



Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 2022

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 7 – Communion

3 Cents a Meal Offering

Liturgist: Laura Elwood

Special Music: Laura Elwood

Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Camera: Tenna Rhonemus

Slides: Julia Szabo

Acolytes: Owen and Clara

Greeter: Chris Hochstetler and Jade Hochstetler

Sunday, August 14 – Outdoor Service

Little Free Pantry Offering

Liturgists: Jeff and Kerry Fremont

Special Music: Dave Sycks

Sound: Bob Hursh / Camera: Tammie Hursh

Slides: Diane Winebar

Acolytes: Paige and Morgan

Greeters: Clair and Diane Winebar

Sunday, August 21

Liturgist: Linda Sycks

Special Music: Szabos and

Dan Noland & Daphne J.

Sound: Ryan Brauen / Camera: Julia Szabo

Slides: Talavinias

Acolyte: Avery

Greeter: Lori Schmidt and Craig Bowman

Sunday, August 28

Pulpit Supply

Liturgist: Jade Hochstetler

Special Music: Don Brauen

Sound: Jeff Gillen / Camera: Clair Winebar

Slides: Cathy Carroll

Acolyte: Bowen

Greeters: Don and Jodi Brauen

Sunday, September 4 – Outdoor Service

Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Camera: Tenna Rhonemus

Slides: Julia Szabo

Mark Your Calendars!

Sundays: Worship 10:15 AM

Aug. 2 – National Night Out 6:00-9:00 PM

Aug. 5 – 60's Survivor Band in Gazebo 7:00-9:30 PM

Aug. 10 – Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM

Aug. 11 – Session Meeting 7:00 PM

Aug. 13 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM

Aug. 14 – Breakfast & Chat about Worship 9:00 AM

Aug. 14 – Outdoor Worship from Gazebo 10:15 AM

Aug. 14 – Session Retreat – Sarah & Ryan Brauen's home 2:00-5:00 PM

Aug. 28 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy

Weekly livestream worship is available on our

[Facebook page](#) and later posted to our [website](#).

Choir Resuming in September

If you love music and like to sing, Choir will resume its Wednesday night practices on September 7 at 6:30 p.m. All previous members and new interested persons are welcome!! The choir will sing the second and fourth Sundays of each month.



Pastor's Letter

Throughout the month of July, we have been journeying together on a series called Action Required. In these recent worship services, we have reflected on what our faith calls us to do with our lives.

So far, we have learned about these actions:

- Love Unconditionally
- Pause and Listen
- Be Persistent in Prayer
- Speak the Truth

Our final week on July 31 will feature the action of looking beyond ourselves to the needs of others.

God's call on our lives challenges us to engage with our faith beyond Sunday mornings, living as followers of Jesus all week long. How has your life changed since paying attention to the action required of us in response to God's call on our lives and the needs of the world around us?

One of my favorite quotes, from author Frederick Buechner, says: "the place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." May you continue to pause and listen for God calling you to go and do what is required, namely: do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God!



In Christ,

Pastor Karol

Highlights from July Meetings

Session and Deacons did not meet in July.

Your Worst Fears about Small Group

1. *Is it a lecture?* Our small group leaders choose study topics or scriptures and do a little research into fun facts related to the subject, but there is no lecturer.
2. *Will I be expected to talk?* Some participants have a lot to say and some are quiet as little church mice. We're aware that not everyone will have a lot to say.
3. *Is this a support group where I'll have to share my feelings?* Small group members might share what's happening in their lives or where they've seen God, but no one is expected to share deep feelings unless they're moved to.
4. *How much of the Bible do I need to know?* None! Our study of the Bible is based on participants' reactions to words and phrases in scripture, how they think a passage might touch their own life experience, and what they think God might be saying to them through The Word.
5. *Will I have to sing in public?* You might be asked to participate in a chorus of "Happy Birthday" several times a year!
6. Claralice Circle, the BPC ladies' small group, will start its fall season Tuesday, September 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the church basement. Meetings are held once a week through May. See leaders Jayne McGarrity or Diane Winebar if you have questions.

Volunteers for Children's Church/Nursery

8/7 – Open

8/14 – Sarah Brauen

8/21 – Mike & Tenna Rhonemus

8/28 – Open

MISSION

Bluffton's National Night Out

Members and friends of our congregation are welcome to help with this community event on Tuesday, August 2. We will again be supervising the Bounce House station from 7:00-9:15 p.m., sign up on the list posted on the hallway bulletin board or contact Carole Enneking for more information.

Support Special Collections

It is time for our annual SUMMER DONATION DRIVES. Items can be dropped off in the buckets at the back of the sanctuary, during office hours or by contacting Carole Enneking to arrange for pick up.

