



# What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

## November 2019

*Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love*

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday, November 3 – Communion**

##### **3 Cents a Meal Offering**

Pulpit Supply: George Stultz/Tenna Rhonemus

Special Music: Jayne McGarrity and Julia Szabo

Piano/Organ Duets

Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo

Liturgist: Tenna Rhonemus

Greeters: Don and Jodi Brauen

Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

#### **Sunday, November 10**

##### **Food Pantry Offering**

Choir

Sound: Bob Hursh / Slides: Diane Winebar

Liturgist: Craig Bowman

Greeters: Craig Bowman and Beth Buist

Acolyte: Owen Brauen and Ethan Friesel

#### **Sunday, November 17**

Praise Team

Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Slides: Talavinias

Liturgist: Carole Enneking

Greeters: Ryan and Sarah Brauen

Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

#### **Sunday, November 24 – Reign of Christ**

Choir

Sound: Jeff Gillen / Slides: Cathy Carroll

Liturgist: Phill Talavinia

Greeters: Laura From and Barb Fett

Acolytes: McVettas

#### **Sunday, December 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

##### **Communion / 3 Cents a Meal Offering**

Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo

Liturgist: Jana McVetta

Greeters: Bev Begg and Lori Schmidt

### Mark Your Calendars!

- Nov. 1-3 – Maumee Valley Presbytery  
“REKINDLE” Youth Retreat – Kirkmont Center
- Nov. 3 – Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov. 9 – Reams Display Set-up – 8:00 AM to Noon – Lunch provided
- Nov. 10 – Collection of Pledge Cards
- Nov. 10 – “Share the Spirit” Fellowship following worship hosted by Deacons
- Nov. 10 – Maple Crest Communion Service in Living Room – 1:30 PM
- Nov. 10 – Presbyterian 101 – 3:30-4:30 PM – Fellowship Hall
- Nov. 13 – Praise Team Practice – 7:30 PM
- Nov. 13 – Mission Committee – 7:30 PM
- Nov. 14 – Session – 7:00 PM
- Nov. 16 – Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well – First Mennonite Church
- Nov. 17 – Sunday Snacks – Coffee and Juice will be served at 10:00 AM
- Nov. 17 Presbyterian 101 – 3:30-4:30 PM – Fellowship Hall
- Nov. 19 – Presbytery Meeting in Van Wert – 10:00 AM
- **Nov. 20 – Wed. – Newsletter Items Deadline**  
[CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com](mailto:CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com)
- Nov. 20 – Deacons – 7:30 PM
- Nov. 21 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Senior Center – 7:00 PM (after 6:00 PM Community Meal)
- Nov. 24 – Hanging of the Greens – Immediately Following Worship
- Nov. 24 – Presbyterian 101 – 3:30-4:30 PM – Fellowship Hall
- Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 30 – Blaze of Lights Dinner Roll-On Fundraiser – 5:30 to 7:30 PM



## Pastor's Letter

In mid-October I was fortunate enough to participate in a special retreat called CREDO that the PC(USA) Board of Pensions offers for ministers in their first five years of ordained ministry. CREDO is Latin for "I believe," or "I give my heart to." During this time away from our daily routines, we were encouraged to take an honest look at the balance of our lives. (We also experienced daily worship in which none of us as attendees were allowed to "lead" or "assist" in any way!)

Throughout this retreat, we were invited to cultivate wholeness—spiritual, vocational, health, and financial well-being—so that we may better serve the Church. We prioritized the values that we believe are most important to us. And then, we were challenged to create a "rule of life," a set of practices that may serve to guide us into a healthier way of life and discipleship and leadership. Many of the components of my rule of life are related to health, which when held up against my other core values, rose to the top of the list, much to my surprise. And yet it makes sense, of course: if I am not healthy and well, I will not be able to engage fully in all of the activities and practices that feed my other values of compassion, awareness of God, serving others, and more.

