 2018

Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 1 – Easter – Communion 3 Cents a Meal Offering

Special Music: Choir
Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo
Lay Reader: Sarah Gillen
Greeters: Don and Jodi Brauen, Cindy Gillen
Acolytes: McVetta Girls

Sunday, April 8

Special Music: Sarah Gillen
Sound: Bob Hursh / Slides: Diane Winebar
Lay Reader: Helen Hawk
Greeters: Darlene Hey and Donnas Stone
Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Sunday, April 15

Special Music: Praise Team
Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Slides: Leslie Freed
Lay Reader: Leslie Freed
Greeters: Bev Begg and Jane Benroth
Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Sunday, April 22

Pulpit: George Stultz
Special Music: Choir
Sound: Jeff Gillen / Slides: Cathy Carroll
Lay Reader: Darlene Hey
Greeters: Dusty and Leslie Freed
Acolyte: Owen Brauen

Sunday, April 29

Special Music: Bells
Sound: Jeff Gillen / Slides: Diane Winebar
Lay Reader: Marilyn Edwards
Greeters: McVetta Family
Acolyte: Owen Brauen

Sunday, May 6 – Communion

Youth Service
Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo

Mark Your Calendars!

- April 1 – **One Great Hour of Sharing**
- April 1 – Easter Breakfast – 8:00 to 9:30 AM
- April 1 – Easter Egg Hunt – 9:30 AM
- April 4 – Word in the World – 9:00 AM – Twisted Whisk Café
- April 7 – Walking Group – 8:00 AM – Bluffton University Stadium parking lot on Augsburg Road
- April 8 – Stewardship/Finance Committee Meeting – Following Worship
- April 11 – Praise Team – 7:30 PM
- April 11 – Faith Formation Committee Meeting – 7:30 PM
- April 12 – Session Meeting – 7:00 PM
- April 15 – Deacons Assemble College Care Packages – Following Worship
- April 16-22 – Pastor Karol – Continuing Education
- April 18 – Deacons Meeting – 7:30 PM
- April 19 – New Beginnings – 7:30 PM
- April 22 – Fellowship Time Hosted by Claralice Circle Following Worship
- April 24 – Pastor Karol leads Worship Service at Mennonite Memorial Home – 6:30 PM
- April 25 – Mission Committee Meeting – 7:30 PM
- April 29 – Small Group Leaders Meeting – Following Worship
- April 29 – Newsletter Items Deadline
CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com
- May 5-6 – 30 Hour Famine – BPC Youth
- May 6 – Potluck Meal to end 30 Hour Famine – Following Worship
- May 6 – Pastor Karol leads Communion Service at Maple Crest – 2:00 PM
- May 12 – Bluffton Arts and Crafts Show

Small Groups

Claralice Circle meets every Tuesday evening 6:30-8:30 PM in the church basement.
Sister Min Circle meets the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 PM at Maple Crest.

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Pastor's Letter

A Season of New Life

Good News: Christ is Risen! All things are new!

Easter is the highest holy day in the Church. Other seasons of the Christian year developed over centuries, but the resurrection of Jesus was celebrated from the very beginning. Without it, the rest of our gatherings and rituals would be insignificant. And here is more good news: our Easter celebration does not have to end after one day. The season of Easter lasts for 50 days. Be glad and joyful; sing and dance! Alleluia: Praise God!

Of course, Easter really isn't just a season either. In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life – in which we are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:11), called to “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4).

This April is indeed a time of new things for us, as we allow the new life of the risen Christ to breathe through the life of our community formed in his name. As warm weather returns, we have some specific new opportunities to get out and about a bit more than winter permitted.

I am starting a new weekly gathering called “Word in the World” at the Twisted Whisk Café. Wednesday, April 4 at 9:00 AM will be the first of these weekly drop-in opportunities to discuss the scripture text for the coming Sunday in dialogue with current events. I hope to see you there!

You are also invited to combine fitness and friends by joining the new church walking group! Meet Saturday, April 7 (weather permitting) at 8:00 AM at the Bluffton University stadium parking lot on Augsburg Road. Future schedule and routes can be determined by those who attend.

To quote a popular children's choir song from my childhood, “Every morning is Easter morning from now on!”