Lima Rescue Mission

Help support daily operations for the Mission:
Requested items: Clorox Bleach, Boxed Cereal, Tea/Lemonade Drink mix.

School Supplies - Bath Elementary School

Help stock the teacher's supply closet for students who cannot afford all the items on their supply list.
Requested Items: Ear Bud headphones (Walmart \$10), Elmers Glue Stick (small and large), Crayola colored pencils, Crayola crayons (16 or 24 count), Crayola crayons (Large size), Plastic folders (3 pronged, blue, yellow, purple), spiral notebooks (1 subject, wide ruled), hand-held pencil sharpener with shaving collector.

Mission Update



A portion of the monthly 3 Cents a Meal collection (1st Sunday of the month) goes to Maumee Valley Presbytery and combines with other congregational donations to address hunger. The primary regional organization that benefits is The West Ohio Food Bank. The WOFB serves 11 counties in Northwest Ohio; 29 food pantries are supported in Allen County. Schools, shelters, CUP Ministry, and churches receive food donations to assist families and individuals in need. According to the WestOhioFoodBank.org website, more than 72,590 food secure individuals in our region face hunger; putting food on the table every day is a struggle and often means making impossible choices. The other portion of the collection supports the Bluffton Community Assistance Food Pantry to help local families.

Little Free Pantry

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

Requested donations this month are cereal, hamburger helper, canned fruit. Thank you to those who have recently given cash to the LFP account. We appreciate your support!!

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio Volunteer Opportunities

Persons interested may contact Chris Moser, cmoser@mhcoliving.org, 419-358-1015 Ext. 263.

Medical Transport drivers: (Licensed driver to take residents to Bluffton, Lima, Findlay doctors' appointments.) Volunteer drivers help take residents to appointments during the week using the MHCO handicap accessible van or 15 -passenger bus (Help on the days you are available.)

MMH Clean-up: Weeding in Sycamore Garden memory care area and outside of resident living spaces.



Bluffton and Pandora Mobile Meals

Mobile Meals for area seniors
Meal is delivered at lunch time
Available Monday through Friday
Delivered to your home!
Only \$5 per meal

Register in Bluffton:

Call 419-358-1015, x218

Register in Pandora:

Call 419-384-3218

Thank you to the volunteer delivery drivers that allow us to offer this program. If you would like to volunteer, call 419-358-1015 x263

LIMA RESCUE MISSION

Thanks to Tammie and Bob Hursh for covering July Pizza Night! Turnout was bigger than usual so we will be needing more plates, gallon resealable bags, candy bars, and water.

We will be needing volunteers for upcoming Pizza Night dates including August 13 and September 10. Anyone interested in helping or donating drinks, snacks, and supplies, 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!

Thank You

Thank you to Dave Sycks, Dan Noland, and Clair Winebar for their recent landscaping labors on the grounds of the church and manse!

We had a very successful community meal in July. We served almost 80 people, counting volunteers. Everyone was very appreciative and complimentary! A huge thank you goes out to the following people who helped serve, make pies or donated supplies!

Tanya Best	Jana McVetta
Cathy Carroll	Colletta Mullenhour
Kerry Fremont	Mike Rhonemus
Cindy Gillen	Tenna Rhonemus
Helen Hawk	Elaine Thompson
Chris Hochstetler	Dave Van Eman
Jayne McGarrity	Sue Van Eman
Rob McGarrity	

Sarah Brauen thanks all the volunteers who helped with the spring animals series in the **Children's Faith Formation class**.

Thanks for the **General Assembly** and the difficult conversations and meaningful work that has been accomplished by the people of our denomination.



FAMILY EQUIPPING WORKSHOP

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

When: Thursday, August 11, 2022

Time: 6:30 - 8:00PM

Cost: \$25/family of 4 or less; \$30/family with 5 or more

Location: Cornerstone of Hope's Back Lawn

**Workshop is most appropriate for parents of students K-5th grade*

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. As school begins, Cornerstone would like to equip families with tools and strategies to manage stressful situations with hope and resilience!

Families will be equipped to:

- *Use creative, practical tools for expressing and calming big emotions*
- *Learn tips for communication during stressful moments*
- *Identify strengths in students that lead to resilience*
- *Establish healthy family boundaries regarding technology*

Families will enjoy creating and practicing the tools taught and leave with practical techniques to implement throughout the school year.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Prayers of Thanksgiving for:

Everyone in our church family who made Vacation Bible School such a memorable experience!

Campers – Clara, Ella, Bowen, Cooper, Adylyn, Hudson, Robbie, and Cora.

Camp Counselors – Carole Enneking, Dick and Jayne McGarrity, and Owen, Libby, Paige, and Morgan.

