



Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

May 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 2 – Communion, 3 Cents a Meal Offering

Liturgist: George Stultz
Hymn Singers: Tenna Rhonemus and Lori Schmidt
Sound: Jay McCracken / Camera: Ryan Brauen
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolyte: Libby McVetta

Sunday, May 9 – Little Free Pantry Offering, Mother's Day, Celebrate the Gifts of Women

Liturgist: Laura From
Hymn Singers: Don Brauen and Laura From
Sound: Bob Hursh / Camera: Tammie Hursh
Slides: Julia Szabo
Acolytes: Owen and Clara Brauen

Sunday, May 16

Liturgist: Phill Talavinia
Hymn Singers: Julia Szabo and Adam Shanaman
Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Camera: Tenna Rhonemus
Slides: Talavinias
Acolytes: Bowen Hochstetler and Avery Talavinia

Sunday, May 23 – Pentecost, Graduate Recognition

Liturgist: Carole Enneking
Hymn Singers: Linda and Dave Sycks
Sound: Jeff Gillen / Camera: Julia Szabo
Slides: Cathy Carroll
Acolytes: Owen and Clara Brauen

Sunday, May 30 – Trinity Sunday

Liturgist: Jeremy Szabo
Hymn Singers: Tanya Best and George Stultz
Oboe Duets: Linda Sycks and Jerry Szabo
Sound: Bob Hursh / Camera: Tammie Hursh
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Mark Your Calendars!

**Sundays: Faith Formation on Zoom for Children
& Adults 9:00-9:30am; Worship 10:15am***

- Apr 29 – Worship Committee 5:00 PM
- May 2 – Worship 10:15 AM
- May 2 – Lord's Prayer Discussion 1:30 PM
- May 5 – Mission Committee 7:30 PM
- May 8 – Buildings & Grounds Spring Cleanup Day (mulching, planting) 9:00 AM
- May 8 – Presbytery Preaching Workshop 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
- May 8 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM
- May 9 – Lord's Prayer Discussion 1:30 PM
- May 12 – Deacons 6:30 PM
- May 13 – Session 7:00 PM
- May 16 – Stewardship Committee 11:30 AM
- May 16 – Lord's Prayer Discussion 1:30 PM
- May 18 – Presbytery Stated Meeting 3:00 PM
- May 22 – Presbytery Preaching Workshop 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
- May 23 – Graduate Recognition
- May 23 – Session Retreat 1:00-4:00 PM
- **May 23 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy:**
- May 30 – Lord's Prayer Discussion 1:30 PM

*At Ohio Public Health Advisory System Alert Level 3, weekly worship will be livestreamed only. At level 4, worship would be prerecorded individually and scheduled to premiere on Sunday. At levels 1 and 2, in-person worship will also be offered. Every week, regardless of in-person worship status, online worship will be made available on our [Facebook page](#) and later posted to our [website](#).

Small Groups

Claralice Circle will meet every Tuesday evening through the end of May at 6:30 PM in person in the church basement and on zoom. Sister Min Circle will reevaluate meeting in the fall.

BLUFFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 25, 2021
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Letter from the Session: Individual and Shared Beliefs

Dear members and friends,

During these challenging times, the session encourages open discussion within our church family. We acknowledge that people of faith can disagree while maintaining mutual respect for one another and continuing to live and work together in community.

Presbyterians use the Bible and the PC(USA) Book of Confessions to define core beliefs. Even though we share common beliefs, each person must decide what these beliefs mean in their life.

Every level of our denomination engages in dialogue on social issues that can lead to difficult conversations. However, it is important to understand that discussing complex issues does not imply making endorsements or adopting official policies. Even policies that are adopted by PC(USA) are advisory - they are "careful studies of pressing moral challenges, media for discussion and discernment of Christian responsibilities, and policy recommendations for faithful action."

