



*Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love*

# What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

**NOVEMBER 2021**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, Oct 31 – Reformation Sunday**

#### **Lessons and Carols**

Liturgist: Jade Hochstetler

Special Music: Don Brauen

Sound: Jeff Gillen / Camera: Clair Winebar

Slides: Julia Szabo

Acolytes: Paige and Morgan

Greeters: Craig Bowman and Rob McGarrity

### **Sunday, Nov 7– All Saints' Day, Communion, Intention to Give Day, 3 Cents a Meal**

#### **Offering**

Liturgist: Clair Winebar

Special Music: Julia Szabo

Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Camera: Tenna Rhonemus

Slides: Julia Szabo

Acolyte: Avery

Greeters: Helen Hawk and Chris Hochstetler

### **Sunday, Nov 14 – Little Free Pantry Offering**

Guest Preacher – Ellen Hugunin

Liturgist: Ryan Brauen

Special Music: Lori Schmidt

Sound: Bob Hursh / Camera: Clair Winebar

Slides: Diane Winebar

Acolytes: Paige and Morgan

Greeters: Sarah Brauen and Lori Schmidt

### **Sunday, Nov 21 – Reign of Christ Sunday**

Guest Preacher – Tenna Rhonemus

Liturgist: Linda Sycks

Special Music: BPC Band

Sound: Ryan Brauen / Camera: Tammie Hursh

Slides: Talavinias

Acolytes: Avery and Bowen

Greeters: Lynda Best and Diane Winebar

### **Sunday, Nov 28 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Liturgist: Adam Shanaman

Special Music: Don Brauen

Sound: Jeff Gillen / Camera: Julia Szabo

Slides: Cathy Carroll

Acolytes: Owen and Clara

Greeters: Tom and Marilyn Edwards

## 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

Oct 27 – Who are the Presbyterians? Theology 4:30 PM

Oct 31 – Congregational Meeting following worship

Nov 3 – Who are the Presbyterians? Polity 4:30 PM

Nov 3 – Mission Committee 7:30 PM

Nov 4 – Community Meal 6:00 PM Senior Center

Nov 6 – Mental Health First Aid Training 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Nov 7 – Daylight Savings Time Begins (Move clocks back 1 hour before bed Saturday night.)

Nov 10 – Who are the Presbyterians? Social Issues 4:30 PM

Nov 10 – Deacons 6:30 PM

Nov 11 – Session 7:00 PM

Nov 13 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM

Nov 14 – GIFT Youth Group Time TBD

Nov 18 – Community Meal w/ BAMA

Thanksgiving Service 6:00 PM Senior Center

Nov 19-21 – MVP Rekindle Youth Retreat – Kirkmont Center

Nov 21 – Faithline (for Bluffton youth) 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Day

**Nov 28 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy:**

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

\*Worship Protocols as of 8/16/21: Due to local spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19 and in accordance with CDC recommendations, the church is requiring that masks be worn for indoor worship services and other indoor gatherings, regardless of vaccination status. Please feel free to share any questions or concerns with any elder on session or Pastor Karol. We thank you for your cooperation in caring for one another in this way.

## PASTOR'S LETTER:

In celebrating Reformation Sunday, we are reminded of the heritage of followers of Jesus who have come before us, specifically in our Presbyterian and Reformed traditions. While we have much in common with Christians of many denominations, it is important to know what makes us unique, and to be able to articulate this with others when they ask: What makes a church Presbyterian, anyway?

As a brief answer to this question, I'm sharing an excerpt from an article by Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Professor (with whom I studied) at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and stated clerk emeritus of the PC(USA) General Assembly:

*Recovering Paul's countercultural teaching –  
the church as the body of Christ*

“The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), at its best, has modeled its life and ministry on the biblical image of the body of Christ. The very first chapter of our Book of Order captures this ethos when it states, ‘God has put all things under the Lordship of Christ and has made Jesus Christ Head of the Church, which is his body.’ Everything about the church – its faith, polity, worship, and mission – seeks to be a faithful reflection of the body of Christ.