This process of reflection and discernment was not simple; it required a deep and vulnerably honest look at all the ways we fall short of the life I would like to live. The fact that I am a minister sometimes obscures the deeper truth that I am an ordinary human being, who needs to nurture my own personal relationships and spiritual connections at least as much as everyone else, if not more because of the complex nature of my role.

As we give thanks for all our blessings this month, why not take some time to pause from your hectic pace of life, reexamine your values, reflect on this community to which you belong (come to Presbyterian 101!), and experience anew the abundant life to which God invites us every day.

In Christ,

*Pastor Karol*

## Word in the World

This fall, you are invited to weekly Word in the World discussions with Pastor Karol. Join us on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the Twisted Whisk Café. We enjoy connecting God's word to today's world! Note we will NOT meet on November 6 or 27.



## Presbyterian 101!

Beginning November 10, Pastor Karol will offer a 3-week Sunday afternoon series to explore key aspects of the Presbyterian Church, from our larger denomination to our local congregation. These gatherings scheduled for **November 10, 17, and 24 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM** are open to all, whether you are a long-time member, regular attendee, or curious about church membership.

If you are interested in attending, cannot come on the scheduled dates, or have specific questions you would like addressed, contact Pastor Karol before the first meeting. Childcare can be made available during these sessions with a week's advance notice.

## Church 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. We have no age restrictions; no one is too old to become a member, and any youth who feels ready for this commitment should talk with their parents and/or myself. Educational opportunities can be made available to become more familiar with theology, governance, and more. But the primary profession of faith for membership 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*.

## Highlights of October Session Meeting

- September Pastoral Care: 6 home/hospital/nursing home visits and 15 cards sent (plus love offering thank you notes). Home Communion served to two on October 6 with Deacon Darlene Hey. Congregational Activities: Word in the World, Claralice Circle, Choir, Faith Formation Intern Interviews, Facebook Workshop, Church Wedding Reception, Community Picnic, BPC 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception, met with Faith Formation Intern, Weekday Christian Ed walker, Blessing of the Animals, and committee meetings. Presbytery activities: New Pastors' Group, Maumee Valley Presbytery Meeting, Boundary Training planning, and co-led Boundary Training Workshop for MVP. Community Engagement Activities: Devotional for Bluffton News, Chamber Breakfast, lunch with colleagues, and BAMA. Reminder of Continuing Education October 15-21 for CREDO Retreat - Texas (Board of Pensions) and Service to the Greater Church, November 1-8 MVP Youth Retreat, Chris' Installation Service, and Louisville Seminary Alum Board. Approved vacation request of October 22 (day after return from CREDO) and November 27 (day before Thanksgiving holiday). Will be offering "Presbyterian 101" on Sunday afternoons, November 10, 17, and 24 for anyone interested in a refresher/overview of the PC(USA) and what makes us PC(USA).
- Report on petri dish samples from manse – both indoor/outdoor samples deemed not to have elevated levels of mold. Plan to use combination of fan/dehumidifier/air purifier, and occasional use of mold foggers to keep mold levels low. Mold fogger was used in late September in manse basement. New LED lights were installed on church sign on corner. A screw/hook was placed on the outside of exterior door in preschool room so door could be propped open while using handicap accessible entrance. Weather seal was replaced on exterior door in preschool room. Wires rehung in Office.
- Maumee Valley Presbytery met September 17 at Findlay First. Elected teaching elders/ruling elders to fill positions for new presbytery restructuring design – Leadership, Discipleship, Mission, and Central Support. Each team will have six positions. Pastor Karol will be serving on Discipleship.
- The Faith Formation interview team (Pastor Karol, Jane Sycks, Tenna Rhonemus. And Diane Winebar) concluded the interview process for Faith Formation Intern. Position was offered to Adam Shanaman and he accepted. Adam is a sophomore at Bluffton University, majoring in Bible Theology with a concentration in Youth Ministry. Adam is from Bellevue, Ohio and has experience working with youth of all ages. He has begun his official intake process with Pastor Karol and a meet and greet with the youth and their families was held Sunday, October 13 from 6-8 at the home of Ryan/Sarah Brauen.
- Community Picnic held on September 22 attended by over 100 people – ran out of food. We hosted Family Promise Meal for three families on October 8 at St. Mary's.



