



*Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love*

# What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

**August 2021**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, August 1 – 3 Cents a Meal Offering**

Liturgist: Sunny Zank  
Special Music: Women's Ensemble  
Sound: Jay McCracken / Camera: Ryan Brauen  
Slides: Julia Szabo  
Acolytes: Libby, Paige and Aubrea  
Greeters: Craig Bowman and Dave Van Eman

### **Sunday, August 8 – Outdoor Service\*\***

#### **Communion, Ordination/Installation of Robert McGarrity as Deacon**

Liturgist: Lori Schmidt  
Special Music: Dave Sycks, Trumpet  
Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Camera: Tenna Rhonemus  
Slides: Diane Winebar  
Acolytes: Paige and Morgan  
Greeters: Mike and Tenna Rhonemus

### **Sunday, August 15 – Little Free Pantry Offering**

#### **Guest Preacher: George Stultz**

Liturgist: Lin Rumer  
Special Music: Lori Schmidt  
Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Camera: Tenna Rhonemus  
Slides: Talavinias  
Acolytes: Avery and Bowen  
Greeters: Lori Schmidt and Valerie Ponce

### **Sunday, August 22**

#### **Video Sermon from Ian and Jhan Vellenga**

Liturgist: Diane Winebar  
Special Music: Don Brauen  
Sound: Jeff Gillen / Camera: Julia Szabo  
Slides: Cathy Carroll  
Acolytes: Owen and Clara  
Greeters: Don and Jodi Brauen

### **Sunday, August 29 – PDA Bucket Assembly**

Liturgist: Dave Van Eman  
Special Music: Julia Szabo  
Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Camera: Tenna Rhonemus  
Slides: Diane Winebar  
Acolyte: Avery  
Greeters: Carole Enneking and Sue Van Eman

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Sundays: Worship 10:15am\***

**Faith Formation for Children & Adults:  
No Sunday Morning Meetings in August**

- August 3 – National Night Out at Bluffton Community Pool – Volunteers Needed 7:00 to 9:15 PM
- August 4 – Mission Committee 7:30 PM
- August 5 – Session 7:00 PM
- August 7 – Jean Szabo memorial service (at FUMC) – 11:00 AM
- August 8 – Fellowship after worship hosted by Claralice Circle
- August 8 – Pool Party at the Gillen residence: 2:00 PM swimming and fellowship 5:30 PM potluck meal
- August 11 – Deacons 6:30 PM
- August 19 – Deacons Host Senior Center Community Meal 6:00 PM
- August 20 – Bluffton Relay for Life on Lawn – 6:00 to 10:00 PM
- August 26 – Worship Committee 6:30 PM
- August 28 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM
- August 28 – Jazz Trio plays in Gazebo during Bluffton Festival of Wheels 2:00 to 5:00 PM
- August 29 – Assemble PDA Clean-Up Buckets (hosted by Mission Committee) after worship
- **August 29 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy**

\*Indoor Worship: Session's current pandemic protocols as of June 13: In accordance with recommendations by the CDC and the Ohio Department of Public Health, the church has lifted its mask requirements for those who are fully vaccinated. Those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to continue wearing masks until further notice. We have also resumed congregational singing.

\*\*Outdoor Worship on the Lawn: bring a lawn chair; if inclement weather, service will move indoors. Livestream worship is available online on our [Facebook page](#) and later posted to our [website](#).

## Pastor's Letter: Fruit of the Spirit?

What's your favorite fruit? If you're like me, you have many favorites (a much longer list than favorite vegetables!). The "best" fruit in my opinion is probably not one kind, but rather any that is freshly picked and perfectly ripe: ready to be eaten and fuel the body with nutrients!

Just like we need to eat a well-balanced and nutritious diet for our physical health, we need to give similar care and attention to our spiritual health. That's why we're taking time this summer to do a deep dive into the fruit of the spirit. Like good nutrition, spiritual health comes from the inside out and is a consistent and life-long commitment. Being a fruitful Christian does not come from clocking in and out on Sunday mornings, but from daily living that strives to please God and serve others – daily living in which the fruit of the spirit is made manifest in our lives.

