



What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

April 2019

Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7 – 5th Sunday in Lent
Communion / 3 Cents a Meal Offering

Special Music: Lori Schmidt

Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo

Liturgist: Clair Winebar

Greeters: Donnas Stone and Jeanette Warren

Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday

Food Pantry Offering

Choir

Sound: Bob Hursh / Slides: Diane Winebar

Liturgist: Craig Bowman

Greeters: Bev Begg and Jane Benroth

Acolytes: Clara and Owen Brauen

Friday, April 19 – Good Friday

Sound: Jeff Gillen / Slides: Diane Winebar

Greeters: Tanya Best and Cindy Gillen

Sunday, April 21 – Easter Sunday

Choir

Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Slides: Cathy Carroll

Liturgist: Tanya Best

Greeters: Dustin and Leslie Freed

Acolyte: McVetta Girls

Sunday, April 28 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Praise Team

Sound: Jeff Gillen / Slides: Talavinia's

Liturgist: Lynda Best

Greeters: McVetta Family

Acolytes: Clara and Owen Brauen



Mark Your Calendars!

- March 25 – Church Safety Meeting with Bluffton Police Chief – 6:00 PM – English Lutheran Church
- March 27 – 3rd Lenten meal 6:00 PM – Emmanuel UCC
- April 3 – 4th Lenten meal at Emmanuel UCC – 6:00 PM
- April 7 – Youth Group – 5:00 to 8:00 PM
- April 10 – 5th Lenten meal at Emmanuel UCC – 6:00 PM
- April 11 – Session Meeting 7:00 PM
- April 14 – Fellowship Sponsored by Claralice Circle – Following Worship
- April 17 – Deacons 7:30 PM
- April 18 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM – St. Johns UCC
- April 19 – Community Cross Walk – 11:30 AM – St. Mary's Catholic Church
- April 19 – Community Good Friday Service – 12:00 PM – Bluffton Presbyterian Church
- April 21 – Easter Breakfast – 8:00 to 9:30 AM
- April 21 – Easter Egg Hunt – 9:30 AM
- April 24 – Praise Team – 7:30 PM
- **April 28** – Newsletter Items Deadline
CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com
- May 5 – Youth Group – 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Announcement Procedure

If you have an announcement to be shared in worship or in the bulletin, please get it in to the church office by Thursday morning.

Choir

The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. New members are welcome!

Pastor's Letter

Once again, our compassionate hearts are heavy with tragedy, this time due to deadly shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. The hatred and fear that motivate these terrible attacks are unthinkable, yet these tragedies may seem to be so common in our world that we start to feel numb.

We realize that racism, xenophobia, and fear/disapproval of the “other” are ideas that somehow persist among us. So rather than shake our heads and sigh, we speak out, we keep at the work of *kindom* building, where everyone has a place, because all people are children of God. We educate ourselves about other people, with the hope that knowledge leads to understanding, that understanding leads to tolerance, and that tolerance leads to peace and acceptance. Our adult faith formation class regularly studies material that challenges our ingrained beliefs and common misconceptions. It just so happens that on March 17, we began a series called *The Jesus Fatwah*: “Much of what passes for information on Islam is weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In this study, Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith.” Perhaps this learning opportunity is providentially timed with the backdrop of the unfortunate tragedy in the international Muslim community.

We must not get sucked into fear of our enemies. We must also remember that our real enemies are not our fellow human beings, no matter how different they are from us. Rather, our true enemies are hate, fear, ignorance, and indifference. Our only help comes from above. Our scriptures teach us not to be afraid; instead, we are called to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with the divine (Micah 6:8).

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? (Psalm 27:1). May we take this assurance with us, as bearers of the love of Christ into our communities and into all of this world.

In Christ,

Pastor Karol

Palm/Passion Sunday

Passion/Palm Sunday on April 14 begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed.

Maundy Thursday

Join us on April 18 at St. John's UCC (joined by BPC and Emmanuel UCC) for a Maundy Thursday service, so named because of Jesus' commandment (*man datum - maundy*) to love one another. On this night when we remember the last supper with his disciples, we too will partake in the sacrament of communion. Let us gather in reflection on this central faith story, asking one another, “were you there...?”, as we remember our Savior's most difficult days.

