



Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

APRIL 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday

Liturgist: Lin Rumer
Sound: Jay McCracken / Camera: Clair Winebar
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolytes: McVetta Girls
Usher/Communion Server: Jana McVetta*

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday, Communion 3 Cents a Meal, One Great Hour of Sharing

Liturgist: Libby McVetta
Hymn Singers: Don Brauen, Lori Schmidt,
Dave & Linda Sycks
Organ/Piano duets with trumpet
Sound: Jay McCracken / Camera: Ryan Brauen
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolytes: McVettas
Ushers/Servers: Kevin and Jana McVetta*

Sunday, April 11 – Little Free Pantry Offering

Liturgist: Lori Schmidt
Hymn Singers: Tenna Rhonemus, Adam Shanaman
Bell duets: Tanya Best & Lori Schmidt
Sound: Bob Hursh / Camera: Tammie Hursh
Slides: Julia Szabo
Acolytes: Owen and Clara Brauen

Sunday, April 18

Guest Preacher: Jim Boroff
Liturgist: Adam Shanaman
Hymn Singers: Judy Evans, Julia Szabo
Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Camera: Tenna Rhonemus
Slides: Talavinias
Acolytes: Bowen Hochstetler
Usher: Tanya Best



Mark Your Calendars!

Sundays: Faith Formation on Zoom for Children & Adults 9:00-9:30am; Worship 10:15am*

- April 1 – Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 PM
- April 2 – Good Friday Cross Walk 11:30 AM beginning at St. John's UCC
- April 2 – Good Friday in Scripture, Music & Art – Synod of the Covenant – Facebook Premiere 3:00 PM
- April 4 – Easter Sunday Worship 10:15 AM
- April 7 – All Church Fellowship Zoom 7:00 PM
- April 7 – Mission Committee 7:00 PM
- April 8 – Session 7:00 PM
- April 10 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM
- April 11 – Youth Group – Time TBD
- April 14 – Deacons 6:30 PM
- April 25 – Youth Sunday 10:15 AM
- April 25 – MVP Discipleship Zoom Gathering 2:00 PM
- **April 25 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy: XXXXXXXXXXXX**

Small Groups

Claralice Circle will have meetings in person and on Zoom every Tuesday at 6:30 in the church basement. Sister Min Circle is on hold.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Sunday, April 25 – Youth Sunday

Liturgist: Jayne McGarrity
Hymn Singers: Tanya Best, Pastor Karol
Sound: Jeff Gillen / Camera: Julia Szabo
Slides: Cathy Carroll
Acolyte: Avery Talavinia
Usher: Cindy Gillen

Sunday, May 2

Liturgist: George Stultz
Sound: Jay McCracken / Camera: Ryan Brauen
Slides: Julia Szabo

Pastor's Letter

As we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord (Easter!) on April 4, the beginning a 7-week-long Easter season (until Pentecost, this year on May 23), I wanted to share with you this excerpt from the latest issue of Presbyterians Today about what the resurrection means in our lives:

Two questions arise persistently for us: "How does this resurrection happen?" and "What chemical or other processes would make it happen?" These are questions of modern science. The power of asking and answering such questions is the stuff of our daily lives, vividly so in the development and discussion of COVID-19 vaccines. The problem for us is that Scripture is not interested in the "how" question.

It is, however, very interested in a different question: "Who?" Who is this, coming back to us, crossing the line between life and death so completely unexpectedly? In a moment of heart-stopping tenderness, Mary Magdalene goes to the place where she expects to find Jesus' body and finds it is not there: "She turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus" (John 20:14).

Easter, with all its questions about the resurrection, is about who Jesus is – and it is also about us and about our loved ones. One of the gifts I received while pastoring congregations was the opportunity to lead worship in funeral services. At funerals, we stand at the boundary between life and death with a directness most of us do not experience otherwise. At funerals, we stand at that boundary, looking across at death, marking the passage of one across the boundary, going on before us. Here, resurrection is no theoretical matter.

What I found there, was how little I could say to answer the "how" question – a question I think I often felt more acutely than those for whom I was caring. Gradually I realized that the question I could speak to is "Who?"

Because of Easter, we know something about who it is that we face across that boundary, who receives this one whom we accompany to the boundary, who will eventually receive you and me when our time has come to cross over.

