



Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

October 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 6 – World Communion Sunday, Communion, Peace, and Global Witness Offering

Pulpit Supply: Tenna Rhonemus
Liturgist: Dan Noland
Special Music: Dan, Daphne, and Jayne
Sound: Jeff Gillen/Camera: Betsey Angus
Slides: Linda Nelson
Acolyte: Robbie
Greeters: Carole Enneking and Cindy Gillen

Sunday, October 13 – Cents-Ability Offering

Pulpit Supply: Jim Boroff
Liturgist: Jana McVetta
Special Music: Choir
Sound: Rob McGarrity/Camera: Clair Winebar
Slides: Diane Winebar
Acolyte: Bowen
Greeters: Don and Cathy Carroll

Sunday, October 20

Pulpit Supply: Jim Boroff
Liturgist: Jayne McGarrity
Special Music: Lori Schmidt
Sound: Ryan Brauen/Camera: Owen
Slides: Michele Talavinia
Acolyte: Avery
Greeters: Dave Van Eman

Sunday, October 27

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Tom Steensma
Liturgist: Jerry Szabo
Special Music: Choir
Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Tenna Rhonemus
Slides: Cathy Carroll
Acolytes: Owen and Clara
Greeters: Dan and Sarah Noland



Mark Your Calendars!

Sundays:

Worship 10:15 AM – Sanctuary
Sunday School – Pre-K-6th Grade – Following
“Time for Young Christians”

Tuesdays:

Claralice Circle 6:30 PM

Wednesdays:

Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Oct 6 – Deacon Meeting 9:15 AM

Oct 10 – Session Meeting 7:00 PM

Oct 12 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM

Oct 20 – Bell Choir Practice following worship

**Oct 27 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy by
end of the day**



Bell Choir

Psalm 98:4 'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all
the earth'

Starting in October, our Bell Ringers will begin meeting after church to prepare to play special music on November 17. Rehearsals will start Sunday October 20, following worship, and last for an hour. If you are interested in playing, please feel free to join us, even if you are inexperienced. You do not need to know how to read music...just how to count!"



SESSION

September Meeting Highlights

- Light fixture in the women’s restroom was replaced – previously had an old-style fluorescent light that was very hard to find/replace. Vent fixtures in both restrooms were cleaned. Believe to have successfully sealed water leak on the church roof which caused the paint/plaster to bubble in the choir loft.
- Received Jade Hochstetler’s letter of resignation from Session effective October 1 with regret and gratitude for her service.
- Approved to use Memorial Funds to replace the decorative rug in the front foyer. Rug has deteriorated (back has disintegrated) from age and weathering.
- Approved to hire Debi Schmidt as Custodian at \$15 per hour.
- Received Drew Gable’s request to send Letter of Transfer to Scioto Chapel in Ashville, OH.

DEACONS

No meeting was held in September due to Labor Day weekend.

PERSONNEL

We welcome Debi Schmidt as our new Custodian! Debi grew up in Bluffton and is currently a Custodian at Bluffton Middle School. Thanks to Kerry Fremont who graciously filled in temporarily during the transition.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

August 2024 – General Fund Summary

Balance January 1, 2024	\$
Year-to-date offerings and receipts	
Year-to-date expenses	(.)
Balance August 31, 2024 balance	\$

A couple special non-budgeted fund balances on August 31 included \$210 for Little Free Pantry supplies, and \$303 for monthly Lima Rescue Mission pizza dinners.

Thank you for supporting BPC’s ministries!

Cents-Ability for Hunger Relief!



Thank you to the young BPC members who passed the clanging cans, and to everyone who contributed their change to the September 8 Cents-Ability collection. The youth collected **\$50** – great job fighting hunger!!

Gifts to Cents-Ability fight hunger in three good ways: one-third goes to Maumee Valley Presbytery for hunger mission projects, one-third goes to Bluffton Community Assistance for local hunger relief, and one-third is used to buy food for our own Little Free Pantry!



The Community Markets rebate program is a super easy way to support both BPC and our local grocery store! Simply drop your **Community Markets receipts** in the basket attached to the bulletin board by the church office or mail them to the church – no user account, loyalty card, or app required! We then receive a 1% rebate. Even small receipts are worth turning in; the combined total adds up. Please do not cut off the bottoms of your receipts because only whole receipts qualify.

Many thanks to Darlene Hey who handles the Community Markets program for us!



Saturday, September 28, 2024
10:00am - 3:00 p.m.

For specific event details, times, updates, or cancellations, visit us at:
www.blufftonfallfestival.com
or find us on Facebook.

FAITH FORMATION



Sunday School

This year the Sunday School format will be different. Sunday School will start after “Time for young Christians”. At that time, any child attending Sunday School will leave with the “teacher” and go to the basement where Sunday School is held.

