



# What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

May 2018

*Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, May 6 – Communion, Youth Sunday 3 Cents a Meal Offering**

Special Music: Sarah Gillen & Pastor Karol  
Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo  
Greeters: Barb Fett and Beth Buist  
Acolyte: Morgan McVetta

### **Sunday, May 13 – Mother's Day**

Special Music: Choir  
Sound: Bob Hursh / Slides: Diane Winebar  
Lay Reader: Beth Buist  
Greeters: Lynda Best and Carole Enneking  
Acolyte: Clara Brauen

### **Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost**

Special Music: Choir  
Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Slides: Leslie Freed  
Lay Reader: Dick McGarrity  
Greeters: Dwight and Jeanie Nichols  
Acolyte: Owen Brauen

### **Sunday, May 27 – Graduate Recognition**

Special Music: Szabos  
Sound: Jeff Gillen/ Slides: Cathy Carroll  
Lay Reader: Sarah Gillen  
Greeters: Jeremy and Julia Szabo  
Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

### **Sunday, June 3 - Communion**

**3 Cents a Meal Offering**  
Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo  
Lay Reader: Lin Rumer



## Mark Your Calendars!

- May 5-6 – 30 Hour Famine – BPC Youth
- May 6 – Potluck Meal to end 30 Hour Famine – Following Worship
- May 6 – Pastor Karol leads Communion Service at Maple Crest – 2:00 PM
- May 10 – Session Meeting – 7:00 PM
- May 11 – Dickey Memorial Service – 1:00 PM
- May 12 – Bluffton Arts and Crafts Show
- May 13 – Mother's Day Tea – By Still Waters Bistro – 4:00 to 6:00 PM
- May 19 – Church Flower Bed Cleanup and Mulching – 9:00 AM
- May 20 – Share the Spirit Fellowship – Hosted by Deacons – Following Worship
- May 23 – Deacons Meeting – 7:30 PM
- May 24 – Pastor Karol leads Bible Study at Maple Crest – 4:00 PM
- May 24 – BHS Baccalaureate on College Ave – 6:30 PM
- May 27 – Fellowship for Graduate Recognition – Hosted by Worship Committee – Following Worship
- May 27 – Newsletter Items Deadline  
[CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com](mailto:CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com)
- May 30 – Mission Committee Meeting – 7:30 PM
- May 31 – Pastor Karol leads Bible Study at Maple Crest – 4:00 PM
- June 2 – Open House for Rebecca Winebar and Ishan Mehta – 7:00 to 10:00 PM – at Winebar Home
- June 2 – Graduation Party for Sarah Gillen – 6:30 to 9:00 PM – 5955 Phillips Rd., Bluffton

## Small Groups

Claralice Circle meets every Tuesday evening 6:30-8:30 PM in the church basement.

Sister Min Circle meets the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 PM at Maple Crest.

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

## Pastor's Letter

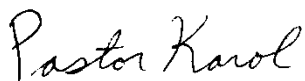
In mid-April, I took the opportunity to attend a continuing education event called Trent at Montreat (Montreat is a Presbyterian Conference Center near Asheville, NC). This small-group, select-a-track conference is open to ministers and other church leaders, with a special emphasis on those who are new in ministry.

The track I chose to participate in focused on the unique blessings and challenges of ministry as a solo pastor. We had 7 ministers from throughout the Eastern US in this track led by Rev. Dr. Felipe N. Martinez, a PC(USA) minister who has served as a solo pastor and a presbytery executive in both Indiana and Illinois. Our conversations focused on such themes as abundance, identity, strengths, partnership, self-care, and sharing stories.

In addition to participating in one of the track options, we gathered together daily for worship and short talks called "mini-notes" offered by the various conference leaders. The conference musicians were talented pianists and leaders of congregational singing: Eric Wall and Tony McNeill, the latter of whom presented a beautiful new setting of the Lord's Prayer, which I hope we will sing together sometime.

