



*Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love*

# What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

**May 2023**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, May 7 – Communion**

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dave Good

Liturgist: Jerry Szabo

Special Music: Don Brauen

Sound: Mike Rhonemus/Camera: Tenna Rhonemus

Slides: Lynda Best

Acolytes: Paige and Morgan

Greeters: Phil and Pam Weisenberger

### **Sunday, May 14 – Cents-Ability Offering**

Pulpit Supply: Tenna Rhonemus

Liturgist: Kerri Fremont

Special Music: Choir

Sound: Rob McGarrity/Camera: Clair Winebar

Slides: Diane Winebar

Acolytes: Owen and Clara

Greeters: Don and Cathy Carroll

### **Sunday, May 21**

Pulpit Supply: Jim Boroff

Liturgist: Dan Noland

Special Music: Lori Schmidt

Sound: Ryan Brauen/Camera: Betsey Angus

Slides: Talavinias

Acolyte: Robbie

Greeters: Sarah Brauen and Carole Enneking

### **Sunday, May 28 – Pentecost**

Pulpit Supply: Bob Butcher

Liturgist: Dave Van Eman

Special Music: Choir

Sound: Jeff Gillen/Camera: Clair Winebar

Slides: Cathy Carroll

Acolyte: Bowen

Greeters: Dwight and Jeanie Nichols

## Mark Your Calendars!

### **Sundays:**

Faith Formation 9:00 AM – Fellowship Hall

Worship 10:15 AM – Sanctuary

**Tuesdays:** Claralice Circle 6:30 PM – Fellowship Hall

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

May 3 – Mission Meeting 7:30 PM

May 7 – Graduate Recognition during Worship

May 10 – Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM

May 11 – Session Meeting 7:00 PM

May 13 – Lima Rescue Mission 4:30 PM

May 14 – Mother's Day

May 28 – Pentecost Sunday

**May 28 – Newsletter Items Deadline to Cindy by end of day.**

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



## Pastoral Nominating Committee

The Pastoral Nominating Committee is currently processing 26 resumes received from PCUSA.



## SESSION

### April Meeting Highlights

- Approved Ministry Information Form (MIF) written by Pastor Nominating Committee. Approved request from Jana Mathewson to borrow tables/chairs on May 27.
- Ministry Information Form (MIF) was approved by Presbytery. MIF has been posted on Church Leadership Connection – PCUSA website. Carole Burnworth met with Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to discuss interviewing protocols and next steps. Pastor Nominating Committee has begun receiving resumes.
- Church lawn cleaned up - lots of pinecones, branches, etc. Have started spraying weeds in church landscaping. John Marshall agreed to mow church yard (including spring trim and blowing grass off sidewalks) again this year at \$40 per service - same price as last year. Mower, which had been at the manse, belonged to Schillings. Approved to purchase self-propelled lawn mower (approximately \$400 from Memorial Fund) to be stored at the manse. Dave Sycks is planning to mow the manse yard while we are without a pastor.
- Communication Coordinator Abigail Gwin's husband passed away. Approved giving Abigail Gwin two weeks paid bereavement leave with an additional two weeks of paid leave available if needed.

## DEACONS

Easter Lilys were delivered to member, thanks to Tenna, Mike, and Jana.

Discussion to how to reach out to members.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Scavenger Hunt Faith Formation Series

The Youth Faith Formation Class that meets on Sunday mornings in the church basement.

We will learn about God while experiencing challenging hunts and escape rooms. We will begin each week with a light breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Dates: May 7 and 21.

No class on Mother's Day.

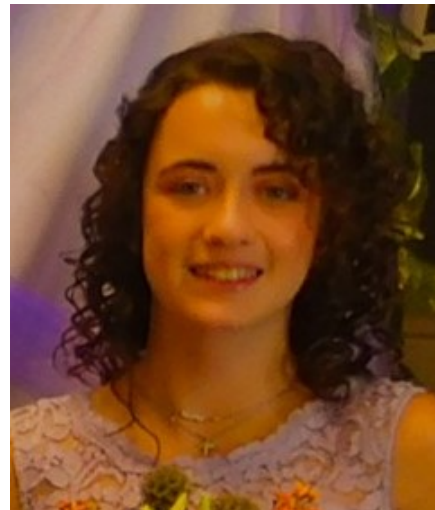
Please reach out to Sarah Brauen with any questions.

## 2023 Graduates

Graduate Recognition Day will be May 7



Paige McVetta, daughter of Kevin and Jana McVetta, is graduating from Cory Rawson High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, fellowship of Christian Hornets, soccer, basketball, and track teams. She also participated in band and student government for 2 years. Paige is attending the University of Toledo in the fall where she was accepted into their Nursing program. She hopes to one day be a nurse practitioner or nurse anesthetist.