It is okay for members and friends of BPC to disagree with something the church says, whether spoken from the pulpit or published by the denomination. We encourage you to share differing perspectives with Pastor Karol or any other session member. Let's grow together through discussion. Bring us your questions. If we do not know the answers, we will try to find them.

We respect and value each individual's interpretation of God's word, and we desire to stay in relationship with all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We are "the church reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God." Each person's active participation in our ministry supports our mission: Growing in Faith, Sharing God's Love.

In Christ,

The Bluffton Presbyterian Church Session

Rev. Karol Francis Schilling
Ruth
Cheri Winchen
Leah Best

Lori Schmitt
Deily McFarland
Tom Edwards
Diane Winchen

Sarah Braun
Carrie Eyr

Pastor's Letter: What Do We Believe?

If you have not done so already, please read the enclosed letter from our session addressing what it means to be together in Christian community while holding a variety of beliefs. As part of this effort to encourage peace and unity among our church family, I hope the following words will offer further clarification on our denomination's core beliefs and our openness to diversity of thought. Some of this material is from www.presbyterianmission.org.

The name Presbyterian comes from the Greek term in the New Testament for elder, *presbuteros*. Our church governance structure emphasizes shared leadership between Ministers of the Word and Sacrament (Pastors), and Elders, chosen as representatives from the congregation. Together, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline, with responsibilities for the life of a congregation and the church at large.

Presbyterians trace our particular history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Our heritage, and much of what we believe, was shaped by John Calvin and other reformers. Some of the principles Calvin articulated are still at the core of our beliefs, including the sovereignty of God, the authority of Scripture, justification by grace through faith, and the priesthood of all believers.

Presbyterians confess (affirm) our beliefs through the statements that have been adopted as part of The Book of Confessions, which all, in turn, are grounded in Scripture (the Bible). The confessions reflect understandings of God and what God expects of us at different times in history, while remaining consistent with the core principles named above. Even though Presbyterians share common beliefs, we maintain that "God alone is Lord of the conscience," meaning each person must decide how God is calling them to obedient faith.

Those who have been ordained as ministers, elders, and deacons are held to higher standards, in promising to be guided by the confessions of our church, which express the essential tenets of the Reformed faith.

On the other hand, the requirements for church membership, while not to be taken lightly, are a simpler profession of faith:

- turn from sin and renounce evil, trusting in God's gracious mercy
- trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love
- devote oneself to the church's teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayers

While Presbyterians have a rich history of theological confessions of faith, our faith *also* compels us to maintain awareness of and engagement with current political, peace, and justice issues, taking care to avoid partisan endorsements. A 1958 national Presbyterian gathering recognized this reality with the following statement: The General Assembly:

- "affirms its conviction that neither the Church as the body of Christ, nor Christians as individuals, can be neutral or indifferent toward evil in the world;
- affirms its responsibility to speak on social and moral issues for the encouragement and instruction of the Church and its members, seeking earnestly both to know the mind of Christ and to speak always in humility and love;
- reminds the churches that their duty is not only to encourage and train their members in daily obedience to God's will, but corporately to reveal God's grace in places of suffering and need, to resist the forces that tyrannize, and to support the forces that restore the dignity of all [people] as the children of God, for only so is the gospel most fully proclaimed."

We welcome all who share the profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to bring their full selves to our church, including their doubts and questions. We are blessed by each person's engagement with our congregation's mission: Growing in Faith, Sharing God's Love.

I look forward to continuing in this ministry of growing and sharing with you all.

In Christ,

Pastor Karol



Praying Like Jesus: The Lord's Prayer Sermon & Discussion Series

Beginning May 2, Pastor Karol will offer a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer. An accompanying time of discussion will take place on Sunday afternoons from 1:30-2:30 PM, in the church fellowship hall/on the church Zoom. Both series will run each Sunday in May except May 23, when we will pause to celebrate Pentecost!