I feel my time at this conference provided me with some good questions and ideas – tools to add to my ministry "toolkit" as we continue to partner together, pastor and members, of Bluffton Presbyterian Church. I also look forward to continuing to connect with you beyond Sunday worship, whether through a shared meal or a local community event. Please let me know how I can better serve you as your pastor, both in worship and in daily life.

In Christ,



Pastor Karol

## Updated Office Hours

Please note that Cathy's office hours are now Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Please note that Pastor Karol's office hours are now Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM or by appointment.

## New Address Directory Available

Copies of the new church address directory are now available. Please pick one up in the back of the sanctuary, or contact the church office if you would like one sent to you.

## Word in the World

Pastor Karol has started a new weekly gathering called "Word in the World" at the Twisted Whisk Café on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM to discuss the scripture text for the coming Sunday in dialogue with current events. Come join us! We will meet every Wednesday in May EXCEPT May 16.



## Walk with Us!

Combine fitness and friends: join the church walking group! Meet on Saturday (weather permitting) at 8:00 AM at the University Stadium parking lot on Augsburg Rd. Options include walking the bike path to Maple Crest, entering the Nature Preserve, or a short walk/long run to your liking! Schedule and routes can be determined by those who attend.

This could become an inviting outreach program. If people see a group wearing BPC t-shirts having a good time exercising, they may wish to join us! If you have ideas or suggestions for implementing this program, please see a member of New Beginnings, Pastor Karol, or Dick & Jayne McGarrity.

## Highlights of April Session Meeting

- Approved calling a Congregational Meeting on April 29 for the purpose of discussing ownership of alley, proposed alley improvements, and voting to approve a quitclaim deed which would give the alley to the village. Approved that if congregation approves quitclaim deed for the alley, Bluffton Presbyterian Church will contribute \$5,000 towards the alley community project. Lori will work with Presbytery Stated Clerk to present information to them for approval.
- Session Minute Books and Membership Roll Book were reviewed by MVP in March and found to have no exceptions. Received letter from Branch of Congregational Life (MVP) concerning Toledo Urban Task Force – mission partnership between Grace Presbyterian, Collingwood Presbyterian, and Grace Community Center. Asking for funds to call pastor for minimum of three years with 60% of time towards mission outreach and 40% of time as Grace's minister. Approved giving \$600 per year for three years with money to come from Bixel-Magee money designated for mission.
- Part was needed to fix furnace for heat in church basement. Approved having Mid-Am Facilities clean fans/speaker boxes in sanctuary for \$250. Approved to have Mike/Patrick Rhonemus continue to mow the yard at the manse.
- Approved License Release form (all ages) requesting permission to post pictures on media sites – will be added to Manual of Operations.
- Planning stages of having a summer community outreach picnic/games on Sunday, July 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM on the church lawn. Pop can money has been designated for Shannon Theatre movie passes for those receiving assistance from the Bluffton Food Pantry.
- Approved personnel committee of Betsey Angus, Jodi Brauen, and Tom Edwards. Gift card has been purchased for Cathy for Administrative Assistant's Day.
- During the past month Pastor Karol made 9 home/hospital/nursing home visits, 3 home Communion visits with Deacons Dave Van Eman and Marilyn Edwards, and 7 conversations with church family members. Congregation activities: committee meetings, small group circles, Maundy Thursday, and Word in the World. Presbytery activities: attended two New Pastor's Group meetings. Community activities: Chamber breakfast, Findlay FABSS visit, community meal, Weekday Christian Education walker, BAMA Good Friday Procession and worship, BAMA meeting, preached at chapel service at Bluffton University, met with local pastor, and wrote Bluffton News devotional. Emergency pastoral coverage has been arranged for when she is on Continuing Education April 16 – 22. Noted that registration for this event may increase from \$322 to \$455 depending on housing.
- Bluffton Preschool is very interested in joining with us on Craft Show Day – proceeds will be split. Approved that our share of proceeds will go towards general operating fund.
- Approved request from Lion's to have a Bounce House on church grounds during Wheels Festival on June 15 – need to provide proof of insurance and volunteers to supervise. Approved request from Bluffton Preschool to use sanctuary on May 16 and 17 for their Graduation. Approved that we would sponsor up to 30 (at \$15 per person) for Ignite's Mothers' Day Tea at By Still Waters and that congregation could be asked for donations.



