



What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

October 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Peacemaking Offering 3 Cents a Meal Offering

Special Music: Presbyterian Polyphony
Lay Reader: Sue Mathewson
Greeters: The McVetta Family
Acolytes: The McVetta Girls

Sunday, October 9

Food Pantry

Choir
Lay Reader: George Stultz
Greeters: Don and Jodi Brauen
Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Sunday, October 16

Praise Team
Lay Reader: Lin Rumer
Greeters: The Talavinia Family
Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Sunday, October 23

Choir
Lay Reader: Diane Winebar
Greeters: The Gillen Family
Acolyte: Jacob Szabo

Sunday, October 30

Special Music: Julia Szabo
Organist: Sue Van Eman
Lay Reader: Jay McCracken
Greeters: The Brauen Family
Acolyte: Sarah Gillen

Sunday, November 6 – Communion

3 Cents a Meal Offering
Lay Reader: Marilyn Edwards

Mark Your Calendars!

- October 1 – Fall Gathering for Maumee Valley Presbyterian Women – BPC – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- October 2 – Youth Group Meeting – 4:00-8:00 PM – 4:00 PM Meeting/6:00 PM Leave for Suters Corn Maze
- October 9 – Potluck – Immediately Following Worship
- October 12 – Praise Team – 7:30 PM
- October 13 – Session – 7:00 PM
- October 16 – Last day to submit t-shirt orders
- October 16 – Nominating Committee – Immediately following worship
- October 19 – Deacons – 7:30 PM
- October 27 – Trick or Treat – 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Bluffton Presbyterian Church
- October 30 – Ignite Fellowship – Potluck at the home of Don and Jodi Brauen
- October 30 – Newsletter Deadline
CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com
- October 31 – Family Promise – 5:00 to 8:00 PM – St. Mary's Church
- **November 5 – Remember to move clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.**



Announcement Procedure

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

Coffee Talk

Wednesday – McDonalds at 8:30 AM

A Thoughtful October

Prelude: Last night as I checked the weather I chanced upon the fact that sunrise was at 7:26 and sunset was at 7:26. The daylight (and the night) was 12 hours. A moment of balance. And balance is essential if we are to have an accurate time of reflection. And so I invite you to a balanced reflection.

I am looking forward to October with great anticipation. There is a lot going on in the church in October. Or, there will be a lot going on in our worship life. We begin with World Communion Sunday.



The Last Supper by Catherine Kapikian

World Communion

It's ours.

Walmart doesn't celebrate it. Best Buy doesn't care. It doesn't make money! **It's ours.** It is just a celebration of being together as the people of Christ, called to Christ's purpose of service and love. It is an expression of peace, and hope, and love. We are the hands of Christ, breaking bread together.



The text for the day (offset from the lectionary) will be the parable of Lazarus. It is a powerful Lukan story of the rich man who pays no attention to the needs of the poor man at the gate. The story doesn't end well for the rich man. But the deeper question is not whether the rich man gives food; it is that he had no relationship with the poor man.

We see all too clearly the ruptures in relationship in our society, the ways in which we have no relationship. But the Lazarus story needs to be more than a warning and a call to fear. It needs to be a way forward in relationship. That is **our calling and our hope.** Relationship is the way (forward) of peace.



Peacemaking Sunday.

(God bless Laura.) Laura has again added her rich blessing to our life with the peacemaking bulletin board. **Indeed, come to the table of Peace.** Presbyterian efforts in peacemaking have now been in our lives for 41 years. Laura's bulletin board calls out the efforts of our peacemaking Presbyterian projects addressing gun violence and racism in separate efforts within our nation, and looking at victimization of women in the Republic of the Congo. From near to far, we see Presbyterian efforts in reconciliation and peacemaking.

Thank you Laura for placing the way we live in faith in its balanced relationship with our worship together.

Presbyterian Peacemaking:

Come to the table of Peace.

And all of this is just the first Sunday of October!