- Gift given to Pastor Karol from church family for Pastor Appreciation Month. Custodian Tony Carmack plans to retire at end of October (employee for 31 years). Agreed to announce position to church family (via Sunday announcements and email) for 10 days prior to advertising to public.
- “Roll On” update – Campaign was kicked off on October 6 during Moment for Mission - “Roll On” campaign information will be included in upcoming newsletters/bulletin announcements.

## **Children's Sunday School Teacher Volunteers**

We are in need of a volunteer to teach the Children's Sunday School class on December 22. You will be provided a lesson plan with multiple activities from which to choose for the day. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please see Tenna Rhonemus.



## **Faith Formation Intern: Adam Shanaman**

The Faith Formation interview team (Pastor Karol, Diane Winebar, Jane Sycks and Tenna Rhonemus) concluded the interview process. An offer for the position of Faith Formation Intern was made to, and accepted by, Adam Shanaman. Adam is a sophomore at Bluffton University, majoring in Bible Theology with a concentration in Youth Ministry. Adam is from Bellevue, Ohio and has experience working with youth of all ages. He has begun his official intake process with Pastor Karol and a meet and greet with the youth and their parents was held on Sunday, October 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Ryan and Sarah Brauen's home. He will work an average of 3-6 hours per week. We are very excited to be working with Adam and look forward to seeing his impact on our youth and the youth group program! Please help us make Adam feel welcome.

## **Youth Group: Scavenger Hunt!**

Our next youth event will be a flashlight scavenger hunt in the church. A Bible passage will be hidden by verse around the church and the youth must race to find and construct the passage in order. Pizza and prizes will be provided. Date: Sunday evening November 10 OR 17 (TBD). Youth/families can communicate through the Remind app to receive the latest youth group information. Any questions contact Adam Shanaman, Faith Formation Intern. Thank you!

## **New Faith Formation Series: ProFuture Faith**

The Sunday Adult Faith Formation class has started a new Living the Questions series: ProFuture Faith. Join eco-theologian, author, and TEDx speaker, Rev. Michael Dowd in a dynamic DVD and internet-based discussion course that bridges the gap between head and heart, science and faith. Participants will be guided on a journey that accepts what is inevitable, avoids what is futile, and be inspired to attend to what is urgent. Come home to reality. Embrace a ProFuture Faith!



As part of Telling Our Story, the Stewardship Committee has created a narrative budget document. Copies of the narrative budget are available in the sanctuary; please help yourself to a copy.



## TELLING OUR STORY!

Dear Friends,

The Stewardship & Finance Committee thanks you for providing your continuing financial support that allows us to worship and share fellowship and Christian support with our church family and wider community. Our 2020 Stewardship theme is **Telling Our Story**, and we are all joined in a wonderful Christian story to be told! Examples of the chapters of the story you make possible with your prayerfully considered pledges include:

- **Weekly and special services featuring inspiring messages and magnificent music!** Pastor Karol, working with the Worship Committee, leads us in inspiring services that provide a Christian anchor of faith for our weekly lives with families, friends, and community, and the gracious sharing of the tremendous musical talents within our congregation provides a stirring background.
- **Warm fellowship, supportive care, and life-long Christian faith formation!** Through informal discussions before and after church (often with a snack!), sharing Joys and Concerns, phone calls, friendships, and home and hospital visits, we share the joys of accomplishments and provide support with challenges and needs. Friendship and support are also shared through Small Groups, Youth Group, after-church potlucks, outside fellowship gatherings, and other formal and informal interactions. Life-long faith formation opportunities are offered through educational and thought-provoking Sunday morning classes for all ages, mid-week Word in the World coffee hours, and other gatherings.

