



Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

MAY 2022

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 1 – Communion, 3 Cents a Meal Offering

Liturgist: Jeremy Szabo
Special Music: Julia and Jeremy Szabo
Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Tenna Rhonemus
Slides: Julia Szabo
Acolytes: Owen and Clara
Greeters: Dave and Linda Sycks

Sunday, May 8 Little Free Pantry Offering

Liturgist: Jayne McGarrity
Special Music: Choir
Sound: Bob Hursh / Camera: Tammie Hursh
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolyte: Avery and Aubrea
Greeters: Ryan and Sarah Brauen

Sunday, May 15 Jim Boroff - Pulpit

Liturgist: Jana McVetta
Special Music: Lori Schmidt
Sound: Ryan Brauen / Camera: Clair Winebar
Slides: Talavinias
Acolyte: Paige and Morgan
Greeters: John and Chris Hochstetler

Sunday, May 22 – Outdoor Worship Adam Shanaman - Pulpit

Liturgist: Sarah Brauen
Special Music: Don Brauen
Greeters: Dan and Sarah Noland

Sunday, May 29

Liturgist: Phill Talavinia
Special Music: Choir
Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Clair Winebar
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolytes: Avery and Bowen
Greeters: Helen Hawk and Sunny Zank

Mark Your Calendars!

Sundays: Worship 10:15 AM*; Faith Formation for All Ages: 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Tuesdays: Claralice Circle 6:30 to 8:00 PM

May 1 – Graduate Recognition during Worship Service

May 7 – Marilyn Bullock Memorial Service at Bluffton Presbyterian Church 10:30 AM

May 11 – Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM

May 12 – Session Meeting 7:00 PM

May 14 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM

May 29 – May Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy

Weekly livestream worship is available on our [Facebook page](#) and later posted to our [website](#).

Zoom Instructions for All Church Calls

To join on a computer, tablet, or smartphone:

Click this link:

To call in on a landline phone or cell phone:

Call: When it asks for a meeting ID enter: and then press #. When it asks for a participant ID, just press #. *Note: You will be in the “waiting room” for just a moment before you're in!*



Pastor Karol's Return

Pastor Karol will return from new parent leave on May 2 and will lead worship on May 8. If you have any urgent matters that need her attention following her time away, please contact her between May 2-8. Pastor Karol will be away for family leave/vacation May 9-26 while Chris is on military duty.

If you are in need of pastoral services during this time, please contact Chris Hochstetler (Deacon Moderator) Lori Schmidt (Clerk of Session), or Cathy Carroll (Administrative Assistant).

On Loving One Another So Kind Registry for the Schilling Family

We have set up the following link if people would like to help with food, chores, etc.:

Thank you,
Karol and Chris



Anderson and Carson

Highlights from Deacons April Meeting

- Communion April 3 – Set up for 75 and served 49 – Tenna
- May Communion is May 1 – Mike
- Community Meal July 7 – menu includes ham sandwiches, pasta salad, veggies, pie, lemonade/coffee – plan for 70 – 80.
- Remaining items from kitchen will be sold at garage sale and large metal teapot put on Bluffton Ohio Garage Sale. If items are sold, proceeds will be used to purchase new items for kitchen.
- Easter Lilly's were delivered to elderly (22).
- Discussion (food planning) on upcoming Marilyn Bullock Memorial Service to be held on May 7, at 10:30.

HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL SESSION MEETING



- Granted permission for Vigil Prayer Service for Bluffton Police Officer Dominic Francis to be held on Gazebo/church yard on April 1 at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Karol participated in Vigil Prayer Service for Bluffton Police Officer Dominic Francis – Chris attended service. Lori Schmidt was church contact and connected with BAMA and Peace Club at Bluffton University to facilitate arrangements. Pastor Karol created Facebook post and sent church email. Jayne McGarrity created digital sign. Gazebo bows and ribbon streamers were crafted by John Hochstetler, Dan & Sarah Noland, and Lori Schmidt.
- Approved to hire Brooklyn Phillips as Children's Church Lead Teacher per hour starting April 17 for school calendar year to resume employment next fall. BPC received bequest from family of Marilyn Bullock. Services will be Saturday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the church with graveside to follow – Pastor Karol presiding. Deacons have been asked to do simple reception. Sally Reeder passed away April 7 – service to be held later. Approved request from Jay & Anne McCracken to move them to the active roll for the purpose of sending Letter of Transfer to First Presbyterian Church – Brighton, Michigan.
- Cranks/windows worked on at the manse. Several posts to which the handles attach are worn smooth. Securing estimates from three companies concerning replacing windows. John Marshall has agreed to mow, trim, and blow off the walks for per service. Replaced the ballast and bulbs in the light fixture outside of the preschool room. Sprayed weeds/cleaned gardens a bit (with Linda's help!). Also fixed a broken downspout over the door by the AC units. Replaced faulty light switch in the church basement. Installed additional handrail for steps up to sanctuary.

- Approved to extend New Parent Leave for Rev. Karol Farris Schilling for one week for medical reasons. Approved to hire Rev. Christopher Schilling for one additional week (covering April 25 through May 1). While Chris is on military duty out of state for three weeks in May, granted two weeks of paid Family Leave (May 9-22) to Rev. Karol Farris Schilling and approved request for Vacation May 23-26 for the third week.
- Pentecost Offering – May 8 through Pentecost Sunday, June 5 (Minute for Mission sometime in May). Approved that our 40% of Pentecost offering go to Bluffton Family Recreation Scholarship fund to assist children in need (especially summer camps).
- Administrative Assistant’s Day recognized in April.

FAITH FORMATION

Adult DVD & Discussion Series: “Saving Jesus Redux”

Jesus has been understood in so many ways through the ages. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus today? Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. as we learn how we might live our lives in ways that contribute to “Saving Jesus” for the 21st century. This 12-week class is the place to ask, seek, and learn.

Spring Sunday School Series – ANIMALS!!

What is better than learning about animals? Experiencing them up close! We will be doing both this spring with special guests (real dogs) and field trips (Angus Horse Farm and Birding w/Chad Carroll) in this new series. Oh yea – and we will connect the experiences to bible lessons.

Details:

- 9:00 a.m. for kids up to 6th grade
- We provide breakfast and carpooling!
- 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, and 5/22

There will be no Sunday School this summer, however Children's Church will continue. Brooklyn Phillips, who will be a sophomore at Bluffton University, has recently been hired as Children's Church teacher, but she will not be available until this fall. If anyone is willing to volunteer on occasion this summer, please contact Dick McGarrity.

Community Vacation Bible School

Community Vacation Bible School takes place at Bluffton Presbyterian Church this year – July 17-21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for kids 3-1/2 years through 5th grade. The theme is Sports Camp. Registration forms are available in the sanctuary narthex, on the Bluffton VBS Facebook page, and in the Bluffton Icon. If you have kids who may be interested in attending, please fill out a registration form. Sometimes people are hesitant to register in advance because they think a conflict may arise requiring cancelation; however, registration is a big help in our deciding how many to prepare for. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please check with Dick McGarrity.

Summer Jobs

Summer jobs available at Bluffton Child Development Center for people 18 and over. Please contact Dick McGarrity for details.

2022 Graduates



Sarah Gillen, daughter of Jeff and Cindy Gillen, is graduating from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration where she specialized in Marketing and International Business. She will also be receiving a minor in Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management. After graduation, Sarah will be moving to Columbus to kick off her career at the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium as a Corporate Event Planner.



Adam Shanaman has been Faith Formation Intern at Bluffton Presbyterian for 3 years. In that time, he has been Youth Director, led Children's Chat, directed and participated in skits, preached and played tuba! He graduates from Bluffton University in May and will begin study in the Master of Divinity Program at Chicago Theological Seminary this fall, on a path to ordination. He's originally from Bellevue, Ohio.

CHOIR IS BACK!

Linda Sycks has announced that choir will sing on May 8 and 29. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please see Linda.



