



# What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

## January 2020

*Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love*

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, January 5 – Epiphany / Installation / Communion**

**3 Cents a Meal Offering**

Special Music: Julia Szabo

Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo

Liturgist: Helen Hawk

Greeters: Don and Cathy Carroll

Acolyte: Brauens

**Sunday, January 12 – Baptism of the Lord  
Food Pantry Offering**

Choir

Sound: Bob Hursh / Slides: Diane Winebar

Liturgist: Ryan/Sarah Brauen

Greeters: McVetta Family

Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

**Sunday, January 19**

Praise Team

Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Slides: Talavinias

Liturgist: Diane Winebar

Greeters: John and Gayle Marshall

Acolyte: McVettas

**Sunday, January 26**

Choir

Sound: Jeff Gillen / Slides: Cathy Carroll

Liturgist: Clair Winebar

Greeters: Clair and Diane Winebar

Acolytes: Brauens

**Sunday, February 2 – Communion**

**3 Cents a Meal Offering**

Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo

Liturgist:

### Mark Your Calendars!

- January 5 – Take down decorations after worship
- January 7 – Pastor Karol leads worship at MMH 6:30 PM
- January 9 – Session 7:00 PM
- January 10 – Sister Min Small Group resumes – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays from 2:00 to 3:00 PM
- January 12 – Youth Group – 6:30 PM
- January 14 – Claralice Circle Small Group resumes – 6:30 to 8:00 PM
- January 15 – Deacons 7:30 PM
- January 15 – Praise Team Practice – 7:30 PM
- January 25 – Officers' Retreat 9:00 AM to Noon – Fellowship Hall
- January 26 – Annual Congregation/ Corporation Meeting – following worship
- **January 26 – Newsletter Items Deadline**  
[Gillen3072@roadrunner.com](mailto:Gillen3072@roadrunner.com).
- February 2 – Souper Bowl of Caring

### Birthdays

January	1	Tammie Mericle
	3	Chad Carroll Dave Sycks
	7	Barb Fett Dwight Nichols
	8	Robbie McGarrity
	10	Sue Basinger Addie McGarrity
	13	Chris Gable Matthew Zuehlke
	21	Colletta Mullenhour
	29	Richard McGarrity
	30	Tammie Hursh
	February	1
2		Steve Mericle Jodie Parker
5		John Marshall

## Pastor's Letter



### Pastor's Letter: A Review of Presbyterian 101

Over the course of 3 Sunday afternoons, a handful of curious minds joined me to explore who we are as Presbyterians. Of the 5 attendees, only one was raised in the Presbyterian Church. Though others had spent years in the denomination, everyone had something to learn. We barely scratched the surface, but hopefully answered a few basic questions, and sparked interest for further learning opportunities on more particular topics. The bulk of our material came from the book *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* which has succinct yet helpful answers to a wide variety of questions one might have about our denomination.

The following list offers a glimpse into the topics that were addressed during the three sessions:

- Unpacking the symbols in the PCUSA seal.
- Discovering the origins of the 12 documents in the Book of Confessions.
- Exploring concepts of biblical authority and interpretation and ethical decision making.
- Discussing major theological themes (including “TULIP” from Calvinism).
- Studying levels of church governance (including a review of BPC officers/committees!).
- Skimming the contents included in the Book of Order that is updated every 2 years.
- Highlighting the importance of worship, mission, and Christian education.

I will also share here an excerpt from an article by Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Professor (with whom I studied) at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and stated clerk emeritus of the PC(USA) General Assembly:

*Recovering Paul's countercultural teaching — the church as the body of Christ*

“The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), at its best, has modeled its life and ministry on the biblical image of the body of Christ. The very first chapter of our *Book of Order* captures this ethos when it states, “God has put all things under the Lordship of Christ and has made Jesus Christ Head of the Church, which is his body.” Everything about the church – its faith, polity, worship, and mission – seeks to be a faithful reflection of the body of Christ.

It is this understanding of the church as the body of Christ that has led the Reformed tradition and the PC(USA) to develop some of its core values:

*The lordship of Christ* – Everything that we do is centered on Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior and the Head of the church.

*Honoring diversity* – As the body celebrates diversity; we celebrate, affirm, and welcome the rich diversity of all God's people in our common life.