Good Friday

We will host the community Good Friday Service on April 19 at Noon. Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The hours of 12:00 to 3:00 PM are particularly significant as these commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross. It is an especially important time to pray for the church and the world for whom Christ gave his life.

The Good Friday service is a penitential service, yet it is also a celebration of the good news of the cross. It allows for numerous contemplative moments, as we hear the “Seven Last Words of Christ.”



Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday) on April 21 is the center of the Christian liturgical year. On this occasion, we joyfully proclaim the good news at the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. On this Sunday of all Sundays, we celebrate our transformation as a new people. When Christ rose from the grave, death and all other “principalities and powers” that seek to entomb God’s will were forever defeated. Easter is not simply the miracle of the dead raised from the grave, but a celebration of the power that can shatter death, in order that people can freely serve the God of life!



Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter!

If you wish to help decorate the sanctuary for the Easter Season, the Worship Committee requests that you use the form included in the newsletter or bulletin to make a monetary donation. Please send names and money to church office by April 14.

The money collected will be used to purchase Easter Lilies and other items needed during the Easter season. The money can be given in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Please place your completed form in the collection plate or send it to the church office at P.O. Box 149, Bluffton OH 45817.

Easter Breakfast

The men of the church will be cooking and serving breakfast Easter Sunday from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. Join us in celebration of the joy of Easter morning.

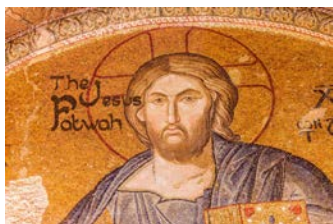
Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on April 21 beginning at 9:30 AM. Weather permitting, the hunt will be held on the church lawn.

Highlights of March Session Meeting

- Received resignation of Beverly Begg as Deacon with regret. Received Letter of Transfer from Westerville Community United Church of Christ for Craig Bowman. Bill Begg passed away on February 26 and Pastor Karol led service on March 2. Electronically approved to call a Congregational Meeting following worship on March 17 for the purpose of electing a deacon for an unexpired term. Session Minutes and Membership Rolls were reviewed by MVP and found to have no exceptions. Approved request of Steve and Tammie Mericle to join church by Re-affirmation of Faith – Pastor Karol has met with them. Letter about “Activate Faith Community Challenge” shared, approved to participate for year with Carole Enneking being the contact person. Letter from Rev. Pamela Short (MVP Congregational Life) thanking Session for allowing Pastor Karol to attend Faith Trust Institute for “Teaching Healthy Boundaries” training and contributing towards that cost was shared.
- Presbytery met at Toledo Christ on February 19. Approved “Sacred Trust” document (includes Sexual Misconduct Policy and Child/Youth Protection Policy). Allowed Toledo Glendale to sell church property for \$380,000 – church is not closing, but is downsizing and meeting at Swan Creek Retirement Center – sharing pastor with First Presbyterian - Waterville. Voted on overtures from 2018 General Assembly on Amendments to Book of Order.
- Door at bottom of steps in basement at manse was installed by Steve Mericle. Spruce in church yard fell during strong winds, Nate Ulrey (Arbor Elite) – hired to cut up/remove - \$500. Since the tree fell in the alley which now belongs to Bluffton, checking into Bluffton covering this expense. Discussion about replacing/not replacing tree with no decision made at this time. Wellmann Brothers provided estimate of \$8,000 to reseal the masonry of church in 2020.

