



# What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

May 2019

*Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, May 5 – Communion /  
3 Cents a Meal Offering**

Choir

Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo

Liturgist: Dick McGarrity

Greeters: Jeremy and Julia Szabo

Acolytes: Owen and Clara Brauen

Time for Young Christians – Carole Enneking

**Sunday, May 12 – Celebrate Gifts of Women  
Food Pantry Offering**

Special Music: Don Brauen

Sound: Bob Hursh / Slides: Diane Winebar

Liturgist: Helen Hawk

Greeters: Gene and Sue Mathewson

Acolytes: Owen and Clara Brauen

**Sunday, May 19 – Graduate Recognition**

Choir

Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Slides: Talavinas

Liturgist: Carole Enneking

Greeters: Dwight and Jeanie Nichols

Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

**Sunday, May 26**

Praise Team

Sound: Jeff Gillen / Slides: Cathy Carroll

Liturgist: Julia Szabo

Greeters: Don and Cathy Carroll

Acolytes: McVetta Girls

**Sunday, June 2 – Communion /  
3 Cents a Meal Offering**

Choir

Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo

Time for Young Christians – Ryan Brauen



## Mark Your Calendars!

- May 5 – Pastor Karol leads Communion Service at Maple Crest – 1:30 PM
- May 5 – Youth Group – 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- May 6 – Family Promise – 5:00 to 8:00 PM – St. Mary's Catholic Church
- May 7 – Church Cleanup Day – 6:00 PM
- May 9 – Session Meeting 7:00 PM
- May 11 – Deacon's Bake Sale – 11:00 AM – Bluffton Arts and Crafts Show
- May 12 – Mother's Day/Celebrate the Gifts of Women
- May 15 – Deacons – 7:30 PM
- May 19 – Sunday Snacks – Coffee and juice will be served at 10:00 AM
- May 19 – Fellowship for Graduate Recognition Sponsored by Worship Committee – Following Worship
- May 22 – Pastor Relations Committee – 5:30 PM
- **May 26 – Newsletter Items Deadline**  
[CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com](mailto:CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com)
- May 28 – Pastor Karol leads MMH Worship Service – 6:30 PM
- June 2 – Stewardship/Finance Committee – Following Worship

## 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!

## The Surprising Acts of God

Easter Sermon Series from the book of Acts

May 5 – June 9

## Pastor's Letter

I would like to take the opportunity to share with you a letter from the Bluffton Area Ministerial Association, a group in which I am glad to count myself a member. After discussing this topic, we felt strongly that we wished to use our voice to support this non-partisan issue on the upcoming May 7 ballot for residents of Allen County:

In Scripture we hear of a time when Jesus was asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The response was, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind; and love your neighbor as yourself." While the one asking the question understood loving God, there was a follow-up question, "And who is my neighbor?"

Christians of all times and generations have been left with this very same question throughout history. We are in a constant state of asking that question with regards to who our heart, soul, strength, and mind should love as ourselves. Is it the literal neighbor who resides in the home next to mine? Is it the neighbor who sits next to me in the pew at church? Is it the neighbor who lives across town? Is it the refugee, the homeless, the destitute, the downtrodden, the oppressed, the enslaved, or the stranger? Who is my neighbor?

The answer, of course, is yes to all those listed and more. As Christians we are called to care for all of our neighbors, no matter the form they take or the function they fulfill in our lives. Yet on rare occasions, the response to the question of, "Who is my neighbor?" is given a very clear and concise definition. Such is the case with the recent Allen County Regional Transit Authority's (ACRTA) request for financial support from all of its neighbors.

In 2018 there were 1,303 trips made to Bluffton for elderly members of our community and persons with disabilities in order to transport our neighbors to their appointments, treatments, and to provide a quality of life which all members of Allen County may enjoy. This service, which relies on recently reduced state and federal funding in order to function, is seeking a small sales tax increase on the May 7 ballot that will not affect the cost of utilities, rent or groceries, in

order to continue serving our neighbors with the critical and essential service of transportation.