In Christ,

Pastor Karol



An Easter Prayer

Christ, you are risen with the sun;
you are light in darkness, warmth in our cold.
You are peace and hope and joy,
for you went willingly to death.
You turned defeat and failure to victory for all.
You live eternally and with you
all the living and the dead
who trust in you.

May we who in baptism die to sin,
rise again to new life
and find our true place in your living body.
May the covenant sealed in your blood
through us bring healing and reconciliation
to this wounded world.

Alleluia!
You are risen.
We are risen with you.
Praise and glory to the living God!

Opportunity to Serve our Children

Pastor Karol would like to have a member of the congregation lead the Time for Young Christians once or twice a month. Please let her know if you would be interested in doing so on occasion. She will coordinate a date with you and can provide you with a theme and resources if needed.

Conversations with Pastor Karol

One of Pastor Karol's goals for 2018 is to spend time with each individual/ family within our congregation. If you have an idea for a time that would work well for you for conversation – perhaps over a meal – let's make it happen!

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Suggested time and day of the week:

Secretary's Office Hours

Please note that Cathy's office hours are now Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30AM to 12:30PM.

Highlights of March Session Meeting

- Rev. Dale Dickey passed away on February 24. Memorial Service for Dale and Kerry will be Friday, May 11 at 1:00 PM at the church – led by Pastor Karol. Session Minutes Books and Membership Roll Book will be reviewed by MVP in March. Approved not to object to liquor permit request by Timber and Vine.
- Pastor Karol made 2 home/hospital visits; 3 home communion visits with Deacon Tanya Best and Elder Tom Edwards; and 11 conversations with church family members. Congregation activities included: Ash Wednesday Service, Ignite Bowling outing, Youth Group, and committee meetings. Attended the Presbytery Meeting in Tiffin – served Communion during worship service. Community engagement activities included: three meetings with Bluffton pastors two for planning Community Good Friday Service, Hilty Home Pastor Appreciation Dinner, visit to McComb Presbyterian Church’s After School Program, hosting BAMA meeting, Oasis Retreat St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin, and Allen County Clergy Fellowship Meeting in Lima.
- Maumee Valley Presbytery met on February 20 at Tiffin Presbyterian Church. Elected Rev. David Bartley as MVP Treasurer for three-year term and Rev. Dean McGormley as MVP Stated Clerk for three-year term. Even though MVP is in transition it is helpful that both Dean and David have been in our presbytery for many years. Welcomed Rev. Deborah Bowsher at First Presbyterian Huron. Rev. Lynette Bova hired as Interim Temporary Presbyter following Susan Meier’s retirement. Recognition of Susan Meier’s retirement during Worship Service, presbytery meeting, and celebration afterward. Pastor Karol served Communion during worship service.
- Approved to allow the Youth Sunday School class to prepare and serve Communion on May 6. Community Vacation Bible School will be held at the Methodist Church in July.
- The fifth fire extinguisher at the church was serviced, old carbon dioxide extinguisher was removed. Approved to purchase two carbon monoxide detectors – one for church basement and other in office area. Timer for security light was reset.
- Annual Community Chili Cook Off was very successful with approximately 125 people attending - \$1207 raised for Bluffton Community Assistance. With the “Grace and Gratitude” donations (\$305), church purchased 2 goats, chickens, water, jerry cans, and a kitchen kit through Presbyterian Mission.
- Following pulpit supplies have been filled – April 22 – George Stultz with Lori Schmidt doing Children’s Message, May 13 – Tanya Best, and June 3 – Tenna Rhonemus. Tenna will also be officiating at Communion.
- In order to have accurate information on the alley, the village will be surveying our property at their expense.

Walk with Us!

Combine fitness and friends: join a new church walking group! Meet Saturday, April 7 (weather permitting) at 8:00 AM at the University Stadium parking lot on Augsburg Road. Options include walking the bike path to Maple Crest, entering the Nature Preserve, or a short walk/long run to your liking! Schedule and routes can be determined by those who attend.

This could become an inviting outreach program. If people see a group wearing BPC t-shirts having a good time exercising, they may wish to join us! If you have ideas or suggestions for implementing this program, please see a member of New Beginnings, Pastor Karol, or Dick & Jayne McGarrity.