*Shared leadership* – There can be no authoritarian leadership in a Presbyterian church because all parts of the body have gifts that must be honored. That is the basis of the Reformed conviction that the spiritual leaders (deacons, ruling elders, and pastors) are to be elected by the people of God.

*Being one church* – Just as there is only one body of Christ, there is only one church. Each of our congregations is an organic part of the broader denomination, and the PC(USA) is just one part of the universal church. To be Presbyterian is to be ecumenical!

*A holistic ministry* – Our mission in the world – our ministry – is the ministry of Christ. Just as Christ was called “to bring good news to the poor... to proclaim release to the captives and... to let the oppressed go free” (Luke 4:18), so are we.

*Discerning the mind of Christ* – The purpose of our governance, which on the surface has many parallels to US political institutions, is not to balance political interests in the church, but to enable elected spiritual leaders, together in prayer, dialogue, and reflection on God's Word, to best discern the mind of Christ.

In many ways our culture is pulling our churches away from these values. In a time when there is a “consumer mentality” about religion, when individual mega-churches rise in popularity, and when “interest groups” seek to shape the church’s life, this vision of the church as the body of Christ can seem very countercultural. That was also true for the New Testament church. However, that church, like our own, found that when the church centered itself on being the body of Christ, God richly blessed the church – and through the ministry of the church, the world. Let us live with confidence that the same will be true in our time!”

Finally, here are some questions asked by the attendees of Presbyterian 101:

1. How much autonomy does an individual congregation have? Our polity is connectional, which is in between congregational and epis-copal (having bishops) and congregational. The session is the main local decision-making body.
2. Who founded the Presbyterian denomination? During the Protestant Reformation in Europe, some Christians who agreed with Martin Luther in his criticisms of the Roman Catholic Church disagreed with him in other theological matters. Among those were Huldrych Zwingli, Heinrich Bullinger, and John Calvin (who became the most prominent). Among Reformed churches, a “presbyterian” form of church government arose, in which local congregations are governed by “elders,” which is *presbuteros* in Greek, from which “presbyter” is derived.
3. What are some Presbyterian stereotypes? We are sometimes seen as the “frozen chosen,” academic, wealthy, bogged down by committees, and letting everyone have their say in a fair but lengthy process.
4. Where do Presbyterians stand on “morality” issues? We are all over the spectrum, representing a vast variety of views, as we encourage people to think for themselves. Compared to the general population, the PC(USA) generally leans slightly more progressive on social and moral issues. As examples, articles were made available on denominational statements on abortion and reproductive choice and on sexuality and same-gender relationships.

If you are interested in borrowing any resources or getting a group together to study a particular topic related to anything listed above, let me know!

In Christ,

*Pastor Karol*

## Matthew 25: A PC(USA) Invitation



Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 2016 and 2018 General Assemblies exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, we can help our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. We recognize Christ’s urgent call to be a church of action, where God’s love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious. And we rejoice how our re-energized faith can unite all Presbyterians for a common and holy purpose: our common identity to do mission.

To some degree, many churches are already doing the work of Matthew 25. We hope that by partnering with mid councils and congregations, we can together multiply and intensify our loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship. When signing up, we will be asked to embrace one or more of the three areas of focus – building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Then as we live out our commitment, we will be asked to share the story of impact that our pledge has made: how our congregation has changed, how we’ve discovered new passions and vitality, how our members have been re-energized as disciples ... so like in the early church, your renewed faith will fan the flames and encourage other congregations to also embrace our common mission. Find out more:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/become-a-matthew-25-church/>



## Epiphany and Star Words

The season of Christmas began on December 25 and continues until Epiphany on January 6 (the 12 days of Christmas)! Epiphany is the celebration of God's self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ. The magi who traveled a great distance to find the Christ-child were responding to the gift first given to them through the guidance of the star. They received God's gift, then offered their gifts to God.

We will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 5. During worship, we will each be invited to receive a Star Word. What is a Star Word? It is simply a star-shaped piece of brightly colored paper with a word on it. Every person who comes to church on Epiphany Sunday receives one and is asked to reflect on that word for the coming year. We are invited to ponder what significance this word might have in our lives, and how God might be speaking to us through that simple message.