- In February Pastor Karol made: 5 home/hospital/nursing home visits and sent 15 cards. Congregational activities include: Word in the World, Claralice Circle, planning for and officiating at Bill Begg's funeral service, bowling outing, Ash Wednesday service with Emmanuel and St. John's UCC, met with potential members, planning for Helen Hilty's memorial service, and committee meetings. Presbytery activities include: Presbytery Meeting in Toledo, Commissioned Ruling Elders Committee – serving as Secretary, and leading Lenten service at First Presbyterian in Findlay. Community Engagement activities include: met with BAMA colleagues for "Ashes to Go" planning, Community Chili Cook-off, led worship at Mennonite Memorial Home, met twice with BAMA colleagues for Good Friday planning – our church will host this year, met with representatives of Cornerstone of Hope Counseling, "Ashes to Go" on Main Street – 12 participated and Bluffton Hospital – 16 participated, BAMA meeting, Senior Center Community Meal, Bluffton Chamber Breakfast, and attended Advance Planning Workshop. Shared highlights of online course - "Parables for the Future: Scenario and Strategic Planning." Considering a series (possibly with others in community) on preparing for end of life – advanced directives (living wills), preplanning funeral and memorial service arrangements, wills and financial legacy.
- Our church will be responsible for snacks (for approximately 180) during community Vacation Bible School – will need to consider food allergies. We will need to provide 4 walkers and 3-4 volunteers to help prepare/serve snacks each night. Libby and Paige McVetta will be attending "Youth Triennium" at Purdue University in July. Registration will be covered by MVP paying 1/3, money previously designated for this purpose (\$575), with the family paying the balance.
- Approved adding MVP's "Sacred Trust" document (which includes Sexual Misconduct) in our Manual of Operations. Approved adding revisions to Stewardship & Finance section as submitted by Stewardship & Finance chair.
- Annual Chili Cook Off – raised \$1,258 for Bluffton Community Assistance Program. Grace and Gratitude donations were \$528 for Presbyterian Missions – (\$350 donated from congregation, \$178 from children's jar).
- Craig Bowman has agreed to fill unexpired deacon term.
- Hosting "Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations" on March 19 - expect 3 churches from MVP to attend including 5/6 from our church. Member made donation to Bluffton High School Yearbook to have church listed in church directory section. February general expenses of \$10,804 largely in line with the monthly budget. Year-to-date expenses are approximately \$3,000 over budget, primarily due to the annual per capita payment made in January. Children's collection jar receipts of \$346 contributed to Grace and Gratitude (\$178) and remainder contributed to Nicaragua mission (\$168). Received \$1,165 gift to the electronic yard sign fund - cumulative electronic yard sign fund stands at \$3,486.
- Approved that unused equipment – amplifier and two speakers may be sold/given away. Approved to accept Rev. Dave Bartley's offer of wedding gift to Pastor Karol to preach on August 4 with no expense to the church. Pastor Karol may serve as lay leader, but will benefit from not using time to prepare sermon. Palms have been ordered and Easter flowers will be ordered. Don Carroll has agreed to coordinate the Easter Breakfast. Tenna Rhonemus will be pulpit supply on April 28.
- Final postcard design has been agreed upon by New Beginnings. Quick as a Wink will prepare printing for sending. "I Love My Church" video shoots (by Nathan Hursh) will be March 23 and 24. Final video will be 2 to 3 minutes with all participants having signed consent forms. Planned video publish date and postcard delivery date is April 10. "Mission to USA" in October update – still trying to secure partner church to participate. Pastor Karol will submit our application including statement that our participation is contingent on having a partner church.



Current Adult Faith Formation Opportunity: The Jesus Fatwah. "Much of what passes for information on Islam is weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In this DVD series, Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith." Sundays at 9:00 AM. All are welcome.

Bake Sale

No Easter bake sale this year! However, Saturday, May 11, along with the Bluffton Craft Show the Deacons will have a bake sale in front of the church starting at 9:00 AM. Mark your calendars. HINT-It's the day before Mothers' Day!!

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Helen Hilty will be held Friday, April 12, at 11:00 AM at our church. Visitation starting at 10:00 AM and a meal following the service. Donations of assorted cookies is the only item we will need, along with servers, and cleanup crew. On Thursday, April 11, set up will be at 3:00 PM.

Word in the World

You are invited to the weekly Word in the World discussions with Pastor Karol. Join us any time you are free on a Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the Twisted Whisk Café. We enjoy connecting God's word to today's world! We will meet each week in April; we will NOT meet on May 1.

Small Groups' Spring Schedule

Claralice Circle will have meetings every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the BPC Fellowship Hall.

Sister Min Circle will meet in the Family Room at Maple Crest the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 2:00 to 3:00 PM.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Easter Sunday will be our One Great Hour of Sharing. This will be a special time to remember those who are in need throughout the world. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, the Presbyterian Church joins with a number of other denominations to work together against world hunger and poverty.

