



What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

July 2020

Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekly worship videos are released each Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on our [church Facebook page](#), and later posted to our [church website](#).

Sunday, July 5

Liturgist: Tom Edwards
Hymn Singers: Laura From and Tenna Rhonemus
Trumpet Duet: Dave and Jane Sycks
Acolyte/Baptismal Water: Bowen Hochstetler

Sunday, July 12

Liturgist: Diane Winebar
Hymn Singers: Julia Szabo and Linda Sycks
Piano: Sunny Zank
Acolyte/Baptismal Water: Ethan Friesel

Sunday, July 19

Liturgist: Lin Rumer
Hymn Singers: Lori Schmidt and Pastor Karol
Organ: Sue Van Eman
Acolyte/Baptismal Water: Owen and Clara Brauen

Sunday, July 26

Liturgist: Phill Talavinia
Hymn Singers: Darlene Hey and George Stultz
Special Music: Addie McGarrity
Acolyte/Baptismal Water: McVetta Girls

Sunday, August 2

Liturgist: Clair Winebar
Acolyte/Baptismal Water: Avery Talavinia



Mark Your Calendars!

- July – No Session or Deacon Meetings
- July 5 – Zoom Fellowship 10:00; Worship Video with Communion 10:30
- July 8 – Racial Justice Discussion/Study 6:30
- July 9 – Fellowship on Church Lawn – 6:30 to 8:00 PM
- July 12 – Zoom Fellowship 10:00; Worship Video 10:30
- July 14 – Claralice Circle Gathering 7:00 PM
- July 15 – Racial Justice Discussion/Study 6:30
- July 19 – Zoom Fellowship 10:00; Worship Video 10:30
- July 22 – Racial Justice Discussion/Study 6:30
- July 26 – Zoom Fellowship 10:00; Worship Video 10:30
- **July 26 – Newsletter Items Deadline.** Note new email address: jcgillen99@gmail.com
- July 29 – Racial Justice Discussion/Study 6:30



Your Deacons have provided their cell phone numbers below for the congregation's convenience. Please do not hesitate to call any of us, for needs you may have. The Deacons have been checking in on members. Hope to see you soon!

Tanya Best
Craig Bowman
Laura From
Helen Hawk
Dave Van Eman



The church kitchen was cleaned. Presbyterians Today have been ordered. Those who have a subscription, please make a note that the \$5 goes to the Deacons General Fund.

Pastor's Letter

Dear church family, here is the status of worship plans as of the end of June: session approved the task force recommendation to continue online-only worship for the rest of the summer. We plan to return to worshipping in the sanctuary in September, unless the state of the pandemic forces us to consider otherwise. Please be mindful that even when we get back in the sanctuary, things will not be like they used to be. You may not be able to sit in your usual spot, if your usual spot put you right next to someone who wasn't related to you. We will not be passing the peace, shaking hands, or singing together. Social distancing will be required, and wearing masks will be strongly recommended. By delaying our return to worship and heeding the recommendations when we do return, we are protecting and prioritizing the most vulnerable in our midst, a core gospel imperative. Yes, it is a sacrifice, but sometimes that is what we are called to do, as followers of the one who gave his very life so that we could have life abundant.

As we get closer to September, we will remind you of all the protocols. Finally, we want you to know that even when we resume gathering a group together to worship in person, we will continue to make our worship available online, for those who are unable to join us in person, whether due to living in another state, feeling sick, or taking extra precautions due to being in a high-risk category.

Prior to September, we will be offering other opportunities to gather in small groups for in-person fellowship and study. More information on these opportunities can be found in this newsletter. Let us do all that we can to maintain our spiritual connections with our siblings in Christ.

Striving to serve the Church with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,

Pastor Karol

New Music Written for Online Worship Services

Our musical talents have been shining through during this pandemic! Check out the lyrics below to the songs that have been created and shared in recent worship services!

“Modern Presbyterians” (for 4/26/20)

Lyrics by Jayne McGarrity
based on "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General" from Gilbert and Sullivan's opera *The Pirates of Penzance*

We are the very model of the modern Presbyterian.

We're people that are young and old and even nonagenarian.
We know the scripture readings and can quote the verse historical.
From Genesis, Leviticus and others categorical.
(from Genesis, Leviticus and others categorical, from Genesis, Leviticus and others categorical, from Genesis, Leviticus and others very categorical.)

