



*Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love*

# What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

## February 2024

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday, February 4 – Communion,**

Pulpit Supply: Tenna Rhonemus

Liturgist: Lynda Best

Special Music: Don Brauen

Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Betsey Angus

Slides: Linda Nelson

Acolyte: Robbie

#### **Sunday, February 11 – Cents-Ability Offering**

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dave Good

Liturgist: Carole Enneking

Special Music: Choir

Sound: Rob McGarrity/Camera: Clair Winebar

Slides: Rev. Dave Good

Acolytes: Owen and Clara

#### **Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday**

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dave Good

Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Clair Winebar

Slides: Rev. Dave Good

#### **Sunday, February 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dave Good

Liturgist: Brooklyn Phillips

Special Music: Lori Schmidt

Sound: Ryan Brauen/Camera: Owen

Slides: Michele Talavinia

Acolyte: Bowen

#### **Sunday, February 25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dave Good

Liturgist: Kerry Fremont

Special Music: Choir

Sound: Jeff Gillen/Camera: Tenna Rhonemus

Slides: Cathy Carroll

Acolyte: Avery

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### **Sundays:**

Sunday School 9:00 AM – Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Worship 10:15 AM – Sanctuary

Children's Church – Fellowship Hall

**Tuesdays:** Claralice Circle 6:30 PM

**Wednesdays:** Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Feb 1 – Community Meal at Senior Center 6:00 PM

Feb. 7 – Mission Meeting at 7:00 PM

Feb. 8 – Session Meeting at 7:00 PM

Feb. 10 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM

Feb. 11 – Annual Meeting/Corporation Meeting  
following worship. Remaining positions on 2024

Nominating Committee will be elected.

Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

**Feb. 25 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy**



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

### Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

We are in active discussions with a candidate.





Christmas Blessings to you all!  
 From the Schillings  
 Chris & Karol  
 Carson & Anderson

## SESSION

### Highlights of January's Session Meeting

- BAMA (Bluffton Area Ministerial Association) will have "Ashes to Go" on Ash Wednesday, February 14 from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. in parking spaces in front of Bluffton Presbyterian Church.
- Approved request by Paul Nusbaum from "The 60's Survivors Band" to use Gazebo/church lawn for free public concert on Friday, July 19 (evening) with rain date of Saturday, July 20 (evening).
- Approved 2024 Personnel Committee include Lori Schmidt (chair), Phill Talavinia, and Sue Van Eman.
- Following Reorganizational items were approved: Clerk Lori Schmidt, Treasurer Clair Winebar, Presbytery Commissioner Lori Schmidt, and Nominating Co-Chairs LeAnn Carr and Tom Edwards.
- Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation will be Sunday, February 11 following worship. Paper copies of annual reports are now available on table in the back of the sanctuary. Remaining positions on the 2024 Nominating Committee will be elected.

## DEACONS

### Community Meal

Thank you to everyone that donated their time and/or food for the Community Meal BPC is hosting at the Senior Center on February 1.

### Highlights of Deacon's January Meeting

- Reviewed 2024 Communion and Community Meal Schedule, Deacon Care Lists, and Deacon Roles.
- Community Meal February 8 – Menu: soup, crackers, salad, and dessert.
- Reviewed status of members on Care Lists.

### Mission



Thanks to David and Barb McClurg for helping Tammie and Bob Hursh to cover January Pizza Night at LRM. Also, thank you to everyone who helped with donations.

We have volunteers for February 10. We are looking for volunteers for March 9 and April 13. 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](http://www.blufftonpc.org/give)). Thanks!



### Little Free Pantry

Jan 29-Feb 4 – Jodi Brauen  
 Feb 5-11 – Carole Enneking  
 Feb 12-18 – Jayne McGarrity  
 Feb 19-25 – Sarah Brauen  
 Feb 26-Mar 3 – Sarah Noland

Items for donation this month are boxed cereal and peanut butter. Thanks for your support!