Faith Formation Committee

Would you like to grow your faith by helping others grow theirs? Does exploring the many different ways we can share God's love excite you? Do you feel connecting with fellow believers beyond worship on Sunday morning is important? Then we need you on the Faith Formation Committee! The Faith Formation Committee oversees a variety of activities that help us grow our faith: Adult Sunday School, Sunday LIFT, Small Groups, Youth Group, Confirmation Classes, and Vacation Bible School just to name a few. We are looking for new perspectives, new voices and new ideas on how we can grow our faith and share God's love. If you are interested in learning more, please speak to a member of the committee: Tenna Rhonemus, Jay McCracken, and Linda Sycks.



Graduate Recognition

We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please contact Tenna Rhonemus. We would also like you to send a picture and brief description of accomplishments and future plans to Cindy Gillen to put in the newsletter. Please have this information to Cindy by April 21 for inclusion the May newsletter.

Youth Group

The youth group will have an extended meeting on April 7 to allow time to watch the movie "The Shack." (web version: a movie [no title]) This movie is rated PG-13, if parents have any questions, please see Tenna Rhonemus. We will begin at 5:00 PM with a meal while watching the movie. This will be followed by a discussion and games. The meeting will end at 8:00 PM. May 5 will be our final meeting for the academic year and it will run from 5:00-7:00 PM. Youth in 5-12 grades are invited to attend and friends are always welcome.



Looking Ahead to VBS

This year the Community Vacation Bible School will be hosted by St. John's United Church of Christ. The dates are July 21-July 25 and VBS will run from 6:00 to 8:00 PM each night. The theme is: *Hero Central, Discovering Your Strength in God!* We will be in charge of snacks this year. Watch for more details and volunteer opportunities in the coming months.

Mission Committee

Please remember to bring food for the food pantry the second Sunday in March. The items needed this month are **canned fruit and paper products**. This is not to say that we don't welcome other items, but these are the items they need the most at this time.

Church Person/Family of the Week

Have you noticed a slight change in the bulletin the last few weeks? Starting in March, each week we are listing a specific individual or family to lift up in prayer. Their address will also be noted if you would like to send them a card; or think of some creative way to let them know you are glad they are part of our church family! Contact Pastor Karol, Cathy Carroll, or the deacons if you have any questions.

Weekday Christian Education Walkers

It is hard to believe but we are approaching the end of the school year! We have only 2 days left to fill for Weekday Christian Education Walkers. A huge thank you to those who have volunteered this year! If you haven't had an opportunity to volunteer yet, please consider signing up for any of the times listed below. Spring is just around the corner and a nice stroll leading children to hear about God is a great way to spend part of the day. If you are willing to help, a sign-up sheet is in the back of sanctuary or you can contact Tenna Rhonemus at 419-358-8148 or tlrhonemus@gmail.com.

CE Walker Open Slots

Thursday April 4 Grades 1-5	Thursday April 25 Grades 1-5
12:25- 12:55	12:25- 12:55
1:00- 1:30	1:00- 1:30
1:45- 2:15	1:45- 2:15
2:25- 2:55	2:25- 2:55

Outreach through Advertising

New Beginnings has kicked off the year with two correlated efforts:

1. Development of a short "Why I Love My Church" video clip to post online.

Nathan Hursh has agreed to be the videographer recording church members on why they love our church and producing the video. A list of church members has been identified and recording dates are scheduled for March 23 and 24.

2. Postcard mailing to Bluffton residents inviting them to Bluffton Presbyterian.

The postcards will reference the "Why I Love My Church" video.

2019 New Beginnings members: Sarah Brauen (Chair), Dick McGarrity, Diane Winebar, Tenna Rhonemus, Lin Rumer, and Bob and Tammie Hursh. Please reach out to us if you have questions, suggestions for consideration, and/or interest in joining.

Little Free Pantry Update

Church members (and members of the community) keep the LFP stocked with food and other necessary items, and we are grateful for your support!

Now that winter is here though, we need to switch out the types of items we stock. That means **no canned foods** (vegetables, meats, sauces) and **no glass jars or bottles**. Instead, think about boxed or bagged food: pasta, cereal, granola bars, rice, noodles, boxed mixes (Tuna Helper, mac n' cheese), oatmeal, cake mixes, dried fruit, nuts, etc.

Personal care items are also appreciated: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, baby care items, toilet paper, tissues, etc.

Your contributions can be placed inside the LFP or taken to the church office.

Thank you for your help as we work together as neighbors helping neighbors!