Our neighbors, the elderly and disabled persons who rely on this service for their quality of life, are in need of our love and support in order for such services to continue. Families who rely on this service in order to work, to pay their bills, and to care for their loved ones—our neighbors—are in need of our love and support. So it is with this humble yet great love and support that the pastoral leaders of the Bluffton Area Ministerial Association (BAMA) would like to express their endorsement of the ACRTA's sales tax levy on the May 7 ballot.

We would encourage any and all people of faith to seriously consider offering their own love and support to this issue, as it is a way in which we might express our love to our neighbors; providing for them as God has provided for us. Were we to ask the question, "And who is my neighbor?" would we not be told to look to those in our community who rely on such public services for their quality of life? Let us love and support our neighbors as we have been called to do and support the ACRTA on May 7.

With Blessings,  
Bluffton Area Ministerial Association  
*Rev. Jeremy Mann, Pastor of Emmanuel United Church of Christ*  
*Rev. Karol Farris, Pastor of Bluffton Presbyterian Church*  
*Wanda Stopher*  
*Theda Good*  
*The Rev. Elizabeth Kelly*  
*Carol Inkrott*  
*Nancy R. Schweingruber*  
*Rev. Tim Wilmetti*  
*Rev. Carol Clements*

I hope these words resonate with you, and move you to bring your faith into conversation with the daily decisions that face us as citizens of this world. You can find further information about ACRTA later in the newsletter.

In Christ, 

## Highlights of April Session Meeting

- Approved that having examined the new Deacon Craig Bowman and he affirmed he was willing to complete the unexpired three year term, he be approved for Installation/Ordination on Sunday, May 5.
- Approved request from Lions to use church lawn for Bounce House on Friday, June 14 – Wheels Festival.
- In March, Pastor Karol provided Pastoral Care: 5 home/hospital/nursing home visits and 19 cards sent. Home Communion served to 2 residents at Mennonite Memorial Home with Elder Tom Edwards. Congregational Activities: Word in the World discussion group (weekly), Claralice Circle (weekly), Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations Seminar, Lenten meal at Emmanuel UCC (three times), committee meetings, and graveside service for Helen Hilty – Memorial service and reception will be on April 12. Presbytery activities: New Pastors Covenant Group and CRE Committee Meeting. Community Engagement activities: Conversation gathering with Bluffton University President Dr. Jane Wood, Weekday Christian Ed walker(twice), BAMA Church Security Meeting with Police Chief Ryan Burkholder (Lori also attended), and BAMA Meeting. Approved requested vacation dates June 28 – July 1, including Sunday, June 30. Church Security Information: meeting summary – Police Chief Ryan Burkholder is willing to meet with each church to evaluate strengths/weaknesses in church's present plan. Main areas of focus: personal safety, property security, financial security, cyber security.
- Approved Mission Committee's request to ask for monetary donations (via bulletin board) to support Bluffton's Relay for Hope – June 21.
- Gift card given to Cathy Carroll for Administrative Assistant's Day.
- Session approved asking for minimum of \$100 donation for old speakers/amp/cabinet.
- Pine cones have been cleaned from church yard. Flowers will be planted and mulch spread at church. Handicap entrance has been repainted and noted that it was damp – will contact Wellmann about problem. Church has lost some shingles this winter, will need to be investigated. Approved to have First Klass Lawn Care provide lawn treatments at church and manse for 2019 for approximately \$700. Because of safety concerns for members changing bulbs in hanging lights in sanctuary, session agreed to hire Green Options to inspect hanging lights in sanctuary, make any needed repairs, and replace all bulbs with LED lights. Approved Green Options estimate of \$1,440.16.

## Nurturing the Faith of Our Children

Pastor Karol would like to invite a member of the congregation lead the Time for Young Christians during worship once or twice a month. Please let her know if you would be interested in doing so on occasion. She will coordinate a date with you and can provide you with a theme and resources if needed.

