



# What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

June 2014

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday, June 1 – Communion

#### 3 Cents a Meal Offering

Special Music – Don Brauen

Lay Reader: Carole Enneking

Greeters: Gillen Family

Acolytes: Paige and Morgan McVetta

### Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost

#### Food Pantry

Lay Reader: Beth Buist

Greeters: Talavinia Family

Acolyte: Wyatt Marshall

### Sunday, June 15 – Trinity Sunday

Guest Organist – Sue Van Eman

Lay Reader: Diane Winebar

Greeters: Sycks Family

Acolyte: James Freidenberg

### Sunday, June 22

Special Music – Lori Schmidt

Lay Reader: George Stultz

Greeters: Clair and Diane Winebar

Acolyte: Libby McVetta

### Sunday, June 29

Lay Reader: Cindy Gillen

Greeters: Don and Cathy Carroll

Acolyte: Jacob Szabo

### Sunday, July 6 – Communion

#### 3 Cents a Meal Offering

Lay Reader: Tonya Best

Acolyte: Sarah Gillen

## Mark Your Calendars!

- June 5 – Daily Bread Soup Kitchen – 9:40 AM Church Parking Lot
- June 5 – BPC Hosts Community Meal at the Senior Center – 6:00 PM.
- June 7 – Blessing of Animals – 1:00 PM – Richland Manor
- June 12 – Session Meeting – 7:00 PM
- June 12 - July 17 – Lectio Divina – 6:30 PM
- June 13 – Wheels Festival Dinner – 5:00-7:00 PM – Church Lawn
- June 18 – Deacon Meeting – 7:30 PM
- June 21 – Swimming/Picnic – 3:00/5:30 PM – Bob and Betsey Angus's Home
- June 29 – Newsletter Deadline – [CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com](mailto:CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com)
- July 20-24 – Vacation Bible School – St. Mary's Catholic Church – 6:00 to 8:00 PM



## Announcement Procedure

If you have an announcement to present in church during the month of June, get it to the church office by Wednesday morning so it will be announced by our Worship Leader for the month.

June Worship Leader – Sarah Gillen

## Coffee Talk

Wednesday – McDonalds at 8:30 AM

## Small Groups

Tuesday – Church Library at 6:30 PM

## A Time of Refreshment

As I write this, the brilliant spring sun is shining. And I am ready for summer. I am looking forward to moments of reflection, study, and prayer: a time of refreshment.

As I have journeyed through this winter, and we have begun our time together, God has brought to my attention the cost of my personal journey through recent years. As I have surveyed my life; your life together, your study, and your small group ministry have been a support and encouragement to me.

In ways great and small, God has been nudging, saying to me, "David, you need to get on with your prayer life." It is time for refreshment.

During the weeks of June and July I am hoping to gather 6-10 people who would like to join the ancient practice of "lectio divina". It is a practice of reflection on God's Word. It is not a "Bible study" but rather it is a shared personal reflection on God's Word. What is the Word saying to you, not in abstract reflection, but in an honest personal application?

So I invite you to this next step in our journey as Pastor and people. Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM, June 12 through July 17. Lectio Divina



## God Bless Our Deacons

As I sat with the Deacons last night I was again struck by the ministry of hospitality. When we enjoy a reception or a funeral dinner, a community meal or a fellowship supper, it doesn't magically appear. People do the work of arranging tables, gathering the meal supplies, organizing the table setting (and centerpieces). Somebody makes the meal. God bless our Deacons for their work of hospitality.

## God Bless Our Work Together: The Renovation Project

Last Sunday I sat with a collection of people, who brought interests and knowledge about various parts of church life to the table. Together we worked to give shape to the various contract proposals which are a part of our Renovation Project. We spoke of brick work and flat roofing, and then turned our attention to doorways, cement work, and painting for the finished project. Thanks to this group, the Session will receive, in June, a well thought out recommendation for the contracts in the Renovation Project; from its various aspects to its final cost. In all of this journey we celebrate the hard work of Tom Hursey, who has gathered the contractors and gotten their proposals, and who has shared his interest and his skills.

God blesses our work together with all of the gifts and abilities which are shared in the church. We are moving forward with the Renovation Project

Rev. David Good



## April Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$ 49,336.30
Receipts	16,721.15
Expenses	(13,152.62)
*Balance 4/30	\$ 52,904.83
*Restoration Fund Balance	\$33,389.52
*General Fund Balance	\$19,515.31
Restoration Fund Pledges	\$37,800.00
OGHS	\$693.79

## Highlights of May Session Meeting

- Bid has been received from Schnipke Builders (Glandorf) for doors/plaster/concrete items on Building Restoration Project. Still expecting a bid from CSI for doors/plaster/concrete – hoping to be able to compare/discuss these two bids at June's meeting. Approved accepting Harold Shuck's bid for Duro-Last roof over Office/Library area for \$12,257. Contract with Wellmann Brothers (for brick/masonry) has been signed. Checking with them to see when they expect to start working. Brick work/chimney will need to be completed prior to Duro-Last roof being installed. Furnace filters have been changed and leaky toilet in men's restroom has been worked on – will require additional work.
- Permission granted to Tanya Best to borrow 2 Orph instruments. Approved request by Michelle Talavinia to use church basement on Saturday, June 14 for Girl Scout lunch/dinner.
- Blessing of Animals service will be on Saturday, June 7 at Richland Manor at 1:00 PM.
- Pastor Dave participated in following: home Communion, hospital/nursing home visits, weekly breakfasts, teaching HS Sunday School class, and will start teaching Adult class, 30 Hour Famine, committee meetings, BAMA, and MVP's Conflict Management.