Lima Area - Habitat For Humanity News and Needs

Our mission states: Seeking to put God and love into action: Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. So how can you help? Here are three ways:

1. Donate new or gently used household goods and building materials to the restore. The restore truck will even pick up larger items at your house at no cost to you.
2. Come volunteer at the restore (550 W. Elm Street - visit the Habitat website to sign up at www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/ or call the Habitat office at 419-222-4937.
3. Donate funds to the affiliate and know that your donation goes to those in need of decent, affordable housing. You can send a check or donate on-line at <https://www.habitatlima.org/donate/donate-now.html>.

Our next build will take place in Elida later this spring. Thank you for considering a generous gift of materials or time or money to those in need of decent, affordable shelter.

Home Health and Senior Services Available

As the Bluffton area's leading provider of senior care, Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is dedicated to serving elders. Their mission as a faith-based, non-profit organization is to support purposeful living and personal decision making for every adult we serve. One way they accomplish that is by bringing care and services to seniors in whatever setting they call home.

Our health care professionals bring comprehensive care to the homes of seniors in Bluffton, Pandora, Columbus Grove, Ottawa, Ada, Lima, Findlay, and beyond. Whether recovering from an illness, surgery or accident, our professional health care team will work with you and your family to develop an individual care plan.

At-Home Care Services:

- Skilled nursing care by registered nurses, Occupational, speech and physical therapy
- Post-surgical care, including wound care and dressing, Disease management and education
- Long term care planning, Geriatric care management
- Medication management, Memory care support
In-home safety evaluations, assessments & referrals
- Patient and family education and training

Senior Home Service:

- MHCO also brings helpful services, such as housekeeping or transportation, to seniors, in whatever community setting they call home.
- Home Care Assistants, Housekeeping, Laundry
- Transportation to medical appointments, errand running, grocery shopping, etc.
- Mobile meals, Companionship, Personal care services
- Wellness Checks, Lifeline Set Up Assistance

For more information, contact director Dawn Schulte at 419-358-1015.



We raised \$528 in Grace and Gratitude, thank you to all who donated! We were able to get a pair of goats, chickens, seed for trees, garden tools, rain catchment system, kitchen kit, and sewing machine for people in need.

After 33 radiation treatments, I am FINISHED. I have now started a maintenance medication for the next 5 years. Thank you all for the prayers and cards of support you have given me and my family, you all are the best.

Love to everyone,
Sue Mathewson

The Deacons would like to say “thank you” to all those who helped with the Community Meal on March 7th. We served approximately 75 meals, and as always, many compliments were given on our delicious pies. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time, donated pies, or made monetary donations to help offset the cost of the meal. The support shown by our congregation is wonderful and greatly appreciated.

We will be hosting our next and final Community Meal for the year on September 5th.

The Deacons would also like to thank everyone who set up, donated food, served, and cleaned up for the Begg funeral dinner.

“Thank you to Pastor Karol, Deacons and our church family for all the support given us during this stressful time.”

Sincerely,
Beverly Begg & Family

Bluffton Presbyterian Church:

Thank you so much for your January 2019 donation of \$19.55 (3 cents a meal) to the Bluffton Community Assistance. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Adult Crime Education Workshop Coordinator

Interested in volunteering and making connections in Lima? Elder Victim Ministry is looking for an Adult Crime Education (ACE) Workshop Coordinator. Come join the EVM Volunteer Team! Thursdays are usually our volunteer days. Laughter is as abundant here as the care we give for those we're serving.

Each month, ACE Workshops take place at 3 Lima locations. ACE presentations raise awareness about elder abuse in Allen County and educate the public to identify and stand up to crime in the community.

Volunteer responsibilities: contacting presenters, coordinating schedules, creating flyers. Additional responsibilities can include: distributing flyers, obtaining incentive items and hosting the presentations. Computer skills are necessary to coordinate scheduling and to update online calendars.

An application can be found at [HTTP://WWW.CRIMEVICTIMSERVICES.ORG/ELDER-VICTIM-MINISTRY.HTML](http://www.crimevictimservices.org/elder-victim-ministry.html) [1].

After applying, we'll contact you to set up an interview. Training is provided and mileage is paid. Contact Elysia Bush at Crime Victim Services, 419-222-8666, ebush@crimevictimservices.org.