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Rooted and Grounded in Love



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Join other Christians for Covenant Gathering 2018 at beautiful Geneva Retreat, Camp and Conference Center in the rolling hills of north central Indiana, as we learn to stand firm in the love of God in Christ and spread that love to all God's people. **Covenant Gathering is** a little bit **conference**, a little bit **vacation** with facilities for all abilities!

Why?

To learn, to worship, to recreate. **Adult classes** include options: New Ways to Read, See and Reveal God's Word; Finding Hope in Climate Change; Rooted in Love Bible Study; Drawing and Watercolors; How Does Your Church Family Work? ; Getting Your Game On. **Children and Youth** have age appropriate educational and fun activities. **The whole community** worships together, and enjoys delicious meals, evening programs, and afternoon options on many topics.

Special Guest

The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson
Stated Clerk, PCUSA



Who?

You, your family, your old and new friends in Christ of all ages!

Where?

Geneva Retreat, Camp and Conference Center
5282 N Old US Hwy 31, Rochester, IN 46975

www.genevacenter.org

For more information:

www.covenantgathering.com

Phone: 269.429.1916



Your day at **Covenant Gathering** will be rich in worship, study, mission and time to enjoy the community of Christians. Covenant Gathering will give you about six hours of class time per course, depending on what classes you choose. Our schedule makes it easy to take two classes if you'd like. Classes will meet in the morning.

"Afternoon Options" will offer short classes in a different mode. Attendees asked us to make time for them to take advantage of all the talented, diverse people and interests gathered together. These one- or two-time "drop in" classes may include short Bible studies, Q & A with some of our teachers, nature study, photography, bird-watching, crafts or other ideas as they pop up. Or you can take a walk or a nap or walk the labyrinth. Our youngest family members will have fun things to do as well! (Did we mention there's an Olympic-size pool?!!)

Group worship will begin each morning and crown each evening, affirming and celebrating our praise and love for our Creator and Redeemer and joining us together in our faith community. Other times offer opportunities for community activities — or just enjoying the wonderful grounds, trails and swimming pool at Geneva! Evenings bring time for intergenerational projects and programs such as campfires, a talent show, Bible gatherings, games, movie night and nature study.

Arrival and Departure

Covenant Gathering will begin Sunday with Check-In at 4:00 pm, followed by dinner. It concludes Friday after breakfast with a short worship service.

New Beginnings

“God's Garden”

*“God's Garden”
By Robert Frost*

*“God made a beauteous garden
With lovely flowers strown,
But one straight, narrow pathway
That was not overgrown.
And to this beauteous garden
He brought mankind to live,
And said "To you, my children,
These lovely flowers I give.
Prune ye my vines and fig trees,
With care my flowers tend,
But keep the pathway open
Your home is at the end.”*

This beautiful poem was written by Robert Frost. It describes a special relationship between God, nature and us, the children God loves. God created the world, "God's Garden", for us to live in and enjoy, but it is not our final destination.

But while we are here we have been given a special role in "God's Garden". We are to be caretakers. We are to tend the flowers and trees, pruning and shaping their growth. We have also been charged with keeping the pathway to our "Home" with God open.

With those ideas in mind the New Beginnings Team would like to pose two questions to the congregation. Are we caring for the piece of "God's Garden" we have been given to the best of our abilities? And are we keeping the pathway to "Home" open for all of God's children?

We have a beautiful part of "God's Garden" right outside these walls. And though it is well maintained by earthly standards, we wonder if we could be "pruning and shaping" it in ways that serve God's purpose better.

Our green space has been described as the "Presbyterian Park", "The Place with the Christmas Lights", and most recently "The Town Square". But what might that space become if we thought of it as "God's Garden" and treated it as a pathway "Home"?

The New Beginnings Team would like to ask those people in our Faith Family who are interested in exploring these ideas to form a task force. If you feel called to join the conversation please reach out to a member of the New Beginnings team: Ryan Brauen, Dick McGarrity, Lin Rumer, Diane Winebar or Tenna Rhonemus. This task force will explore ideas and work to discern God's purpose for the piece of "God's Garden" that has been placed in our care. Then they will present their findings to the rest of the congregation to determine the best way forward.