The one who we see, when we look with the eyes of Easter, is Jesus Christ, the one who has gone before us – and a familiar face. It is a face whose shape and contours we have been coming to know as we are part of the Body of Christ, the church. It is the face of one we have praised, sung to, studied, wrestled with, worshipped, doubted, believed, wondered about, failed, ignored, and sought out. It is a face that looks like those who have loved us in ways that have embodied God's love and grace, a face that looks like those beyond the ones we know, beloved by Jesus Christ and therein part of Christ's love for us.

The question of how the resurrection occurred is valid and important. But it is not the only question. The better question to ponder is not how Jesus was resurrected, but who this Resurrected One is for us. Who is it that we face at this boundary of life and death? Easter is the affirmation that it is Jesus Christ, the one who has gone before and is present now."
~ Barry Ensign-George, Presbyterian Mission Agency coordinator of Theology & Worship and staff liaison to the Committee on Theological Education.

Jesus Christ is risen: he is risen indeed!

Pastor Karol

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 4, 2021



According to Mark, on the first day of the week, the women rise with the sun and buy spices to anoint Jesus' body. They are shocked to find the tomb empty, and they leave in fear and terror. Mark's resurrection story is less triumphant than the other Gospel testimonies. In Mark's version, we are reminded that Easter comes to us, again and again, even if we don't know what to make of God's resurrection ways. Again and again, the sun rises. And some days, that is enough.

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Worship by Phone with BPC!

Great news: you can now call in on zoom to listen to worship services. It's easy! Here's how:

1. On Sunday mornings around 10:10 – 10:15am, dial XXXXXXXXXX.
2. For your meeting id, enter XXXXXXXXXXXX#.
3. For your participant id, enter # again or just wait. You will be in the waiting room until we "accept" you into the call.
4. So that we don't hear you, you can press *6 to mute your line (we can do this for you if you forget).
5. Listen for worship to begin!

Continuing Education for Elders & Deacons: *Preparation for Ordered Ministry*

First Presbyterian Church of Bryan, Ohio will be hosting a weekly TheoAcademy viewing and discussion group via Zoom. Inspired by a need to offer new officer training, creating a space for conversation among members of different congregations may deepen insights for everyone. All Elders and Deacons throughout Maumee Valley Presbytery are welcome, with special invitation going to new elders. The group will meet weekly on Wednesdays from April 7 – June 30 from 7:15 to 8:00 PM. To sign-up, contact Rev. Carol Pierson atXXXXXXXXXX.

Fellowship Zoom:

1st Wednesday of the Month

If you are interested in connecting with other church members for fellowship conversation, join Pastor Karol on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM on the church zoom. See you on Wednesday, April 7!

Presbytery-Wide Discipleship Conversation

The Maumee Valley Presbytery Discipleship Commission (currently chaired by Pastor Karol) will host a Zoom gathering again on April 25 at 2:00 PM to support MVP congregations in their work on discipleship development. Please tell Pastor Karol if you would like to participate and she will send you the link.

Meet our New Communications Coordinator: Abigail Gwin!



"My name is Abigail Gwin and I am a Graphic Designer for Phantasm Designs in Ottawa. I graduated from Full Sail University in 2020 with a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design. I am also a mother of two girls, Grace (7) and Chloe (4). I was born and raised in Bluffton and now raise my family in Pandora. I enjoy snow skiing, motorcycles, and DIY and/or Pinterest projects."

Worship Committee Report

The committee met March 2, 2021. Among the items discussed:

Preparation for returning to in-person worship when at the orange or yellow levels – For safety's sake, face masks are required and ample seating between worshippers/family groups is available. The pulpit shield will be up. Live streaming on Facebook will continue, with the services later being posted to the BPC website.

Planning for Holy Week – A Palm Sunday car parade sponsored by the Fellowship and Worship committees. Services/activities for the week, including Easter Sunday, are being finalized.

Phone audio streaming for worship services – To allow those without Internet or who are uncomfortable with that technology, the committee is exploring the option of calling in and listening to worship services over the phone.

Our youth will lead worship Sunday, April 25.