It is this understanding of the church as the body of Christ that has led the Reformed tradition and the PC(USA) to develop some of its core values:

*The lordship of Christ* – Everything that we do is centered on Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior and the Head of the church.

*Honoring diversity* – As the body celebrates diversity; we celebrate, affirm, and welcome the rich diversity of all God's people in our common life.

*Shared leadership* – There can be no authoritarian leadership in a Presbyterian church because all parts of the body have gifts that must be honored. That is the basis of the Reformed conviction that the spiritual leaders (deacons, ruling elders, and pastors) are to be elected by the people of God.

*Being one church* – Just as there is only one body of Christ, there is only one church. Each of our congregations is an organic part of the broader denomination, and the PC(USA) is just one part of the universal church. To be Presbyterian is to be ecumenical!

*A holistic ministry* – Our mission in the world (our ministry) is the ministry of Christ. Just as Christ was called ‘to bring good news to the poor... to proclaim release to the captives and...to let the oppressed go free’ (Luke 4:18), so are we.

*Discerning the mind of Christ* – The purpose of our governance, which on the surface has many parallels to U.S. political institutions, is not to balance political interests in the church, but to enable elected spiritual leaders, together in prayer, dialogue, and reflection on God's Word, to best discern the mind of Christ.

In many ways our culture is pulling our churches away from these values. In a time when there is a ‘consumer mentality’ about religion, when individual mega-churches rise in popularity, and when ‘interest groups’ seek to shape the church's life, this vision of the church as the body of Christ can seem very countercultural. That was also true for the New Testament church. However, that church, like our own, found that when the church centered itself on being the body of Christ, God richly blessed the church – and through the ministry of the church, the world. Let us live with confidence that the same will be true in our time!”

In Christ,

*Pastor Karol*

P.S. If you desire to explore these ideas more deeply, please consider attending the upcoming Wednesday sessions. I would also be happy to provide you with some resources of interest for your personal study!

Note: Pastor Karol will be off/away the following days for service to the greater church, continuing education, vacation, and holidays: Nov 3-5, 12-21, 25-26, 30-Dec 4.

## **New Church Contact Directory - Is Your Information Correct?**

We are preparing an updated church contact directory. If you have had any changes to your family's contact information in the last 2 years, please send changes Cathy Carroll and Pastor Karol, or mark corrections on the draft copy in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday morning. Thank you!

**A Congregational Meeting** called for the purpose of electing Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee will be held Sunday, October 31 following morning worship. Members may attend in person or via Zoom.

### **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:*

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!*

### **Reformation Sunday Lessons and Carols**

October 31 is Reformation Sunday, a day when we celebrate how the church has grown and changed as it seeks to be Christ's body on earth. This church we know and love today did not come about by accident. We stand on the shoulders of countless generations who have sought to love and serve God, interpret the scriptures, and work out their faith in their particular day and time. Our worship service this Sunday will draw on a unique format recently crafted by the Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett that is similar to the Lessons and Carols tradition often shared at Christmas Eve.



### **Who are the Presbyterians?**

If you have ever been interested in learning more about our congregation and/or denomination, this opportunity is for you! Join us for a class series open to members, friends, long-time attenders, or newer visitors who may be curious to gain a better understanding of our church. We will meet on **Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 PM** each day in the basement fellowship hall. This class will have no tests or quizzes – just learning together through reading and discussing! Our remaining schedule of topics is as follows:

Oct 27: Presbyterian/Reformed Theology

Nov 3: Presbyterian Polity / Organizational Structure

Nov 10: PC(USA) Current Social Policies

### **Invitation to Church Membership**

If you have recently found a home here at Bluffton Presbyterian Church, you are invited to consider joining our congregation. Talk to Pastor Karol or any member of session (see back page) to find out more. Educational opportunities can be offered for you to become more familiar with our church's history, mission, and more. The primary profession of faith for members is this: to proclaim Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. We are eager to welcome you as a vital and active member of our Christian fellowship.