## **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 May EXCEPT May 1.

## **Deacons**

All our college students will be receiving gift boxes from the Deacons for finals week. The boxes are filled with snacks, school supplies, and a card encouraging them through their studying.

The Deacons will be holding a Bake Sale Saturday, May 11, at 9:00 AM, which is also Craft Day. If you are interested in donating any type of baked goods, please complete the donation form and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Please bring your baked goods to the church by 8:30 AM. Set up begins at 8:00 AM. If you are unable to bring your baked goods to the church, please contact a Deacon, and we will be happy to pick up your donation.

## **New: Praying for You Cards**

Beginning in May, the Deacons are starting a new program to make "Praying for You" cards available in the pews for you to write notes to others. Ideas for who to write to include: homebound members, those on our prayer list, and our Church Person of the Week. Upon receipt of a card in the offering plate, the Deacons will mail it during the following week to the recipient you have indicated. Let's send some kindness to those who could use our prayers!

## **Thank You, Edythe Cupp - Estate Planning and Bequests**

Longtime members may remember Edythe Cupp. Edythe graduated from Columbus Grove High School, attended Bowling Green Normal College (precursor to BGSU!), Ohio Northern University, and graduated from Ohio State University. Edythe's profession was teaching home economics with assignments at an academy in Utah and local high schools including Wapakoneta, Lima, and Bluffton. Edythe was a member of Bluffton Presbyterian Church (BPC) from 1964 until her death in 2004 at the age of 100.

One way that Edythe expressed her appreciation of BPC membership was by establishing an investment income endowment fund administered by the Presbyterian Foundation. Edythe's endowment has and will continue to benefit our church in perpetuity. The endowment assets generate annual investment income of approximately \$500 which is paid by the Presbyterian Foundation to BPC, thereby contributing to the collective efforts that ensure our successful, ongoing work. Edythe's gift is an example of faith and trust and is a testament to BPC's mission of Growing in Faith, Sharing God's Love.

As the Stewardship and Finance Committee has explained in periodic newsletter articles regarding estate planning, our primary goal is that you conduct at least basic estate planning for your and your family's sake. We also encourage you to remember the church in your estate plans as an expression of the importance of faith and church in your life and as an opportunity to ensure BPC's health for future generations. The Presbyterian Foundation has helpful information and aids to assist estate planning. An example of these resources may be found at the following link: <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/10011-PFD-Composing-a-Legacy-Rebrand-F-nocrops.pdf>. Additionally, we have brochures related to estate planning at the church. Please let Pastor Karol or any member of Stewardship and Finance (Barb Fett, Dick McGarrity, George Stultz, Clair Winebar) know if you would like assistance in obtaining a brochure or additional information.

## Consider Advance Directives

One important topic we should all consider is end of life issues. One aspect of this is thinking about our future healthcare options. National Healthcare Decision Day (which occurred on April 16) is a day to help individuals learn more about Advance Directives and to have opportunities to complete the documents. It's not only important to have the *documents*, but it is more important to have the *conversations* about what your health care wishes are, if in the event you are unable to speak for yourself, the person you appoint knows how you want to be cared for and decisions are made that reflect your wishes. Please join St. Rita's Hospice staff in conjunction with local churches for an informational meeting held at the Bluffton Town Hall on Thursday evening, May 9, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

## Sunday Morning Faith Formation

The Sunday LIFT group will have its last meeting for this academic year on May 19. We've had a great year, eating, learning, playing, and worshipping together. Thank you to Jay McCracken and Pastor Karol for helping to host the gatherings and to everyone who participated!

## Adult Faith Formation New Series

"We're having a culture war and Jesus happens to be one of the weapons tossed about by both sides." The Adult Faith Formation Class began a new multi-week DVD discussion series on April 28 entitled "Saving Jesus Redux." This study provides an exploration of a credible Jesus for the third millennium. New contributors including Brian McLaren, Diana Butler Bass, and Robin Meyers join Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, John Dominic Crossan, Matthew Fox, Amy-Jill Levine, and a host of others for a conversation around the relevance of Jesus for today. The Adult Sunday School class will determine their final meeting date at a later time.