Highlights of March Session Meeting



- Approved the Gazebo Project (Bob and Mary Barnett Bequest) which was affirmed by the congregation. Clerk participated in three MVP Leadership Zoom meetings. Session Minutes and Membership Rolls were reviewed by Maumee Valley Presbytery and were found to have no exceptions. Approved to not object to Institution Notice for Liquor Permit – 1861 Wine Lounge at 115 N Main St.
- **Pastor’s Report**
Pastoral Care: 17 phone calls, 3 visits/in-person conversations, 19 greeting cards sent, 17 texts/voicemails, and numerous emails.
Congregational Activities: Worship (Planning, Coordinating, Leading), Announcements/Prayers Email, Facebook Posts, Adult/Children Faith Formation Zoom, Congregational Meeting, Youth Group (in person Bible study – alley), committee meetings, learn electronic sign software, church fellowship Zoom, interview Communications Coordinator candidates Zoom (with Lori), and supervision with Faith Formation Intern.
Community Engagement Activities: Bluffton Community Preschool Board Meeting, BAMA Meeting – ongoing BAMA Mission Outreach to local front-line workers, and Maple Crest Bible Study Zoom.
Presbytery/Greater Church activities: New Pastors’ Group Zoom, Discipleship Commission Zoom, Discipleship Commission Presbytery-Wide Zoom Gathering (Dick also participated), MVP Called Meeting to examine CRE candidate, and MVP Leaders Space for Grace Zoom. Previously approved Vacation for Sunday, May 30 is no longer needed. Youth will lead worship on Sunday, April 25. Continuing Education Reminder: April 17-20, 26-28, including Sunday, April 18 (will attend virtual Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process 3 of 3).
- Approved request from Bluffton Community Preschool to use church lawn for graduation on May 12/13 or the sanctuary if yard unavailable or inclement weather.

- Mice have been heard in the walls in several rooms of the manse – need to continue to trap but also find entrance and plug hole.
- BPC received \$XXXXXX in February, as requested under the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Plan Round 2 program.
- Grace & Gratitude Campaign - donations and local mission dollars have supported one community irrigation water pump through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Frontline Worker Project - Pastor Karol/BAMA and committee members (Lynda Best and Sue Van Eman) assisted with February and March deliveries of "goodies" to local healthcare and school employees.



February 2021 Financial Report

General Fund Budgeted Items

Balance January 1, 2021	\$ XXXXXX
Receipts thru Feb 28	XXXXXX
Transfer of special receipts received in 2020 to 2021 budgeted items	XXXXXX
Expenses thru Feb 28	(XXXXXX)
Balance Feb 28, 2021	\$XXXXXX

Thank you for financially supporting the church’s budget.

Thank You for Your 2021 Per Capita Gifts

The Stewardship and Finance Committee thanks you for your special donations to help cover the church’s 2021 per capita cost. If you have not yet had a chance, you are invited to help cover the per capita cost of your membership (General Assembly, Synod, Maumee Valley Presbytery) by making a special donation as part of your stewardship practice. The 2021 per capita amount is \$37.23 per active member. Thank you!



Tax Time is Planning Time

The deadline for filing tax returns (deferred to May 17 for 2020 taxes) has a way of focusing our attention on things financial. I have another financial issue that requires your attention that the IRS won't advise you about and, quite frankly, doesn't care much about except that it may help you minimize their share of your estate when you leave this life.

I am talking about estate planning and, more specifically, making a will. I continue to hear estimates that up to 60% of Americans do not have a will. If you are one of these, I strongly advise you to make an appointment with an attorney and have a will prepared. It could prove to be the very best gift you could give your surviving family members. In fact, if you do not make a will, the State of Ohio has determined by law how your estate will be distributed. Even if you decide that the formula the State uses is satisfactory, making a will can significantly streamline the settlement of your estate for your surviving family members.

One further item you should consider is that the State's plan for the distribution of your estate makes absolutely no consideration for any charitable gifts from your estate. Making a charitable bequest in your will can reduce any estate tax liability. But, more importantly, making a charitable bequest can help assure that causes about which you care and which you have supported during your lifetime can continue to benefit future generations. Including a charitable bequest to your church will satisfy a couple of these considerations: it will provide support for your church that can help assure future generations that the faith community that has supported you and shared your important life events will continue to be here for them; it will also make a statement to your loved ones about what is important to you.

So, as you are working through your checkbook and your receipts for last year, we also ask you to give serious consideration to planning for your ultimate accounting. And, if your church represents values that you want to see continue beyond your lifetime, consider including a bequest to the church in your will. It could be a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder that is left after you make specific allocations to loved ones or favorite causes. In any case, making a will is a gift to your family and can give you the confidence that your estate will be distributed as you desire, not be governed by an impersonal law enacted by our legislators.