## **DEACONS**

### **October 2021 Deacon Highlights**

- November Communion Date - November 7
- Tentative Home Communion Date for Sheila Hurlburt - November 7
- December Communion Date - December 5
- December 7 - Pastor Karol to lead Worship Service at Mennonite Home at 6:30 PM. Communion to be served

## HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER SESSION MEETING



- Month of September  
**Pastoral Care:** 14 visits/in-person conversations; 25 phone calls; 12 greeting cards sent; numerous texts and emails.  
**October Home Communion:** Maple Crest service - 11 served with Deacon Rob McGarrity and Elder Dick McGarrity - music by Jayne McGarrity.  
**Congregational Activities:** Worship, attend Faith Formation (attend older youth/adults), Exploring Bible Basics, Claralice Circle, weekly email in conjunction with Communications Coordinator, Faithline with GIFT Youth Group, BPC Community Picnic, Blessing of the Animals, fellowship ice cream gathering, and committee meetings.  
**Community Engagement Activities:** Bluffton University Chapel – hear Adam preach, Bluffton University Chapel as guest speaker, and Bluffton Community Preschool Board Meeting.  
**Presbytery/Greater Church Activities:** Rekindle Youth Retreat Planning Meeting Zoom (twice), MVP Stated Meeting Zoom, Discipleship Commission Zoom, New Pastors’ Group Zoom, Boundary Training Presenter, Maumee, MVP Leaders Space for Grace Zoom, represented Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Ohio Northern University Grad School/Career Fair, and MVP Spiritual Formation Retreat: The Blessings of Time.  
**Approved vacation request** November 30 – December 4; December 26-27 (including Sunday, December 26).
- Approved to move Lisa and Greg Culberson to the “other” list per their request. Approved to receive Dan and Sarah Noland by Letter of Transfer from St. John’s Lutheran Church Vandalia, Ohio.
- Approved to have sanctuary carpet cleaned by Thompson Carpet Care – estimate \$458.25. Blaze of Lights will set up on one or more Saturdays in November TBD.
- House of Hindenach reports the new audio/visual equipment is in. Working with Justin Byers to set installation and training date(s). Dry-cleaned choir robes/stoles and ready for pick up soon from Superior Cleaners, Findlay – approved to use Dick Reeder Memorial to cover \$212 bill.
- Maumee Valley Presbytery met on September 21 (Zoom). Approved that Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke be called as our General Presbyter – to be installed at November’s Presbytery meeting at Findlay First. Matt has served three years as temporary. Approved that until after the November 15, 2022 Presbytery meeting, the celebration of Communion be approved for all events sponsored by and supported by Maumee Valley Presbytery as long as an ordained Teaching Elder presides. Approved the proposed 2022 budget. Approved to guarantee a loan for roof repair for Fremont East Side for the sum of \$40,000 from the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program. Chas Myers, Ottawa, elected Vice-Moderator. Rev. Tom James was installed as pastor at St. Peter United Church of Christ in Millbury and leads shared ministry with St. Peter Church and Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Toledo. Awards for enrollees for Camp Rejoice at Kirkmont were presented to Ottawa and Bowling Green. Exploring possibility of having a Presbytery Habitat for Humanity project in fall 2022. Matthew 25 Grants within our presbytery – Defiance for providing haircuts/school supplies in August and Toledo Hanmi for providing meals to first responders/Korean meals to shelters/Korean meal at the church as mission activity.
- Approved Personnel Committee’s recommendation that effective 2022, Choir Director Linda Sycks receive 25% salary until time when Adult Choir resumes and salary would return to full amount. October is Clergy Appreciation Month – Pastor Karol presented gift card during worship. Church family’s appreciation was acknowledged in newsletter, weekly email, and digital sign. Employee annual reviews being completed in October/November.





## FAITH FORMATION

- Adult Sunday School – Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Education Building (Leader - George Stultz).
- Younger Youth Sunday School – Sundays at 9:00 AM at the church (Leader - Sarah Brauen).
- Children's Church – Sundays during worship; after Time for Young Christians (Leader - Dick McGarrity)
- Claralice Circle Small Group – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the basement (Leaders - Diane Winebar and Jayne McGarrity).
- Who are the Presbyterians? – Wednesdays at 4:30 PM in the basement (Leader - Pastor Karol)



## YOUTH GROUP – G.I.F.T

GIFT youth group will be meeting November 14, time TBD, for a time of fellowship, fun, and faith. Faithline will be November 21 at 6:30 PM. Any questions contact Adam Shanaman.