The star words are passed around to the congregation using the same offering plates that we use later on in worship to gather up the tithes and offerings. As people help themselves to a star (without looking—just reach in and grab!), the significance is not lost. In this moment, people are not asked to give; they are invited to receive. It reminds us that this is always the order of things in God's realm – God always gives first, and then we are invited to respond with our gifts and ourselves.

## Word in the World – New Location

You are invited to weekly Word in the World discussions with Pastor Karol on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Beginning January 8, we are changing our location to McDonald's. We enjoy connecting God's word to today's world!

## Faith Formation Series: Beyond Belief

The Sunday Adult Faith Formation class has started a new Living the Questions series: Beyond Belief.

Marcus J. Borg (1942–2015) was an American New Testament scholar, theologian and author, among the most widely known and influential voices in progressive Christianity and internationally known in both academic and church circles. Marcus brought clarity and insight to an understanding of Jesus and Christianity that was accessible and transformative. This video series contains favorite moments, core teachings and extensive never-before seen material from the archives plus commentary from Rev. Marianne Borg.

## Updating Contact Directory – Submit Changes

We will soon be publishing an updated church contact directory. Please inform Cathy Carroll if you have had any changes in address, phone number, and/or email address. Also, if your birthday or anniversary has not been included in the newsletter, please let Cindy Gillen know.

## Highlights of December Session Meeting

- Deacons met with Session and reviewed activities for the year – their report will be included in the Annual Report.
- New Deacons (Tanya Best and Laura From) and Elders (Carole Enneking, Lori Schmidt, and Diane Winebar) met with Session and were approved for Installation.
- Elders and Deacons whose terms were concluding were thanked for their dedicated service – Tanya Best, Marilyn Edwards, Tom Edwards, Tom Hursey, and Cindy Gillen.
- Approved calling Annual Congregational Meeting/Corporation Meeting on Sunday, January 26 following worship. Minor revisions in current by-laws regarding quorum and monthly dates for certain Congregational Meetings will be presented for approval.

- Maumee Valley Presbytery met on November 19 at Van Wert Presbyterian Church. Suggested honorarium for Pulpit Supply increased to \$140 per Sunday (plus mileage). Grace Administrative Commission reported that Grace Presbyterian Church (Toledo) was sold to Northwestern Missionary Baptist Church for \$180,000 which included paying realtor fees for the purchaser. Our attorney was also able to collect \$3,500 from the earnest money agreement we had with The Tabernacle (who cancelled prior purchase agreement). Maumee Valley Presbytery will receive approximately \$175,000 from the sale of the building. MVP has paid past unpaid bills, freeing the church of collection agency fees, a lien on the property, as well as monthly bills for utilities and insurance. Agreed to renew current lease agreement with Mt. Sinai for three years at rate of \$600 per month (\$500 from Mt. Sinai and \$100 from Norwalk Presbyterian Church). General Presbyter Matt Meinke's contract renewed for another year. Approved allowing Galion Presbyterian Church to sell their property and move to smaller space. Welcomed Rev. Kenneth Chorle at Market Street Presbyterian (Lima) and recognized retirement of Rev. Pamela Short from Tontogany Presbyterian Church. Installed Commissioned Ruling Elder Janeane Hopkins as Moderator and Rev. David Montgomery as Vice-Moderator for 2020.
- Per Capita Statement for 2020 is \$3,677.10 (103 members at \$35.70 each). Approved request from family to move Bill Marshall from the active membership roll to "other" roll.
- Carpet/pews/chairs in sanctuary were cleaned for \$585. Since there is no fire extinguisher at the manse, Pastor Karol was advised to personally purchase one which would then be her personal property.
- Approved accepting gift of framed Oscar Velasquez painting depicting our church building and yard during the Blaze of Lights from St. John's UCC.
- Confirmation Class, led by Pastor Karol and Tenna, is being offered in January if there is an interest.
- November Pastoral Care: 6 home/hospital/nursing home visits and 9 cards sent. Maple Crest Communion Service (12 served) with Deacon Dave Van Eman and Sue Van Eman playing the piano. Home Communion visit (1 served) with Deacon Tanya Best. Congregational activities: Worship, Word in the World, Claralice Circle, Faith Formation Intern Supervision, choir, Personnel Reviews, Presbyterian 101 (twice), Graveside Service for Bob Braden in Port Clinton, Blaze of Lights Benefit Dinner, Adult First Aid/CPR/AED Training Class, Youth Skit Rehearsal, and committee meetings. Presbytery activities: Maumee Valley Presbytery Meeting in Van Wert and Discipleship Team Meeting in Perrysburg. Community Engagement activities: Bluffton Area Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Service at Senior Center and Bluffton Area Ministerial Association Breakfast. Since a previously approved vacation day (November 27) was cancelled due to officiating at services for Bob Braden, approved request to take December 23 as substitution.
- Approved Bev Begg's request to utilize Bill Begg's memorial funds as follows: \$660 contribution to "Roll On" and \$440 contribution to Youth Missions. Approved Betsey Angus' request to use Bob Angus' memorial funds (\$254) to purchase new artificial Christmas tree and ornaments.
- "Roll On" balance as of December 8 was \$5,333 (includes November 30 balance \$3,909 - \$2,608 of contributions less disbursements to the From's, \$1,301 receipts from the Blaze dinner, \$189 from selling Blaze dinner leftovers and additional \$1,235 receipts of contributions from community members/congregation).