## Deacon Report

- The deacons served lunch following the memorial service for Joel Kimmel on May 24. *Thank you* to all who donated their time and provided food.
- Please see the separate article for information about the Community Meal being held on June 5. Bluffton Presbyterian Church is hosting this meal.

## Wheel Festival Dinner

We will be serving dinner on the church lawn for the Wheels Festival Friday, June 13 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, with the proceeds going to the Building Restoration fund. Ted's Market in Pandora will be providing chicken dinners. Hot dogs, desserts, and drinks will also be available. Monetary donations for supplies would also be appreciated! Pop, pies, and cookies/brownies are needed (we need a few more pies). If you can help set up, tear down, serve, or donate food or supplies, please call Betsey Angus, at 419-643-8000 or Cathy Carroll at 419-477-5266. Please come and eat at the festival dinner or get your dinner to go!



## BPC Swimming/Potluck Picnic

Bob and Betsey Angus will have a summer party at their home on Saturday, June 21. Anyone can come out and swim at 3:00 PM and there will be a potluck picnic at 5:30 PM. Table service, meat, lemonade, and water will be provided. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. Also bring your lawn chairs and a life jacket if you are going to swim. RSVP if yes at 419-643-8000.

## Mobile Meals – Volunteer Drivers

Mobile Meals of Bluffton is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals. A driver is needed on the second Monday and another driver is needed on the third Friday of each month. Meals are delivered only in the Bluffton community and it takes only 30 to 45 minutes. Delivering Mobile Meals is a practical volunteer project that helps people in our community. If you would like to help out with this worthwhile, important volunteer work, please contact Mary Ann Ring, MMH Volunteer Coordinator, at 419.358.1015, Ext. 248.

## Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

The next date for serving lunches at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen will be June 5. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Shirley Kisor. Volunteers meet at the church parking lot at 9:40 AM and typically return by 12:30 PM.

## BPC Hosting June's Community Meal

The next Community Meal we are responsible for will be Thursday, June 5, at the Senior Center. The meal starts at 6:00 PM. Our church hosts twice a year, serving a delicious meal to approximately 80 people. Any monetary donations given by diners at the meal are given to the Bluffton Food Pantry. Leftover food is sent home with those in need.

The deacons are in charge of purchasing, preparing, and serving the food, but because this is an *all-church effort*, there are plenty of ways you can be involved!

1. Bake a pie and watch eyes light up! We need 10, including a couple that are sugar free.
2. Give a monetary donation to help with food purchases.
3. Volunteer your time to help prep, serve, and clean up.

By the time this newsletter comes out, we hope to have enough volunteers to help in the kitchen, and enough donated pies. If you want to offer assistance though, please call a deacon to see if there are ways you can help! *Thank you for your support of this important Bluffton area outreach!*

## Bluffton-Area Relay for Life

The Enneking family (Team Blue) is helping on the Relay for Life planning committee and welcomes others to get involved. This year's event will be held on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21 at the Bluffton University Football Stadium. "Believe" is the theme for the evening program.

If you or your family want to be involved in this local event to raise money for cancer research, contact Carole Enneking (419-358-4150 or by email [jcenne@gmail.com](mailto:jcenne@gmail.com)) or Lynda Best for more information.

## Blessing of Animals

On Saturday, June 7, we will be having a *Blessing of Animals* service combined with the opportunity to share the joy our animals bring with the residents of Richland Manor Nursing Home. Weather permitting, we will gather outside Richland Manor at 1:00 PM.

Why bless the animals? This is a chance to thank God for all the ways animals comfort us and encourage us in our lives. If you are able to bring an animal companion, please make plans to provide for your animal. All God's creatures are welcome. Even if you do not have an animal companion at this time, please come and share in the joy that animals bring our lives. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Mission Committee.



## Vacation Bible School

This year's Community Vacation Bible School will be held July 20-24 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 160 North Spring Street. The registration and medical consent forms are included in this newsletter. Please return the completed forms to Jay McCracken.

This year we are responsible for teaching the Bible story. We need to have the list of volunteers set before the Vacation Bible School meeting on July 14.