## YOUNGER YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Giving is Better" Sunday School Series

A new Sunday School Series is kicking off on October 31 for kids up to 6th grade. It will be held at the church at 9:00 AM and run until Christmas break.

We will provide breakfast while exploring ways we can give to others during this holiday season.

Activities include but are not limited to:

- Making hope rocks
- Holiday card crafting
- Used toy collection
- DIY Christmas gift
- Care package for someone overseas

Contact Sarah Brauen for detailed information and carpooling to the church.

## VOLUNTEER WALKERS NEEDED

Would you like to help first and third graders attend a class or two in the Bluffton Weekday Christian Education on **Friday, November 19?**

Your mission would be to pick up the kids at their classroom, help them to safely cross Jackson Street and deliver them to a classroom at First Mennonite Church. You would sit with the kids during their lesson and then return them to their classrooms. The curriculum has been approved by 17 area churches; the program is supported by the school. We will observe all school protocols with respect to COVID-19.

I have been doing this for several years and find it very satisfying. If you think you may be interested, please contact me for more information.  
Thanks, Dick McGarrity, Faith Formation Chair

## Welcome New Members:

### Dan and Sarah Noland

On behalf of the session, we are excited to welcome Dan and Sarah Noland as the newest members of Bluffton Presbyterian Church! Dan and Sarah come to us from St. John's Lutheran Church in Vandalia, Ohio. They moved to Bluffton a little over a year ago from Brookville to be near their daughter and family; they have another daughter in Powell. While Sarah's interests include quilting, playing cards and board games, Dan enjoys fishing, gardening, and music. Both Dan and Sarah enjoy playing and spending time with their 3 grandchildren. They felt God led them to our congregation and have enjoyed a warm welcome since their arrival. So glad to have you both with us!



## MISSION



**Pizza Nights** are scheduled for November 13 and December 11. Thanks to the Gillen's and Carroll's for serving on October 9. Contact Bob Hursh or the Mission Committee to volunteer as a server or to donate supplies (water, candy bars, snacks, and paper supplies). Thank you for your continued support of this important agency.

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 by the Wednesday before.

Services provided by the Mission include: **Meals** - Breakfast and supper are provided every day. Volunteers are actively involved in providing and serving meals. **Shelter** - Overnight shelter is provided; transitional housing is available for low-income individuals. **Personal Care** - Clothing and personal care items are distributed daily. **Spiritual Care** - Chapel services are held daily, Bible studies and classes are held multiple times weekly. Individual Biblical counseling is available. Since 1906, Lima Rescue Mission has been sharing God's love with people in need through Christ-centered programs and services. The primary focus is reaching out to poor and homeless men by providing physical and spiritual care in a time of crisis. The Mission is an evangelical, non-denominational organization. All funding for the ministry comes directly from individuals, businesses, churches and other organizations who want to be involved in helping people in need in our community.

## Join the Mission Committee!

Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the church fellowship hall. Contact Carole Enneking for more information.

## Little Free Pantry

At this point, the pantry is in need of canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges), and plastic containers of applesauce and peanut butter. Thanks for your continued support!

### November Pantry Stocker Schedule

- Nov 1-7 – Jodi Brauen
- Nov 8-14 – Carole Enneking
- Nov 15-21 – Jayne McGarrity
- Nov 22-28 – Sue Van Eman

## Care for our Neighbors during the Holidays

- Help with set up of the **Ream Display** on the church lawn – contact Lynda Best for the date. Donations of water, snacks, and donuts are welcome!
- **Adopt a Family** – our congregation will adopt 2 families for the holiday season. Once Bluffton Community Assistance has made the assignments, a list of items will be posted in the church and in the Facebook group. Gift Cards (\$25 value) from Community Markets, Walmart or Meijers may be donated to cover food donations.
- **Fleece Blanket Tying** - kits will be available in November for anyone interested in this annual “no sew” project. Blankets will be included as an adopt-a-family gift and others will be donated to Family Promise (homeless support program in Lima).