We feel we have been given a special opportunity and obligation, in this place and this time, to serve as God's caretakers while helping everyone discover the pathway "Home". This is about more than what we choose to do with the yard. It is about what we are doing with our life as a Faith Family. May the words from James 1:21 serve as a blessing to our work.

*In simple humility, let our gardener God, landscape
you with the Word,
making a salvation-garden of your life. James 1: ~21
(The Message)*

Deacons Report

The Deacons would like to thank those who helped us with the Community Meal on March 15. We had a wonderful meal! As always, many compliments were given on our delicious pies. Thank you to those who volunteered their time and donated pies. Also thank you to those who made monetary donations to help offset the cost of the meal. The support shown by our congregation is wonderful and greatly appreciated.

The Deacons plan to send gift boxes packed full of handy supplies and tasty treats for our college students. We hope it will help them get through their last few weeks of school.

We are putting final touches on the Easter Bake Sale. The Deacons want to say a big **Thank you** to those who made monetary donations, volunteered their time, and donated the wonderful array of baked goods.



“Be willing to help and care for each other because of Christ. By doing this, you honor Christ.” Ephesians 5:21

The Deacons are searching for volunteers to help transport members to church who are unable to drive themselves. They may need some assistance when entering certain vehicles.

Your participation in this program will continue to allow us all worship the Lord together as a family. If you're interested in helping, please contact Pastor Karol or any Deacon.

It's Renewal Time!

The Presbyterians Today Magazine is an award-winning magazine of the Presbyterian Church. It is published bimonthly (6 times a year). Every issue is filled with inspiring stories about people and congregations ... highlights of church news and mission ... a Christian perspective on issues of the day ...



Bible study and practical tools for life and ministry ... and much more! Included free with your December/January issue is an Advent Calendar and Devotional Guide and, in the February/March issue a Lenten Devotional Guide is included. Thank you to all those who helped us reach the 10+ members mark for the Presbyterian Today Magazine. By ordering more we can get a larger discount enabling each member to only pay \$5 for the year with the Deacons paying the other half. If anyone decides they too would like to receive the magazine at their home, please contact Laura or Pastor Karol anytime so we can get you signed up. Be on the lookout for the bi-monthly subscriptions as they come in; a copy or two will be placed in the back of the church for all to share.

Arts and Crafts Show

Bluffton Presbyterian Church will once again be serving a lunch during Bluffton's annual Craft Show held on Saturday, May 12. Items requested to be donated include pies, cookies, brownies, canned pop (name brands only), and bottled water. Workers are needed for various shifts: set up, kitchen crew, serving, cleaning up.

If you are able to help that day by working or donating items, please either complete a bulletin insert or contact Lori Schmidt (schmidtlbath@gmail.com) or Cindy Gillen (cegillen@marathonpetroleum.com).

Thanks in advance for your part in making this event a success. Prayers for good weather are always appreciated!

Art Show

You're invited to...continue the resurrection journey by expressing yourself thru an art form of your choice.

What would your version of The Last Supper look like in 2018?

Faith Christian Church, 2223 Shawnee Rd, Lima, OH is hosting an art show on Saturday, April 7 from 1:00 to 8:00 PM.

Draw, paint, sculpt, mold, live art (or any other art form) of your version of the "Last Supper" in 2018. Put a price tag on your art and someone may just purchase it. If you would like to exhibit your version of the Last Supper, please email your Name, Address, Phone number, and Chosen media form to: faithcc1@midohio.twcbc.com.

Faith Formation Committee Meeting

The Faith Formation (formerly Christian Education) committee will be meeting on April 11 at 7:30 PM to discuss year end and Community Vacation Bible School plans.



Graduate Recognition

We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating from any school, please contact Tenna Rhonemus. We would also like you to send a picture and brief description of accomplishments and future plans to Cindy Gillen to put in the newsletter. Please have this information to Cindy by April 22 for inclusion the May newsletter.

30 Hour Famine

The youth group will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine on May 5-6.

