



What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

June 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 5 – Communion

3 Cents a Meal Offering

Special Music: HS Quartet – Alton Burkholder,
Patrick Rhonemus, Megan Sycks, Kristen Yost

Lay Reader: Diane Winebar

Greeters: Owen and Kay Ziessler

Acolytes: McVetta Girls

Sunday, June 12

Food Pantry

Special Music: Julia Szabo

Lay Reader: Clair Winebar

Greeters: Szabo Family

Acolyte: Jacob Szabo

Sunday, June 19

Special Music: Linda Sycks

Lay Reader: Dave Sycks

Greeters: Talavinia Family

Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Sunday, June 26

Special Music: Jeremy Szabo

Lay Reader: Beth Buist

Greeters: Don and Jodi Brauen

Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Sunday, July 3 – Communion

3 Cents a Meal Offering

Lay Reader: Lori Schmidt



Mark Your Calendars!

- June 5 – Graduate Recognition and Reception – Hosted by Deacons – Following Worship
- June 9 – Session Meeting – 7:00 PM
- June 15 – Deacon's Meeting – 6:30 PM – Please note time change
- June 17 – Wheels Festival Dinner – 5:00-7:00 PM – Church Lawn
- June 19 – Father's Day
- June 24 – Bluffton Relay for Hope – BFR
- June 25 – Swimming 3:00 PM/Picnic 5:00 PM – Bob and Betsey Angus's Home
- June 26 – Newsletter Deadline
CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com
- July 7 – Community Meal – Hosted by Bluffton Presbyterian Church
- July 24-28 – Vacation Bible School – Emmanuel UCC – 6:00 to 8:00 PM



Announcement Procedure

If you have an announcement to present in church during the month, get it to the church office by Wednesday morning so it will be announced by our Lay Reader.

Coffee Talk – Note Change

Wednesday Morning Coffee Talk will not meet during the summer. The group will resume September 7.

Do as I say: not as I do

Or...even good things can become contrary (when time changes).

Have you ever done a good thing, but it took on a life of its own, and became something else? Something contrary.

I am about to go on vacation. Sounds pretty straightforward. But I haven't taken one – a vacation without work – in years. I am grateful to God: I have been given music for my spirit, art to tell the story of God, ministry to share with others, and love in which to be called. Further, I am glad for the ministry of care given to Jane and me toward her parents. These gifts have been a calling, a joy, and a passion. But along the way, those good things took on a life of their own and I misplaced God's refreshment. God's Sabbath Rest. Time changed the balance of life. And it is time to get the balance back.

Now the mistakes are mine. I made choices. Over time the choices went out of balance. And in the range of all things (to which there is a season!), these errors are not ones of compelling damage. They have just grown in insistence, persistence and toll.

But I offer my falling short, as a word of warning, or a word of reflection. Or I pose a question of purpose, a question of our adjustment to this time and the future.

We start out with a choice. It continues. Over time, it becomes a habit. And we add other choices. And we celebrate the gain. And it is good!

But along the way life changes. The strength of youth becomes the resources and discipline of maturity. Life's challenges change from one time to another. (Caring for my parents became caring for Jane's). We move on from yesterday's challenges to the questions of today and next year. Or we are supposed to, move, that is.

And sometimes we don't move on to what God has next.

So I am going to get my balance back. At least a start.

And, when I return from vacation, a time of refreshment, I will return to the manse and I will only put in the closet things which pertain to the future. I am going to let the past go. (Or at least try to.)

The past was good. But new times are at hand.

*18 Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.*

*19 I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

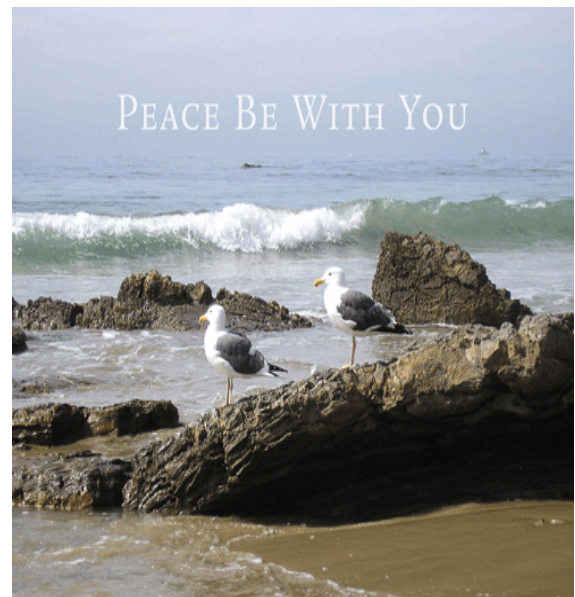
*20b for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,*

*21 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.*

Isaiah 43

May your summer be a time of refreshment; a time of challenge, or play, or just sitting still, whichever God deems most appropriate. May your summer be a season in tune with life, and its progression. May God bless you in the life long journey.