On October 9, we get to hear our own homegrown preacher: Tenna Rhonemus. It is now official, (what we have always known) that Tenna is a skilled liturgist and preacher, with both head and heart. She has just graduated with the Presbytery's preaching class. Hard work, great learning, well done Tenna! She will bring the message on that good old Sunday school story: Zaccheus. (Zaccheus was a wee little man; a wee little man was he. He climbed up in a sycamore tree, for the Lord to see.) We look forward to Tenna's reflections.

On October 16 and 23 I want to take a careful look at "the church". Bluffton Presbyterian, the Presbyterian Church (USA) and all the churches of Bluffton. If we do not approach the topic with care, then we risk - the dark side.

I will be using examples as diverse as the farm field, which has just been mown for the first time in 10 years, friends who are meeting retirement (change) with quite varied degrees of joy, or fear and trembling, and or despair, and families, which offer us support, until they falter. There will also be insights buried in the plain sight of church annual statistics (boy do I know how to have a good time). What is God doing with the church, and the world? I bring you a modest and challenging reflection.

And Stewardship

And finally, across the month of October and into November we will be lifting up our stewardship of the gifts which God has given. We are stewards, the directors and care takers of profound gifts from God. God has trusted us with so much. How will we use the gifts given? To what purpose? To what end? What questions in personal life and in life together call for our attention? This is a fitting reflection for a month which begins with the gathering of Christ's church, the call to relationship and peace, and considers the purpose of Christ, and **the church's** response.

Join us for a profound adventure in October.

Pastor Dave

Fellowship Potluck

There will be a **fellowship potluck** on Sunday, October 9, immediately following worship. Please bring a dish to share, drinks will be provided.

Family Promise

Our congregation will be supplying and serving the meal for the Family Promise guests at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Monday, October 31. We will potentially be serving 3 families; the exact number of people will be available closer to the date. We will need to be at St. Mary's from approximately 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM to serve the meal, clean up, and spend time in fellowship with the guests. If you are willing to help, please contact Tenna Rhonemus or Lynda Best.



Ignite - merging fellowship, families, and service

Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 30 at the home of Don and Jodi Brauen. Dinner is at 5:00 PM with a theme of soups and sides. Bring a dish (and a couple friends!) as we warm up before the kiddos (and adventurous adults) head out for a hay ride. Bring ideas for 2017 as we look to initiate planning for the next few meetings.

Youth Group

The youth group will be meeting on October 2 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Please note this is an extended meeting, so we can go to Suter's Corn Maze! We will meet at 4:00 PM at the church for our next session of "Back Stage Pass to the Bible", have an early dinner and then at 6:00 PM we will head to the corn maze. We will return to the church by 8:00 PM. The cost of the corn maze is \$4.50. As always, friends are welcome to come along! Please let Tenna know if you are bringing a friend, so she can plan for the meal and transportation.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. If you wish to send Pastor Dave a card, please send to the church:

Bluffton Presbyterian Church
112 N. Main St.
P.O. Box 149
Bluffton, Oh 45817

2016 Shirt Orders

Is your heart and hands BPC shirt old and ketchup stained from years of volunteering at the Craft Fair and Car Shows? Well, it is time to get a new one! The shirts will showcase one of the key attributes of our church identified in New Beginnings – OUR LOCATION! At the same time, we are hoping the shirts will initiate conversation and interaction with our neighbors. Grab an order form at church or print an electronic copy off our Facebook site and return it in the offering plate on Sunday. The last day to submit orders will be **Sunday, October 16.**

For questions on the shirts or ideas for a future one, contact Sarah Brauen at (419) 236-0099 or snbrauen@gmail.com. Also, thank you to everyone who contributed to this shirt design including Carole Enneking and Samantha Rhonemus!

Weekday Christian Education

Weekday Christian Education Walkers: There are 8 more days this year that volunteers are needed to cover our church's designated days. One hour shifts (includes walking 2 classes to the Mennonite Church and back) are available on: Tues. Oct. 11, Fri. Nov.4, Thurs. Dec. 1, Tues. Jan. 3, Thurs. Jan. 26, Tues. March 21, Thurs. April 6, and Fri. April 21. Sign up at church or call Carole Enneking 419-348-7691.