We're very well acquainted too with matters that are digital,
And Pastor Karol knows her way around the sources virtual.
She knows the way to ref'ence all the topics that are in the news
And offers her advice when you can't even be there in the pews.
(She knows the way to ref'ence all the topics that are in the news and offers her advice when you can't even be there in the pews.)

We welcome you and hope that you will find our worship spiritual
With praises that are fervent and with music that is lyrical.
Oh, we are trinitarian and yes, egalitarian
We are the very model of the modern Presbyterian.
(Oh, we are trinitarian and yes, egalitarian, we are the very model of the modern Presbyterian.)

“All Through God” (for 5/10/20)
Lyrics and Music by Jayne McGarrity
based on 1 Peter 4:7-11

*Let my words be Your words when I speak.
Let my hands reach like yours to caress.
May my house be like Your house, open unto all.
May my heart be like Yours, quick to bless.*

*I don't have the time, and I'm all alone.
Someone will take care of it, not my comfort zone.
LGBTQIA, what do these letters say?
I just want to sleep in late, ignore the sabbath day.
Let my voice be Your voice when I sing.
Let my feet walk Your path here and now.
May my riches be spent in giving back to You,
May I serve as Your son taught me how.*

*I am much too shy, do not have a voice.
And I am too young (too old). I thought I had a
choice!
What if someone's sick in bed or has an ugly scar?
Maybe eating garbage food or living in a car?*

*Let my will be Your will when I seek.
Let my peace be Your peace when I find.
May my spirit be free and be with You evermore.
May my love and Your love be combined.*

*I have no more funds, don't know how to pray.
I don't think I'm needed here.
I wouldn't have a say.
I do not like committees
and I'm not a member there.
Sounds a little dangerous,
I've got no food to spare.*

*Let my will be Your will when I seek.
Let my peace be Your peace when I find.
May my spirit be free and be with You evermore.
May my love and Your love,
my love and Your love,
Your love and my love be combined.*

“The Great Commission” (for 6/7/20)
Lyrics by Jayne McGarrity
based on Matthew 28:19-20;
music based on Bach's Prelude #5

Therefore, go and serve the Lord.
Go and make disciples now.
Baptize them in the name,
Baptize in the name of God the Father.
Baptize in the name of God and the Son and Holy
Spirit.

Teach them to obey my word,
All that I've commanded.
Teach them to obey my word.

Surely I am with you now,
Always and forever.
To the end of the age.
Surely I am with you,
To the very end.
Amen.

“Meditation on Christ” (for 6/28/20)
Lyrics & Music by Jayne McGarrity

Congregation Chant:
Come Home Come Home
Come Home Come Home

Cantor:
C ome Lord Jesus, come to guide me
H ome so welcome, home beside Thee
R un here with me, run the pathway
I n His kingdom, in his highway
S ing a new song, sing to heaven
T en times over, ten times seven

C ome Lord Jesus, come to guide me
H ome so welcome, home beside Thee
R un here with me, run the pathway
I n His kingdom, in his highway
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“Do You Hear What God Hears?” (for 6/28/20)
 lyrics by Karol Farris Schilling
 inspired by Exodus 3:1-12
 based on “Do You Hear What I Hear?” lyrics by
 Noel Regney; music by Gloria Shayne Baker

*Said a little lamb to the shepherd Moses,
 do you see what I see?
 way up on the mount, shepherd Moses,
 do you see what I see?
 A bush that burns, blazing in the night,
 Yet it does not run out of light,
 we must go and see that great sight!*

*Said the voice of God to Moses from the bush,
 do you know who I am?
 Speaking from within the burning bush,
 I am the God of Abraham,
 The one who was and is and always will be,
 do not come any closer to me,
 Stay right there, take the shoes off your feet.*

*Said the voice of God to his servant Moses,
 Do you hear what I hear?
 My people are crying in distress,
 Do you hear what I hear?
 Now go, I say, and bring them out to me,
 seeking justice, peace and liberty,
 do not fear; know that I will be with thee.*

Recent Responses to Worship

“Just finished reading Pastor Karol’s sermon on June 14. Wow. Powerful message. This country needs to get serious about our disease of systemic racism. It’s a cancerous growth on the soul of our country and it will destroy us if we continue to allow it to persist and grow.” ~ Mariah Pneuman

“What an inspiring and awesome service on June 28! I wish this service could be shared with the entire country! Everyone involved hit a home run! We are so blessed to have such talent in our small church and ever week is better and better. How can that be? Must be God’s help! 😊❤️🎵”
 ~ Marilyn Edwards

Star Word: Home

Here is a star word reflection from one of our members: Marilyn Edwards

We weren’t in church when the star words were passed out so ours came in the mail with our newsletter. Interestingly, our word was home. Little did we know how much that would come to be so very important to us in the months ahead.