Ascension of the Lord: May 13

Forty days after the Resurrection of the Lord/Easter, we recognize the Ascension of the Jesus Christ into heaven. This date falls on a Thursday, so we don't always focus on it in Sunday worship. Regardless, this occasion gives the church the opportunity to give thanks for Christ's sovereign rule over all the earth, as well as his priestly intercession for us at the throne of God. With Christ's raising above all worldly powers, the earthly ministry of Christ begun at the incarnation of Christmas now concludes in him and continues in us, his disciples.

Day of Pentecost: May 23

On Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the Church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. It can be thought of as the "birthday of the Church." The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of 7 weeks from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the 2nd day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot*. The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek-speaking Jews.

Me? A Preacher? A Preaching Workshop

This two-session workshop, sponsored by Maumee Valley Presbytery, is designed for Presbyterians within the Synod of the Covenant who are interested in learning about the preaching process and perhaps preaching to their own congregations. Saturdays, May 8 and 22, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, via Zoom. In addition to the two 3-hour Zoom sessions, participants should plan on 5-10 hours of work on their own before each session.

Leaders: Rev. Jeanne Gay, pastor at Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo and Rev. Chip Hardwick, Ph.D. in Homiletics/Preaching from Princeton Seminary, Synod leader. Cost: about \$20 for textbook (Text: *A Sermon Workbook: Exercises in the Art and Craft of Preaching*, by Thomas H. Troeger and Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, Abingdon: 2013). **Register ASAP – deadline is May 1!** Questions? Call the MVP Office (419) 423-9073 or [email Jeanne Gay](mailto:jeanne.gay@maumeevalley.org), or talk to Pastor Karol. [Register Now](#) *[Me A Preacher Workshop](#) *[Preaching Workshop Pre-Work](#)

Communications Coordinator Address, Deadline

Please update your address book with a new email address for Abigail Gwin, our BPC Communications Coordinator: XXXXXXXX. If you have a church-related message you would like displayed on the electronic yard sign, please try to email the details to Abigail no later than the Sunday before the week of the event.

Worship by Phone with BPC!

Great news: you can now call in on Zoom to listen to worship services. It's easy! Here's how:

1. On Sunday mornings around 10:10 – 10:15am, dial XXXXXXXXXX.
2. For your meeting id, enter XXXXXXXXXX.
3. For your participant id, enter # again or just wait. You will be in the waiting room until we "accept" you into the call.
4. So that we don't hear you, you can press *6 to mute your line (we can do this for you if you forget).
5. Listen for worship to begin!

Highlights of April Session Meeting



- Door/panel in manse garage attic area has been reattached – where mice may have been getting in. Need to set up date for mulching church flowerbeds. M+R installing new AC unit at manse this week. M+R repaired leak under bathroom sink at manse.
- **Pastor's Report:**

Pastoral Care: 29 phone calls, 3 visits/in-person conversations, 11 greeting cards sent, and emails. Prescheduled in-person visits are now allowed at Mennonite Home/Maple Crest/Hilty Home.

Congregational Activities: Worship, Announcements/Prayers Email; Facebook Posts; Faith Formation Zoom, Communications Coordinator Interviews with Personnel Chair/Committee, Claralice Circle, Youth Group (in person Bible study – alley), committee meetings, Supervision with Faith Formation Intern, Palm Sunday Car Parade, and Maundy Thursday Service.

Community Engagement Activities: Bluffton Community Preschool Board Meeting Zoom, Maple Crest Bible Study Zoom, BAMA Good Friday Cross Walk and Video, BAMA Meeting Zoom.

Presbytery/Greater Church Activities: Moderate Ottawa Session Zoom, Discipleship Commission Zoom, and New Pastors' Group Zoom.

