



Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

October 2023

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 1 – World Communion Sunday, Communion, Peace and Global Witness Offering

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dave Good
Liturgist: Lynda Best
Special Music: Dave Good
Linda Sycks and Jeremy Szabo, oboe ensemble
Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Tenna Rhonemus
Slides: Pastor Dave
Acolyte: Robbie

Sunday, October 8 – Cents-Ability Offering

Pulpit Supply: Tenna Rhonemus
Liturgist: Kerry Fremont
Choir
Bowen Hochstetler, violin
Sound: Ryan Brauen/Camera: Clair Winebar
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolyte: Bowen

Sunday, October 15

Pulpit Supply: Jim Boroff
Liturgist: Diane Winebar
Special Music: Lori Schmidt
Sound: Rob McGarrity/Camera: Betsey Angus
Slides: Michele Talavinia
Acolytes: Owen and Clara

Sunday, October 22

Pulpit Supply: Jim Boroff
Liturgist: Dave Van Eman
Choir
Sound: Jeff Gillen/Camera: Clair Winebar
Slides: Cathy Carroll
Acolyte: Avery

Mark Your Calendars!

Sundays:

Sunday School 9:00 AM – Pre-K-6th Grade –
Fellowship Hall
Worship 10:15 AM – Sanctuary
Children's Church – Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays: Claralice Circle 6:30 PM – Fellowship
Hall

Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM – Sanctuary

September 30 – Church Picnic 5:00 PM at Don and
Jodi Brauen's

October 8 – Bell Choir Practice 2:00 PM

October 14 – Center for Peace & Reconciliation

Grand Opening & Peace Festival – Lima

October 14 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM

October 22 – Faithline 6:30-8:00 PM at 116 Church
Street

**October 29 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy
by end of day**

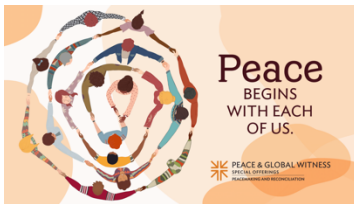
Weekly livestream worship is available on our
[Facebook page](#) and later posted to our [website](#).



Sunday, October 29

Pulpit Supply: Jim Boroff
Liturgist: Tenna Rhonemus
Special Music: Clara and Don Brauen
Linda Sycks and Jeremy Szabo, oboe ensemble
Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Betsy Angus
Slides: Linda Nelson
Acolyte: Morgan

MISSION



Peach & Global Witness Offering

Peace & Global Witness Offering – support peace efforts across the world and near to home with a donation to the Peace & Global Witness Offering through October 15. The Center for Peace & Reconciliation of Lima will receive 25% of our gifts, with the remainder supporting Synod and PCUSA Mission efforts. Gifts may be made online

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z3BJ/home>, or by check, or to the denomination <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/peace-global-witness/>.

When we all give a little, it adds up to a lot!

Center for Peace & Reconciliation

The Center for Peace & Reconciliation will hold their Official Grand Opening and Peace Festival on Saturday, October 14, noon to 4:00 p.m. The Center is located at 129 S. Pierce St., Lima. Activities will include ribbon cutting, entertainment, and a children's art show. For information,

<https://www.facebook.com/PEACECenterLima>,



Thanks to Barbara and Dave McClurg for helping Tammie and Bob Hursh cover September Pizza Night at LRM. Also, thanks to everyone who helped with donations.

We currently have October 14 covered, but are still looking for 2-3 volunteers for November 11. Anyone interested in helping or donating soda, water, variety pack chips, candy bars, 10" plates, or gallon ziplock bags, please 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!



Little Free Pantry

Sept 25-Oct 1 – Carole Enneking
Oct 2-Oct 8 – Sarah Brauen
Oct 9-Oct 15 – Sarah Noland
Oct 16-Oct 22 – Diane Winebar
Oct 23-Oct 29 – Jodi Brauen
Oct 30-Nov 5 – Sue Van Eman

Chicken and beef ramen noodles, cake mixes, and cookie mixes are welcome donations this month. Thanks for your continued support!



Continued Prayers for:

Those who live alone or in care facilities and are less able to engage in meaningful connections with others, including Jane Benroth, Ralph Middleton, Ben Miracle, Hazel Rodabaugh, and Owen Ziessler.

Members and friends serving in the armed forces.

Prayers of Sympathy for:

The family and friends of Kay Gebhardt who recently passed away.

We Pray for God's Healing for:

Jane Benroth
Sue Mathewson
Alaina (friend of LeAnn Carr)
Makayla, Skyler, and Rhett (friends of Tyler and Jade Hochstetler)
Sylvia (Diane Winebar's sister)
Kim Best (Lynda Best's husband)
Dr. Sharon Cole (Darlene Hey's doctor)
John Crouse (Darlene Hey's nephew)
Linda Francies (Bev Begg's daughter)
Bobbi Mueller (Darlene Hey's daughter)
Larry and Eileen Rhonemus (Mike's parents)
Sandi Waibel (Donnas Stone's sister)
Taylor Zsiros (Jeff and Kerry Fremont's son's fiancé)

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, 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.