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Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the ongoing support you offer me as your pastor, especially during Pastor Appreciation Month! I am appreciative of the gift card from the church as well as the thoughtful notes received from individuals. I am grateful for the ways in which we continue to collaborate in ministry, come what may!  
In Christ,  
Pastor Karol

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# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

## Prayers of Sympathy for:

Olivia and Michael Ferguson (friends of Jade Hochstetler) on the loss of their son Kaden

## Prayers of Healing for:

Gayle Marshall

Yuji (Greg and Laura Elwood's son)

Sue Mathewson

Roger Brodman

Maranda Bailey (friends in congregation)

Megan, Geoff, and RJ Thompson (local teacher and family)

Elkin (great nephew of Lynda Best)

Linda Francies (Bev Begg's daughter)

Judy Sergent (Gayle Marshall's friend)

Donnas Stone

Owen Ziessler

Dwight "Nick" Nichols

Carolyn (Lin Rumer's friend)

Brecken (Shawna Anderson's son)

Kelly (friend of Annessa Samsal & Mariah Pneuman)

## Prayers for:

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

Members and friends serving in the armed forces.

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

Victims of natural disasters, including the people of Louisiana and the Northeast following Hurricane Ida.

Victims of violence in our country and around the world.

All who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus.

## BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Craig Bowman. 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 Craig or another deacon.



## Birthdays

Nov	2	Molly McCracken
		Julia Szabo
	7	Gayle Marshall
		Nathan Hursh
	8	Morgan McVetta
	10	Owen Brauen
	15	Jeff Gillen
	21	Pat Deal
	26	Madison Hursh
	28	Clara Brauen
	29	Olivia Parker
	30	Emery Culbertson
Dec	4	Marilyn Edwards
		Jim Enneking
	5	Ariana Zuehlke

## Anniversaries

Nov	15	Kim and Lynda Best
Nov	18	Phill and Michelle Talavinia
Nov	26	Bill and Chris Gable



## SEPTEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

### General Fund Budgeted Items

Balance January 1, 2021	\$
Receipts thru Sept 30	
Transfer of special receipts received in 2020 to 2021 budgeted items	
Expenses thru Sept 30	
Balance September 30, 2021	\$

Thank you for financially supporting the church's budget.



## Linking Our Past *and* Our Future

*Preparing for a future not our own*

### **Friends of Bluffton Presbyterian Church,**

One spring day in 1849, a few folks from our little community, then known as Shannon, met in a grove near the current elementary school and made a faith-based decision to organize a Presbyterian church. Those brave and optimistic souls, followed by generations of friends working together, created the stories, traditions, and resources that are now ours. *Hallelujah for our journey!* Ever-changing, but always anchored in the legacy of Jesus and seeking to do good. Truly, God has entrusted us with a blessed Christian legacy!

We are called, especially in today's world of challenges, to create a living legacy. By sharing our time, faith journeys, and financial resources, we pass on our values and honor the BPC legacy of doing good work.

What kinds of legacies are we creating?

- **A lively legacy of in-person and online worship** that nurtures a welcoming and caring environment. We praise God through the sharing of musical talents, grow in faith through thought-provoking messages and contemplative prayers, and are refreshed in God's diverse creation through the participation of all people.
- **A warm legacy of supportive care, fellowship, and life-long Christian faith formation** through youth group, small group, sharing joys and concerns, home and hospital visits, simple words of friendship, and learning opportunities for all ages.
- **A deep legacy of community outreach and missions:**
  - Addressing community needs by stocking the Little Free Pantry, supporting Bluffton Community Assistance, and sponsoring monthly Saturday pizza nights at the Lima Rescue Mission.
  - Being a welcoming neighbor through an open-access gazebo, hosting community picnics, and providing a digital sign to inform of upcoming community events.
  - Generously supporting Christian responses to a myriad of local and global needs ranging from school supplies, disaster clean-up buckets, Christmas Adopt-a-Family, and PC(USA) special offerings causes.