General Fund Budgeted Items

Balance January 1, 2022	\$
Receipts and transfers into the general fund – Through March 31	
Expenses through March 31	
March 31, 2022 balance	\$

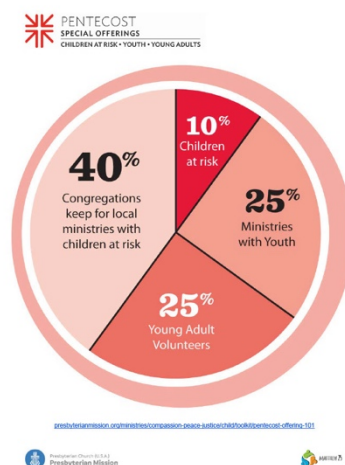
Thank you for financially supporting the church's budget.

MISSION

Pentecost Offering



A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the



Pentecost offering will be used locally to make an impact in the lives of young people; this year's portion will go to Bluffton Family Recreation (BFR) for scholarships to allow area children to attend summer camps and programs. The remaining 60% is used to support

children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

To support this work, send a check to the church office or give online

<https://www.blufftonpc.org/give.html>.

For more information about this denominational offering, visit <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/pentecost/>

Little Free Pantry

Items to donate at this month are: boxed hamburger helper and canned fruit. Thank you for your support!

- May 2-8 – Sue Van Eman
- May 9-15 – Carole Enneking
- May 16-22 – Sarah Brauen
- May 23-29 – Sarah Noland
- May 30-June 5 – Jodi Brauen

LIMA RESCUE MISSION

Thank you to Don and Ryan Brauen and Mike Kaple for covering April Pizza Night, and to Maddie Hursh for helping! And thank you to the Carroll's and Gillen's for covering May!

Upcoming Pizza Nights are scheduled for June 11, July 9, and August 13. Anyone interested in helping or donating supplies (water, soda, candy bars, snacks, and paper supplies) call or text Bob Hursh. If you donate money, please submit a check (memo: LRM) to the church office or give online (www.blufftonpc.org/give). Thanks!

Humanitarian Relief for Ukraine

Support humanitarian relief to those fleeing violence in Ukraine via Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been working very closely on the developing situation in the Ukraine, the humanitarian efforts underway, and how to support those in the midst of the conflict. God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP – Give. Act. Pray. Gifts can be made to your local Presbyterian church, in the memo line include DR000156-Ukraine.



Prayers of Celebration for:

Don and Cathy Carroll on the arrival of their new granddaughter Victoria Rae.

The Joy of having Easter Breakfast with church family.

Prayers of Sympathy for:

The family and friends of Bluffton Police Officer Dominic Francis.

The family and friends of Sally Reeder who passed away on April 7.

The family of Thaddeus Schroeder (father of Tana Best's friend) who recently passed away.

The family of Ted Schooner (father of Lou Best's friend) who recently passed away.

Prayers for:

Those who live alone or in care facilities and are less able to engage in meaningful connections with others, including Jane Benroth, Sheila Hurlburt, Peggy Hursey, Ralph and Donnie Middleton, Hazel Rodabaugh, Dortha Radabaugh, and Owen and Kay Ziessler.

The people of Afghanistan during a tense time of transition and unrest.

Prayers for peace and hope in the Ukraine conflict.

Members and friends serving in the armed forces, including Chris Schilling.

Prayers of Healing for:

Alyce Ann Schmidt (Lori Schmidt's mom)

Julie Rhodes (Jodi Brauen's friend)

Brenda McCoy (Betsey Angus's friend)

Maria Macias (Diane Winebar's mother)

Valerie Basinger (Jodi's sister-in-law)

Heather (Lori Schmidt's friend)

Pete Amstutz (Gayle Marshall's friend)

Vanessa Shanaman (Adam Shanaman's sister)

Gayle Marshall

Yuji (Greg and Laura Elwood's son)

Roger Brodman

Elkin (great nephew of Lynda Best)

Kay and Owen Ziessler

Brecken (Shawna Anderson's son)

Vanessa Miracle (Ben's daughter)

Alva Hunt (Jerry Szabo's friend)

Andy (Paige's friend)

Jim Basinger (Jodi Brauen's brother)

Lou Dunn (Ben Miracle's sister)

Dwight Nichols

Mustaq Ahmed (Jeremy Szabo's friend)

Miranda Samsal (Mariah Pneuman's granddaughter)

Sheila Hurlburt

Diane Stultz

Aaron and Bobbi (relatives of Darlene Hey)

Tanya Best

Taylor Zsiros (finance of Kerry Fremont's son)

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Mike Rhonemus. 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 Mike or another deacon.