“Our Daily Bread” Mobile Meals

Mennonite Memorial Home and Hilty Home both offer a mobile meals program know as “Our Daily Bread.” Through this program, a hot noon meal is delivered Monday through Friday within a 5-mile radius of Bluffton and Pandora. Cost is just \$5/meal. Call 419-358-1015, Ext. 218 for more information.

Address Change

Dustin and Leslie Freed
20638 Township Road 59
Jenera, OH 45841

Prayer Requests

Prayers of Sympathy with Kevin, Jana, Libby, Paige, and Morgan McVetta and family on the recent loss of Kevin's aunt Rita.

Prayers of Sympathy with Pastor Karol on the loss of her great aunt Mary.

Prayers for our members and friends serving in the armed forces: especially Kyle Begg, Andrew Warner, and Lucas Woodward.

Prayers of Healing for Laura & Tyler From, Mary Barnett, Sue Mathewson, Sally Reeder, David Rempelsmucker, Dr. Howard Shelly, Blake Stutzman, Carolyn Dahms, Pat Croskery, Molly Pontius, Bob McVetta, Heath Huffman, Jayne McGarrity, Lena Zender, and the Dick Jordan Family.

We Lift Our Prayers



Put a prayer request in – take a prayer request out. Look for prayer request slips in the pews and near the prayer box. Or use your own paper. Requests can be as simple as “I’m having back pain,” or “My son is looking for a job.” The slips can be placed in the box or in the offering plates. Prayer requests can be submitted anonymously. Allow someone in your church family to support you in private prayer.

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Jeanette Warren (419-358-6263) or call the church office (419-358-5806) with your prayer request, and they will pass along the information. If you would like to add someone to the prayer chain other than yourself, 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 Jeanette or another deacon.



Birthdays

April	1	Megan Sycks
	2	Danielle Rhonemus
	4	Beth Buist
	5	Helen Hawk
	8	Ashlin Gable
	13	Avery Talavinia
	14	Marilyn Bullock
	16	Mary Barnett
	18	Chris Schilling
	19	Karol Farris
	23	Pam Weisenbarger
		Leslie Freed
		Lynn Nowak
	24	Will Neff
	25	Dorothy Hursey
	26	Cathy Carroll
May	30	Sally Reeder
	2	Patrick Rhonemus
	3	Paige McVetta

Red Cross Volunteers Needed: Allen County

American Red Cross of West Central OH

Local Disaster Responders

Local Fire Preparedness Campaign (installing free smoke alarms on request)

Local Disaster Responders: Once training is complete, a team is on call approximately 2 days monthly. May be called to assess the situations of local home fires, residential flooding, and any other local residential disasters. Your info is sent to local Red Cross caseworker(s) who are ready to assist the family/individual.

Please call 419-946-2811 or visit redcross.org/volunteer.



Fellowship/Action/Service

- Tea Party to be hosted by Marilyn Edwards on Saturday, May 11 beginning at 2:00 PM. More information to come.
- Pictures from bowling and lunch at Southgate Lanes on Sunday, March 3. Fun was had by all.



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Name: _____

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

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris
Phone: 419-581-9232
Email: pastor@blufftonpc.org
Office Hours: Mon 2-5, Tues 9-2,
Wed 10-12 and by appointment

Secretary: Cathy Carroll
Email: bpcbluff@wcoil.com
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30-12:30

Treasurer: Darin Leugers
Email: dleugers8319@yahoo.com

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman
Choir Director: Linda Sycks
Youth Group Director: Tenna Rhonemus
Nursery Helpers: Kori Phipps and
Shawna Anderson
Custodian: Tony Carmack

2019 Church Officers

Session

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt
Buildings & Grounds – Tom Hursey
Faith Formation – Tenna Rhonemus
Finance & Stewardship – Clair Winebar
Mission – Lynda Best
New Beginnings – Sarah Brauen
Nominating – Sarah Brauen and Cindy Gillen
Personnel – Betsey Angus
Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt
Worship – Cindy Gillen
Members at Large – Jodi Brauen, Sarah Brauen,
and Tom Edwards

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Helen Hawk
Members: Tanya Best, Craig Bowman, Marilyn
Edwards, Dave Van Eman, and Jeanette Warren