Pastor Dave



BPC in Community Time

The Bluffton Craft Fair (May 14)



Well the weather was grumpy. Cold. Damp. And blowy. Booth spaces were empty. But the hearts were warm, the fellowship good. The brats were tasty as ever, and in the cold weather a piece of pie with hot coffee felt very good! Bluffton Craft Fair 2016. May it rest in peace.



THANK YOU to all who donated time, food, money for the Craft Show Lunch. The "raw" weather conditions impacted the number of vendors/shoppers, however the Presbyterians were faithfully there as in previous years! Some items will be used for the Wheels' Festival dinner in June. Profits for the day - approximately \$320 - are designated for the church's general operating fund. We appreciate your support in our church's efforts to be visible in the Bluffton Community.



Wheels Festival Dinner

We will be serving dinner on the church lawn for the Wheels Festival Friday, June 17 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM, with the proceeds going to the general fund. Ted's Market in Pandora will be providing chicken and pulled pork dinners. Hot dogs, brats, desserts, and drinks will also be available. Pop, pies, and cookies/brownies are needed. Monetary donations for supplies would also be appreciated! 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!

Bluffton's Relay for Hope



This year the Mission Committee has chosen to be an active part of the Bluffton Relay for Life (Hope). Lynda Best has been an active part of the Relay for over 17 years, so it is near and dear to her heart. There are many ways to get involved or just come to the Relay June 24 from 4:30 PM to 12:00 AM at BFR and enjoy the chicken barbeque, entertainment, and activities for all ages and help support our survivors.

Lynda would like to invite survivors to fill out a form in the back of the church and invite you to our free survivor meal at 4:30 PM, plus receive a free T-shirt. In the back of the Church, there will be forms for family and individual participants, survivors, luminary forms in memory or honor of a loved one, and our 5K glow run. Also pick up our brochure for the Relay with info and times.

Any questions contact Lynda Best 419-358-5858 or 419-296-2790.

30 Hour Famine

Thank you to everyone who supported the youth and the 30 Hour Famine! Your donations, prayers and food to break our fast were greatly appreciated!

We had 8 youth and 3 adults participate this year in the 30 Hour Famine including members of the Ottawa Presbyterian Church. Through donations we raised \$595 that will be given to World Vision to help hungry children all around the world.

Our service project took place at the Bluffton Child Development Center. We worked on the playground spreading mulch and sand, painted shelving, and cleaned up the flower beds.

Our Bible studies focused on the good, the bad, and the ugly of hunger. We played games and spent the night in a cardboard village on the church lawn. Best of all we did all of this while going without food for 30 hours. It was a great event!!



Vacation Bible School

Deep Sea Discovery is the theme for this summer's Community Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held at Emmanuel UCC from Sunday, July 24 through Thursday, July 28. Children ages 4 through grade 5 are encouraged to participate in this free community program.

Our church is responsible for providing 3 volunteers each night to help guide the groups of children and/or help with games. Contact Carole Enneking or Tenna Rhonemus if you would like to help.

Deep Sea Discovery will include the large-group excitement of Celebration Reef, a chance to experience God's Word at S.S. Discovery, explore mysteries of the seas through crafts and science at Curiosity Cavern, and enjoy snacks and games at Pelican Pier. Pre-schoolers (ages 4 and 5) have their own activities in the Tide Pool Playland. Registration forms will be available at the church or on the Bluffton VBS Facebook page. Community VBS is supported by seven Bluffton churches: Methodist, English Lutheran, First Mennonite, St. John's UCC, St. Mary's Catholic, Emmanuel UCC, and Bluffton Presbyterian.



Family Promise

On the recommendation of the Mission Committee and New Beginnings Team, Session approved joining the volunteer pool of Family Promise of Lima- Allen County. We will be serving with Emmanuel UCC and St. Mary's Catholic Church who will host families overnight in their churches.

There are many ways we can support this organization and the guests they serve. Volunteers provide and serve meals to the guests, act as overnight hosts, serve as mentors, donate supplies for the day center located in Lima and items needed to establish a household as the guest leave the program. The best part is we will be able to connect with our neighbors and help to meet their needs in very real ways! Watch for more details on this wonderful program and opportunities for volunteering in the near future. If you have questions feel free to speak to Lynda Best or Tenna Rhonemus.