Mission

The Mission Committee is planning on helping for the blaze of lights and looking for volunteers from our church to help November 5 and November 12 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM both Saturdays. We need the most help with lights the first Saturday, but also the display the second Saturday. Please contact Lynda Best 419-296-2790 or email lbest43@embarqmail.com if you can help.

The Mission Committee will also be making magic pillow blankets for families in need during the holidays so watch for information, and if you like to sew or knot fleece please let Lynda know. We have exciting things coming in the future in missions and look forward to serving the community, church, and our Lord. We are also looking for anyone who would like to join mission committee we would love input and ideas how we can help through missions, so again please let Lynda know if you are interested in helping.

Personal Information

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

If your birthday or you know of a birthday that does not show up in our newsletter, please let Cindy Gillen know.



Highlights of September's Session Meeting

- Session discussed the four options presented by Henry Kim (New Beginnings assessor) for the future of the church. Motion approved that we follow the Mission Redefinition model. Potential Mission Redefinition Projects were distributed and briefly discussed.
- Lori met with the Coordinating Team for MVP's Presbyterian Women to make arrangements for the Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 1. During their worship service mission money will be collected which will be given to the Bluffton Food Pantry.
- Deacons made arrangements to provide suppers to church member recovering from surgery. Work continues on possibility of providing DVD of worship services to homebound who desire them. Would also be available to anyone else. Producing DVDs is very time consuming so checking out possibilities of using a flash drive. Our next Share the Spirit event is planned for after worship on September 18. Members of the congregation can draw the name of a homebound member and get in touch with them. Deacons will provide refreshments for fellowship time. Deacons would like to make contact with former members of the Columbus Grove Presbyterian Church, invite them to worship with BPC.
- School Supplies donated by members in the church family were distributed to 50 children served through Bluffton Food Pantry and Bath Elementary. Thank You note has been received from Bath Elementary and children are already using donated materials.
- Approved to adopt MVP's policy for compensation for preaching effective August 1 – presently \$125 plus mileage. Policy will apply to all who fill pulpit supply – even if church members. Leslie Freed will be preaching in September and Tenna Rhonemus preached in August and will preach again in October.
- Framework around the church entry doors was scraped and repainted. Lengthy discussion concerning renovations at manse – possibility of having a home inspection and then following that person's recommendations, possibility of replacing kitchen countertops/paint cabinets/new hardware. Emphasized that Session did not expect Tom Hursey to do this work. Discussed bid from Thermal Guard for replacement windows/front door at the manse. Approved to replace the west window in the living room, replace the front exterior door, similar lock settings for entry door/kitchen door, and sand/repaint remaining windows. Tom Edwards and Phil Weisenbarger are checking into local people who might be interested in this project.
- Approved Stewardship's recommendation to ask for commitment of time/skills in addition to monetary commitment when pledges are collected this fall.
- Monthly activities include: leading worship at BPC three Sundays, visitations, meetings with church members, attended BAMA, participated with Lin Rumer at the Bluffton University Church Fair (Pastor Dave asked to get a list of Presbyterian students at the college so that we might connect with them throughout the year), met with Andrew Montgomery and Melisha Henry concerning their wedding on October 1 – at their house, and COM presbytery work. Reminder that Pastor Dave will be on vacation September 20 -26 and Continuing Education from October 4-10.
- Approved the Lions Foundation request to use the church basement on Saturday, November 26 for a Chicken BBQ during Blaze of Lights.

Aluminum Can Recycling

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



Dear Bluffton Presbyterian Church,

Bath Elementary School would like to thank you for your generous donations of school supplies. That was very kind of you to think of us and help us with the upcoming school year. Our students in need and staff will be very appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

Thank you,
April Noff
Guidance Counselor
Bath Elementary School

Thank You from Deacons

Many thanks to everyone who recently drew the name of a friend who can't make it to church. Your next step is to send a friendly note, card, or pay a visit to the person whose name you selected. That's Sharing the Spirit!

Did you know...

Anyone can get on ourdailybread.org and subscribe to download to mobile phone or email.