## Rooted and Grounded in Love



### Covenant Gathering 2018

[www.covenantgathering.com](http://www.covenantgathering.com)

July 8, 4 pm to July 13, 11 am

Geneva Center Rochester, IN

[www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org)

A week of learning, laughter and worship presented by members and churches of the PCUSA Synod of the Covenant and Synod of Lincoln Trails

#### What?

Join other Christians for Covenant Gathering 2018 at beautiful Geneva Retreat, Camp and Conference Center in the rolling hills of north central Indiana, as we learn to stand firm in the love of God in Christ and spread that love to all God's people. **Covenant Gathering is** a little bit **conference**, a little bit **vacation** with facilities for all abilities!

#### Why?

To learn, to worship, to recreate. **Adult classes** include options: New Ways to Read, See and Reveal God's Word; Finding Hope in Climate Change; Rooted in Love Bible Study; Drawing and Watercolors; How Does Your Church Family Work?; Getting Your Game On. **Children and Youth** have age appropriate educational and fun activities. **The whole community** worships together, and enjoys delicious meals, evening programs, and afternoon options on many topics.

### Special Guest

**The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson**  
Stated Clerk, PCUSA



#### Who?

You, your family, your old and new friends in Christ of all ages!

#### Where?

Geneva Retreat, Camp and Conference Center  
5282 N Old US Hwy 31, Rochester, IN 46975

[www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org)

For more information:

[www.covenantgathering.com](http://www.covenantgathering.com)

Phone: 269.429.1916



Your day at **Covenant Gathering** will be rich in worship, study, mission and time to enjoy the community of Christians. Covenant Gathering will give you about six hours of class time per course, depending on what classes you choose. Our schedule makes it easy to take two classes if you'd like. Classes will meet in the morning.

**"Afternoon Options"** will offer short classes in a different mode. Attendees asked us to make time for them to take advantage of all the talented, diverse people and interests gathered together. These one- or two-time "drop in" classes may include short Bible studies, Q & A with some of our teachers, nature study, photography, bird-watching, crafts or other ideas as they pop up. Or you can take a walk or a nap or walk the labyrinth. Our youngest family members will have fun things to do as well! (Did we mention there's an Olympic-size pool?!)

**Group worship** will begin each morning and crown each evening, affirming and celebrating our praise and love for our Creator and Redeemer and joining us together in our faith community. Other times offer opportunities for community activities — or just enjoying the wonderful grounds, trails and swimming pool at Geneva! Evenings bring time for intergenerational projects and programs such as campfires, a talent show, Bible gatherings, games, movie night and nature study.

#### Arrival and Departure

Covenant Gathering will begin Sunday with Check-In at 4:00 pm, followed by dinner. It concludes Friday after breakfast with a short worship service.



## Deacons Report

The Deacons packed College Care kits on April 15. They were filled with study supplies like pencils, post-its, highlighters, and even a stress ball. We also provided some study prayers, bookmarks with scripture, and a card of support from all of us. We have decided to add this project to our calendar for next year.

We finalized plans for our next Share the Spirit fellowship hour on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

The family of Dale and Carolyn Dickey will be holding a memorial service at our church on Friday, May 11 at 1:00 PM. Tanya will be organizing a reception after the service. If you would like to help in any way, please contact her at [tanyt@aol.com](mailto:tanyt@aol.com).