- **Community outreach!** We embrace the fresh optimism of New Beginnings and practice our faith with our community. We welcome others to our central location through the Blaze of Lights and organizations such as the Bluffton Community Preschool and Girl Scouts. Thanks to your support, our congregation recently hosted a wildly successful Community Picnic featuring great food, lawn games, and wonderful Trio music attended by many Bluffton residents, including families with children and BU students. And thanks to our partnership with the Village, the alley beside the church has become a pleasing gathering spot.
- **Meaningful mission!** Thanks to your generous support, including designated gifts and PC(USA) special offerings, we provide Christian support addressing a myriad of needs, both locally and globally. Consistent with our Jesus-centered ministry, through activities such as the annual community chili cook-off, monthly food collections and three cents a meal offering, we are a primary sponsor of the Bluffton food pantry. And our very popular little free pantry quietly provides nourishment and supplies to neighbors with immediate needs.

We hope you agree that we are participating in a worthwhile story and respectfully request your continued support. Please prayerfully consider your 2020 pledge, including an increase if your resources allow, or providing a first-time pledge if you are able. We will collect pledge cards (included with this newsletter) during the November 10 offering or any Sunday during November if you are unable to attend that date. You may also mail your pledge card to the church office. Thank you for supporting the next chapter of our story.

Sincerely,

The Stewardship & Finance Committee  
*Barbara Fett, Dick McGarrity, George Stultz,  
Clair Winebar, and Rev. Karol Farris Schilling*



## September 2019 Financial Report

Thank you for financially supporting the church's budget.

### Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well

First Mennonite Church invites you to participate in a "Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well" workshop on Saturday, **Nov. 16**, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Dr. Glen E. Miller, a retired physician of Goshen, IN, wrote a book with the same title and will be the keynote speaker. Issues to be addressed include estate planning, memorial and funeral planning, advanced directives, nursing home and home health, hospice and palliative care.

Registration deadline is **Friday, Nov. 1**. The cost of \$15 covers lunch and notebooks. Register by contacting the church office at [fmc@fmcbluffton.org](mailto:fmc@fmcbluffton.org) or 419-358-5766. Payment may be made now to the church office or on the day of the workshop.

### Personnel Committee

It is time for our yearly job evaluations of staff. The Personnel Committee welcomes any praises, comments, or suggestions for staff that you may have to be mentioned to us.

Thank you,  
Betsey Angus, Chair  
Jodi Brauen and Tom Edwards

### "Our Daily Bread" Mobile Meals

Mennonite Memorial Home and Hilty Home both offer a mobile meals program known as "Our Daily Bread." Through this program, a hot noon meal is delivered Monday through Friday within a 5-mile radius of Bluffton and Pandora. Cost is just \$5/meal. Call 419-358-1015, Ext. 218 for more information.

## Mission Committee

We will be having "Roll On" Benefit Dinner (soup and sandwich meal) during the November 30 Blaze of Lights from 5:30 to 7:30 PM for Tyler and Laura From to help pay for their recently purchased accessibility van. Please see church bulletin insert for food donations and sign-up sheet in back of church for volunteers to help work the fundraiser.

We will be tying blankets again for Adopt-A-Family and Family Promise. There will be some kits in back of the church. For those of you who would like to make some at home, you can get kits on sale at JoAnn fabrics or buy 2 yards of two pieces of fleece to tie yourself. We would like to have them back by November 17 so we have time to distribute them.

On November 9 from 8:00 AM to Noon, we will be putting up the Blaze of Lights decorations on the church lawn. Anyone who can help would be greatly appreciated. Lunch will be provided.

Please remember to bring food for the food pantry the second Sunday of November. This month items needed are **soups** and **hamburger helper**, or any other food items you wish.