George Stultz, for the Stewardship and Finance Committee



Deacons Report from March 10 Meeting

- The Deacons are planning something special for an outreach project. On Palm Sunday they will be delivering gift bags to a selected few. These are church members who may live alone or in a care facility or have become recently ill. We hope it will brighten their day as well as giving them the feeling of love from all their church family.
- The Deacons are continuing their outreach CARE ministry program. We are sending out cards and making phone calls to those in the congregation. It is important for us all to remember that even though we may encounter moments of troubles and bouts of illness, God's love is with us every day.

FAITH FORMATION

Vacation Bible School Materials Needed

Hold onto your hats—err—shoes! Vacation Bible school planning is already under way. St. Mary's Catholic Church is hosting this year and they are requesting that we begin collecting **shoe boxes**. So if you get some cool new footwear, please save the box. We have a drop-off box in the church basement fellowship hall for donations. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School will take place on July 18-22 at St. Mary's Church. Our participation will be from 5:30 to 7:30 PM Sunday and 5:30 to 7:30 PM Thursday. On Sunday we will present a skit based on Ananias (Acts 9:1-19) and on Thursday we will play party games and act out ways the first Christians showed Friendship and unity. Each day we will do the same routine four times (once for each of four small groups). If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Dick McGarrity.

Youth Group

The next youth group meeting will be April 11 time TBD. April 25 will be the youth Sunday featuring skits, music, and prayers written and/or lead by the youth. Hope to see you all there!
Thanks, Adam

Graduate Recognition Day Being Planned

Is there someone in your family who will be graduating this year? The Church would like to recognize their achievement! Please contact Dick McGarrity.



Virtual Sunday School Spring Series

April 11 - May 23, Sundays at 9:00 AM

- Zoom calls are less than 30 minutes and include a short lesson and science experiment.
- Be assigned a pen pal for mailing weekly letters (yes, through snail mail!) related to the lesson. This builds on the connections made through the Zoom calls.
- Receive a packet with items needed for the 7 week series.
- Weekly stamps, envelopes, and fill in letter templates are provided.
- No problem if you miss a Zoom and pen pal participation is optional.
- Geared towards children two years through fifth grade.
- Text or call Sarah Brauen at XXXXXXXXXXXX to sign up!



Lima Rescue Mission

Thanks all who continue to support Pizza Night at Lima Rescue Mission. We are 3 for 3 in 2021. In March, the Gillen's and Carroll's made the trip to Lima to serve. Also want to thank Lori Schmidt, the Rhonemus's, the Brauen's, the McGarrity's, the Winebar's, the Mission Committee, and all who continue to provide snacks, drinks, supplies, and support.

We're in good shape for April pizza night on the 10th. The next couple of pizza nights will be May 8 and June 12. If anyone is interested to serve or contribute, please contact Bob Hursh or the Mission Committee. Thanks again!

Donations and volunteers are needed. Please use Signup.com <https://signup.com/go/aCcGFHV> or contact Bob Hursh at XXXXXXXXXXXX or at XXXXXXXXXXXX. Water and snack donations are due in the church kitchen by the Friday before each meal. If you donate money, please submit a check (memo: LRM) to the church office or give online (www.blufftonpc.org/give) by the Wednesday before. Thanks to all!



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

There is still time to support this denominational offering collected each year during Lent. As Jesus says in Matthew 25, the Church belongs with those in need- whether it is offering relief from natural disasters or the ravages of war; access to food, water and healthcare; or coping with the pandemic.

Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are there because we are the Church, together. Gifts may be made by check in the offering plate or mailed to the church or by giving online (www.blufftonpc.org/give).

Bluffton Community Assistance Food Pantry

The Bluffton Food Pantry is full to the brim due to support from the community. Thirty-five families participated in the last distribution days, which is down a little from before the pandemic. It may take a while for people to return after the Pantry was closed from December to March.

Our congregation supports the Pantry with the 3 Cents a Meal collection on the 1st Sunday of the month. If you would like to donate items, contact St. Johns UCC for drop off times. Items that are always needed include: Toilet Paper, Tissues, Paper Towel, Shampoo, Lotions, Canned Mandarin Oranges, Canned Meats, Chunky Soups, Chef Boy-R-Dee canned products, Hamburger or Tuna Helper. No canned vegetables, baby food or pet products are needed at this time.