## BPC Treasurer Position

Darin Leugers elected to resign as Treasurer effective December 31, 2019. The Stewardship & Finance Committee, Pastor Karol, and the congregation thank Darin for serving as Treasurer for the past five years and are grateful for his dedicated service to the church and assistance during this transition period. Thank you Darin! The Stewardship & Finance Committee will be handling the job functions until a new Treasurer has been installed and if you encounter any questions or issues during the interim period, please contact Clair Winebar or the church office.

## 2020 Telling Our Story Giving Campaign and Budget

The Stewardship & Finance Committee and Pastor Karol extend a big and grateful thank you to our fellow members and friends for providing your prayerfully considered estimates of giving for the annual stewardship campaign. Thank you! Your response allowed Session to approve the 2020 general fund budget which will be provided as part of the January 26 congregation meeting.

## November 2019 Financial Report

## Per Capita

You are invited to help cover the per capita cost of your membership by making a special donation through our congregation as part of your discipline of stewardship. The per capita amount is \$35.70 per active member in 2020. Thank You!

## Release Time Christian Education Walkers

*Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help as a walker for Christian Education in 2019 and to those who have already volunteered for 2020! Below are the dates and times we have open in January and February. If you are willing to help please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or see Tenna Rhonemus. Your assistance in spreading God's Word to the children of the community is greatly appreciated!*

<b>Tuesday January 7 Grades 1-5</b>	<b>Thursday February 13 Kindergarten</b>
8:20 – 8:50	8:25 – 8:55
9:00 - 9:30	9:25 – 9:55 <b>Cindy Gillen</b> 419-905-2275
10:05 - 10:35	10:00 – 10:30 <b>Cindy Gillen</b> 419-905-2275
10:45 – 11:15 <b>Cindy Gillen</b> 419-905-2275	
11:55 - 12:25 <b>Cindy Gillen</b> 419-905-2275	
11:35 - 12:05 <b>Jayne McGarrity</b> 419-234-8325	
12:10 - 12:40 <b>Dick McGarrity</b> 419-905-6876	
1:10 – 1:40	
1:55 – 2:25	
2:25- 2:55	

## Small Groups

Sister Min Circle will resume meetings on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month starting January 10 from 2:00-3:00 PM. Claralice Circle will meet for the first time following holiday break on January 14 from 6:30-8:00 PM.



## Youth Group

The next youth event will be January 12. There is an exciting opportunity to participate in a community-wide youth event at FUMC called Faithline. We will meet at BPC at 6:30 PM for a brief meeting and then travel to FUMC for "dinner, faith sharing, and worship". Any questions please ask Adam Shanaman or Tenna Rhonemus. The Souper Bowl of Caring will be February 2. You will be able to get soup and a sandwich to go. Stay tuned for more details."