We will be adopting families again this year for the holidays through Bluffton Community assistance to provide gifts for Christmas. Please watch for more information soon.

### Mission Co-Worker Update

Presbyterian World Mission  
P. O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700  
Read more online:  
[pcusa.org/ian-and-jhan-vellenga](http://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.*



## People Are Using the Little Free Pantry!

The LFP's mission is to help people with immediate food needs. Church members (and even people from the community) keep the LFP stocked. We are grateful for your support! It truly is making a difference in the lives of those who use it.

When donating items to the LFP, please remember: **no glass jars or bottles**, which can break if dropped. If you'd like to help families, **consider donating boxed items**: Tuna Helper, mac-n-cheese, pasta, cereal, and granola bars. Also, canned pasta sauce, canned tuna, beef, or chicken, oatmeal, rice, noodles, dried fruit, etc. School supplies would be great!

Personal care items are also appreciated: soap, shampoo, deodorant, baby care items, toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, etc.

For safety's sake, please check the expiration dates of the items you donate. Your contributions can be placed inside the LFP or taken to the church office.

*Thank you for your help as we work together as neighbors helping neighbors!*

## Hanging of the Greens

Mark our calendars! Sunday, November 24, immediately following worship will be the annual decorating of the church for Advent and Christmas. The more volunteers we have, the quicker it goes.

Also please note, the church decorations will be taken down on Sunday, January 5, following worship.

## Choir

The church choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary and sings twice a month in worship. New members are always welcome!

## Small Groups

**CLARALICE CIRCLE:** Every Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the church basement.

**SISTER MIN CIRCLE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the Family Room at Maple Crest.

## New Beginnings Survey

Have you taken advantage of the opportunity to let Session know the path you believe Bluffton Presbyterian Church should be taking in 2020? Session wants to hear from you! All you have to do is fill out the survey found in this newsletter and either deposit in the collection plate or send to the church office. You may remain anonymous if you wish or you may sign the survey, which would be helpful if Session would appreciate further information. Please feel free to express any opinion you have even if you are not certain if it is feasible or not. Thanks for your help!

## Attention Greeters: Revised Instructions

Thank you to everyone who serves as a greeter! Here are a few things to remember for your assigned day.

Before the Service:

1. Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to worship.
2. Station one greeter at entry to downstairs and one in front of sound tech.
3. If you see someone come in through handicap entrance, take them a bulletin.
4. Welcome people and hand out bulletins.
5. Make sure to talk to guests. Welcome them and ask their name.
6. If you see a new family with young children, inform them of Time for Young Christians, available nursery, location of restrooms, and children's activity bags.
7. Remind guests who may have hearing difficulties about the hearing assistance units that are available from the sound technician.
8. If first Sunday of month, remind people to pick up their newsletter.

After the Service:

1. Go back to your greeting stations and make sure you thank any guests for joining us, offer them a visitor packet (located on back cabinet behind sound tech), and welcome them to come back soon.

## Halloween Party

Thank you to everyone who participated in the October 26 Halloween Party hosted by Pastor Karol and Chris at the manse. Congratulations to Darlene Hey, Dave/Linda/Jane Sycks, and Diane Winebar who all won prizes in the costume contest!





## Roll On Campaign Introduced to Help Tyler and Laura From

### (Highlights from the Minute for Mission)

Many of you know the Hursey family—Tom and Rebecca, their daughters Lisa and Laura, and Tom's mother Dorothy. Each member of the family has served our congregation in some way. In 2007, Laura became engaged to Tyler From. Tyler was attending UNOH in Lima when he was introduced to Laura through a mutual friend. They were married in our sanctuary in 2008 and shortly afterwards moved to Wyoming. Less than a year later, a freak accident left Tyler paralyzed.