Here is a little bit about Family Promise:

Family Promise of **Lima-Allen County** *Building Communities Strengthening Lives*

129 S. Pierce Street, Lima OH 45801
Phone/FAX: (419) 879-4600
familypromise2008@gmail.com

OUR MISSION: Family Promise is a faith-based agency working with various community partners, dedicated to helping homeless families achieve and sustain independence by providing help, hope and a safe haven as they seek suitable employment and housing.

Serving Homeless Families, A Community Effort

Family Promise serves homeless families in the Lima-Allen County area. We connect families with service agencies to help them find jobs to sustain them financially while they look for permanent housing.

The heart of the program is the churches that have focused their mission efforts locally. Participating churches provide temporary overnight accommodations for the families giving them a warm place to sleep, a nutritious meal in the

evening and the tender mentoring of volunteers to insure them someone cares about them. Annually, Family Promise serves 16 plus families which includes adults and children. We provide over 2500 shelter nights, over 8,000 meals with over 8400 volunteer hours. The positive housing outcome is 83.5% and about 75% find employment while at Family Promise

Bluffton dates and location of Family Promise Hosting 2016:

April 17 - 23 @ Emmanuel UCC
June 12 - 18 @ St. Mary's Catholic Church
October 9 - 15 @ Emmanuel UCC
October 30 - November 5 @ St. Mary's Catholic Church

Guests arrive Sunday evening and stay until the following Sunday morning. Typically 3 Families are hosted each week (10-15 people).

Volunteer Opportunities:

Sunday Night and Week nights:

Prepare and Serve Meal - stay from 5:00PM until 8:00PM

Overnight Hosts stay from 8:00PM until 6:30AM

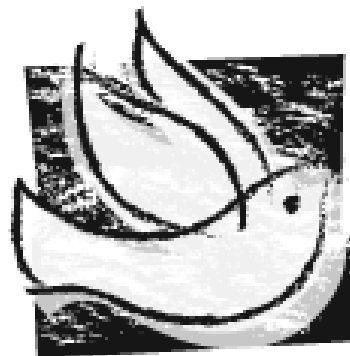
Saturday:

Prepare and serve all three meals

Hosts are need the entire day and activities can be planned to fill the day.

Sunday:

Breakfast is served and guests leave around 8:30AM



**A spiritual gift
is given to each
of us so we can
help each other.**

Bluffton Area Food Pantry

The Bluffton Area Food Pantry thanks you for your continued support. Listed below are some items to consider for the February pantry:

Lotions and Creams
Cereals
Soups and Crackers
Spaghetti and Sauces
Macaroni and Cheese
Paper products: TP, Paper Towels, Kleenex
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables (No corn or green beans needed at this time)
Personal Hygiene Products: Deodorant, Shampoo, Hair Care Items (No bath soaps or toothpaste needed at this time)
Spaghettios and similar canned foods
Canned Meats
Hamburger Helper
Tuna and Tuna Helper

Thank you for your interest in Bluffton Area Food Pantry.



Graduate Recognition

Please join us on June 5 to recognize and celebrate our high school and college graduates! The Deacons will be hosting a reception immediately after worship, we hope you will plan to stay for the festivities.



BPC Swimming/Potluck Picnic

Bob and Betsey Angus will have a summer party at their home on Saturday, June 25. Anyone can come out and swim at 3:00 PM and there will be a potluck picnic at 5:00 PM. Table service, meat, and drinks 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.

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 \$ 28.62 per member in 2016. Thank You!

Personal Information

Don't forget to let Cathy Carroll know when you have a change in address, phone number, and/or email address.

Synod of the Covenant Presbyterian Women 2016 Gathering

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the covenant invite all women to a summer gathering, June 10-11, 2016 in Findlay, OH. The theme for this event is "Though Many-One" based on Ephesians 4:2b-3. Don't miss the introduction to the "Who is Jesus" Bible study presented by the author! Eight workshops will be offered. Download the registration from bit.ly/pwbrochure.

Caring Host Families Needed

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME to a Christian exchange student from Spain or Germany for the coming 2016-2017 school year. Volunteer host families (with or without children), as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed, and a loving home for the coming school year, one or two semesters, starting in August.

EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses, and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America.

Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org.

Thank you very much for your help! They are eager to learn that a home has been found for them. Your contribution to this cause is most appreciated.

Kind regards,

Marie-Claude Dijoud
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www.emfusa.org

Mission News

We have been very excited and busy in mission here are some things we have been working on:

- The Grace and Gratitude offering was dispersed towards helping with wells, rain water catchment, linens and chickens through Presbyterian mission. We Raised \$295.
- We are in the process of helping the Ignite group fill bags for local families for the Bluffton food pantry. We have chosen to help the Bluffton food pantry all year long in other ways since they are so important to our community.
- We are excited to start helping with the Family Promise program which we will be telling you more about and how it helps families in the Allen county area. Emanuel and St. Mary's churches already participate in this program so we will be helping them in June with their families.
- Last but not least, the Bluffton Presbyterians will be participating in the Bluffton Relay for Life/Hope. I am very excited about this as it is very near and dear to me. There are forms in the back of the church, as well as information and pamphlet's about the Relay and activities. There is something for everyone – activities, 5K, entertainment, kid's games, and food. Any questions please contact Lynda Best at 419-296-2790. This is a very community and family oriented event, please help us celebrate, remember, and fight back against cancer.