**It's Renewal Time!** The *Presbyterians Today Magazine* is an award-winning magazine of the Presbyterian Church. It is published bimonthly (6 times a year). Every issue is filled with inspiring stories about people and congregations ...

highlights of church news and mission ... a Christian perspective on issues of the day ... Bible study and practical tools for life and ministry ... and much more! Included free with your December/January issue is an Advent Calendar and Devotional Guide and, in the February/March issue a Lenten Devotional Guide is included. Thank you to all those who helped us reach the 10+ members mark for the *Presbyterian Today Magazine*. By ordering more we can get a larger discount enabling each member to only pay \$5 for the year with the Deacons paying the other half. If anyone decides they too would like to receive the magazine at their home, please contact Laura or Pastor Karol anytime so we can get you signed up. Be on the lookout for the bi-monthly subscriptions as they come in, a few will be placed in the back of the church for all to share.

## Share the Spirit and Connect with our Homebound!

Share the Spirit is designed to bring our church's homebound members together with caring members of the congregation. To someone who is homebound, being remembered is important. Family also is important, and isn't a church a spiritual family? *Thank you to everyone who has participated in this event in the past.*



**Let's do it again!** On May 20, you're invited to stay after worship for fellowship time and another opportunity to remember those who can't share in the life of the church as they once did. There will be cookies and punch for all. We encourage those who wish to take part this month to choose a slip of paper from our basket filled with the names of our homebound members. The next step is to visit the person whose name you have drawn, send an encouraging note/card, or give them a friendly phone call within a month.

This is a wonderful way to reach out to our homebound and offer a sense of connection and belonging. Share the Spirit drawings will be held every few months, so there will



be plenty of chances for you (and your family!) to take part in this ministry. We hope you'll say "Yes!" and support a special someone.

## Building and Grounds

Building and Grounds is making a master list of who has a key to the church. If you have not already been contacted and own a key, please call the office to let Cathy know or call Tom at 419-722-4811. Thank you.

## Easter Help Appreciation

Thank you to Don Carroll for organizing the Easter breakfast and to all those who helped make it a wonderful breakfast.

## **30 Hour Famine / Pot Luck Meal**

The youth group will participate in the 30 Hour Famine May 5-6. They will share some of their experiences and what they have learned during the worship service on May 6.

Please join us after worship on May 6 for a potluck meal. This meal will celebrate the ways God feeds us spiritually, physically, and emotionally when we are in community! The meal will also mark the end of the 30 Hour Famine for those who chose to participate in the fast. Please join us for good food and great company! Table service and drinks will be provided.

## **Arts and Crafts Show**

Bluffton Presbyterian Church will once again be serving a lunch during Bluffton's annual Craft Show held on Saturday, May 12. Items requested to be donated include pies, cookies, brownies, canned pop (name brands only), and bottled water. Workers are needed for various shifts: set up, kitchen crew, serving, cleaning up.

If you are able to help that day by working or donating items, please either complete a bulletin insert or contact Lori Schmidt ([schmidt1bath@gmail.com](mailto:schmidt1bath@gmail.com)) or Cindy Gillen ([cegillen@marathonpetroleum.com](mailto:cegillen@marathonpetroleum.com)).

Thanks in advance for your part in making this event a success. Prayers for good weather are always appreciated!

Help us celebrate on 06.02.18 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm  
5955 Phillips Rd., Bluffton, Ohio

## **Graduate Recognition**

Please join us on May 27 when we will recognize our high school and college graduates. There will be a reception immediately after worship to celebrate these young people!

## **Grad School Graduate**

### **Jane Sycks**

Jane graduated with her masters in Jazz Studies from Indiana University Bloomington. She is currently looking for gigs on traveling Broadway shows and cruise ships. Eventually, she hopes to move to New York City and play on Broadway. For now, Jane is living at home and sending in applications to as many Broadway troupes as possible!