Little Free Pantry

Items needed this month: canned fruit, cake mixes, hamburger helper. Monetary donations are also helpful. Thank you!

April Schedule:

March 29-April 4 – Diane Winebar

April 5-11 – Pastor Karol, Pat Deal & Ethan

April 12-18 – Jayne McGarrity

April 19-25 – Jodi Brauen

April 26-May 2 – Carol Enneking

Easter Flower Donations/Dedications

In Memory of:

Gerald and Rosina Kingsmore and Richard Evans by Judy Evans

Jack and Dolores McCracken, John McCracken and Min Lindsey by Jay, Anne, Lindsey and Molly McCracken

Roger Mullenhour and Geneva Badertscher by Colletta Mullenhour

Husband Roy and son Bruce by Mariah Pneuman and family

Walter Schmidt by Lori and Alyce Ann Schmidt

Jean and Jim Szabo and Joyce Fischer by Julia, Jeremy and Jacob Szabo

Our parents by Dave and Sue Van Eman

Our parents Ben Macias and Myriel and Bob Winebar by Diane and Clair Winebar

Bob Hursey, Rose Mary and Ike Best by Lynda Best

In Honor of:

My mother, Maria Macias by Diane and Clair Winebar

Peggy Hursey by Lynda Best



2021 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Increase consumption of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey through farmers' markets and roadside stands. Support your local economy by purchasing from farmers and growers! Individuals applying to receive coupons should meet the following mandatory requirements:

1. age 60 or older
2. total household income must be at or below 185% of Federal Poverty Limit (FPL)
3. live in Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam, or Van Wert counties

Applications meeting guidelines and received before April 15, 2021, will be placed in a random lottery to determine enrollment. Applications received after April 15, 2021, will automatically be placed on the waitlist. *Questions? Email: nutrition@psa3.org. [Senior Farmers' Market Applications - Click Here!](#)*



Dear members of Bluffton Presbyterian Church,

A year ago, we couldn't have imagined a global pandemic that would disrupt all of life and increase hunger, homelessness, and unemployment. Staff at the Presbyterian Hunger Program have been working hard to respond to COVID-19 and its impacts on hunger as well as adjusting to remote work, learning technologies, and new processes to help us stay relevant, effective, and faithful in this work.

We are so grateful for your support in this ongoing difficult time. Because of the increase of hunger-related impacts of COVID-19, your generosity is crucial to our ability to respond. Because of you, churches and organizations are able to distribute more food to people who are hungry and also to do education and advocacy to help ensure future food security for vulnerable communities. Because of you, global partners living in places of war, violence, poverty, famine, drought or flooding have better access to safety, health, and basic needs.

We believe that God is with us, that Christ surrounds us, and that the Spirit guides us, particularly as we navigate the most challenging times. We then feel called to ourselves be present with communities who are suffering. We try by our actions, partnerships, and ministry to be God's love in places of pain. Your contribution to PHP also demonstrates presence, solidarity, and hope--to us who work at the national church and to communities themselves who are struggling. Thank you.

In gratitude,
Rebecca Barnes
Coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program

Dear Friends at Bluffton Presbyterian Church,
I appreciate all the cards and the beautiful yellow roses you sent for my "90th" birthday. Thank you so very much. I really had a good week.

Hazel Rodabaugh

BIG Birthdays (80 yrs. and above)

Sally Reeder April 30, 1931 90

Birthdays

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| April | 1 | Megan Sycks
John Hochstetler |
| | 2 | Danielle (Rhonemus) Rowland |
| | 4 | Beth Buist |
| | 5 | Helen Hawk |
| | 8 | Ashlin Gable |
| | 13 | Avery Talavinia |
| | 14 | Marilyn Bullock |
| | 18 | Chris Schilling |
| | 19 | Karol Farris |
| | 23 | Pam Weisenbarger
Leslie Freed
Lynn Nowak |
| | 24 | Will Neff |
| | 26 | Cathy Carroll |
| | 30 | Sally Reeder |
| May | 2 | Patrick Rhonemus |
| | 3 | Paige McVetta |
| | 7 | Adam Shanaman |
| | 9 | George Stultz |

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Craig Bowman (XXXXXX). PLEASE leave a message if no answer. Or call the church office (XXXXXX) 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 Craig or another deacon.