Home meant one thing before the pandemic. It was a place to hang our hat in between our travels to visit our family. Since the shelter in place, it has become our safe haven. And we realize while we are home we have been given the gift of time. Time to think about our relationship with God.

As we patiently wait for the next chapter in this pandemic, we will continue to carry on at our home. We will continue our daily devotions and prayers and watching our Sunday morning church services. We will practice patience as we wait for God’s direction.

Watching the nightly news is disturbing and often worrisome. We have a picture that hangs by our bed. I look at it every night before I go to sleep. I believe it, and it gives me comfort. The picture is of a simple bedroom with sunshine, flowers, and a green plant. It says – “I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.” Psalm 4:8.

Area Agency on Aging 3
 Integrity. Independence. Quality of Life.

Are you isolated and want someone to chat with?
 Are you looking for something to fill your time?

The Area Agency on Aging 3 can help you. If you want to volunteer your time to make calls or receive phone calls for a friendly chat, we can make that happen.

Contact the Area Agency on Aging 3 to volunteer to call and chat with others or let us know if you would like to receive a phone call.

1-800-653-7723 or 419-222-7723
 email: mridenour@psa3.org

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Highlights of June Session Meeting

- May Pastoral Care: 20 phone calls and 19 cards sent. Congregational activities: weekly online worship (coordinating, recording, editing, posting, engaging), Confirmation Class received, weekly Fellowship Zoom, weekly email with announcements and prayer requests, Confirmation Class Zoom, Claralice Circle Zoom twice, BPC Pandemic Task Force Meeting, Faith Formation Intern Check-in Zoom, outdoor Fellowship gathering, Youth Group Zoom, Claralice Circle gathering, and committee meetings via Zoom. Presbytery/PCUSA activities: weekly check-in meetings with MVP General Presbyter and pastoral leaders, Lombard Family Systems webinar Zoom, PC(USA) Vital Conversations Zoom, Discipleship Commission Zoom, and new Pastors' group Zoom. Thanks to Dave Van Eman and Nathan Hursh for assistance with video editing June 14 and 21. Ian and Jhan Vellenga (PCUSA mission co-workers) will provide video message for June 21 worship service. Note that continuing education CREDO conference scheduled for October 13-19 (1 Week) has been postponed until next year, November 16-22, 2021.
- Bob Hursh and Mike Rhonemus worked on dirt pile at manse, rototilled/planted grass seed. Rototilled garden area per Pastor Karol's request. M + R added freon to manse air conditioner – may need to replace next year as this is second year freon was added. Sensor in garage door replaced. Dehumidifier in church basement is not working – new one has been ordered. A pine tree went down in recent storm. Hired Drew's Landscaping () to cut down, take wood, reseed area. Since we have now lost two trees in that area of the yard, will be securing estimates for replacing the downed tree with another evergreen type tree. Tawa has been informed there is one less tree to spray and estimate will be adjusted. Wellmann Brothers said masonry needs to be sealed after painting of trim. Preschool carpet will be cleaned this summer once Little Food Pantry items are taken to the basement.
- Approved Building & Ground's recommendation to hire Klausing Painting (Ottawa) for [REDACTED] to scrape and paint the wood trim on the church. Approved serving Communion on Pentecost. Clerk participated in five MVP leadership Zoom conference calls - topic how churches/pastors dealing with pandemic/systemic racism. Approved Letter of Transfer for Leslie Freed to Trinity Lutheran (Jenera). Approved Cathy Carroll's request to borrow long tables for family event.
- MVP met via Zoom on May 19. Rev. Dr. Kathryn Threadgill gave message during worship service and then spoke on Vital Congregations. Chip Hardwick, new Interim Executive for Synod, shared that he would be relocating Synod offices from Maumee to Detroit – would save rent/utilities money by having them located inside a Presbyterian church in Detroit. Camp Rejoice (youth from MVP) will be happening – expect fewer participants than past years.
- New legislation after our Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan was approved allows for a longer time frame for eligible expenses, therefore we are not expecting to pay any back. BPC has a [REDACTED] certificate of deposit (CD) with Edward Jones that matures on June 29. Approved Stewardship's recommendation for permission to reinvest the maturity proceeds in a new or rollover CD or market money account at a competitive market interest rate for a time period ranging from 6 months to up to 2 years.
- Pandemic Preparation Task Force report was reviewed. Approved task force's recommendation to open for in-person worship Labor Day weekend with online viewing option continued. Pastor Karol feels we can have funerals in the church provided steps in report are followed - there would not be a meal after services. Approved request to purchase equipment needed to continue electronic recording of worship services once return to in-person worship – cost approximately [REDACTED] with money to come from Ropp/Mary Em Triplett memorial.