Prayer Chain Members

Are you a prayerful person or want to become more so? We have a prayer filled mission opportunity for you! The deacons are inviting any interested individuals to join the prayer chain. This group of people intentionally and purposefully seek to grow in faith and share God's love by lifting others and their needs up in prayer. If you would like more information or are interested in joining the prayer chain, please contact Mike Rhonemus..

Thank You

Thank you so very much for all of the support you have shown us since the arrival of our twin boys Anderson and Carson on February 1. You sent flowers, made food, delivered groceries, and helped us with baby care and household tasks. As a new family of four, we will continue to be open to and rely on our community of support to help care for our babies as we work out our new rhythms of life together. We are so grateful to be part of this community of Christ-followers who demonstrate the self-giving love of Jesus.

With gratitude, Karol & Chris

Mariah Pneuman so appreciates the Easter lily from the Deacons. Family is enjoying its beauty and gardening neighbor plans to replant the bulbs! Decorative Easter Egg magnet made by the youth in Children's Church is displayed prominently on their refrigerator!

With Gratitude! The worship committee thanks:

- Those who contributed toward Easter flowers in memory of and in honor of loved ones.
- Those who provided the meal for the March 23 Lenten Supper at Emmanuel UCC: Kerry Fremont and Don and Cathy Carroll made delicious soups (Don also organized BPC's participation and supplied other edibles) and Clair and Diane Winebar supplied the bread.

Cathy received phone calls from Dorothy Radabaugh, Deana Creeger, and Ralph & Donnie Middleton thanking the church for the Easter lily.

Thank you to the children's church for the Beautiful Easter Eggs. We love you and have a Happy Easter. Ralph & Donnie Middleton

Birthdays

May	2	Patrick Rhonemus
	3	Paige McVetta
	8	Dan Noland
	9	George Stultz
	14	Elaine Thompson
	20	Sarah Brauen Tucker Neff
	21	Ryan Blaskay Becky Winebar
	22	Brian Blaskay
	24	Carole Enneking Kevin McVetta
	26	Rebecca Hursey Kory Enneking
	29	Heidi Hotmire
June	3	Carla Montgomery
	4	Dusty Freed
	6	Sheila Hurlburt Donnas Stone

Anniversaries

May 8	Dan and Sarah Noland
May 11	Owen and Kay Ziessler
May 11	Bob and Tammie Hursh
May 19	Tyler and Jade Hochstetler
May 28	Don and Jodi Brauen

Easter Breakfast

It was great to have fellowship on Easter Sunday with the church family.







BLUFFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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BLUFFTON, OH 45817

Faith Formation: 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris Schilling

Phone:

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Administrative Assistant: Cathy Carroll

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Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Treasurer: Julia Szabo

Email:

Communications Coordinator: Abigail Gwin

Email:

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman

Choir Director: Linda Sycks

Children's Church Leader: Brooklyn Phillips

Custodians: Chris and John Hochstetler

2022 Church Officers

Elders on Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt

Buildings & Grounds – Dave Sycks

Faith Formation – Dick McGarrity

Fellowship – Tom Edwards

Mission – Carole Enneking

Nominating – Sarah Brauen and Tom Edwards

Personnel – Lori Schmidt

Stewardship & Finance – Clair Winebar

Worship – Diane Winebar

Elders at Large – Sarah Brauen and Phill Talavinia

Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Chris Hochstetler

Members: Cindy Gillen, Rob McGarrity,

Jana McVetta, Tenna Rhonemus, Mike Rhonemus