



What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

August 2011

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 7 – Communion
3 cents a meal offering
Pulpit - Rev. Susan Meier
 Special Music: Rhonemus Family
 Lay Reader: Clair Winebar
 Greeters: Sycks Family
 Acolytes: Megan Sycks and Samantha Scoles

Sunday, August 14
Food Pantry
Pulpit - Rev. Hank Snedeker
 Special Music: Duet – Jayne McGarrity, Julia Szabo, Jeremy Szabo, and Linda Sycks
 Lay Reader: Jeremy Scoles
 Greeters: Roy and Mariah Pneuman
 Acolytes: Madison Hursh and Skyler Scoles

Sunday, August 21
Pulpit - Doug Luginbill
 Special Music: Lori Schmidt
 Lay Reader: Jay McCracken
 Greeters: McVetta Family
 Acolyte: Libby McVetta

Sunday, August 28
Pulpit – Rev. Hank Snedeker
 Special Music: Tanya Best
 Lay Reader: Carole Enneking
 Greeters: Darlene Hey and Lori Schmidt
 Acolytes: Sarah Gillen and Paige McVetta

Sunday, September 4 - Communion
3 cents a meal offering
 Greeters: Dwight and Jeanie Nichols
 Acolyte: Patrick Rhonemus

Mark Your Calendars!

- August 7 – Communion, 3 cents a meal offering
- August 7 – Youth Group – Special Interfaith Fun Night
- August 10 – Deacon’s Meeting – 7:00 PM
- August 14 – BPC Youth Pool Party – 2:30 to 6:30 PM at the home of Jeff and Cindy Gillen
- August 27 – Church Yard Sale – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- August 28 – Small Groups Meeting – Immediately Following Worship

 If you need emergency pastoral care or know of someone in our congregation who does, please contact Cathy in the church office or home 419-477-5266 or email bpcbluff@wcoil.com or Lori Schmidt landline 419-358-4561, email schmidtl@bathwildcats.org or cell 419-236-1071, and they will contact a local pastor.

June Financial Report

June 2011	
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,492.75
Receipts	6,816.17
Expenses	(8,398.77)
Balance	\$ 5,880.15
Streetscape to be Paid	(3,312.00)
Balance	\$ 4,150.75
Borrowed to be paid back	\$28,707.50

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LEW'S FAVORITE THINGS

(Sung to "My Favorite Things" from THE SOUND OF MUSIC)

(Written and sung by Jayne McGarrity via CD at Lew's Retirement Luncheon)

1. Bathrobes and lounge chairs and hot tubs and saunas,
CDs of Bach & Brahms heard in pajamas,
Nuts, fruits & berries and soft soothing strings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

No more sermons, no more session,
No more calls at night.
I'll simply remember my favorite things
And then I will feel all right.

2. Long walks with Val in our jungle oasis,
Seeing the boys in those far-away places,
Gard'ning and reading and eating like kings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

No more picnics, no more potlucks
No more stomach ills.
I'll simply remember my favorite things
And not have to take more pills.

3. Sleeping on Sundays, Rachmaninoff playing,
Doing my own prayers,
That goes without saying,
Comfortable shirts that have no collar wings
These are a few of my favorite things.

No more budgets, no more BAMA,
No more children's chat.
I'll simply remember my favorite things
And not have to deal with that!



Dear Friends,

This is to thank you with deep gratitude for your very gracious and delicious celebration this past Sunday. To all of you who organized, thank you. To Darlene for being the very competent and inimitable MC. To all who brought their offering of food.

And last but not least, to all of you for a celebration that was an affirmation of my ministry with you. It was also a joyous occasion that helped me cross over into this next phase of my life, commonly called "retirement."

It will be new territory. But I'll be exploring this new territory with a sense of freedom and adventure, having been sent off with a blessing by Bluffton Presbyterian Church.

Thank you. I am grateful and I do feel blessed to have served this congregation.

Peace and Blessings to you all,
Lew

Thank you to everyone who participated in Lew's retirement celebration on July 31. Session thanks the congregation very much for your generous donations for Lew's retirement gift. His gift totaled \$1,340 – thank you!

Also, special appreciation to Lori Schmidt for organizing and providing many donations towards Lew's retirement lunch, to Darlene Hey for emceeding the expressions of appreciation for Lew, to Jeanie Nichols for providing the table flowers, and to the many deacons, elders, and members who helped with the lunch.

Dear Members of the 3 Cents a Meal Club:

I admire the fact that you have continued as a group for so long! Your donations are always greatly appreciated – especially since they come from sacrifice.

Sincerely,
Paula McKibben

Thank you Jeannette for your help in organizing and serving the Gilbert funeral dinner! Also thank you for all the donations of food, money, and help for us to pull off another successful Community Meal in July. We served around 64 people and had just enough food. They love our pie and the ice cream was a treat.