Approved vacation time for Pastor Karol: June 28 - July 4 (including Sunday, July 4), August 9 -22 (including Sundays August 15 and 22).
- Approved moving Betsey Angus to “other” list as per her request. Approved increasing hourly pay for Administrative Assistant to \$14 per hour for 2021. Approved hiring Abigail Gwin as Communication Coordinator at \$14 per hour with performance review after six months. Clerk participated in two MVP Leadership Zoom calls. Approved Jana McVetta's request to use tables/chairs for Libby's graduation party on Friday, June 4.
- Approved to support resuming Nursery/Children's Church with Faith Formation contacting paid Nursery staff to confirm comfort level for resuming and teaching Children's Church. Graduate Recognition will be May 23 – expect to have three high school/two college graduates in person that day.
- Approved that our 40% local share of Pentecost Offering be given to Kirkmont Center (Zanesfield, OH) PCUSA camp. Little Free Pantry – extra donations have been received lately which lowers monthly expenditures. Frontline Worker Project – Reactions continue to be very positive and employees appreciate the kindness. International Mission – Ian & Jhan Vellenga hope to return to Nicaragua this summer. The CEPAD organization has not been able to do much during the pandemic but has assisted in distributing Clean-Up Buckets after recent hurricanes.
- Anyone having suggestions for digital signs for the church, information can be sent to Abigail Gwin at XXXXXXXXXXXX. Administrative Assistant's Day is April 21 – Cathy recognized with gift card/plant.
- Having issues with audio on live-stream recordings – contacting House of Hindenach for professional assistance. Worship audio livestreaming is now available by phone through Zoom at no cost to BPC. Some have made inquiries about congregational singing – session felt that because Covid numbers are increasing, sanctuary space limited, and unable to open windows in sanctuary, we will continue having hymn singers with church family encouraged to sing softly. Warmer weather will allow us to have some outdoor worship services.
- Approved the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Gazebo to be Saturday, June 26 at noon. Barnett Family will be present for ceremony and Bluffton Brass Quintet will provide music.





March 2021 Financial Report

General Fund Budgeted Items

Balance January 1, 2021	\$ XXXXXX
Receipts thru March 31	XXXXXX
Transfer of special receipts received in 2020 to 2021 budgeted items	XXXXXX
Expenses thru March 31	(XXXXXX)
Balance March 31, 2021	\$XXXXXX

Thank you for financially supporting the church's budget.

Worship Committee Report

We are working to address audio issues occurring during worship, both in the sanctuary and on our livestream. Sound techs, worship committee members, and others met recently with House of Hindenach (audio-visual systems). Soundboard adjustments were made as a first step in solving the problem. We are thankful for your continued grace and patience!



Deacons Report from April 14 Meeting

- This meeting was conducted in person. The Deacons have discussed restarting at-home communion for those who requested. We are also considering making some changes to how we serve communion during services.
- The Deacons are continuing their outreach CARE ministry program. We are sending out cards and making phone calls to those in the congregation. It is important for us all to remember that even though we may encounter moments of troubles and bouts of illness, God's love is with us every day.

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday Mornings on Zoom 9:00 – 9:30 AM

We are currently studying weekly writings from the Presbyterian Outlook, which can be found at <https://pres-outlook.org/category/ministry-resources/looking-into-the-lectionary/>.

Children's Church & Nursery (formerly called Nursery)

Children's Church & Nursery for ages newborn through 5th grade has reopened! Our teachers, Kori Phipps and Shawna Anderson are returning. Older kids are encouraged to remain in the sanctuary through Time For Young Christians.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School will take place on July 18-22 at St. Mary's Church. Our participation will be from 5:30 to 7:30 PM Sunday and 5:30 to 7:30 PM Thursday. On Sunday we will present a skit based on Ananias (Acts 9:1-19) and on Thursday we will play party games and act out ways the first Christians showed Friendship and unity. Each day we will do the same routine four times (once for each of four small groups). If you would like to find our more or are interested in volunteering, please contact Dick McGarrity.