## **College Graduate**

### **Emily Sycks**

Emily is a 2018 graduate of Ashland University. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education and is currently pursuing employment as a K-3 teacher in the state of Ohio. This picture was taken in South Africa, where she completed the first half of her student teaching. The second half was completed in Ashland, Ohio. Emily is incredibly excited to have her own classroom and start this next stage of her life!



## **High School Graduate**

### **Sarah Gillen**

Throughout high school, Sarah has been involved in choir, chamber choir, show choir, marching and concert band, pep band, jazz band, math club, Latin club, and drama club. Sarah was field commander of the marching band her junior and senior years. She has also been on the Bluffton swim team for 11 years and was on the golf team her senior year. Sarah is a member of National Honor Society and has maintained a 3.93 GPA. She plans to attend Bowling Green State University in the fall for Business/Marketing.



## Community Vacation Bible School

The Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School will be hosted by the Bluffton First United Methodist Church. It will be held July 22-26 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM each night. Our church is in charge of crafts this year. We are asking anyone who is willing to make a donation towards the purchase of the supplies. We will have donation boxes in the front and back of the sanctuary. If you write a check please put "VBS Supplies" in the memo line. We will also need donations of time. Prior to VBS we will have some project days to do the preparation work for the crafts. We will also need four volunteers each night to help lead the craft area and another 2-3 volunteers to serve as walkers, leading the children to the various activities. We will have sign-up sheets in the back of the sanctuary or you may contact Tenna Rhonemus, Jay McCracken, or Linda Sycks if you are able to volunteer.

### Support for Your Congregation – Spring 2018

Delay the Disease – Exercise Classes for Individuals with Parkinson's – Certified instructor: Tricia Herrmann, RN – Mondays and Thursdays, 1:00 to 2:00 PM, Mennonite Memorial Home Chapel. Physician referral required.

Alzheimer's Support Group – For Family and Caregivers – Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (except December), 3:30 PM, Mennonite Memorial Home Library.

For information or to register, contact Tricia Herrmann, RN, at 419-358-1015, ext. 221 or email [therrmann@mhcoliving.org](mailto:therrmann@mhcoliving.org). Both classes offered at no charge.

### Paper Recycling

Please note that paper recycling is available in the front and back of the sanctuary. Place any unwanted bulletins, etc. in the blue bins, and all other trash in the trash bins. Thank you!



May	2	Patrick Rhonemus
	3	Paige McVetta
	9	George Stultz
	11	Bill Begg
	20	Sarah Brauen
		Tucker Neff
	21	Becky Winebar
	23	Avis Marshall
	24	Carole Enneking
		Kevin McVetta
	26	Rebecca Hursey
June		Kory Enneking
	29	Heidi Hotmire
		Tyler From
	1	Michelle Zuehlke
	3	Carla Montgomery
	6	Sheila Hurlburt
		Donnas Stone

### Christian Education Walkers

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve as a walker for the Weekday Christian Education Program this year. With your help we walked a total of 67 elementary classes cross the street to hear the Good News!

Don and Jodi Brauen, Carole Enneking, Pastor Karol Farris, Leslie Freed, Laura From, Joanne Gratz, Jeff Gillen, Chris Hochstetler, Jeanie Nichols, Michael Rhonemus, Julia Szabo, Michelle Talavinia, Sue Van Eman, Pam Weisenbarger, and Diane Winebar.

### Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School for the children and youth class will be May 20. We will resume class in the fall. Parents and students are encouraged to give the CE Committee any feedback regarding this year's class experience and suggestions for next year.





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Fellowship/Action/Service

**Ignite - merging fellowship, families, and service**

➤ **MOTHER'S DAY TEA**

Ignite is partnering with By Still Waters (formerly Jeanne's Kitchen) to host a Mother's Day Tea for women who are alone on Mother's Day.

**How You Can Help**

- **Cover the costs of the tea.** This is a FREE event for the women and we are asking the congregation to sponsor the event. The cost for each woman is \$15. Checks in the offering plate should be noted with "Mother's Day Tea".
- **Invite women.** Consider hand delivering one of our invitations to someone that comes to mind as you think about the tea. Invitations are available at the church.
- **Serve.** We need to provide 4 servers for the event.