The fruit of the Spirit is a well-known passage found in Galatians 5:22-23. All the items in this list – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control – are not (multiple) fruits of the spirit, but the (one) fruit of the spirit. While we can certainly describe them in different terms, in the end, the emphasis is on their unity as the positive results that show up in our lives when God is working in us. This is in opposition to what happens in our lives when we follow what Paul calls the flesh – which is not a literal reference to our bodies, but a way to describe our sinful nature, where we act in ways that are selfish, greedy, and divisive. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is the result of our willingness to listen to the Spirit's guidance. It can serve as proof – to others, and to ourselves – that we are walking in God's ways.

So, whatever you eat this summer, I urge you to consider how you are also bearing the fruit of the Spirit – demonstrating your faith through the ways you care for friends and strangers alike. When you do, you will surely experience a most satisfying and delightful day of faithfulness!

In Christ,

*Pastor Karol*

## Fruit of the Spirit Current Sermon Series July- August



### Invitation to Church Membership

If you have recently found a home here at Bluffton Presbyterian Church, you are invited to consider joining our congregation. Talk to Pastor Karol, or any member of session (see back page), to find out more. Educational opportunities can be offered for you to become more familiar with our church's history, mission, and more. The primary profession of faith for members is this: to proclaim Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. We are eager to welcome you as a vital and active member of our Christian fellowship.

### Highlights of July Session Meeting



No July Session meeting was held.

Promotional graphic for Outdoor Worship and Communion on August 8, 10:15am, featuring a large sunflower.

August 8, 10:15am

# Outdoor Worship and Communion

Bring lawn chairs.  
Seating also provided.  
In sanctuary if rain.

## DEACONS

### No July Meeting was Held

- We are in need of drivers on Sunday mornings to pick residents up at the Mennonite Memorial Home (9:45) and return them after the service. If you are interested, please contact Chris Hochstetler.
- Your options to receive your FREE subscription to Presbyterians Today, or to continue receiving, are listed below. These subscriptions are complimentary without expiration.
  - E-mail [jackie.carter@pcusa.org](mailto:jackie.carter@pcusa.org) your mailing address
  - Call Chris Hochstetler or Pastor Karol
  - Electronic Version  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/>

## FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Garage and Social Hour held every Saturday after from 9:00 to 10:30 AM is being cancelled for the beginning of August; no return date has been set.

Ladies fellowship will now be held at the Gazebo the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays (unless inclement weather) and at Arby's the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Children's Church & Nursery

Children's Church & Nursery for age's newborn through 5th grade is open. Our teachers are Kori Phipps and Shawna Anderson. Older kids are encouraged to remain in the sanctuary through Time for Young Christians.

### Sunday School

Young Youth Sunday school will be starting back up soon and IN PERSON! A new 7-week session will start Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 AM. Look for more information coming out later in August!

Adult class will resume meeting on September 12 provided covid restrictions remain relaxed. We will restart the video series "Living the Questions" we were viewing when the lockdown stopped us 18 months ago. All are welcome as we meet at 9:00 AM in the Sunday School room adjacent to the church office.



On the first day of 2021 Bluffton Community VBS, Pastor Karol and Libby McVetta led a humorous skit about Ananias of Damascus (read Acts 9 for this story of faith overcoming fear!).



## June 2021 Financial Report

### General Fund Budgeted Items

Balance January 1, 2021	\$
Receipts thru June 30	
Transfer of special receipts received in 2020 to 2021 budgeted items	
Expenses thru June 30	( )
Balance June 30, 2021	\$

Thank you for financially supporting the church's budget.

### Fellowship Potluck/Pool Party

Jeff and Cindy Gillen will be hosting a potluck and pool party on Sunday, August 8 with swimming and fellowship beginning at 2:00 PM, and a potluck meal at 5:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair if you have one. Sandwiches, calico beans, and drinks will be provided. An RSVP would be appreciated.