- Libby McVetta, Paige McVetta, Morgan McVetta, and Avery Talavinia became confirmed members of the congregation on May 27. Given Prayer Devotional/Journal, colored pencils, and gel pens to use with the journal. A devotional/Amazon gift card delivered to Erin Hotmire in recognition of her high school graduation. Community VBS will be done virtually - Theme: Who Is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus using combination of short videos, bingo cards + prizes, and drive-thru pick-ups of craft kits, game supplies, and snack shopping lists. Drive-thru on Thursdays between 6 and 7 PM, June 11 – July 9 with videos released weekly. BPC responsible for videos for Preschool games/activities and three volunteers to help pass out packets. Offering Project: All Ability Playgrounds of Allen County. Developing structured Zoom gatherings for the younger children to be offered during the summer.
- Little Food Pantry - Sue Van Eman continues to coordinate weekly “checkers” (presently have 6 volunteers) and will move the stock into the basement (along the back ledge and using blue bookshelf) so Preschool has their space back. Congregation is supporting the LFP with donations of money and food. Combined Mission Collection in July/August: Ian and Jhan Vellenga - our missionary couple - are expecting their first child in September; the congregation will be invited to “shower” them with baby items. If the Lima Rescue Mission has a wish list, the congregation will be invited to donate items for a Christmas in July drive, which can be delivered on the next monthly dinner night. School supplies will also be collected for students at Bluffton Elementary School (through Bluffton Community Assistance). PCUSA Racial Justice Challenge - Using the PCUSA 21-day racial justice challenge - 6-week discussion/study is planned for July and August. Participants will be asked to register, and sessions will be held in the sanctuary to allow for social distancing (and access to videos). Matthew 25 initiative that fits in with recent racial justice demonstrations.
- Shared a video sermon by Rev. Dr. Kathryn Threadgill (PCUSA Vital Congregations) on Pentecost. Beginning June 7, Rev. Chris Schilling will provide the sermon on the first Sunday of the month while online worship continues during this time of social distancing. Pastor Karol will still do the communion liturgy. Ian and Jhan Vellenga (our PCUSA mission co-workers) have agreed to provide a message on Sunday, June 21, while Pastor Karol is on continuing education leave. For Father’s Day, committee will gift BPC men with a Twisted Whisk gift card on behalf of the church. Anniversary of the church was recognized, Sheila Hurlbert, longest living member was recognized and presented flowers.

Zoom Instructions for All Church Calls:



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To Log in **WITH VIDEO ON YOUR COMPUTER, TABLET, OR SMARTPHONE**, Follow These Steps:

Step 1: Click This Link:

[REDACTED]

Step 2: You will be in the "waiting room" for just a moment until I "accept" you into the meeting.

To Call in **WITH YOUR HOME PHONE OR CELL PHONE**, Follow These Steps:

Step 1: Call in by dialing [REDACTED].

Step 2: When it asks for a meeting ID enter: [REDACTED] and then press #.

Step 3: If it asks for a participant ID, just press # to continue.

Step 4: You will be in the "waiting room" for just a moment until I "accept" you into the meeting.

Please contact Pastor Karol or someone else who has used Zoom ahead of time if you have questions about how to connect.

May 2020 Financial Report



Thank you for financially supporting the church's budget.



Computer fixed! Many thanks to Jake Szabo who voluntarily diagnosed and repaired long-standing performance issues with the Treasurer's computer. Jake swapped the hard drive with a new hybrid drive, reinstalled software, and the computer's performance is now fantastic! Outstanding result!