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Mike Rhonemus (419-358-8148 / rhonstar@juno.com), or call the church office (419-358-5806) with your prayer request, and they will pass along the information.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer chain other than yourself, please be sure to get their permission first. Names and circumstances can be kept confidential, if desired. God knows for whom we pray. If you would like to be part of the chain or would like more information, please contact Mike or another deacon.

Prayer Requests

Prayers of Sympathy with Leslie Freed on the recent loss of her Grandmother.

Prayers of Sympathy with Darrel, Heidi, Julianna and Erin Hotmire on the recent loss of Heidi's father.

Prayers for Peace in our lives and in our World.

Prayers for our members and friends serving in the armed forces: especially Kyle Begg, Austin Begg, Dave Souders, Andrew Warner, and Lucas Woodward.

Happy Birthday!!

- October 1 Owen Scoles
- 4 Olivia Sneary
- 5 Jennifer Hough
Robbie McGarrity
- 7 Anne McCracken
- 8 Phil Weisenbarger
- 9 James Freidenberg
- 10 Mariah Pneuman
- 15 Terry Mullenhour
- 18 Amanda Leugers
- 20 Don Carroll
- 23 Ingo Montgomery
- 30 Tonya Best
Tayler Nowak-Valentine
Phil Talavinia
- November 2 Molly McCracken
Julia Szabo
- 7 Gail Marshall
Nathan Hursh
- 8 Morgan McVetta

Bluffton Fall Festival, September 24



Min Lindsey donated proceeds from selling her great hand-knit hats to the church. Remaining hats go to kids in need.



Jerry Szabo and Dave Sycks (together with Dean Altstaetter) form the fabulous Jerry Szabo Trio!



Looking for the perfect hat among all Min's handiwork!




Lin Rumer organized the Bluffton Scrap Artists Quilt Club Show. Beautiful!



Bible Quiz

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books *doesn't* mention autumn?

- A. Matthew
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Proverbs
- D. Jude



Answer: A (See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)

Bluffton Presbyterian Church 2016 Shirt Order Form

The shirts will showcase one of the key attributes of our church identified by feedback in New Beginnings – OUR LOCATION! At the same time, we are hoping it will also initiate conversation and interaction with our neighbors.

Shirts will be kelly green with the following design:



TO DO LIST:

- Grab a Pick-Me Up
- Get the Right Tools
- Become Invested
- Ignite a Passion

Front:

Back:

Sleeve:

BPC

Bluffton Presbyterian Church 2016 Shirt Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number or Email: _____

Shirt Type	Small		Medium		Large		XL		2XL		Total
	Qty	Price	Qty	Price	Qty	Price	Qty	Price	Qty	Price	
Men's Fruit of the Loom (FOTL)		\$7.10		\$7.10		\$7.10		\$7.10		\$9.55	
Men's American Apparel (AA)		\$11.70		\$11.70		\$11.70		\$11.70		\$13.25	
Women's V-neck FOTL		\$7.60		\$7.60		\$7.60		\$7.60		\$10.40	
Women's AA		\$11.60		\$11.60		\$11.60		\$11.60	---	N/A	
Youth FOTL		\$6.50		\$6.50		\$6.50		\$6.50	---	N/A	
		2T		4T		5/6		6T		7	
Toddler/Juvenile		\$10.60		\$10.60		\$7.60		\$10.60		\$7.60	
Grand Total											

Note: American Apparel shirts are fitted t-shirts made in the USA, consider ordering a size up. Youth sizes 2T, 4T, and 6T are American Apparel, 5/6 and 7 are "Rabbit Skins Juvy".

Checks may be written to Bluffton Presbyterian Church with 'Shirt Order' in the Memo line and returned in the offering plate or to Sarah Brauen. For questions on the shirt or special order requests, including larger sizes, please contact Sarah at (419) 236-0099 or snbrauen@gmail.com.

The last day to submit orders will be Sunday, October 16.

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Treasurer: Darin Leugers
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Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship Service: 10:15 AM

2016 Church Officers

Session

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

Board of Deacons

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