### Book ReViews

Do you love books? Do you love to read? Would you like to build relationships with other like-minded people? Consider volunteering at Book ReViews! Stop in the store to see about volunteering or email us at [bookreviewsetcetera@gmail.com](mailto:bookreviewsetcetera@gmail.com).

## MISSION

### Support Special Collections

The Mission Committee invites the congregation to donate items for any or all of these projects. Items can be dropped off in the buckets at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays or during office hours or by contacting Carole Enneking to arrange for pick up.

### Clean Up Buckets

The goal is to fill at least 4 buckets with each of the items listed below; pick up a “sticky note” from the hallway bulletin board, or contact Carole Enneking to share what items you plan to donate. **ITEMS ARE NEEDED BY AUGUST 18.**

Buckets will be assembled following church on Sunday, August 29; all are welcome!

5-gallon bucket with resealable lid  
5 scouring pads  
7 sponges, assorted sizes  
1 scrub brush  
5 dust masks  
50 clothespins  
Clothesline, two 50 foot . or one 100 foot  
50 oz. liquid laundry detergent\*  
1 pair work gloves  
2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex®)  
1 bottle liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.\*  
1 bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 25 oz.\*  
1 pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)  
24-count roll heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)  
1 bottle insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol), 6-14oz.\*  
Send only new, unopened materials. *\*\*liquids in plastic bottles only*  
*Value=\$75*

### Lima Rescue Mission

Donations to support operations may be left in the church basement or in the donation bucket at the back of the sanctuary. Donations will be accepted until August 22 for delivery on August 28.

**Food items:** Pancake Syrup, Large cans of Chicken, Beef, or Vegetables

**Supplies:** Plastic Silverware, Styrofoam cups (8oz.)

### School Supplies

**Bath Elementary School** stocks supplies for students who cannot afford all the items on their supply list. Items needed include: Crayola Markers (Broad Line 10ct.), My First Beginner Pencils (large #2), plastic pencil boxes, plastic 2 pocket folders. Items can be placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

### Bluffton Community Assistance

List is not yet available.

### **PCUSA Week of Action 2021 -- August 23-29**

For those who are interested in social justice, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Week of Action is planned for August 23-29, with many virtual activities. The theme this year is “Shades of Oppression, Resistance and Liberation.” The Week of Action has, at its core, the idea of being a visible arm of justice in our communities around the denomination as we stand on the foundations of both Matthew 25 and the Hands & Feet Initiative. The week and theme are crafted to bring attention and action to the plight of those suffering from differing forms of oppressive situations such as: victims of gun violence, violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, violence against indigenous women and girls, oppression of LGBTQIA+ individuals, oppression of Latin and Hispanic people, concerns for our Middle Eastern siblings, as well as oppression within the Black community.

### **Lima Rescue Mission**

Thank you to the Winebar’s who have volunteered to help the Hursh’s serve August 28 pizza night. We are looking for 1-2 volunteers for September 10. If anyone is interested to serve or contribute, please contact Bob Hursh. 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](http://www.blufftonpc.org/give)) by the Wednesday before. Thanks to all!

### **National Night Out**

Three more volunteers are needed to help (arm bands, as well as supervision) with the Bounce Houses during this annual community event. If you are interested in helping on Tuesday, August. 3 from 6:45 to 9:15 PM, contact Carole Enneking.



**Bluffton Relay for Life**

The Bluffton Relay for Life will be held in the church yard August 20 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. It will be a mini relay in honor of survivors and in memory of those we have lost. It is a community event with entertainment and some other activities. If there are any survivors who would like to come, that have not received a survey form to fill out they can contact Lynda Best. Any questions or survivors may contact Lynda Best. Also, any members that would like to volunteer that night would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!!

**Little Free Pantry**

On more than one occasion this month, kind persons from the Bluffton community have dropped off several bags of food for the pantry, so we are in good shape right now. If you would like to donate, please consider shampoo and toilet paper. Thanks for your continued support!

