



What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

August 2017

Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 13 – Food Pantry

Pulpit – Leslie Freed
Special Music: Don Brauen
Lay Reader: Lori Schmidt
Greeters: Talavinia Family
Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Sunday, August 20

Pulpit – Katie Erickson
Special Music: Dave Sycks
Organist: Sue Van Eman
Lay Reader: Carla Montgomery
Greeters: McVetta Family
Acolytes: McVetta Girls

Sunday, August 27

Pulpit – Tenna Rhonemus
Special Music: Sarah Gillen
Lay Reader: Dick McGarrity
Greeters: Gillen Family
Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Sunday, September 3

3 Cents a Meal Offering
Pulpit – Tenna Rhonemus
Lay Reader: Diane Winebar

Sunday, September 10 - Communion

Pulpit – Rev. Karol Farris



Mark Your Calendars!

- August 10 – Session Meeting – 7:00 PM
- August 16 – Deacons Meeting – 6:30 PM
- August 27 – Newsletter Deadline
CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com

Announcement Procedure

If you have an announcement to present in church during the month, get it to the church office by Wednesday morning so it will be announced by our Lay Reader.

Small Groups Resuming in September

I miss Colletta, Dortha, Jeanette, Hazel, Mary, Donnas, Judy, Diane, June, Mariah, Laura, Beth, Leslie, Carole, Lori, Sue, Julia, and Marilyn. Summer is a time to find pleasure outdoors and enjoy vacations, but without small group, I feel less connected to my BPC friends and I miss exploring the Word with them and praying with them.

Startup for the groups begins next month! Claralice Circle will meet for the first time September 12, getting together every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 PM in the basement of the church. Sister Min Circle will start September 5 and (except for the month of September) will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month from 2:00-3:00 PM in the Family Room at Maple Crest.

Please join us!
Jayne

(You may speak with members of the Small Group Task Force for more information: Roy, Mariah, George, Beth, Diane, Jeanette & Jayne. We could even start a men's group or a young women's group!)

Highlights of June's Session Meeting

- Motion approved to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 6 following morning worship service to elect an elder to complete the unexpired elder term created with Bob Angus' death.
- Approved motion to call a Congregational Meeting on August 6 following worship to extend a call to the Rev. Karol Farris to serve as Installed Pastor of Bluffton Presbyterian Church pending approval of the congregation.
- Approved proposing September 1 as starting date for Karol Farris with September 10 being first Sunday.
- Elders expressed appreciation to PNC members - Sarah Brauen, Don Carroll, Carole Enneking, Sarah Gillen, Lori Schmidt, Dave Sycks, Megan Sycks, George Stultz, and Diane Winebar - for their dedicated service.

Deacons Report

The Deacons would like to thank those who helped us with the Community Meal on July 20. 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.

We plan to update our Deacon Church Directory with member addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and birthdays. You may receive a call over the next few weeks from your deacon if they need to verify your information. These new updates will help us, as well as our new Pastor.

Mission

The Mission committee would like to see if there is anyone who would like to join the Mission

committee it is not a stressful committee and we do so much good in many ways so anyone who may be interested contact Lynda Best 419-296-2790.

There are still some things we can use help with at the Manse from small to large. From cleaning to removing counter tops contact Lynda Best 419-296-2790 if you are interested.

Personal Information

Don't forget to let Cathy Carroll know when you have a change in address, phone number, and/or email address.

If your birthday or you know of a birthday that does not show up in our newsletter, please let Cindy Gillen know.



Bluffton Area Food Pantry

The Bluffton Area Food Pantry thanks you for your continued support. Listed below are some items to consider for the pantry:

Lotions and Creams
Cereals
Soups and Crackers
Spaghetti and Sauces
Macaroni and Cheese
Paper products: TP, Paper Towels, Kleenex
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables (No corn or green beans needed at this time)

Personal Hygiene Products: Deodorant,
Shampoo, Hair Care Items (No bath soaps or toothpaste needed at this time)
Spaghetios and similar canned foods
Canned Meats
Hamburger Helper
Tuna and Tuna Helper

Vacation Bible School



Over 145 area children gathered at English Lutheran Church for this year's Community VBS. Our church partnered with St. John's United Church of Christ to run the pre-school track of "Operation Arctic." Thank you to Lori Schmidt, Leslie Freed, Jana McVetta, and Megan Sycks for serving as group leaders. The Bible Story was led by Linda Sycks with help from Tenna Rhonemus and Tammie Hursh. Games were led by Carole Enneking and Libby McVetta. An eighth church, Trinity United Methodist, joined with St. Mary's Catholic Church, Emmanuel UCC, St. John's UCC, First Mennonite, First United Methodist, English Lutheran and Bluffton Presbyterian to present the annual summer event.



Prayer Requests

Prayers of Sympathy with Ben and Judy Miracle and family on the recent loss of Judy's granddaughter Ashley Gonzales.

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

Prayers of Healing for Michael Lee Bucher, Carl Wolf, Tyler and Laura From, Autumn Sprunger, Bob and Jean Braden, Walter Schmidt, Dorothy Hursey, Dusty Freed, Roy and Mariah Pneuman, Jean Szabo, Peggy Hursey, and Edna Gossard.

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.

Happy Birthday!!

August	1	Dale Dickey
	2	Haley Bloom
	4	Judy Miracle
	11	Bev Begg
	12	Tom Edwards
	18	Gene Mathewson
	19	Kay Ziessler
	20	Bob Hursh
	21	Lynda Best
	24	Emily Parker
	26	Jenna Kisor
		Caleb Fifer
September	4	Jeremy Szabo
	5	Jay McCracken

Thank You!!!

Bluffton Presbyterian Church,

We greatly appreciated your generous donation.

Thank you again and again!

Bluffton Police Department

Thank you to all those who donated and helped with the Wheels Festival. We ended up making \$445. Not bad considering all the rain.

Deacons and Church Members,

Your unquestioning support for my mission trip to Kentucky warms my heart. Your willingness to send prayers, money, and school supplies to a school that desperately needs them shows your true heart for caring for your neighbors, and I can't thank you enough!

Blessings, Emily

Aluminum Can Recycling

Remember to save your aluminum cans. The Mission Committee sells recyclable cans and uses the proceeds to support mission causes in our area, most recently for a shelter and feeding ministry in Lima. Bring the cans to the church basement and contribute them to a worthy cause.

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

2017 Church Officers

Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt
Buildings & Grounds – Tom Hursey
Christian Education – Tenna Rhonemus and
Carole Enneking
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 – Tom Edwards, Lori
Schmidt, and Phil Weisenbarger

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Laura From
Members: Marilyn Edwards, Barb Fett, Laura
From, Gayle Marshall, Mike Rhonemus, and
Donnas Stone.