Church Picnic

Don and Jodi Brauen will be hosting a church picnic on Saturday, September 30, at 5:00 p.m., 7140 Tom Fett Rd, Bluffton. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP to Don or Jodi.



Bell Choir Practice – October 8

Bell Choir practice will begin on Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. New members are welcome! NO music background is needed and there is no commitment. If you can count, you can play bells! We will be playing for special music on November 5. Please see Kerry Fremont if you have any questions.

Communication Coordinator

Abigail Gwin has resigned due to family needs. At the present time, Cathy Carroll will be handling the weekly email and Jayne McGarrity is covering the digital sign. Please send any information for the weekly email to Cathy and digital sign requests to Jayne.

Thank You

Bluffton Presbyterian Church:

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the Bluffton Community Assistance Corporation. Every donation helps us to do what our program promises to do – assist Bluffton residents in need. God bless you!



Congratulations to Jayne McGarrity on her 20th anniversary as Organist for Bluffton Presbyterian Church! We have been blessed by her wonderful musical contributions. Thank you, Jayne, for your faithful, dedicated service over the years and we look forward to your musical gifts in the years ahead!

Faith Formation

Faithline is a monthly gathering of youth for dinner, a message, and Christian fellowship. It's for students (6th - college) from all churches who want an evening of sharing with their peers. Along with great food there will be individuals who share their hearts and their love of the Lord and worship leaders who share their music ministries.

The speaker for the October meeting (October 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at 116 Church Street) will be Kim Miller who has served in ministry for 19 years. She currently works at Rhodes State College and is building a small farm in Bluffton with her husband Bryant and four children. If you are interested in attending, please call Brooklyn Phipps.

DEACONS

No meeting was held in September.

SESSION

Highlights of September's Session Meeting

- Replaced ballast in light fixture in preschool room. Family Hardware installed new light in the parking lot.
- Sue Van Eman and Marilyn Edwards represented our church at the Bluffton University Student Engagement Preview Party (formerly BU Business Fair) in September. Church participated in Bluffton's Fall Festival by providing the Gazebo/church yard for entertainment, as well as sharing snacks/beverages/church information.
- Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) has been approved by Maumee Valley Presbytery. John Hochstetler and Julia Szabo have resigned from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) – committee feels they can function effectively with five current members. Using the new system, PNC has received information on 16 candidates and are in the process of reviewing that information.
- Communication Coordinator Abigail Gwin resigned at the end of August due to family needs. At the present time Jayne McGarrity is handling digital sign and posting worship services on church website (as a volunteer) and Cathy Carroll has added the weekly email as one of her responsibilities. Organist Jayne McGarrity's 20th year of service was recognized during September 24 worship service.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

August 2023 – General Fund Summary

Balance January 1, 2023	\$
YTD offerings to the general fund and other receipts	
YTD general fund expenses	()
August 31, 2023 balance	\$

Thank you for your financial gifts to the general operating fund to support BPC's ministries!

Cents-Ability to Fight Hunger

A big thank you to the two young BPC members who passed the clanging cans, and to everyone who contributed their change to the September 10 Cents-Ability collection. The youth collected **\$61!** Great job fighting hunger!! *Did you know?* The bank does not allow us to deposit foreign coins so please try to avoid tossing Canadian coins into the cans.



Birthdays

Oct. 5	Robert McGarrity
8	Phil Weisenbarger
10	Mariah Pneuman
15	Terry Mullenhour
17	Lauren Massey
18	Sarah Noland
	Melodye Massey
20	Don Carroll
21	Bowen Hochstetler
	Roland Stone
30	Tanya Best
	Tayler Nowak-Valentine
	Phill Talavinia

Anniversaries

Oct. 20	Kevin and Jana McVetta
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Bluffton Fall Festival

During the Bluffton Fall Festival on Saturday, September 23. Volunteers from Bluffton Presbyterian Church served cider and donut holes to the community to help us promote our church. We greeted about 120 people.



Volunteers not pictured are Carole Enneking and Dave Van Eman.

**2023 MVP Youth Retreat:
Rekindle: Walking the Path
Friday, Nov 10 to Sunday, Nov 12**

Come enjoy a fun, faith-filled, and inspiring weekend for all youth grades 7-12!