For the last 10 years, Laura has cared full-time for Tyler. Her parents built an accessible room onto their home so Tyler and Laura could live with them. During the last year, it has become evident that the conversion van that they have been using was at the end of its useful life. Many in our church family worried each time the Froms left for medical appointments in Michigan or for a vacation. A few months ago, Tyler and Laura qualified for a loan to purchase a 2016 For Transit handicap van. For the first time, Tyler can look forward as they travel - but best of all, our church family no longer has to worry when they travel!

The *Roll On* Campaign invites each member to consider a one-time or repeating gift to help underwrite the monthly van payment. The church has committed to paying \$220 (1/2 of the payment) each month. Each gift will make it easier for Tyler and Laura to afford this necessary vehicle. The Campaign includes options of \$55 (1/4 payment), \$110 (1/2 payment), \$165 (3/4 payment), \$220 (full payment) or any amount that fits your budget.

Thank you for considering this campaign. As of October 1, four months of payments have already been pledged! In addition, the Mission Committee is planning a Blaze of Lights Benefit Dinner on November 30 with proceeds going to the Roll On Campaign.





# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers of Sympathy with the families of Colleen Hight, Jeremy Burns, and Rita Wenger.

**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 Laura & Tyler From, Bob McVetta, Wally Herald, Scott Benroth, Mark Blunk, Addison McGarrity, Lisa Hughes, Walter Schmidt, Alicia DeMarco, Bob James, Jeanette Warren, Marilyn Edwards, Mary Barnett, Jim Mulland, Marilyn Bullock, Lexie Roth, Joan Badertscher, Dorothy Hursey, Bob Braden, and Jan Romes

## BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (419-358-5806) with your prayer request, and we 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 Jeanette or another deacon.

## Praying for You Cards

The Deacons' "Praying for You" cards are available in the pews for you to write notes to others. Ideas for recipients include homebound members, those on our prayer list, and our Church Person of the Week. Upon receipt of a card in the offering plate, the Deacons will mail it during the following week to the recipient you have indicated. Let's send some kindness to those who could use our prayers!

## We Lift Our Prayers

Put a prayer request in – take a prayer request out. Look for prayer

request slips in the pews and near the prayer box. Or use your own paper. Requests can be as simple as "I'm having back pain," or "My son is looking for a job." The slips can be placed in the box or in the offering plates. Prayer requests can be submitted anonymously. Allow someone in your church family to support you in private prayer.

## Birthdays

November	2	Molly McCracken
		Julia Szabo
	7	Gayle Marshall
		Nathan Hursh
	8	Morgan McVetta
	10	Owen Brauen
	15	Jeff Gillen
	26	Madison Hursh
	28	Clara Brauen
	29	Olivia Parker
December	4	Marilyn Edwards
		Jim Enneking
	5	Ariana Zuehlke

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Thank you to Don and Cathy Carroll, Cindy Gillen, Jayne McGarrity, Diane Winebar, Lori Schmidt, and Ryan and Sarah Brauen who helped with the Family Promise Meal in October!

Your assistance with coordination, providing food and/or hosting was greatly appreciated!

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Dear BPC Family,

Thank you very much for the gift card in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month! I am grateful for the many ways you demonstrate your love and support. Being your pastor means so much to me. Thank you for calling me to join you in ministry.

P.S. Thank you for the time away to attend the Board of Pensions CREDO retreat; it was a renewing experience.

In Christ, Pastor Karol

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## Weekday Christian Education Walkers

We are looking for volunteers to fill our assigned Weekday Christian Education Walking day in November. We would also like to start working on filling the slots for our January dates. As we all know, things seem to get extra busy around the holidays, so we thought it best to start early. If you are willing to volunteer please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or see Tenna Rhonemus. The list of dates and times is included below. Thank you for your assistance with this mission outreach!