The youth voluntarily go 30 hours without eating, so they can gain a better appreciation of what hunger actually feels like. They will also participate in Bible discussions, service activities and games to gain a better understanding of hunger in the world and how God has called us to address this need. The youth will share some of their experiences and what they have learned during the worship service on May 6. We will break our fast with a pot luck meal immediately following worship. We would like to invite everyone to join us!

This event is sponsored by World Vision, the largest food distribution partner of the United Nations' World Food Program. They aid in times of disaster, offer education programs and work in community development for sustainable positive changes in the lives of those they serve. World Vision is a terrific steward of the money donated to their organization with 85% of every dollar going directly to programs helping those in need. If you would like to make a donation to this event please see one of the youth group members. All donations are tax deductible.

Another way of supporting the youth is participating in our "Prayer Drive." We will have a sign-up sheet that spans the 30 hours of our event. We would like to have someone sign up to pray every hour for us, the event, and especially for those who are in need in our community and around the world. The "Prayer Drive" sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary.

Please consider supporting our youth and the work of World Vision with your donation of prayers and money.

Community Vacation Bible School

The Bluffton First United Methodist Church is hosting Vacation Bible School this year. The theme is "Game On!" It will be held July 22-26 and will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 PM each night. We will be responsible for leading the craft area this year. Mark your calendars and watch for more details on this special community mission outreach.

Weekday Christian Ed Walkers

In April we have several dates that we need volunteers to walk the children to Weekday Christian Education. The dates, time ranges, and grades are listed below. Each class time is approximately 30 minutes, and you can sign up for one or more class times. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary or see Tenna Rhonemus if you are willing to help. Thank you for helping with this Mission Outreach!

Thursday, April 5 – 8:50 to 9:55 and 1:45 to 2:55
(Two Classes each of 5th and 4th Graders)

Friday, April 20 – 8:50- 2:55
(Eight Classes of 5th, 2nd, and 4th Graders)

Paper Recycling

Please note that paper recycling is available in the front and back of the sanctuary. Place any unwanted bulletins, etc. in the blue bins, and all other trash in the trash bins. Thank you!

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee is asking if people will donate their aluminum cans to Mission. We would like to use the money to buy movie passes for families who use the food pantry.

We bought a pair of goats, a family of chickens, money toward a garden well, jerry cans (to carry water), and a kitchen set with the money we raised from Grace and Gratitude. Thanks to all who donated.

Anyone interested in putting together a team for Bluffton Relay for Hope contact Lynda Best. Or you can donate time selling t-shirts, popcorn, etc. Watch the bulletin board for more to come.

The next Mission Committee meeting will be April 25 at 7:30 PM for anyone interested.

Bluffton Area Food Pantry

The Bluffton Area Food Pantry thanks you for your continued support. Listed below is a revised list of some items to consider for the pantry:

- Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, beef, pork)
- Hamburger Helper and similar meals
- Tuna and Tuna Helper
- Breakfast Cereals and Instant Oatmeal
- Campbells Chunky Soups and Crackers
- Spaghetti Sauce (no glass)
- Tomato Sauce
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Taco Supplies/Mexican Food Products
- Chinese food products such as La Choy
- Canned Fruits
- Chili Beans and Baked Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Noodles and Beef Ramen Noodles
- Baking Items: Brownies, Cookies, Cakes
- Rice and Riceroni Items
- Condiments: Catsup, Mustard, Mayo
- Paper products: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Napkins, Paper Plates
- Personal Hygiene Products: Deodorant, Shampoo and Hair Care Items, Lotions, Soft Soaps, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Combs and Brushes

Little Free Pantry

Please do not put canned foods in the Little Free Pantry during colder weather. These items can swell and leak. Also no glass bottles. Safe items you may consider donating: boxed foods (cereal, etc.), dry mixes (soup, etc.), rice, noodles, personal hygiene items, paper towels, Kleenex, baby items (no glass jars).

Thank you for supporting our Little Free Pantry!

Reminder

If you have Community Market receipts, please bring them in and place them in the baskets on the bulletin board or the back of the hallway. Thank you to Kay Ziessler for coordinating our congregation's participation in this rewards program.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Easter Sunday will be our One Great Hour of Sharing. This will be a special time to remember those who are in need throughout the world. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, the Presbyterian Church joins with a number of other denominations to work together against world hunger and poverty.