We are looking for adult volunteers to commit for 1 month to lead the Sunday School Lesson as the teacher. We will provide a curriculum and craft that you can use, or you can design your own lesson and craft. The church will make available Craft supplies (paper, scissors, paste, crayons, etc.) a lesson, and a snack.

This is an excellent way to connect with our young members, while teaching them Christian values and Bible stories. It will be an enjoyable experience. Please let Dick McGarrity, Sarah Brauen, Chris Hochstetler, or Linda Nelson know if you are interested.



Release Time Christian Education Walkers

We are in need of volunteers on Thursday, October 17. We will need walkers for: Steinmetz (1) 1:00 to 1:30; Bixel (5) 1:15 to 1:45; Staley (1) 1:30 to 2:05; Armstrong (5) 1:50 to 2:20; Graber (5) 2:25 to 3:00. If you are willing to help, please see Linda Nelson. Your assistance in spreading God's Word to the children of the community is greatly appreciated!

MISSION

Little Free Pantry

Sept 30- Oct 6 – Jayne McGarrity
Oct 7-13 – Carole Enneking
Oct 14-20 – Sue Van Eman
Oct 21-27 – Sarah Brauen
Oct 28- Nov 3 – Sarah Noland

Boxed cereal and taco kits would be great donations this month! Thank you so much for your continued support for this important mission of our church.



Peace and Global Witness Offering

Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected on the first Sunday of October.

Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world, as well as right here at home. 25% of this offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. 25% of this offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% of this offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Peace begins with each of us. When we all give a little, it adds up to a lot!



Thanks to Clair Winebar for helping Bob and Tammie Hursh to serve and to all who continue to donate. We were able to cover September Pizza Night at LRM and provide pizza, pop, water, chips, and candy bars for ~30 men.

Tammie and Bob Hursh are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help on October 12. We have volunteers on November 9. 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. Thanks, Bob!!



Elder Jade Hochstetler has made the decision to step down from Session and Mission Committee Chair as of October 1. If this is an area you might be interested in serving, please contact LeAnn Carr or Tom Edwards, co-chairs of Nominating Committee.



Sustained by Faith in the Midst of Uncertainty
A Letter from Jhan Dotel and Ian Vellenga, mission co-workers serving in Nicaragua | Fall 2024.

The post [Sustained by Faith in the Midst of Uncertainty](#) appeared first on [Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)
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We are so grateful for your prayers and support of our mission co-workers and global partners!

Your Presbyterian World Mission staff team



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.

Prayers of Joy for:

For the first "Porch Fest" in Bluffton which included the Jerry Szabo Trio.

Prayers for:

Those who live alone or in care facilities, including Hazel Rodabaugh and Owen Ziessler.

Members and friends serving in the armed forces.

We Pray for God’s Healing for:

- Jodi Diller
- Darlene Hey
- Gene and Sue Mathewson
- Colletta Mullenhour
- Jeannie Nichols
- Mariah Pneuman
- Rev. Matthew Zuehlke
- LeAnn Carr’s mother
- Sylvia (Diane Winebar’s sister)
- Jim and Deb Augsburg (Jodi's friends)
- Linda Francies (Bev Begg’s daughter)
- Mary Fremont (Jeff and Kerry Fremont's sister-in-law)
- Dave Hall (Jeremy Szabo’s friend)
- Brad Lovell (Jade’s father)
- Wanda McCullough (Jade Hochstetler’s grandmother)
- Bobbi Mueller (Darlene Hey’s daughter)
- Bridget Niese (Tanya Best’s friend)
- Eileen Rhonemus (Mike Rhonemus’s mother)
- Joseph Robinson (Jeremy Szabo's friend)
- Andrew Sycks (Dave Sycks’ great nephew)
- Sandi Waibel (Donnas Stone’s sister)



Birthdays

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| 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 |
| | 30 | Tanya Best |
| | | Tayler Nowak-Valentine |
| | | Phill Talavinia |

Anniversaries

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| Oct. | 20 | Kevin and Jana McVetta |
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BLUFFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Sundays: Worship: 10:15 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Administrative Assistant: Cathy Carroll

Email:

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

Treasurer: Clair Winebar

Email:

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman

Choir Director: Jeremy Zank

Custodian: Debi Schmidt

2022 Church Officers

Elders on Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt

Buildings & Grounds – Dave Sycks

Faith Formation – Linda Nelson

Fellowship – Kerry Fremont

Mission – TBD

Nominating – LeAnn Carr and Tom Edwards

Personnel – Lori Schmidt

Stewardship & Finance – Clair Winebar

Worship – Lynda Best

Elders at Large – Sarah Brauen, LeAnne Carr, Tom Edwards

Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Chris Hochstetler

Members: Jodi Brauen, Cindy Gillen, Rob McGarrity,
Tenna Rhonemus, Mike Rhonemus