<b>Friday November 15 Grades 1-5</b>	<b>Tuesday January 7 Grades 1-5</b>
8:50-9:20	8:20-8:50
9:25-9:55	9:00-9:30
10:30-11:00	10:05-10:35
11:50-12:20	10:45-11:15
12:25-12:55	11:55-12:25
1:00-1:30	11:35-12:05
1:40-2:10	12:10-12:40
2:25-2:55	1:10-1:40
	1:55-2:25
	2:25-2:55



### FISH FRY

**Emmanuel United Church of Christ 8375  
Phillips Rd. Bluffton, OH  
Friday, November 8  
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Adult  
Plate: \$8  
Kids  
(10U): \$4

Meal Includes: All you can eat fish, various salads, desserts, and drink.

## Bonfire at Betsey's

Sunshine, nice fire, good food, and fabulous company. An enjoyable time was had by all!



## 2020 Planning Survey

Let us hear from you! Session will be defining church objectives and priorities for 2020 and wants your input.

1. Why do we exist as a congregation?
2. What do you see as our church's current top 3 objectives?
3. What would you like to see as our church's top 3 objectives?
4. What ideas do you have for the church to consider?

Name (optional):

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**ROLL ON!!!**



Laura and Tyler From purchased a much-needed used special needs van! To help the family make the monthly payments, Bluffton Presbyterian Church is conducting fundraising activities to provide one-half (approximately \$220) of the monthly payment obligations. Let's join together to keep the Froms rolling! I/we will assist with a ONE-TIME contribution towards an upcoming monthly payment of:

- \_\_\_ \$55, representing one-quarter of \$220
- \_\_\_ \$110, representing one-half of \$220
- \_\_\_ \$165, representing three-quarters of \$220
- \_\_\_ \$220, representing BPC's monthly goal (approx. one-half of the monthly payment)
- \_\_\_ Other, please note amount:

I/we will assist with RECURRING contributions, as described below:

\_\_\_ (please circle) Monthly / Annual contributions of (please note amount): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this card with your cash or check contribution payable to Bluffton Presbyterian Church with "Roll On" noted in the memo line.*

*Laura and Tyler thank you very much!*

**Bluffton Presbyterian Church**  
***Telling Our Story!***  
**2020 Operating Funds**

Recognizing that we have received abundant gifts from God and that our worthy story of a good and active God can only be sustained when we generously share, I/we hereby declare that we will try to give as follows in 2020:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly, or \$\_\_\_\_\_ (monthly)(quarterly)(annual)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature[s])

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name[s] printed)

Thank you for your commitment. Please check here if you prefer to not receive an acknowledgement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please note that this commitment can be changed at any time as circumstances arise by notifying the Stewardship Committee.

**Bluffton Presbyterian Church**  
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**Bluffton, OH 45817**  
**419-358-5806**

[blufftonpc.org](http://blufftonpc.org)

Faith Formation: 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris Schilling

Phone: 419-581-9232

Email: [pastor@blufftonpc.org](mailto:pastor@blufftonpc.org)

Office Hours: Mon 1-4; Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-12;  
and by appointment

Secretary: Cathy Carroll

Email: [bpcbluff@wcoil.com](mailto:bpcbluff@wcoil.com)

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Treasurer: Darin Leugers

Email: [dleugers8319@yahoo.com](mailto:dleugers8319@yahoo.com)

Faith Formation Intern: Adam Shanaman

Email: [shaa-a@bluffton.edu](mailto:shaa-a@bluffton.edu)

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman

Choir Director: Linda Sycks

Nursery Helpers: Kori Phipps and  
Shawna Anderson

Custodian:

## **2019 Church Officers**

### *Session*

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt

Buildings & Grounds – Tom Hursey

Faith Formation – Tenna Rhonemus

Finance & Stewardship – Clair Winebar

Mission – Lynda Best

New Beginnings – Sarah Brauen

Nominating – Sarah Brauen and Cindy Gillen

Personnel – Betsey Angus

Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt

Worship – Cindy Gillen

Members at Large – Jodi Brauen, Sarah Brauen,  
and Tom Edwards

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