Virtual Sunday School Spring Series

Through May 23, Sundays at 9:00 AM

- Zoom calls are less than 30 minutes and include a short lesson and science experiment.
- Be assigned a pen pal for mailing weekly letters (yes, through snail mail!) related to the lesson. This builds on the connections made through the Zoom calls.
- Receive a packet with items needed for the 7 week series.
- Weekly stamps, envelopes, and fill in letter templates are provided.
- No problem if you miss a Zoom and pen pal participation is optional.
- Geared towards children two years through fifth grade.
- Text or call Sarah Brauen at XXXXXXXX to sign up!



Graduate Recognition Day

Congratulations to our High School and College graduates who will be honored on Sunday, May 23.

Graduates being recognized, but not able to attend, include:

Nicole Edelbrock
Madison Hursh
Addison McGarrity

High School Graduates

Tayler Nowak



Tayler Eileen Nowak is the only child of Lynn Nowak. She is a graduate of Bluffton High School and her favorite subjects have been Language Arts (Creative Writing), Latin, History, Drama Club, and Art. Tayler plans on attending Bowling Green State University in the Fall and later transfer to Boston University. In her spare time, she likes to write short stories for The Bluffton Icon, collect donations for the Animal Rescues, and spend time with her family, friends, and fur babies. During her 12 years at Bluffton Schools, she was on the Bluffton Swim Team for 10 years, played viola in the Bluffton Orchestra for 6 years, and has been in the Drama Club for 4 years. Tayler plans to go into Creative Writing and Journalism and continue her passion in Theatre.

Wyatt Marshall



Wyatt Marshall is the son of Billy Marshall and grandson of John and Gayle Marshall of Bluffton. He is a graduate of Bluffton High School where he was involved in wrestling and track. Upon graduation, he plans to attend Columbus State for Paramedic/EMT.

Libby McVetta



Libby is graduating from Cory Rawson High School where she was active in basketball, soccer, and band. She was a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also enjoyed volunteering as a child mentor and teacher aide. Libby plans to attend the University of Toledo this fall. She is unsure of her major, but would like to pursue a profession in the health and human services field.

College Graduates

Patrick Rhonemus



Hello, in my time at OSU I accomplished a lot. I was able to get a degree in Moving Image Production, while minoring in film studies and history. I had 3 years in TBDBITL, with the potential for more. I was also given the opportunity to work on multiple student film projects. As far as future plans go, I'm hoping to eventually get into grad school so I would be able to teach film while working on my own productions. In the meantime I will hopefully be working on projects local to Columbus, while also doing some personal projects. Thanks for all the support throughout the years!

Megan Sycks



Megan just graduated from BGSU with a bachelor's in psychology. In the fall she will be continuing her education at Loyola University New Orleans to become a Clinical Mental Health Counselor! Megan is so grateful for the experiences she had at BGSU and is looking forward to making new ones at Loyola! Megan's cat, Wilma, will also be moving to New Orleans with her :)

Youth Group

Congrats and well done to the youth for a successful youth Sunday! We will have an end of the year celebration in May, date to be announced. Thanks!

Building and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds is having a Spring clean-up day on Saturday, May 8, starting at 9:00 AM to mulch and plant flowers. Everyone is invited to participate and help beautify our church lawn.



Lima Rescue Mission

Thanks all who continue to support Pizza Night at Lima Rescue Mission.

The Gillen's and Carroll's have volunteered to serve the May 8 Pizza Night. The next pizza nights will be June 12 and July 10. If anyone is interested to serve or contribute, please contact Bob Hursh or the Mission Committee.

Donations and volunteers are needed. Please use Signup.com XXXXXXXXX or contact Bob Hursh at XXXXXXXXXXXX or at XXXXXXXXX. Water and snack donations are due in the church kitchen by the Friday before each meal. If you donate money, please submit a check (memo: LRM) to the church office or give online (XXXXXXXX) by the Wednesday before. Thanks to all!