*You are invited to a Tea Party!*

*Sunday May 13, 4-6:00 pm*

*By Still Waters Bistro (formerly Jeanne's Kitchen)*

*112 Vine Street, Bluffton*

Mother's Day can be a difficult day for women who have lost a child, have lost their mother, who are struggling with infertility, or those who live far away from their mother and/or children. Join members of Ignite, a ministry of Bluffton Presbyterian Church, for a special time of fellowship and to enjoy tea, finger sandwiches and sweets.

To Register, contact Sarah Brauen (419-236-0099) or Carole Einkeking (419-348-7691)



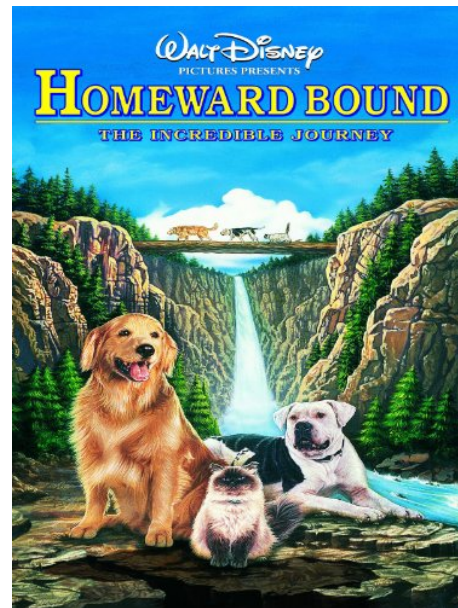
➤ **BLUFFTON CLEAN UP**

Members of Ignite, Clair and Diane Winebar, Jodi, Owen, and Clara Brauen, participated in the Bluffton Clean Up on Saturday, May 21.



➤ **MOVIE ON THE LAWN**

SAVE THE DATE - Friday, June 15



➤ **POTLUCK/POOL PARTY AT GILLEN'S**

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, June 24



## Mission Committee

This year's Bluffton Relay of Hope is Friday, June 22. There will be Bluffton for Hope survivor forms in the back of the church. Anyone who is a survivor, or knows a survivor, please take and fill out information if you would like to come to the Survivor meal and get a T-shirt. We will have forms for family and participants plus luminaries.

May 5 is our first Bark for Life, there are forms in the back of the church. We will start at Maple Crest and walk to Mennonite home then back to Maplecrest. We will visit with residents at both places and have some awards and contests after the walk plus a K-9 demo. Please come and join us for a great cause. Any questions contact Lynda Best 419-296-2790.

May 19 at 9:00 AM we will be having a church flower bed clean up and mulching. Please sign up at the back of the church to help beautify our church.

We are trying something new, we contacted the food pantry and will be choosing 2 items they are in real need of each month to try to help restock their shelves of low items. This month is **shampoo and conditioner** (Greg's always donated these items, but CVS has chosen not to) **and peanut butter**. This is not to say that we don't welcome other items, but these are the items they need the most at this time.

The next Mission Committee meeting will be May 30 at 7:30 PM in the church basement.



## Little Free Pantry

Thank you for supporting our Little Free Pantry! Items you may consider donating: boxed foods (cereal, etc.), dry mixes (soup, etc.), rice, noodles, personal hygiene items, paper towels, Kleenex, baby items. No glass, please.

## Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio Volunteer Opportunities at Bluffton and Pandora

MHCO invites families with children, students, couples, singles, and retirees for an array of meaningful activities. These include assisting with games, help with appointments, worship and bible studies, delivering snacks/water and more. Please contact Jessica Strahm, Volunteer Coordinator at 419-358-1015 ext. 248 if you would like to have a rewarding opportunity to make new friends and make a difference in the lives of others.