The following volunteers are needed each night:

- Story Leader – Present the Bible story. (1 person needed for each night)
- Crew Leaders – each crew leader will have 5-6 children in their group and then 4-5 groups will go from station to station. (4 adult crew leaders for each night)

# Happy Birthday!!



- June
- 2 Ethan Fifer
  - 3 Carla Montgomery
  - 6 Sheila Hurlburt  
Donnas Stone
  - 10 Andrew Van Horne
  - 11 Nicole Edelbrock
  - 12 Lori Schmidt
  - 15 Rosalina Aguirre
  - 17 Jeremy Enneking  
Min Lindsey
  - 19 Don Brauen
  - 22 Sue Van Eman  
Gabrielle Sneary
  - 25 Twylah Ludwig

- July
- 1 Brandie Carroll
  - 3 Alice Niswander
  - 5 Dave Van Eman
  - 6 Lisa Culbertson

## 2014 Craft Fair Pictures





**BPC Prayer Chain**

If you have a prayer request, please contact Diane Winebar (419-957-4046 or [dwinebar711@gmail.com](mailto:dwinebar711@gmail.com)), or call the church office (419-358-5806) with your prayer request, and they will pass along the information. If you would like to add someone to the prayer chain other than yourself, please be sure to get their permission first. Names and circumstances can be kept confidential, if desired. God knows for whom we pray. If you would like to be part of the chain or would like more information, please contact Diane or another deacon.



**Prayers of Sympathy** with Barb Fett and the Kimmel family on the recent death of Joel Kimmel.

**Prayers of Sympathy** with the John Koontz and Larry Hilty families.

**Prayers of Celebration** with the Class of 2014.

**Prayers** for all children who are at risk.

**Prayers** for Peace in our lives and in our World.

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

**Prayers of Healing** for Karen Long, Dusty Klingler, Gordan Diller, Jill Burkholder, Brenda Anderson, Michael Lee Bucher, Rick Hohenbrink, Bruce Shelly, Curt Bell, Rich Brodeman, Aimee Sprague's dad, Twylah Ludwig, Rose Hawkins, Bill Zimmerly, Marilyn Bullock, and Ava, Laura, and Sammie.

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Thank you to all who made our lunch at the Craft Show a success!! We appreciate those who donated items/money, helpers, and those who came to eat lunch. Perfect weather was instrumental in us netting \$697 which is used towards our general budget. Thanks again for your support.

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Dear Bluffton Presbyterian Church,

I would like to thank you for your love and support that you have shown me throughout my college days. I appreciate the card and the gift you gave me, as it shows your continued support as I begin my journey in the real world!

Sincerely,  
Devin Kisor

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To my church family,

Thank you for the gift card and reception. I will probably use the card toward something for college.

Thank you also for always being there to support me. I definitely felt loved!

Samantha

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Thank you to everyone who volunteered this past school year to teach a Sunday school class, escort the students to Weekday Christian Education, lead Youth Group, or otherwise assist in the education of the congregation.

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**30 Hour Famine Youth Service Project – Bluffton Child Development Center**



# WEIRD ANIMALS

Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind

## Registration -Bluffton Community VBS

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
160 N. Spring St.  
Bluffton, OH 45817  
419-358-8631

Sunday, July 20<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Ages 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

1. Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, Food Sensitivities, Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, Food Sensitivities, Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, Food Sensitivities, Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT OF A MINOR CHILD OR CHILDREN**

In the event of an emergency or non-emergency situation in which medical treatment is required as a result of participation in the Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School, every reasonable effort will be made to contact the persons listed on this form. If unsuccessful in contacting the persons listed, consent/permission is given for treatment by competent medical personnel.

Further, and unless specified otherwise, consent/permission is hereby given to all adult volunteer leaders to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery (under recommendation of qualified personnel). I agree that my insurance company will be used for such medical care expenses and I am aware that I may be billed by the medical provider for any medical treatment expenses not covered by my insurance. I understand that if I do not have medical insurance coverage that I am responsible for the payment of any medical bills.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I am the parent and legal guardian of the child or children listed on this Registration Form and I consent to my child's participation in the 2014 Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School and assume all risks associated with my child or children's participation in the Bible School. Furthermore, for myself and child, I waive and release all claims of any kind or of any nature that may arise from the activities described herein and against the representatives, volunteers, staff, offices, teachers, and churches associated with the 2014 Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School and furthermore agree to hold them harmless.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thurs.-Sat. 9:00-1:00

Secretary: Cathy Carroll  
Email: [bpcbluff@wcoil.com](mailto:bpcbluff@wcoil.com)  
Office Hours: Tues. and Wed. 9:00-12:30  
Website: [blufftonpc.org](http://blufftonpc.org)

**Sunday Worship Service: 10:15 AM**

## **2014 Church Officers**

### *Session*

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt  
Buildings & Grounds – Tom Hursey  
Christian Education – Jay McCracken  
Finance & Stewardship – Cindy Gillen  
Mission – Beth Buist  
Nominating – Dave Kisor and Cindy Gillen  
Personnel – Lori Schmidt  
Presbytery Commissioner  
Worship – Jeanette Warren  
Members at Large – Dave Kisor, Rhonda  
Moor, and Donnas Stone

### *Board of Deacons*

Moderator: Diane Winebar  
Members: Don Carroll, Tom Edwards, Laura  
From, Lin Rumer, and Kay Ziessler.