3 Cents A Meal Offering

Three Cents a Meal invites every member of our congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty. Ideally, contributions come from "living more simply so that others may simply live." Participation in Three Cents a Meal is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat." Daily participation is a reminder of the reality of hunger for millions of our sisters and brothers in the world. As the money accumulates, those participating become aware that small, regular acts can result in significant responses to hunger and that there is great strength in working together with other Christians.



Prayer Requests

Prayers of Sympathy with the families of Lucy Bryan, Rev. Lofton Delgado, Rev. Dale Dickey, Amy Doty, and Aidan and Xavier Wensink.

Prayers for our members and friends serving in the armed forces: especially Kyle Begg, Austin Begg, Andrew Warner, and Lucas Woodward.

Prayers of Healing for Michael Lee Bucher, Tyler and Laura From, Bob and Jean Braden, Rev. Matthew Zuehlke, Avis Marshall, Carl Wolf, Dr. Howard Shelly, Billy Marshall, Peggy Hursey, Ann Gladwell, Esther Brauen, Kaylie Fox and Naomi, Dorothy Hursey and Colletta Mullenhour.

We Lift Our Prayers



Put a prayer request in – take a prayer request out. Look for prayer request slips in the pews and near the prayer box. Or use your own paper. Requests can be as simple as “I’m having back pain,” or “My son is looking for a job.” The slips can be

placed in the box or in the offering plates. Prayer requests can be submitted anonymously. Allow someone in your church family to support you in private prayer.

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Mike Rhonemus (419-358-8148 / rhonstar@juno.com), or call the church office (419-358-5806) with your prayer request, and they will pass along the information. If you would like to add someone to the prayer chain other than yourself, 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.

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| April | 1 | Megan Sycks |
| | 2 | Danielle Rhonemus |
| | 4 | Beth Buist |
| | 5 | Helen Hawk |
| | 8 | Ashlin Gable |
| | 13 | Avery Talavinia |
| | 14 | Marilyn Bullock |
| | 16 | Mary Barnett |
| | 19 | Karol Farris |
| | 23 | Leslie Freed |
| | | Lynn Nowak |
| | | Pam Weisenbarger |
| | 24 | Will Neff |
| | 25 | Dorothy Hursey |
| 26 | Cathy Carroll | |
| 30 | Sally Reeder | |
| May | 2 | Patrick Rhonemus |
| | 3 | Paige McVetta |



Support for Your Congregation – Spring 2018

Delay the Disease – Exercise Classes for Individuals with Parkinson’s – Certified instructor: Tricia Herrmann, RN – Mondays and Thursdays, 1:00 to 2:00 PM, Mennonite Memorial Home Chapel. Physician referral required.

Alzheimer’s Support Group – For Family and Caregivers – Meets the 3rd Monday of each month (except December), 3:30 PM, Mennonite Memorial Home Library.

For information or to register, contact Tricia Herrmann, RN, at 419-358-1015, ext. 221 or email thermann@mhcoliving.org. Both classes offered at no charge.

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Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris
Phone: 419-581-9232
Email: pastor@blufftonpc.org
Office Hours: Tues & Wed 10-4
or by appointment

Secretary: Cathy Carroll
Email: bpcbluff@wcoil.com
Office Hours: Tues & Thu 8:30-12:30

Treasurer: Darin Leugers
Email: dleugers8319@yahoo.com

Organist: Jayne McGarrity
Choir Director: Linda Sycks
Youth Choir Director: Sue Van Eman
Youth Group Director: Tenna Rhonemus
Nursery Helpers: Kori Phipps and Shawna
Anderson
Custodian: Tony Carmack

2018 Church Officers

Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt
Buildings & Grounds – Tom Hursey
Christian Education – Tenna Rhonemus
Finance & Stewardship – Dick McGarrity
Mission – Lynda Best
Nominating – Tom Edwards and Cindy Gillen
Personnel – Betsey Angus
Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt
Worship – Cindy Gillen
Members at Large – Jodi Brauen, Tom Edwards,
and Phil Weisenbarger

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Laura From
Members: Tanya Best, Marilyn Edwards,
Laura From, Helen Hawk, Mike
Rhonemus, and Dave Van Eman