## One Great Hour of Sharing

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People, all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



## FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

### December 2023 – General Fund Summary

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

Thank you for supporting BPC's ministries during 2023!

### 2024 Per Capita

You are invited to help cover the per capita cost of your membership (General Assembly, Synod, Maumee Valley Presbytery) by making a special offering through our congregation as part of your stewardship practice. Please note "Per Capita" with your gift. The 2024 per capita amount is \$39.10 per member. **Thank you!**

## Offering Options

Thank you for sharing your Spiritual Gifts, including financial resources, to support BPC's ministries. In addition to placing your gift in an offering plate during worship service, we have several other giving options. ***Please use whichever option is most convenient for you!***

- ❖ You may mail a check, or make an online request with your bank to mail a check, to the church office (Bluffton Presbyterian Church, PO Box 149, Bluffton OH 45817).
- ❖ You may drop an offering envelope in the black Treasurer's lockbox in the church office. The lockbox is located on the wall next to the office door.
- ❖ You may provide an online offering via an electronic draw or credit card through BPC's website at <https://www.blufftonpc.org/index.html>. Once on the site, click the Giving Link dropdown under the Give tab. After you arrive at the giving page, you may select the box of the fund for which you would like to give (General Fund, Little Free Pantry, etc.).

Please let Clair Winebar, Treasurer, know if you have any questions.

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation/ Corporation

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## Bluffton Presbyterian's Church Family Directory

Bluffton Presbyterian's Church Family Directory (contact information) has been updated. Printed copies of the 2024 Church Family Directory are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact the church office if your address, phone numbers, or email changes.







### Prayers for:

Jeff and Kerry Fremont. Jeff owns a business in Rockford, Ohio, and he lost it to fire.

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.

The Pastor Nominating Committee as they continue the search for a new pastor.

All who have suffered due to COVID-19.

### We Pray for God's Healing for:

Darlene Hey  
Sue Mathewson  
Mariah Pneuman  
Lois (friend of Dave and Jane Good)  
Sylvia (Diane Winebar's sister)  
Dr. Sharon Cole (Darlene Hey's doctor)  
John Crouse (Darlene Hey's nephew)  
Ethan Fedde (Bev Begg's great granddaughter's husband)  
Linda Francies (Bev Begg's daughter)  
Nancy and Larry Frost (Cindy Gillen's cousins)  
Bobbi Mueller (Darlene Hey's daughter)  
Makayla, Skyler, and Rhett Noble (friends of Tyler and Jade Hochstetler)  
Larry and Eileen Rhonemus (Mike's parents)  
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.



### Birthdays

Feb. 5 John Marshall  
7 Cooper Hochstetler  
8 Michelle Talavinia  
9 Owen Ziessler  
11 Ralph Middleton  
12 Samantha Rhonemus  
18 Jane Sycks  
24 Louis Best  
Clair Winebar  
25 Libby McVetta  
28 Jodi Brauen  
Mar. 1 Greg Culbertson  
2 Jane Benroth  
Emily Sycks  
3 Jacob Szabo



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Thank you for your gifts of food, cards, visits, and taking me to my appointments. Your support of love and caring has meant so much to me. A special thank you to Helen Hawk, I can never thank her enough for all she does. Another thank you to Don Brauen who makes sure I get to choir.  
I love you all,  
Darlene  
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**BLUFFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**112 N. MAIN ST., P.O. BOX 149**  
**BLUFFTON, OH 45817**

[blufftonpc.org](http://blufftonpc.org)

Sundays: Faith Formation: 9:00 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

**OFFICE HOURS**

Administrative Assistant: Cathy Carroll

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

Treasurer: Clair Winebar

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 – Linda Nelson

Fellowship – Kerry Fremont

Mission – Jade Hochstetler

Nominating – LeAnn Carr and Tom Edwards

Personnel – Lori Schmidt

Stewardship & Finance – Clair Winebar

Worship – Lynda Best

Elders at Large – Sarah Brauen and 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