Invitation to Membership

If you are not currently a member of our congregation and would like to find out more, please speak with Pastor Karol. There are 3 paths into active church membership: profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, and certificate of transfer. As you know, confirmation classes to assist our youth in making their first profession of faith are currently in progress. Other educational opportunities can be made available for prospective members to become more familiar with our theology, leadership structure, and more. The primary profession of faith is this: to proclaim Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. We are eager to welcome more people as active members of this family of faith, where we are Growing in Faith and Sharing God's Love.

What can We do to Dismantle Systemic Racism – Wednesday, July 8-August 5?

As a Matthew 25 initiative, the Mission Committee will host a 5-week Discussion/Study to learn about racism, share our viewpoints, learn about denominational (PCUSA) efforts, and come up with ways to address racism in our own Christian community. Sessions will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 PM in the church sanctuary (with social-distancing and masks encouraged). Each session will include a different topic so you do not need to attend every one. The study is based on the PCUSA's 21-day Racial Justice challenge -

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism/> and will include videos, Bible scriptures and PCUSA confessions to guide us. Adults and youth are encouraged to register through Facebook or contact the church office (419-358-5806). Contact Pastor Karol or Carole Enneking for more information.

Little Food Pantry Continues to serve the Community

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate items for our food pantry. Sue Van Eman is the contact if you would like to volunteer to be a LFP checker. Checkers are assigned a week to stop by daily and stock as needed. The LFP items are now stored in the basement so that the Pre-school can prepare for their fall classes.

June 29-July 5: Jayne McGarrity
July 6-12: Pastor Karol
July 13-19: Carole Enneking
July 20-26: Sue Van Eman
July 27-Aug. 2: Sarah Brauen & family

Donations of food and personal care items or money (put "free pantry" in the memo on checks) are welcome to support this ministry. Items needed most this month are toothpaste and kleenex. Drop off items at the church or contact Lynda Best or Carole Enneking for more information.

Support Special Collections in July and August

Mission Committee invites the congregation to donate money or items for any or all of these projects listed below. Items can be dropped off to the church basement during office hours or by contacting Carole Enneking ([REDACTED]) to arrange for pick up.

• Christmas in July for Lima Rescue Mission

The important work of the Lima Rescue Mission continues through the pandemic. Donations of the following items will support the individuals who use the services as well as support operations:

Personal items- Small tubes of toothpaste, twin blade disposable razors, Ibuprofen, cough drops

Other supplies- Napkins, facial tissue, bleach

• Baby Shower for Mission Co-workers, Ian and Jhan Dotel-Vellenga

The congregation got a chance to meet Ian and Jhan through Sunday worship on June 21, and Mission Committee invites you to help them prepare for the birth of their first child in September. While the couple returned to N. C. from Nicaragua, they continue to report on the work of CEPAD in Central America, read their most recent letter

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/misionconnections/letter/expectant-and-hopeful/>

Support a gift from their Baby Registry, <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/jhan-dotel-september-2020-henderson/1QG0JNU1S0KKL>

We hope to collect enough donations to purchase either the Hatch Baby Rest Sound Machine or Hello Baby Video Baby Monitor with camera. If you would rather choose something else, you are welcome to send your own gift or make a donation toward their diaper fund. To support the selected items, donate through the church website or by mailing/dropping off a check to the church office (make note that the gift is for the Baby Shower).

• Bluffton School Supplies

Plans are underway to participate in the annual school supply drive, but we do not know our assignment yet. Please watch for updates through Pastor Karol's weekly announcements and on the church's Facebook page and group, as we get closer to school start up.

Bluffton Clean Up

While social distancing, families are invited to take time to pick up trash from their neighborhood or in public areas (bike path, creeks). Be sure to take a photo and share on Facebook or send to Carole Enneking ([REDACTED]).

New Beginnings - Lima Rescue Mission

Thanks to our June volunteers for donations and service. We were able to serve pizza, chips, candy bars, and water last Saturday at Lima Rescue Mission. Our next pizza night is scheduled for July 11. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Bob Hursh at [REDACTED]

Community VBS

The Community VBS has a different format this year and below are the details. I hope you are able to join us!

Theme: Who Is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus

How: Combination of short videos, bingo cards + prizes, and drive-thru pick-ups of craft kits, game supplies, and snack shopping lists.

When: Drive-thru on Thursdays between 6:00 and 7:00 PM, June 11 – July 9

Videos released weekly

Registration: Not required!