Little Free Pantry

Cereal, hamburger helper, and canned fruit would be welcome donations this month. Monetary donations are also helpful. Thank you!

May Schedule:

April 26-May 2 – Carol Enneking
May 3-9 – Pastor Karol, Pat Deal and Ethan
May 10-16 – Sue Van Eman
May 17-23 – Diane Winebar
May 24-30 – Jayne McGarrity
May 31-June 6 – Sarah Brauen



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By participating in the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come – children, youth, and young adults.

Kirkmont Center, an independent non-profit organization founded by the Presbyterian Church USA in 1963, has been selected to receive 40% of this year's Pentecost offering to make an impact in the lives of young people in our community.

Kirkmont – “church on the mountain” – is located in Logan County near Bellefontaine, OH and their goal is to provide a renewing camp, outdoor education, or retreat experience. The Center is holding a HOME Campaign to raise \$10,000 to support operations and make improvements; visit their [Facebook page](#) to learn more about the success of the Campaign.

The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency in these ways:

25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) serving in communities around the world and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.	25% supports ministries with youth, including Presbyterian Youth Triennium	10% is devoted to children at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens.
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PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS MATTHEW 23

Gifts may be made by check in the offering plate, mailed to the church or by giving online XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX now through May 31.



Update from Ian and Jhan Vellenga

Mission Co-workers:

Greetings, Bluffton Presbyterian Friends. Jhan and I are doing well. Marcella has at least one tooth starting to come in, and she is talking a lot more. She's learning to scoot, although backwards.

Our ministry partner, CEPAD continues to work with the rural communities, although because of the hurricanes last year and the pandemic, their focus has shifted slightly. They are handing out health kits (containing soap, hand sanitizer, masks, etc.), and to the places that were affected by hurricanes Iota and Eta, they are helping by giving them seeds (to replace the lost crops), food, and building materials for the damaged buildings. So, they are continuing to do good work.

As far as when we are returning to Nicaragua, that is still up in the air. I think tentatively we will be going back in July. If we can go earlier, we will do that too, but there are a lot of things that need to happen before that can be a reality.

Peace,
Ian and Jhan

Spring assisted living
MOVE-IN SPECIAL thru May 31

Stressed thinking about spring cleaning? Let us take care of it! Housekeeping services are just one of many included amenities when living at one of our Assisted Living communities. Transition to a more stress-free life, and enjoy what matters most!

We are taking extensive precautions to protect our residents and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, including routine COVID testing and being a prioritized for vaccinations. Learn more at:

MHCOLIVING.ORG

Offer valid for any Assisted Living apartment at the Mennonite Memorial Home, Maple Crest or Hilly Home. Terms and restrictions apply. Offer valid for new residents only. Call the number below for details.

included:

- Personal Care
- Laundry & Housekeeping
- Meals (3/day)
- Medication Assistance
- Emergency Response
- Daily Programs
- Utilities
- Cable

Mennonite Memorial Home of Ohio, Hilly Home of Ohio, Maple Crest of Ohio

To schedule a virtual tour, call 419-358-1015 x265 or e-mail jcox@mhcoliving.org

Assisted Living Special Rate through May 31

If you know of someone who could benefit from Assisted Living care please share the following.

[Spring Assisted Living Special! - Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio \(mhcoliving.org\)](#)

Birthdays

May	2	Patrick Rhonemus	
	3	Paige McVetta	
	7	Adam Shanaman	
	9	George Stultz	
	14	Jade Hochstetler Elaine Thompson	
	15	Jeremy Zank Lilly Friesel	
	20	Sarah Brauen Tucker Neff	
	21	Ryan Blaskay	
	24	Carole Enneking Kevin McVetta Sunny Zank	
	25	Ethan Friesel	
	26	Rebecca Hursey Kory Enneking	
	29	Heidi Hotmire	
	June	3	Carla Montgomery
		4	Dusty Freed
6		Sheila Hurlburt Donnas Stone	



Recently Engaged!