Friday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. through
Sunday Nov. 12 at 11:30 a.m.
Retreat located at Kirkmont Center

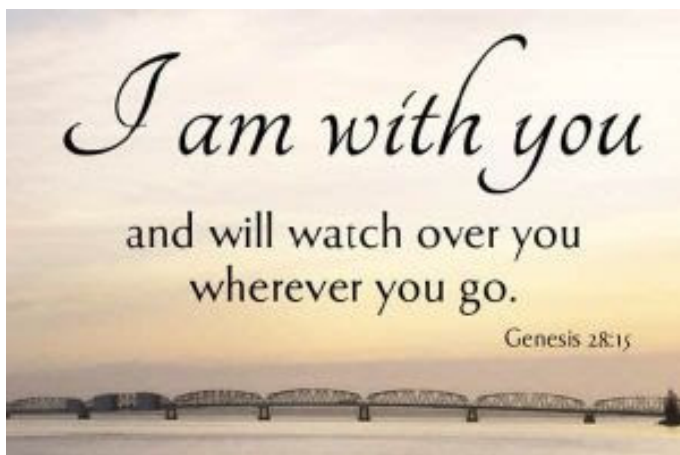
Cost is \$15 for Early Bird Registration by
September 30.

\$25 for registration on or after October 1.

Registration Ends October 30.

Register today on the MVP Website:
www.maumeevp.org
Email Rev. David Bartley for more information
dbrev1@juno.com

[Register Now](#)



May the peace of Christ be with you always!

**Rich in Creativity, Tenacity
and Persistence**

By Dana Dages,

Monday, September 11, 2023 11:36 AM

A Letter from Jhan Dotel-Vellenga and
Ian Vellenga,
serving in Nicaragua I Fall 2023

The post [Rich in Creativity, Tenacity and
Persistence](#) appeared first on [Presbyterian
Mission Agency](#).

[Read more »](#)

We are so grateful for your prayers and
support of our mission co-workers
and global partners!

Your Presbyterian World Mission staff team



AWE of Spiritual Gifts!

2024 Stewardship Campaign

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

<i>Missions</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Hospitality</i>
<i>Service</i>	<i>Sharing</i>	<i>Special Music</i>	<i>Mercy</i>	<i>Guidance</i>
<i>Intercession</i>	<i>Leadership</i>	<i>Counsel</i>	<i>Wisdom</i>	<i>Deaconing</i>
<i>Spiritual Gifts!</i>				
<i>Encouragement</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Generosity</i>	<i>Art</i>	<i>Discernment</i>
<i>Patience</i>	<i>Cheer</i>	<i>Administration</i>	<i>Fortitude</i>	<i>Creativity</i>
<i>Caring</i>	<i>Piety</i>	<i>Grace</i>	<i>Kindness</i>	<i>Teaching</i>

Friends of Bluffton Presbyterian Church, **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for:

- Recharging our souls through Christian messages, music, fellowship, and kind words
- Supporting our community and providing positive moments to more lives than we know - **Little Free Pantry**, **Lima Rescue Mission**, **special offerings**, **Cents-Ability**, **Adopt-a-Family**, etc.!
- Keeping our congregation and community informed with creative communications and technology know-how.
- Seeing us through concerns with your support, prayers, and caring
- Maintaining our building and keeping our grounds looking wonderful and inviting
- Teaching and guiding young members of our church and community
- Financially supporting BPC's ministries, operations, and missions
- And so many other gifts and ministries

God has provided amazing spiritual gifts; the strength gained by each of us sharing is awe-inspiring! Enclosed are commitment cards for 2024. Please prayerfully consider your commitment of time, talents, and sharing of financial gifts so that BPC can continue to make positive differences.

The Stewardship & Finance Committee - *Craig Bowman, Barb Fett, Dick McGarrity, and Clair Winebar*

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God. Leo Buscaglia



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Thanks to your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we are able to worship God through word, sacrament, and song;

connect through fellowship, and serve through outreach and mission.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Quarterly financial giving summaries will be sent to you to ensure our records align with yours.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS!

I/we prayerfully choose to give of time and talent by serving in the following ways:

I/we anticipate being able to give financially to the church operating fund as follows in 2024:

\$ _____ **weekly** \$ _____ **monthly**

\$ _____ **quarterly** \$ _____ **yearly**

☐ **I/we are currently unable to make a specific commitment.**

SPIRITUAL GIFTS!

✓ Checks or cash can be placed in the offering plates during worship or in the lockbox just inside the church office door. You may also mail your check to BPC, PO Box 149, Bluffton, OH 45817. Contact church treasurer Julia Szabo for a free supply of giving envelopes:
treasurer@blufftonpc.org.

✓ Giving online at www.blufftonpc.org/give is safe and secure. One-time or recurring gifts to the General Fund or special offerings are accepted.

✓ Use your online banking account to instruct your bank to mail a one-time or recurring check directly to the church.

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

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

OFFICE HOURS

Administrative Assistant: Cathy Carroll
Email: bpcbluff@wcoil.com
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Treasurer: Julia Szabo
Email: treasurer@blufftonpc.org
Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman
Choir Director: Linda Sycks
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 – Jade Hochstetler
Nominating – Sarah Brauen and Tom Edwards
Personnel – Lori Schmidt
Stewardship & Finance – Clair Winebar
Worship – Lynda Best
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