Audio Visual Techs – Ryan Brauen, Jeff Gillen, Bob Hursh, Mike Rhonemus, and Clair Winebar

Photography – Jodi Brauen and Carole Enneking

Spirit Squad – Clara

Special Helpers – Chris Hostetler and Dave Sycks.

Host – Rev. Karol Schilling.

Families and friends who provided transportation every day.

Prayers of Sympathy for:

Family of Jamison Siefker who died July 21 at age 34 (friend of Jade Hochstetler).

Lauck family in Lima whose 24-year-old son died from complex health issues (Steve Carr's friend).

Families of those killed and injured in the Highland Park, IL mass shooting during the July 4 parade.

Prayers for:

Those who live alone or in care facilities and are less able to engage in meaningful connections with others, including Jane Benroth, Sheila Hurlburt, Peggy Hursey, Ralph and Donnie Middleton, Hazel Rodabaugh, Dortha Radabaugh, and Owen and Kay Ziessler.

Ukraine for peace and hope amid the ongoing war with Russia.

Bluffton Police Department and family of Officer Francis.

Members and friends serving in the armed forces.

Prayers of Joy for:

Gayle Marshall who received a good report following her colonoscopy on July 8.

We Prayer for God's Healing for:

Tami McCullough (Jade Hochstetler's friend)

Judy Evans

Donnas and Roland Stone

Scott Hey (Darlene's son)

Lisa Todd (Gayle Marshall's cousin)

Lois Fischer (Julia Szabo's stepmother)

Sharon Wildermuth (friend of Van Emans)

Marty Benroth (Szabo's friend)

Dortha Radabaugh

Dwight Nichols

Jim (Pastor Karol's mother's cousin)

David Abell (Mariah Pneuman's former son-in-law)

Miranda Samsal (Mariah Pneuman's granddaughter)

Yuji (Greg and Laura Elwood's son)

Jeannine and Emerson Basinger (Jodi Brauen's parents)

Jim Basinger (Jodi Brauen's brother)

Julie Rhodes (Jodi Brauen's friend)

Carla Wyants daughter (Tanya Best's friend)

Brecken (Shawna Anderson's son)

Roger Brodman (former custodian)

Elkin (great nephew of Lynda Best)

Richard Sycks (Dave Sycks's dad)

Brenda McCoy (Betsey Angus's friend)

Jimmy Kinn (Lynda Best's friend)

Pete Amstutz (Gayle Marshall's friend)

Alva Hunt (Jerry Szabo's friend)

Kelly Winger (Cindy Gillen's cousin)

Dolly Lewis (Cindy Gillen's Aunt)

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please 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.

Vacation Bible School Photo Highlights



Jan.-June 2022 General Fund Summary and Friendly Reminder

As you are going about your busy (hopefully including some fun) summer activities, please take advantage of this *friendly reminder* 😊 *to take a moment to make sure your financial offerings to the church are up to date.*

As you can see in this picture of our weekly general fund budget, spending is primarily comprised of basic expenses with minimal discretionary items.

**We care about creating a great worship experience
at Bluffton Presbyterian!**

Please help the worship committee do this by completing the short survey below. Give us your opinions and ideas! Return it to the church in person or by mail. This survey is also available online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSW5GZV>

On Sunday, August 14, at 9:00 a.m. in fellowship hall, come for a light breakfast – our treat – and let’s chat about our weekly worship services. Survey completion not required!

Contact: Tanya Best, Sarah Brauen, Carole Enneking, Jayne McGarrity, Michelle Talavinia, Diane Winebar, or Pastor Karol with any questions.



Worship Service Survey

1. How do you typically participate in worship?
 In-person Virtual-Facebook Live Recorded DVD
2. What, if anything, would you change about our worship services?

3. What would help you have a more meaningful worship experience?

4. What have we done in past worship services that you would like to see more of?

5. Which age group applies to you?
 under 18 18-24 25-44 45-64 65+

Thank you!

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Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris Schilling
Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Phone:
Email:

Administrative Assistant: Cathy Carroll
Email:
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Treasurer: Julia Szabo
Email:
Communications Coordinator: Abigail Gwin
Email:

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman
Choir Director: Linda Sycks
Children's Church Leader: Brooklyn Phillips
Custodians: Chris and John Hochstetler

2022 Church Officers

Elders on Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt
Buildings & Grounds – Dave Sycks
Faith Formation – Dick McGarrity
Fellowship – Tom Edwards
Mission – Carole Enneking
Nominating – Sarah Brauen and Tom Edwards
Personnel – Lori Schmidt
Stewardship & Finance – Clair Winebar
Worship – Diane Winebar
Elders at Large – Sarah Brauen and Phill Talavinia
Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Chris Hochstetler
Members: Cindy Gillen, Rob McGarrity,
Jana McVetta, Tenna Rhonemus, Mike Rhonemus