## Confirmation Class

We are very excited to announce that we will be having confirmation classes beginning on January 12. This class will meet in the basement fellowship hall at 9:00 AM during the Faith Formation hour. We will be using the "Big God Big Questions: Confirmation for a Growing Faith". Over the course of 12 weeks, through a variety of activities and learning experiences, this curriculum prepares youth to understand and answer the Confirmation questions:

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
- Who is your Lord and Savior?
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple obeying his word and showing his love?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

At the end of the 12 weeks each youth will be given the opportunity to become a confirmed member of the church, if they choose to do so. Rev. Karol Farris Schilling and Tenna Rhonemus will be teaching this class. If you have questions or would like more information please reach out to either of them.

## New Phone Number

## Children's Sunday School Teacher

We are seeking teacher(s) for the children's Sunday School Class for 12 or 13 weeks beginning on January 12. You will be provided a detailed curriculum, "Living The Good News" which contains a variety of activities from which to choose for each week's lesson. If you are interested in teaching please contact Tenna Rhonemus.

## Deacons

- Donations were approved for Roll On and a family from the Bake Sale Fund.
- Next Community Meal BPC will be hosting is February 20.
- Deacons checked on Jeanette Warren, Beth Buist, Sheila Hurlburt, and Darlene Hey, all are doing okay.
- Owen went home from Mennonite Memorial Home!

## Mission Committee

Please remember to bring food for the food pantry the second Sunday of January. This month items needed are **Kleenex** and **canned fruit**, or any other food items you wish.

## Mission Co-Worker Connections

Presbyterian World Mission  
P. O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700  
Read more online:  
[pcusa.org/ian-and-jhan-vellenga](http://pcusa.org/ian-and-jhan-vellenga)

*Thank you for supporting Ian Vellenga and Jhan Dortel-Velenga's ministry in Nicaragua. Your prayers and financial support make a difference to the lives of people in Nicaragua.*

## Little Free Pantry!

The LFP's mission is to help people with immediate food needs. Church members (and even people from the community) keep the LFP stocked. We are grateful for your support! It truly is making a difference in the lives of those who use it.

When donating items to the LFP, please remember: **no glass jars or bottles**, which can break if dropped. If you'd like to help families, **consider donating boxed items**: Tuna Helper, mac-n-cheese, pasta, cereal, and granola bars. Also, canned pasta sauce, canned tuna, beef, or chicken, oatmeal, rice, noodles, dried fruit, etc. School supplies would be great!

Personal care items are also appreciated: soap, shampoo, deodorant, baby care items, toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, etc.

For safety's sake, please check the expiration dates of the items you donate. Your contributions can be placed inside the LFP or taken to the church office.

*Thank you for your help as we work together as neighbors helping neighbors!*



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Many thanks to all involved in the Christmas Eve prelude and service, especially Linda, Jayne, and the choir. What a wonderful presentation of the Christmas story!

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Thank you to the church and choir for the generous Christmas gifts. I would also like to thank all the musicians who have contributed to special music this year: Tanya Best, Don Brauen, Karol Farris Schilling, Lori Schmidt, the Sycks family, Julia and Jeremy Szabo, Sue Van Eman, Sunny and Jeremy Zank, the Youth, and Praise Team!

Jayne

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

**Prayers of Healing** for Laura & Tyler From, Scott Benroth, Walter Schmidt, Alicia DeMarco, Jeanette Warren, Jay Begg, Joan Badertscher, Mary Barnett, Lexie Roth, Sylvia Morman, Ben & Judy Miracle, Jan Romes, Rebecca Hursey, Beth Buist, Kim Schmidt, Connie Burke, Tanya Warner, Aaron Warner, and Marlene Karrick & family.

## BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Jeanette Warren. PLEASE leave a message if no answer. If you can't reach Jeanette, please call Helen Hawk. PLEASE leave a message, if no answer. Or call the church office (419-358-5806) with your prayer request, and we 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 Jeanette or another deacon.

## 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.





## Roll On Campaign Introduced to Help Tyler and Laura From

### (Highlights from the Minute for Mission)

Many of you know the Hursey family—Tom and Rebecca, their daughters Lisa and Laura, and Tom's mother Dorothy. Each member of the family has served our congregation in some way. In 2007, Laura became engaged to Tyler From. Tyler was attending UNOH in Lima when he was introduced to Laura through a mutual friend. They were married in our sanctuary in 2008 and shortly afterwards moved to Wyoming. Less than a year later, a freak accident left Tyler paralyzed.