Thank you Garden Gnomes!

We have a few garden gnomes who cleaned up the gardens for Lew's retirement. The attention given to the Kid's Club garden is especially appreciated!

This year's VBS was a great success! We had 151 students registered and averaged 132 in attendance each night. Thank you to all who made donations.

Our volunteers this year were Jodi Brauen, Beth Buist, Cindy and Sarah Gillen, Lori Schmidt, Jeremy and Stephanie Scoles, Linda, Jane, Emily and Megan Sycks, Amanda, Danielle, and Samantha Rhonemus. Your help was greatly appreciated!

The Youth Group would like to thank Session for covering part of the expenses for our trip to Cedar Point. We had a great time! We appreciate all the support we receive from everyone in the congregation. Also, thank you to Don Carroll, Bob Hursh, Dave Sycks, and Danielle Rhonemus for volunteering as drivers.

Congregation
Bluffton Presbyterian Church

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous donation of one hundred forty six dollars for follow-up care for the Mobil Health Fairs that are being held in Maumee Valley Presbytery.

The Justice Ministry Team sponsors Mobile Health Fairs as a way of fulfilling its mandate from the Presbytery to pursue positive ministries with the migrant population which lives among us in the summer months. The Health Fairs serve basic health needs of migrant workers and their families, as well as the elderly and others who otherwise would not have access to health screening.

The donations received help cover the cost of the site locations for the Fairs, provide educational materials on a variety of health care issues, supply dental and hygiene kits for the persons who come through the Fairs, or cover the cost of transportation for those who need rides to particular Fair sites. Your gift has enhanced our efforts, and will help provide direct ministry to those who lack the resources of health screening and health education.

Thank you for supporting this vital ministry in our presbytery.

Sincerely,
Clair Brewer
Hunger, Health & Housing Coordinator

Important Information

Lew and Val VanderNaald's new address is:

10211 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 54231
Email: lewvandernaald@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday!!



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| August | 1 | Dale Dickey |
| | 4 | Judy Bloom |
| | 11 | Bev Begg |
| | 12 | Tom Edwards |
| | 18 | Gene Mathewson |
| | | Dick Reeder |
| | 19 | Kay Ziessler |
| | 20 | Bob Hursh |
| | 21 | Lynda Best |
| | 22 | Ruth Wildermuth |
| | 24 | Emily Parker |
| | 26 | Jenna Kisor |
| | 27 | Robert Barnett |
| September | 5 | Jay McCracken |

Welcome Moor/Neff/Van Horn Family

We welcome Rhonda Moor, Drew (Andrew) Van Horn, and Sam, Jack Henry, Tucker, and Will Neff to our congregation!! On Sunday, July 10, Rhonda and Sam were received by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian, Findlay; Drew was received by re-affirmation of faith; and Jack Henry, Tucker, and Will were received as baptized members.

We look forward to their continued sharing of themselves, their talents, and gifts with us in the months and years ahead.

A more complete article including personal information about the family will appear in the next newsletter!

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Sympathy with the families of Lois Benroth, John Gilbert, and Mark Johns.

Prayers with Lew on his retirement and move to Cincinnati.

Prayers for our members and friends serving overseas; Billy Marshall and Andrew Warner.

Prayers for Peace in our lives and in our World.

Prayers of Healing for Bryan Champion, Tyler and Laura From, Mary Emma Triplett, Karen Long, Wayne Pneuman, Matthew Moritz, Mike McAuly, Norma Best, Tim and Susan Hamilton, Martha Sycks, Louise Reichenbach, Alan Begg, Renee Smith, Judy Reichenbach, William Mills, Sidney Briedenbach, Kerry Dickey, Alice Niswander, Fran Henderson, and Wendell Dunn.

If you would like to send a card or word of encouragement.



Tyler and Laura From
9440 Sterling Rd.
Jerome, MI 49249
www.caringbridge.org/visit
password: tylerfrom

Friends of Hospice

Putnam County Hospice Volunteer Training and Orientation will begin in September. New hospice volunteers are required to complete 14 hours of training prior to providing support to families facing a life-limiting illness. Our volunteers offer companionship to our patients, respite to the caregivers, assistance with administrative tasks and fundraising projects.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer team or would like more information, please contact Kathy Rellinger, Putnam County Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 419-523-4449.



Habitat for Humanity – Lima Area, Inc.

Volunteers are again needed at Habitat for Humanity's project site at 550 W. Elm St. in Lima, soon to be its new center of operations—offices, construction center, and ReStore. General work days are Thursdays and Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. While skilled volunteers will be a tremendous help, all volunteers are welcome whatever the skill level. There are plenty of tasks to do even if you are not skilled in construction. Please contact Andy at 419-296-8431 to volunteer and schedule times to fit into this important renovation project.