**August Schedule**

- Aug 2-8 – Carole Enneking
- Aug 9-15 – Jayne McGarrity
- Aug 16-22 – Sue Van Eman
- Aug 23-29 – Diane Winebar



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 Thank you very much for the Amazon card and book. It was very much appreciated.  
 Wyatt Marshall

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 Thank you BPC for your love, prayers and support. Our family is so appreciative of your generosity and kindness. Thank you Deacons for the gift cards you sent us. The restaurants were a perfect choice and the gas cards really have helped with all our traveling on I-75.  
 Missing everyone!  
 Greg and Laura Elwood  
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**BPC Prayer Chain**

If you have a prayer request, please contact Craig Bowman. 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 Craig or another deacon.



**Birthdays**

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|------|----|----------------|
| Aug  | 9  | Roger Brodman  |
|      | 11 | Bev Begg       |
|      | 12 | Tom Edwards    |
|      | 18 | Gene Mathewson |
|      | 19 | Kay Ziessler   |
|      | 20 | Bob Hursh      |
|      | 21 | Lynda Best     |
|      | 24 | Emily Parker   |
| Sept | 4  | Jeremy Szabo   |
|      | 5  | Jay McCracken  |

**Anniversaries**

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|-----------|----|---------------------------|
| Aug       | 6  | Jay and Anne McCracken    |
| Aug       | 10 | Chris and Karol Schilling |
| Aug       | 14 | Jeremy and Sunny Zank     |
| Aug       | 30 | Gene and Sue Mathewson    |
| September | 1  | Jeff and Cindy Gillen     |

**Memorial Service**

A memorial service for **Jean Szabo** will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, August 7, at First United Methodist Church of Bluffton. Jean served on Bluffton University’s music faculty for 27 years and was the organist at FUMC for 60 years. Jean enjoyed attending services at Bluffton Presbyterian Church with her family. She passed away on August 22, 2020.

# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

## **Prayers of Joy for:**

The wedding of Ian Mullenhour (Colletta's grandson) on August 7 in Chicago. Colletta, Helen, and Terry are excited to make the trip!

Sue and Dave Van Eman celebrate their granddaughters visiting in July.

Sue and Dave Van Eman's niece got married on July 17.

Lori Schmidt and family will travel to Nebraska to visit relatives and celebrate her uncle's life.

Bev Begg is expecting two more great-grandchildren this fall, twins to be born in November.

Carole and Jim Enneking got to spend time in nature on a trip to western New York, as well as enjoying a visit with Jeremy, Alex, and Parker last week.

Rob McGarrity shares the joy that the ramp to the gazebo is now complete!

Jay McCracken shares the joy of his family being part of our congregation for over 30 years; however, they will be moving to Michigan by the end of August.

Darlene Hey got good results back from her MRI.

## **Prayers of Healing for:**

Tammie Hursh's mother has been in the hospital, but hopefully will get to come home soon.

Owen Ziessler is in Blanchard Valley Hospital.

Elkin (great-nephew of Lynda Best) was born premature; he is gaining some weight but has ongoing health concerns.

Gayle Marshall is receiving chemotherapy for colon cancer.

Yuji (5-year-old son of Greg and Laura Elwood) has received 6 weeks of radiation and chemotherapy in Cincinnati, after a break, he will have 6 months of chemotherapy in Columbus.

Ben Miracle is struggling to adjust to life without Judy since her passing in December.

Ken Ruckzo (McCracken family friend) is home under hospice care.

Krystal Nichols (Nick and Jeanie's daughter-in-law) is home recuperating after being hospitalized with pneumonia.

Cynthia Reynolds (Julia Szabo's friend) is in the final weeks of life, battling brain cancer.

Linda Francies (Bev Begg's daughter) is recovering from a successful surgery.

Kelly (friend of Annessa Samsal and Mariah Pneuman) has just been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, and she will be having a double mastectomy.