BPC Presbytery Commissioner

Bluffton Presbyterian Church is looking for a Presbytery Commissioner (a current or past elder) to represent our church at Maumee Valley Presbytery Meetings. They meet approximately 4-5 times throughout the year at various churches in our presbytery. If you are interested or would like more information contact Pastor Dave or Lori Schmidt.

Aluminum Can Recycling

Remember to save your aluminum cans. The Mission Committee sells recyclable cans and uses the proceeds to support mission causes in our area, most recently for a shelter and feeding ministry in Lima. Bring the cans to the church basement and contribute them to a worthy cause.



Deacons' Report

- The deacons will host a reception for our graduates June 5 after worship.
- Our church will host the July 7 Community Meal. Watch for information in the July newsletter for ways you can help with this important Bluffton mission.
- **Thank You** to all who chose the name of a homebound member during our latest Share the Spirit event. A card, note, visit, or phone call means so much!

Pentecost Offering

Remember we are collecting a Pentecost Offering. Your generous gift will provide working funds for the Presbyterian Church (USA) to work with, encourage, and support children and youth. Part of that ministry is providing assistance to children at risk and child advocacy programs. This fund goes to reach children everywhere from far off Haiti to as close as our own state.

Make checks out the Bluffton Presbyterian Church and mark Pentecost offering on the memo line. Place donations in the offering plate or send to the Bluffton Presbyterian Church, 112 N. Main St., P.O. Box 149, Bluffton, OH 45817.



BPC Prayer Chain

To the Rhonemus's and their group,

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated so much more than words can say. I thank you for helping BCDC by weeding, mulching, and painting.

Please accept my humble thanks for all the hard work. Our center relies on the kindness of this great Bluffton community. It surprises me (in a good way) that so many people care and want to help us.

Your group was so nice and so very helpful. We want our center to be the best it can be for our children and our community. We are trying hard. Thanks for all your help.

Bluffton Child Development Center
Francine Donaltan, Director

If you have a prayer request, please contact Mike Rhonemus (419-358-8148 / rhonstar@juno.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 Mike or another deacon.



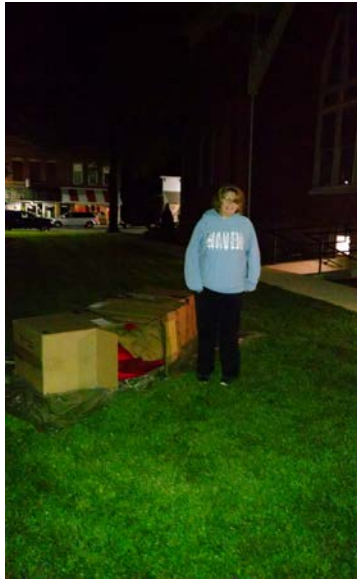
Happy Birthday!!

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| June | 1 | Michelle Zuehlke |
| | 2 | Ethan Fifer |
| | 3 | Carla Montgomery |
| | 6 | Sheila Hurlburt |
| | | Donnas Stone |
| | 10 | Andrew Van Horn |
| | 11 | Nicole Edelbrock |
| | 12 | Lori Schmidt |
| | 15 | Samantha Scoles |
| | | Rosalina Aguirre |
| | 17 | Jeremy Enneking |
| | | Min Lindsey |
| | 19 | Don Brauen |
| | 22 | Sue Van Eman |
| | | Gabrielle Sneary |
| | 25 | Twylah Ludwig |
| July | 1 | Brandie Carroll |
| | 5 | Dave Van Eman |
| | 6 | Lisa Culbertson |



30-Hour Famine





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Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship Service: 10:15 AM

2016 Church Officers

Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt
Buildings & Grounds – Tom Hursey
Christian Education – Tenna Rhonemus and
Carole Enneking
Finance & Stewardship – Dick McGarrity
Mission – Lynda Best
Nominating – Tom Edwards and Cindy Gillen
Personnel – Bob Angus
Presbytery Commissioner
Worship – Cindy Gillen
Members at Large – Tom Edwards, Lori
Schmidt, and Phil Weisenbarger

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Diane Winebar
Members: Marilyn Edwards, Barb Fett, Laura
From, Gayle Marshall, and Mike Rhonemus.