## 3 Cents A Meal Offering

Three Cents a Meal invites every member of our congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty. Ideally, contributions come from "living more simply so that others may simply live." Participation in Three Cents a Meal is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat." Daily participation is a reminder of the reality of hunger for millions of our sisters and brothers in the world. As the money accumulates, those participating become aware that small, regular acts can result in significant responses to hunger and that there is great strength in working together with other Christians. We collect this offering on the first Sunday of each month.

## Personal Information

Don't forget to let Cathy Carroll know when you have a change in address, phone number, and/or email address.

If your birthday or you know of a birthday that does not show up in our newsletter, please let Cindy Gillen know.



## Prayer Requests

**Prayers of Sympathy** with the family of Amy Doty.

**Prayers of Sympathy** with the town of Deshler and family and friends of Aidan and Xavier Wensink.

**Prayers of Sympathy** with the family of Genevieve Graham, sister of Marilyn Bullock.

**Prayers of Sympathy** with the family of Ann Gladwell.

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

**Prayers of Healing** for Michael Lee Bucher, Tyler and Laura From, Avis Marshall, Carl Wolf, Dr. Howard Shelly, Peggy Hursey, Ben Miracle, Roy Pneuman, Dorothy Hursey, Billy Marshall, and Linda Benroth.

## BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Mike Rhonemus (419-358-8148 / [rhonstar@juno.com](mailto:rhonstar@juno.com)), 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 Mike or another deacon.

## A Special Thank You!!!

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Thank you for the card and gift card for Administrative Professionals Day. I really appreciate it.

Cathy Carroll

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Thank you for the cards, phone calls, visits and great food; and to Pastor Karol for bringing communion while I was house-bound with my broken knee cap.

Colletta Mullenhour

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Bluffton Presbyterian Church –

We are so grateful for your support of the Presbyterian Hunger Program in our ministry of alleviating hunger and eliminating its root causes. We believe we are all called to do what we can, however we can, to care for God's people in our own towns, our nation, and around the world. Through our work with partners, we learn so much from their wisdom, expertise and experience; and with support from you, we pray that we are making an impact in God's good world.

God created the world and put humankind in the garden to care for it. Christ challenges us to care for the sick, the hungry, and the poor. We are so grateful for your help and financial support as we pray that all we do in PHP responds to these biblical calls.

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## 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.

## Condolences

Our sincere Condolences in the passing of Pastor Dale Dickey. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this time of sorrow.

Friends of Enon Valley Presbyterian Church  
“God Bless”

**Bluffton Presbyterian Church**  
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**419-358-5806**  
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Sunday School: 9:00 AM  
Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris  
Phone: 419-581-9232  
Email: [pastor@blufftonpc.org](mailto:pastor@blufftonpc.org)  
Office Hours: Tues & Wed 10-4  
or by appointment

Secretary: Cathy Carroll  
Email: [bpcbluff@wcoil.com](mailto:bpcbluff@wcoil.com)  
Office Hours: Tues & Thu 8:30-12:30

Treasurer: Darin Leugers  
Email: [dleugers8319@yahoo.com](mailto:dleugers8319@yahoo.com)

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

## **2018 Church Officers**

### *Session*

Clerk of Session – Lori Schmidt  
Buildings & Grounds – Tom Hursey  
Christian Education – Tenna Rhonemus  
Finance & Stewardship – Dick McGarrity  
Mission – Lynda Best  
Nominating – Tom Edwards and Cindy Gillen  
Personnel – Betsey Angus  
Presbytery Commissioner – Lori Schmidt  
Worship – Cindy Gillen  
Members at Large – Jodi Brauen, Tom Edwards,  
and Phil Weisenbarger

### *Board of Deacons*

Moderator: Laura From  
Members: Tanya Best, Marilyn Edwards,  
Laura From, Helen Hawk, Mike  
Rhonemus, and Dave Van Eman