Laura Irwin will be graduating from Bluffton University with a Bachelor's in Music Education. This summer, she will be working for a Christian Ministry of the National Parks (ACMNP), where she will be serving in Rocky Mountain National Park (Colorado). Laura has not yet found a school district to work for next year, but has faith that God will lead her to an amazing position for next year, as well as the resources needed to thrive in the position.

## MISSION



## LIMA RESCUE MISSION

Thanks to everyone who contributed for April Pizza Night at the Lima Men's Shelter. May 13 is covered. We are looking for volunteers for June 10 and July 8. Anyone interested in helping or donating drinks, snacks, and supplies, 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

May 1-7 – Carole Enneking  
May 8-14 – Sarah Brauen  
May 15-21 – Diane Winebar  
May 22-28 – Sue Van Eman  
May 29-June 4 – Sarah Noland

Cookie and cake mixes, boxed cereal, and canned spaghetti sauce and spaghetti pasta noodles are welcome donations this month. Thank you.

### Pentecost Offering

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering will be used locally to make an impact in the lives of young people; this year's portion will go to Campus Life in Bluffton. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

The Pentecost offering starts at the beginning of the May.

To support this work, send a check to the church office or give online:  
<https://www.blufftonpc.org/give.html>.

For more information about this denominational offering, visit:  
<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/pentecost/>

### Prayers of Sympathy for:

Abigail Gwin and daughters on recent loss of her husband. (Cards may be sent to Abigail Gwin.)

Dick and Jayne McGarrity and family on the loss Blair (Dick's cousin) who passed away recently.

### 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, Peggy Hursey, Ralph Middleton, Ben Miracle, Hazel Rodabaugh, and Owen Ziessler.

Members and friends serving in the armed forces.

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

Kim and Linda Best  
Hazel Rodabaugh  
Dr. Sharon Cole (Darlene Hey's doctor)  
Judy (Tanya Best's sister)  
Kira (family friend of Helen Hawk)  
Sylvia (Diane Winebar's sister)  
Bobbi Mueller (Darlene Hey's daughter)  
Leslie (Darlene Hey's niece)  
Anessa Samsal (Mariah Pneuman's granddaughter-in-law)  
Jessie Spencer (Darlene Hey's great niece)  
Sandi Waibel (Donnas Stone's sister)  
Dave Vrooman (Jeff and Cindy Gillen's brother-in-law)  
Kelly Winger (Cindy Gillen's cousin)  
Taylor Zsiros (Jeff and Kerry Fremont's son's fiancé)

### BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please 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.

???

Bible Quiz

???

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

A. 9 a.m.  
B. Noon  
C. 3:30 p.m.  
D. 9 p.m.

Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)

## Birthdays

May	2	Patrick Rhonemus
	3	Paige McVetta
	8	Dan Noland
	9	George Stultz
	11	Yuji Elwood
	14	Jade Hochstetler
		Elaine Thompson
	15	Lilly Friesel (Pat Deal's Grandchild)
		Jeremy Zank
	20	Sarah Brauen
	21	Becky Winebar
	24	Carole Enneking
		Kevin McVetta
		Sunny Zank
	25	Ethan Friesel (Pat Deal's Grandchild)
	26	Kory Enneking
		Rebecca Hursey
	29	Heidi Hotmire

## Anniversaries

8	Dan and Sarah Noland
11	Bob and Tammie Hursh
19	Tyler and Jade Hochstetler
28	Don and Jodi Brauen

## Special Thank You

\*\*\*\*\*

- Julia Szabo who graciously agreed to give the blessing/prayer at our church during the Good Friday Cross Walk
- Jayne McGarrity who is covering the digital sign while Abigail Gwin is on leave
- Cathy Carroll who is handling the weekly email while Abigail Gwin is on leave

We appreciate all our wonderful volunteers!

\*\*\*\*\*

# YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

## FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

### March 2023 – General Fund Summary

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

Thank you for your monetary offerings that support BPC's ministries!

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE



### *Volunteers needed to help pass the offering plates.*

We need three volunteers for each Sunday worship service to serve as offering plate ushers during the introduction to the Closing Hymn: one usher on each outer aisle and one in the middle aisle. If you can help, please see Lynda Best

### *Volunteers needed to help with PowerPoint slides*

We are looking for someone to help one Sunday a month with clicking through PowerPoint slides during the Worship Service. Please see Lynda Best if you are interested.

## Fighting Hunger with Cents-Ability

The second Sunday of the month is the Cents-ability collection. The youth will be participating in the collection and making it a “noisy Sunday”.

Youth of the church will be walking around the sanctuary with cans, shaking them and collecting from the congregation! Make sure to bring your spare change to help make this as noisy as possible!!





**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:  
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Treasurer: Julia Szabo  
Email:  
Communications Coordinator: Abigail Gwin  
Email:  
Faith Formation Intern: Laura Irwin  
Email:  
Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman  
Choir Director: Linda Sycks  
Children's Church Leaders: Laura Irwin and  
Brooklyn Phillips  
Email:  
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