Laura From is proud to announce she is engaged to be married to Gregory Elwood later this summer.



Thank you for the flower planter and the gift card I received for Administrative Professionals day. I really appreciate it! The planter is beautiful and quite a surprise.

Thanks again. Cathy

Celebration of Life

Walter Schmidt

Saturday, June 26 (anniversary date) at 11:00 a.m.

Eastside Presbyterian Church,
Fremont, OH

Family present for visitation 9:00-10:30
with Prelude starting at 10:30 a.m.

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Craig Bowman (XXXXXXXXXX). PLEASE leave a message if no answer. Or call the church office (XXXXXXXXXX) 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.



Prayers of Sympathy for:

The family Ron Gallaher (Bev Begg's brother-in-law) who died on April 1.

The family of Bruce Grimes (Pastor Karol's uncle) who died on April 1.

Prayers of Joy for:

Carole and Jim Enneking on the birth of their grandson: Parker James Enneking (6lbs, 2oz) on April 21 around 3:00 AM. He was a bit early so is in NICU getting some extra support; parents Alex and Jeremy are doing great!

Pastor Karol brings greetings from Sally Reeder and Mariah Pneuman as expressed in recent visits.

Prayers of Healing for:

Wendy Erford (Cathy Carroll's friend) continues with physical and occupational therapy after suffering severe strokes.

Ken Ruckzo (McCracken family friend) who has brain cancer that has spread to other organs.

Johnny (father of Adam Shanaman's fiancé) is on dialysis at home and is waiting for a kidney transplant.

Isaiah Martin (17-year-old son of Gayle Marshall's cousin); he has been sick and has to see a specialist in Cleveland for a scope of his throat.

Richard Sycks (Dave's father) in Coshocton, who has been in and out of the hospital following complications from surgery.

Vanessa Shanaman (Adam Shanaman's younger sister) who has COVID-19.)

Peggy Hursey (Lynda Best's mother) is now on hospice care.

Kay Ziessler fell April 22 and fractured her T11 vertebra; she is in Blanchard Valley Hospital, scheduled for surgery on April 28.

Roger Brodman (custodian) has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Linda Nartker (Diane Winebar's sister) has been hospitalized for a bowel obstruction.

Those who live alone or in care facilities and less able to engage in meaningful connections with others, including Jane Benroth, Marilyn Bullock, Peggy Hursey, Sally Reeder, Hazel Rodabaugh, Dortha Radabaugh, Sheila Hurlburt, Jeanette Warren, and Ralph and Donnie Middleton.

Beautiful new gazebo in memory of Robert & Mary Barnett.



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Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

Faith Formation: 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris Schilling

Phone: XXXXXXXXXXXX

Email: XXXXXXXXXXXX

Primary Work Days: Tuesday – Friday (off Mondays)

In-Office Hours: Tues & Wed 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Secretary: Cathy Carroll

Email: XXXXXXXXXXXX

Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Treasurer: Julia Szabo

Email: XXXXXXXXXXXX

Communications Coordinator: Abigail Gwin

Email: XXXXXXXXXXXX

Faith Formation Intern: Adam Shanaman

Email: XXXXXXXXXXXX

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman

Choir Director: Linda Sycks

Nursery Helpers: Kori Phipps and Shawna Anderson

Custodian: Roger Brodman

2021 Church Officers

Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt

Buildings & Grounds – Lynda Best

Faith Formation – Dick McGarrity

Fellowship – Tom Edwards

Finance & Stewardship – Clair Winebar

Mission – Carole Enneking

Nominating – Sarah Brauen and Tom Edwards

Personnel – Lori Schmidt

Worship – Diane Winebar

Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt

Members at Large – Sarah Brauen and Phill Talavinia

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Laura From

Assistant Moderator: Jana McVetta

Members: Tanya Best, Craig Bowman,

Chris Hochstetler, Libby McVetta