Offering Project: All Ability Playgrounds of Allen County

Scripture: Mark 12:28-31

Thank you to Libby and Paige McVetta for helping with our videos. Thank you to Amanda Leugers, Lori Schmidt, and Diana Winebar for helping with distributions of VBS Kits for the children.

Children ZOOM Meetings

Beginning July 12 we will begin a 7-week Grace and Gratitude Challenge for the children. Each Sunday morning we will have a ZOOM meeting from 9:30 to 10:00 AM. We will connect with God and each other as we explore a Bible story together. The children will be given a challenge for the upcoming week and they can share their experiences at our next meeting. Feel free to share this with anyone with children, who might want to join us!

Topic: Grace and Gratitude Challenge

Time: Jul 12, 2020 - 09:30 AM Eastern Time

Every week on Sun, 7 occurrence(s)

Jul 12, 2020 - 09:30 AM

Jul 19, 2020 - 09:30 AM

Jul 26, 2020 - 09:30 AM

Aug 2, 2020 - 09:30 AM

Aug 9, 2020 - 09:30 AM

Aug 16, 2020 - 09:30 AM

Aug 23, 2020 - 09:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77936561392?pwd=MmdjUThIM2pnNDFvM01VNTczL2N6Zz09>

Meeting ID: [REDACTED]

Password: [REDACTED]

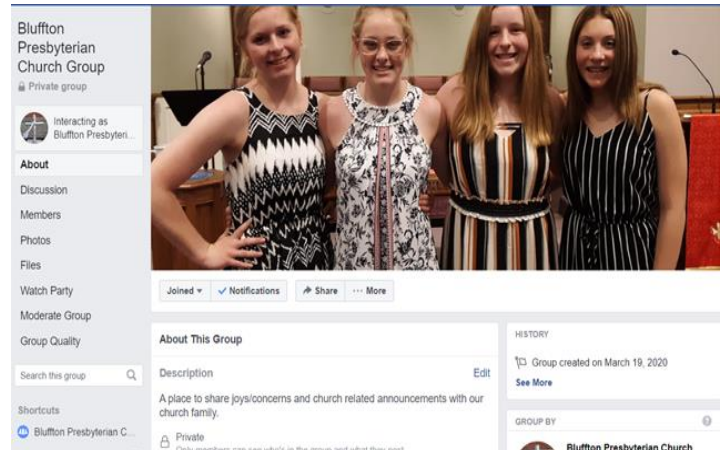


Small Groups

If you would like to talk to someone about JOINING or STARTING a small group in September, please see or call Jayne McGarrity, Diane Winebar, or Pastor Karol. A new small group could be a book study, a helping others group, a men's group, or just about anything!

Church Facebook Group

Join the [Bluffton Presbyterian Church Group](#) on Facebook to stay up to date on joys/concerns and church-related announcements with our church family. We presently have 49 members of the group!



Community Market Receipts

If you have Community Market receipts, please bring them in and place them in the baskets on the bulletin board or the back of the hallway. Thank you to Kay Ziessler for coordinating our congregation's participation in this rewards program.

New Contact 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 one you know of a birthday that does not show up in our newsletter, please let Cindy Gillen know.

Fellowship Opportunity

Fellowship this month will be held in the church yard on Thursday, July 9 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. It will be nice to see everyone and catch up. Bring your own chair and drink.

Habitat for Humanity Lima Area: News and Needs

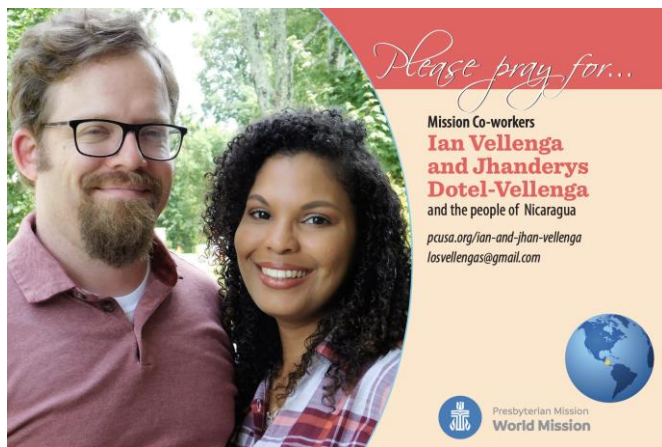
News: Our Habitat ReStore has re-opened and will have limited hours. Donations are welcome and can be dropped off during store hours. You can also request the ReStore truck to pick up larger items at your residence. We are taking the safety of our customers, volunteers, and employees seriously by following all state protocols for COVID-19. Because of that, we are currently requesting no volunteers in the high risk category for COVID-19 work at the affiliate.