For the last 10 years, Laura has cared full-time for Tyler. Her parents built an accessible room onto their home so Tyler and Laura could live with them. During the last year, it has become evident that the conversion van that they have been using was at the end of its useful life. Many in our church family worried each time the Froms left for medical appointments in Michigan or for a vacation. A few months ago, Tyler and Laura qualified for a loan to purchase a 2016 For Transit handicap van. For the first time, Tyler can look forward as they travel - but best of all, our church family no longer has to worry when they travel!

The *Roll On Campaign* invites each member to consider a one-time or repeating gift to help underwrite the monthly van payment. The church has committed to paying \$220 (1/2 of the payment) each month. Each gift will make it easier for Tyler and Laura to afford this necessary vehicle. The Campaign includes options of \$55 (1/4 payment), \$110 (1/2 payment), \$165 (3/4 payment), \$220 (full payment) or any amount that fits your budget.

Thank you for considering this campaign. As of October 1, four months of payments have already been pledged! In addition, the Mission Committee is planning a Blaze of Lights Benefit Dinner on November 30 with proceeds going to the Roll On Campaign.



# ROLL ON!!!



Laura and Tyler From purchased a much-needed used special needs van! To help the family make the monthly payments, Bluffton Presbyterian Church is conducting fundraising activities to provide one-half (approximately \$220) of the monthly payment obligations. Let's join together to keep the Froms rolling! I/we will assist with a ONE-TIME contribution towards an upcoming monthly payment of:

- \_\_\_ \$55, representing one-quarter of \$220
- \_\_\_ \$110, representing one-half of \$220
- \_\_\_ \$165, representing three-quarters of \$220
- \_\_\_ \$220, representing BPC's monthly goal (approx. one-half of the monthly payment)
- \_\_\_ Other, please note amount:

I/we will assist with RECURRING contributions, as described below:

\_\_\_ (please circle) Monthly / Annual contributions of (please note amount): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this card with your cash or check contribution payable to Bluffton Presbyterian Church with "Roll On" noted in the memo line.*

*Laura and Tyler thank you very much!*

## **Bluffton Presbyterian Church** ***Telling Our Story!*** **2020 Operating Funds**

Recognizing that we have received abundant gifts from God and that our worthy story of a good and active God can only be sustained when we generously share, I/we hereby declare that we will try to give as follows in 2020:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly, or \$\_\_\_\_\_ (monthly)(quarterly)(annual)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature[s])

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name[s] printed)

Thank you for your commitment. Please check here if you prefer to not receive an acknowledgement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please note that this commitment can be changed at any time as circumstances arise by notifying the Stewardship Committee.

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Faith Formation: 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris Schilling

Phone: 419-581-9232

Email: [pastor@blufftonpc.org](mailto:pastor@blufftonpc.org)

Office Hours: Mon 1-4; Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-12;  
and by appointment

Secretary: Cathy Carroll

Email: [bpcbluff@wcoil.com](mailto:bpcbluff@wcoil.com)

Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30-12:30

Treasurer:

Email:

Faith Formation Intern: Adam Shanaman

Email: [shaa-a@bluffton.edu](mailto:shaa-a@bluffton.edu)

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman

Choir Director: Linda Sycks

Nursery Helpers: Kori Phipps and  
Shawna Anderson

Custodian: Roger Broadman

## **2019 Church Officers**

### *Session*

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt

Buildings & Grounds – Tom Hursey

Faith Formation – Tenna Rhonemus

Finance & Stewardship – Clair Winebar

Mission – Lynda Best

New Beginnings – Sarah Brauen

Nominating – Sarah Brauen and Cindy Gillen

Personnel – Betsey Angus

Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt

Worship – Cindy Gillen

Members at Large – Jodi Brauen, Sarah Brauen,  
and Tom Edwards

### *Board of Deacons*

Moderator: Helen Hawk

Members: Tanya Best, Craig Bowman, Marilyn  
Edwards, Dave Van Eman, and Jeanette Warren