Frontline Worker Recognition – Thank you to Mission committee members Lynda Best and Sue Van Eman for helping to deliver snacks and “goodies” to workers who have continued to serve our community throughout the pandemic. This project was launched at BPC and supported by several local congregations, as well as individuals. In March, employees at the banks, grocery, and Main St. businesses were recognized. If you would like to help with future deliveries, contact Pastor Karol.

SMALL GIFTS BIG IMPACT – Thank you for your generous giving through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, which is a testament to your concern for people in need. Gifts like yours are helping to change the lives of families and communities throughout the world. You are improving the physical well-being of people and nurturing hope. I invite you to learn more about the impact that you and others are making in the lives of thousands of people across the globe. In Christ's name,
Bryce Wiebe

Director, Presbyterian Giving Catalog



Prayers of Sympathy for:

The family of Jody Mock (Clair Winebar’s step-sister) who passed away March 6, following a short illness.

The families of Mike McDowell and Christopher Buttruff (friends of Tanya Best) who said goodbye to their loved ones in memorial services recently.

The family of David Rempel Smucker (Jeremy Szabo’s friend) who died on March 12.

Prayers of Joy for:

Lin Rumer who is a great-grandmother. Lincoln Anthony Rumer was born February 4 to Brett and Maddie Rumer.

Prayers of Healing for:

Wendy Erford (Cathy Carroll’s friend) who is improving and is in rehab after her severe strokes.

Rev. Ralph & Donnie Middleton, as Donnie had a serious hospitalization, but is now back with Ralph at Good Samaritan.

Joe (Pat Deal’s brother) who had a liver transplant 10 years ago and is now in liver failure.

Ron Gallaher (Bev Begg’s brother-in-law) who has been taken to the hospice unit at the hospital.

Ed Joffe (Jeremy Szabo’s friend) who has bladder cancer.

Molly Pontius (Lori Schmidt’s friend) who got a wonderful report on her heart biopsy a year after her transplant. Everything looks great and is functioning well, no signs of rejection, no follow-up for 90 days!

Ken Ruckzo (McCracken family friend) who has brain cancer that has spread to other organs.

Johnny (father of Adam Shanaman’s girlfriend) is on dialysis at home and is waiting for a kidney transplant.

Connie Claybaugh (Gayle Marshall’s co-worker) who was hospitalized briefly and is back at home dealing with ongoing health concerns.

Rev. Ralph & Donnie Middleton, as Donnie had a serious hospitalization, but is now back with Ralph at Good Samaritan.

Kay Ziessler came home from Mennonite Memorial Home on March 24.

Darin Leugers who had a TIA and a Kidney infection. He is home recovering,

Bexley Leugers (Darin and Amanda’s daughter) who broke her toe into her growth plate and has a boot for 6 weeks.

Jane Benroth who has health concerns.

Richard Sycks (Dave’s father) who went back to the Coshocton hospital on March 17; he is retaining fluid after being diagnosed with pneumonia.

Jim Basinger (Jodi Brauen’s brother) who is in the hospital for adrenal gland and gallbladder removal and for an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

Those who live alone or in care facilities and less able to engage in meaningful connections with others, including Marilyn Bullock, Peggy Hursey, Sally Reeder, Hazel Rodabaugh, Dortha Radabaugh, Sheila Hurlburt, Jeanette Warren, and Ralph and Donnie Middleton.

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Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

Faith Formation: 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

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Primary Work Days: Tuesday – Friday (off Mondays)

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Email: XXXXXXXXXXXX

Faith Formation Intern: Adam Shanaman

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Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman

Choir Directors: Linda Sycks

Nursery Helpers: Kori Phipps and Shawna Anderson

Custodian: Roger Brodman

2021 Church Officers

Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt

Buildings & Grounds – Lynda Best

Faith Formation – Dick McGarrity

Fellowship – Tom Edwards

Finance & Stewardship – Clair Winebar

Mission – Carole Enneking

Nominating – Sarah Brauen and Tom Edwards

Personnel – Lori Schmidt

Worship – Diane Winebar

Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt

Members at Large – Sarah Brauen and Phill Talavina

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Laura From

Assistant Moderator: Jana McVetta

Members: Tanya Best, Craig Bowman,

Chris Hochstetler, Libby McVetta