Volunteers are also needed in the present ReStore location at 123 E. Wayne St. Depending on your interest and capabilities you could assist customers as they shop, receive and ready donations for sale, be a cashier, and help customers load their purchases. We are especially interested in volunteers who can commit themselves to a weekly involvement, but will accept occasional involvement as well. Call Karen at 419-230-9868 to volunteer.

Check www.habitatlima.org for updates on volunteer needs. Click on Volunteer tab.

Farmer's Market

The Columbus Grove Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a farmer's market this year at their church. They are looking for vendors who want to sell their baked goods, produce, plants, garden art and/or garden furniture. The farmer's market will be on Thursday evenings from 4:30 to 7:30 PM starting June 2 through September 1. For more information, please call Kay Ruen at 419-659-2585 or Cathy Roberts at 419-659-2037.

Maumee Valley Presbytery Job Listing

Maumee Valley Presbytery is seeking a part time (5 hours a week) WEBMASTER to provide support services for website maintenance and Facebook presence.

The Information Technology/Communication Specialist must have demonstrated competence in the maintenance of a website, Facebook, and other social networking sites. He or she must possess communication skills and a demonstrated ability to work with the public in a cordial and businesslike manner. The individual must have excellent verbal and written communication skills, including excellent spelling and grammar skills. It is preferred that the person exhibit working knowledge of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

The position is \$500 per month, with an expectation of approximately 5 hours of work per week - accomplished virtually.

Resumes may be sent to gp@maumeevp.org prior to August 15, 2011. Interviews will be scheduled for August 26. Start date is on or before September 15.

Community Cash

Community Cash is back! Starting May 1, save your Community Market and Great Scot receipts. Baskets for receipts will be in the narthex and in the hallway downstairs.

Youth Group

Youth grades 6 thru 12 are invited to and END OF SUMMER YOUTHBLAST! This event is being organized by the Bluffton Area churches and will be held August 7 on our church's yard. The fun begins at 6:30 PM with a meal of pizza and veggies. Beginning at 7:30 PM we will have a variety of games on the yard. To end the evening with a BANG, an outdoor movie will start at 9:00 PM complete with popcorn! Please RSVP to Tenna if you are able to attend and to get more details.



BPC Youth Pool Party

There will be a BPC youth pool party on Sunday, August 14 from 2:30 to 6:30 PM at the home of Jeff and Cindy Gillen. Hot dogs, beans, drinks, etc. will be provided. The kids are welcome to bring a bag of some sort of chips or cookies if they would like. Parents/families are welcome.

Church Yard Sale

The Bluffton Presbyterian Church will hold a yard sale on Saturday, August 27 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bring donations to the church basement. Volunteers are needed the day of the sale and also the week before to sort, price, and set up. See Min Lindsey.



Small Group Meeting

New groups will be forming this fall. There will be a brief meeting on Sunday, August 28, immediately after the worship service, for all group leaders and any others who are interested in joining a small group. Please come and let us know of your interest. If you can't be present on that date, please speak to one of the group leaders about your interest. (Group leaders are Beth Buist, Jayne McGarrity, Jeannette Warren, Claralice Wolf, George Stultz, Darlene Hey, and Mariah Pneuman)

Groups are planning to begin meeting in early September.

Highlights of July's Session Meeting

- A meeting called for the purpose of dealing with transitional leadership issues was held. A subcommittee consisting of Stephanie Scoles, Darlene Hey, Jayne McGarrity, and Jay McCracken met with Susan Meier (Interim Executive Presbyter) and Don Hrach (COM) to create the proposed job description. "Transitional Leadership" is a new term just approved by General Assembly - we are the first church in our presbytery to use this process. Committee on Ministry and Maumee Valley Presbytery will approve our job description/terms of employment and then our subcommittee will review resumes. Once the subcommittee has a candidate to present to session, session will interview that person as it is session that hires the transitional leader. The person session hires as our "Transitional Leader" would be allowed to be called by the congregation as our full time pastor.
- Session has secured 2-3 local pastors who would be available to provide local emergency hospital visits, as well as funerals if needed. If you need emergency pastoral care or know of someone in our congregation who does, please contact Cathy in the Church Office or home 419-477-5266 or email bpcbluff@wcoil.com or Lori Schmidt landline 419-358-4561, email schmidt1@bathwildcats.org) or cell 419-236-1071 and they will contact a pastor.
- Session reaffirmed existing policy that grants Clerk/Pastor authority to grant permission for requests which fall between session meetings. Any unusual requests would still be run by Session via email before granting permission.
- Sundays in August have been filled.

Newsletter Distribution

If you would like to have your copy of the Newsletter sent to you via email, please send your email address to Cathy at bpcbluff@wcoil.com or Cindy at cegillen@marathonpetroleum.com.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for the next newsletter is Sunday, August 28.

Ideas, suggestions, photos, family news or special celebrations are always welcome

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:15 AM
Sunday School: 9:00 AM