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



## **Summer of Song: A Concert Series by the Presbyterian Giving Catalog**

We are united by a deep gratitude for the spirit. This gratitude moves us to give as devotion, give as thanks, and give as one. The Presbyterian Giving Catalog has always been about sharing our gifts with others – gifts that make a big impact. This year, we're launching Summer of Song to celebrate not only the gifts that have been shared, but our connection to one another. Live music has been sorely missed by so many during the pandemic as church choirs were quieted, and Sunday hymns sung in homes rather than in sanctuaries. Summer of Song will allow us to come together to joyfully experience a shared love of music, its deep connection to worship and praise and the feeling of togetherness created when we come together in song.

## SUMMER OF SONG: AUGUST 21 | 7 PM - THE MISSION MUSICIANS

The Mission Musicians are justice-oriented members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who believe in the power of music to spread God's love.



Mennonite Memorial Home  
**Concert on the Lawn**  
SUNDAY  
AUGUST 22, 2021 6:00 - 7:00 PM  
BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR!   
410 WEST ELM ST, BLUFFTON

## CORNERSTONE of LIMA

A PLACE OF HOPE FOR  
CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS

### FAMILY EQUIPPING WORKSHOP

*Learn how to manage stressful moments with hope  
and resiliency as a family!*

When: Thursday, August 12, 6:30-8:30 PM

Cost: \$25/families of  $\leq 4$ ; \$30/families of  $\geq 5$

Location: Cornerstone of Hope's Back Lawn

\*Workshop is most appropriate for parents and their children who are in grades K-5.

Many families experience stressful moments with big emotions like anger, frustration and anxiety. These moments can often feel overwhelming and leave family members feeling strained. Before school begins in the fall, Cornerstone would like to equip families with tools and strategies to manage stressful situations with resiliency and hope!

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Small Group Offers a Closer Relationship with Friends and God.

Plans are being made to resume Claralice Circle September 14. There will be just one ladies' group, meeting every Tuesday evening in the church basement, 6:30-8:00 PM. Part of the time will be devoted to personal sharing and the rest of the time will be spent discussing short chapters from the book *When You're a Christian, the Whole World is from Missouri (Living the Life of Faith in a "Show Me" World)* by James W. Moore. Copies will be provided by the church.

New members are cordially invited to attend. No Bible expertise is necessary and participants are welcome to share or not, as they are led. Please contact Pastor Karol, Jayne McGarrity, or Diane Winebar if you are interested in trying out the group. During the spring 2021 meetings, group members wore masks and maintained social distance. That may be the protocol again in the fall, depending on BPC guidelines.

## St. Rita's Hospice "Trails" Grief Camp

St. Rita's Hospice will be facilitating "Trails", a grief camp. "Trails" will be held on Thursday, August 5 and Friday, August 6, 2021. It is for school-aged children who have experienced the death of a loved one.

The camp will be held near Lima at Camp Robin Rogers, located at 1090 S. Conant Road, Spencerville, Ohio. Registration is required by July 31. To find out more about "Trails" contact Herb Wilker at [hiwilker@mercy.com](mailto:hiwilker@mercy.com) or by phone at (419) 226-9556.

## Community Markets Rebates Save Your Receipts!

Please support our church and our local grocery store by participating in the Community Markets rebates program! Participating is super-easy – simply drop your Bluffton Community Markets receipts in the little basket attached to the bulletin board by the church office or mail them to the church. The church then gets a 1% cash rebate! It's a great and easy way to support our church and local grocery store! And no user account, loyalty card, or app required ☺! Contact Darlene Hey if you have any questions.

**Bluffton Presbyterian Church**  
**112 N. Main St., P.O. Box 149**  
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Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

**OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris Schilling

Phone:

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In-Office Hours: Tues & Wed 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Treasurer: Julia Szabo

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Communications Coordinator: Abigail Gwin

Email:

Faith Formation Intern: Adam Shanaman

Email:

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman

Choir Director: Linda Sycks

Children's Church Teachers: 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 Talavinia

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Members: Tanya Best, Craig Bowman, Rob

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