Needs: 1. Your continued prayers for the safety of all during this pandemic, especially for those who have fewer resources. 2. Funds for our next build in Delphos (every \$62 buys a square foot of a Habitat house), which is still being planned.

Please contact us to volunteer or donate: (phone) 419-222-4937, (website) www.habitatlima.org [1], (email) habitatlima@habitatlima.org

Mission Co-Worker Connections

For more information:
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

MHCO Thanks You



Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is thankful for the generous volunteer support from area churches and community members in sewing gowns. More than 30 people responded to our request for help to sew 100+ gowns. Soon after the announcement, a small group of people were able to cut gowns at the Ebenezer Mennonite Church. The gown pieces were assembled into kits and distributed for individuals to sew at their homes. MHCO has received 84 completed gowns and more are coming in each day. These washable gowns will allow MHCO to reduce the need for disposable PPE which we were having a hard time finding due to the demand. Gowns are an important part of a caregiver's protective equipment for oneself and also for other community members. We no longer are worried about running out of gowns. The gowns are color coordinated by size: Yellow - Large, Blue - medium and Green - small which helps people know at a glance the right one to wear. Thank you for your support of MHCO and the many volunteers who are making this community sewing project a success!





Prayers for all who are struggling with health, finances, employment, or distress during this pandemic. Let us hold one another and all of these in prayer when we lift our hearts to God. If you have prayers you would like to be shared with our church family, please let us know.

Prayers of sympathy for Gene and Sue Mathewson, on the passing of Gene's eldest brother Larry on June 21.

Prayers that people would continue precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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

Prayers for Lin Rumer, as her sister Connie passed away on May 29.

Prayers for Lin also as she recovers from carpal tunnel surgery on her wrist.

Prayers for Beth Buist who has a complete shoulder replacement surgery.

Prayers of Celebration with Danielle Rhonemus and Cody Rowland who were married on June 20.

Prayers of Celebration with Donnas and Roland "Stoney" Stone who were remarried on June 26.

Prayers of healing for Jay Begg (Bev's nephew) who has had several setbacks and is at University Hospital in Columbus

Prayers of gratitude for Anessa Samsal, Mariah Pneuman's granddaughter-in-law, who came through her brain tumor surgery well and is receiving physical therapy at home, and who will have further laser treatments in the next couple of weeks.

Prayers for Dorothea Radabaugh who is doing well at her assisted living apartment at Mennonite Home.

Prayers of health and strength for Dorothy Hursey and Marilyn Bullock who have had stays at Mennonite Memorial Home.

Prayers for all who are suffering from mental or physical illness in these difficult times.

Prayers for the world as we seek a cure for the coronavirus causing the pandemic.

Prayers for our country as we seek a cure for the virus of racism long embedded in and not yet eradicated from our society, that one day we may live up to our pledge of liberty and justice for all.

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

July	1	Brandie Wagner Judy Evans
	5	Dave Van Eman
	6	Lisa Culbertson
	8	Kim Best
	10	Bill Gable
	11	Peggy Hursey
	16	Diane Winebar
	19	Ryan Brauen
	23	William Culbertson
	24	Betsey Angus
	29	Brennan Leugers
	30	Mike Rhonemus
August	4	Judy Miracle

Anniversaries

July	3	Jim and Carole Enneking
	11	Tom and Rebecca Hursey
	14	John and Chris Hochstetler
	15	Dave and Linda Sycks
	22	Mike and Tenna Rhonemus
August	8	Jay and Anne McCracken

Giving Online is Fast and Secure in 4 Easy Steps:

Step 1: Go to blufftonpc.org and click on the word "GIVE" next to the word "CONTACT"



Step 2: Now that you are on our church's Giving page, click the green words

"CLICK HERE TO GIVE"



Support our ministries through your one-time or recurring online gift.

Click Here to Give

Step 3: Fill in the amount for each fund designation, choose a donation frequency (one time, weekly, monthly) and click "Continue"

Donations

If you've already created a profile, please "Log In" on the right, otherwise you may continue without creating a profile. Red starred boxes below require text description. You will have the choice on the payment method page to offset the church's credit card transaction fee. You will receive gift credit for the total amount (gift and transaction fee).