We trust you agree with BPC's living legacy and thank you for financially supporting our operating fund from which we pay our dedicated staff, maintain the facility, purchase supplies, and "keep the lights on". To make possible the efforts described above, please prayerfully consider your **2022 Intention to Give**, including an increase if your resources allow, or providing a first-time Intention to Give if you are able. We will collect cards at the **November 7 worship service**, or, if you are unable to attend in person that day, any November service or in the church office.

We invite your giving not just to a budget, but to a legacy that will prepare us for a future not our own! Thank you for being an active part of the BPC legacy!

Sincerely, the Stewardship and Finance Committee:  
*Craig Bowman, Barbara Fett, Dick McGarrity,  
George Stultz, Julia Szabo, Clair Winebar,  
Rev. Karol Farris Schilling*





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**2022 Intention to Give**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I/we prayerfully choose the following intention to give financial resources to the church operating fund as follows in 2022:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly,  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually.

Thanks to your gifts of money, we can continue the BPC legacy: worshipping God through word, sacrament, and song, growing through faith formation, connecting through fellowship, and serving through community outreach and mission!

*Growing in Faith, Sharing God's Love*

Bluffton Presbyterian Church

BLUFFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2022

*Ways To Give*



- By check or cash in the offering plate or by check through the mail - P.O. Box 149, Bluffton OH 45817. Please contact the church office or our Treasurer, Julia Szabo (treasurer@blufftonpc.org), for a free supply of giving envelopes.
- Online at [blufftonpc.org/give](http://blufftonpc.org/give). You can make a one-time gift, set up a recurring donation, or make a gift to a current mission project.
- By using your online banking account to instruct your bank to mail a one-time or recurring check to the church office.

*Thank you!*



BPC Little Free Pantry



**Blessing of the Animals on October 2.**  
**Our pets were celebrated and blessed by name!**







### Baby Shower

On Sunday, December 5 all are invited to stay after worship service to celebrate the pending arrival of Karol and Chris Schilling's twins!! If you wish to purchase a gift you may do so on your own, or monetary donations may be given to the church (designated for Baby Shower) which will allow us to pool money for more expensive items. Karol is registered on "Amazon Registry" using name Karol Schilling. Refreshments will be in "goodie bags" and picked up when leaving. Hope you are able to share our excitement and love with them! Questions, see Chris Hochstetler, Lori Schmidt, or Diane Winebar.



# REKINDLE

**19th MVP YOUTH RETREAT**


**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**7:30PM (FRI.) – 11:30AM (SUN.) | KIRKMONT CENTER**

**Registration Deadline:**  
 Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5PM!  
 Register TODAY on the MVP website! ([www.maumeevp.org](http://www.maumeevp.org))  
 \$15 Early Bird Registration by September 30<sup>th</sup>  
 \$25 Registration after October 1<sup>st</sup>

**A fun, inspiring, faith-filled weekend  
 for all youth (grades 7-12) in the  
 Maumee Valley Presbytery!**

Sponsored by the MVP Discipleship Team  
 Contact Rev. Karol Farris Schilling at [pastor@blufftonpc.org](mailto:pastor@blufftonpc.org)



**BLUFFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**112 N. MAIN ST., P.O. BOX 149**  
**BLUFFTON, OH 45817**

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

**OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris Schilling  
Primary Workdays: Monday – Thursday (off Friday)  
Office Hours: Mon 3:00-5:00 PM  
Tues & Wed 10:00 AM – Noon

Administrative Assistant: Cathy Carroll  
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Treasurer: Julia Szabo  
Communications Coordinator: Abigail Gwin  
Faith Formation Intern: Adam Shanaman

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman  
Choir Director: Linda Sycks  
Children's Church Teachers: 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: Chris Hochstetler  
Assistant Moderator: Jana McVetta  
Members: Tanya Best, Craig Bowman,  
Rob McGarrity, Libby McVetta