General Fund:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Pentecost Offering:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Offset ACH Fee:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Per Capita:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Roll On:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
One Great Hour of Sharing:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
3 Cents a Meal:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Memorial Gift in memory of:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/> <input type="text"/>
Other - Please Describe:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/> <input type="text"/>
Total:	\$0.00

Donation Frequency:

Consider Recurring Donations

Recurring donations provide a steady stream of support. It is a great way to manage charitable giving without the worry of missing a payment- you set the frequency, select the payment method and your gift continues to give over time.

Donation Start Date: mm/dd/yy

Donation End Date: (optional) mm/dd/yy

* = Required

Step 4: Fill in your name, address and credit/debit card info, donation frequency (one time, weekly, monthly) and click "Continue". Check the "I am not a robot" box and click "Process".

Donation Information

First Name: (required)

Last Name: (required)

Address 1: (required)

Address 2:

City: (required)

State / Zip: (required) /

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Account Type

Credit/Debit Card Checking Savings

Card Number:

Card Verification Value (CVV2): [What's This?](#)

Expiration Date: /

Name Of Cardholder:

Optional: - Give additional 2.75% to help offset the processing fee

Use Same Address As Above

Billing Address 1:

Billing Address 2:

Billing City:

Billing State / Zip: /

I'm not a robot

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Note: Please review the information you entered carefully donation will be submitted.

A confirmation screen will let you know you were successful!

Thank you for supporting the mission of Bluffton Presbyterian Church!



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A PLACE OF HOPE FOR
CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS

Coronavirus...Focus on what you CAN do!

- Wash hands more frequently
- Keep hands away from face, eyes, nose, and mouth
- Maintain clean home and car
- Open windows, get outside and get fresh air
- Do not smoke
- Minimize alcohol intake
- **Build Immune System:**
 - Get enough healthy sleep: 8 hours/night is best! (Tip: No caffeine intake after 2:00 or 3:00 PM and no screens 1 hour before bed will greatly improve your sleep!)
 - Move your body daily! Get at least 20 minutes of exercise per day.
 - Eat diet high in veggies, fruits, whole grains, proteins (nuts, plain yogurt, poultry, fish).
 - Decrease sugar intake.
 - Increase water intake. (Suggested amount: 8, 8-oz. glasses per day)
 - Take multi-vitamin.
- **Decrease Anxiety:**
 - Limit or take a break from all media reporting on Coronavirus.
 - Share something encouraging or uplifting on social media.
 - Stay intentionally connected with friends and family (if not in person, via phone calls, Facetime, etc.).
 - -Practice deep-breathing techniques: Breathe in 4 counts, hold 4-6 counts, exhale slowly 6-8 counts; repeat 5 times in a row multiple times per day.
 - (Check out these apps-Abide, Calm, Centering Prayer, Reflect)

- Do something you enjoy like reading, puzzles, knitting, drawing, biking, running, watch a great movie, etc.
- Laugh often!
- Be intentional about gratefulness: Make a list of 3 things you are grateful for each day.
- Try yoga at home. (Check out holyyoga.net)
- Do something for someone else: send an encouraging note, email, text, share supplies with someone in need, etc.
- Listen to Christian music stations geared toward hope. (Try WBCL or Pandora for your favorite artists!)
- Pray for the health of our nation, government and medical officials, schools and students, job concerns, those working to contain the virus, and for God to bring good out of this in yourself and in our nation.
- Spend time reading God's Word and journaling. (Tip: Try looking up all verses that have to do with peace and journal about them. Check out You Version Bible app for other guided plans.)

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
-John 14:27

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

-Romans 15:13

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Sunday Online Worship: 10:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS

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2020 Church Officers

Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt

Buildings & Grounds – Lynda Best

Faith Formation – Tenna Rhonemus

Fellowship – Jodi Brauen

Finance & Stewardship – Clair Winebar

Mission – Carole Enneking

New Beginnings – Sarah Brauen

Nominating – Lynda Best and Tenna Rhonemus

Personnel – Betsey Angus

Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt

Worship – Diane Winebar

Members at Large – Sarah Brauen and Lori Schmidt

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Moderator: Helen Hawk

Assistant Moderator: Laura From

Members: Tanya Best, Craig Bowman,

Dave Van Eman, and Jeanette Warren