## 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.

## 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 or the Deacons if you have any questions.

## 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 Friday of each month from 2:00 to 3:00 PM.

## "Our Daily Bread" Mobile Meals

Mennonite Memorial Home and Hilty Home both offer a mobile meals program known 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.





## Graduate Recognition

We will recognize our graduate on May 19. Please join us for worship and fellowship time immediately following the service.

College Graduate  
Samantha Rhonemus



Hello, so I will be graduating from Ashland University with a BA in Commercial/Graphic Design, as well as a BA in Fine Arts! The job I have started training for and will be working full time at after graduation is in Wooster, OH (which about 30 minutes away from Ashland). The company is called Surreal Entertainment and I will be designing merchandise that is sold in many stores, like Walmart, Kohl's, TJ Maxx, and so forth! The really cool part of this job is that it isn't just designing any merchandise, it will be designing products for Marvel, Disney, TV shows, movies, and video games, basically whatever is trending at the time! So it's a pretty sweet job and I will have many opportunities to grow and challenge myself in the art world! I am very excited to start this new chapter in my life!

## Youth Group

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.

## Mission Committee

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

## Family Promise

We will be hosting the Family Promise meal on Monday, May 6 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church. We need people to supply food for the meal and 2-3 people to serve as hosts. If you are willing to help please contact Tenna Rhonemus.

## Little Free Pantry Going Strong!

Our church's Little Free Pantry is making a difference in the lives of those who use it. The LFP's mission is to help people with immediate food needs.

Church members (and even people from the community) keep the LFP stocked. We are grateful for your support!

When donating items to the LFP, please remember: **no glass jars or bottles**, which can break if dropped. Instead, consider donating non-perishables in cans or boxes: vegetables, canned chicken, beef, or salmon, cereal, oatmeal, pasta, canned pasta sauce, rice, noodles, granola bars, dried fruit, Tuna Helper, mac and cheese, etc.

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

For safety's sake, please check the expiration dates of the items you donate. 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!*



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Thank you, Bluffton Presbyterian Church,

Your congregation's gift to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog helps expand Presbyterian Mission's witness to God's gracious and abundant work in the world. Your generous support feeds the hungry, comforts the brokenhearted, and shares God's love with young and old around the world.

As a special thank you, we want to share our appreciation for your community. This web page brings a message of thanks to your congregation for its generous support and provides connections, including our new video, to show how gifts made through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog are making a big impact.

We hope you will use the share feature on the web page, allowing your members and friends to see the impact Bluffton Presbyterian Church is making in the world through your gifts. You can do this through social media, in emails, or by providing this link (<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/thanks/church.html>) in your bulletin, e-blasts--in whatever way you like to communicate with your members.

Through your gifts, support, and prayer, you join us in serving the world in Christ's name, and we thank you for all of that.

Thankful for our mission together,  
Bryce Wiebe  
Director, Presbyterian Giving Catalog

The Rev. Jonathan H. Reinin  
Church Support Associate, Special Offerings

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Bluffton Presbyterian Church –  
Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the Bluffton Community Assistance. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!  
Souper Bowl of Caring \$201  
Other \$150

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The Deacons would like to thank Betsey Angus for helping serve and everyone who donated cookies for the Hilty memorial meal. There were many compliments.

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A huge thank you goes out to everyone who volunteered to serve as a Weekday Christian Education Walker this year! Jeff Gillen, Clair and Diane Winebar, Jayne McGarrity, Laura From, Jeremy and Julia Szabo, Rev. Karol Farris, Tom Edwards, Mike Rhonemus, and Chris Hochstettler walked a combined total of 58 classes across the street to learn more about God. Your willingness to help in this mission outreach is greatly appreciated!

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Thank you to all the men who helped prepare the wonderful Easter Breakfast!

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Thank you to everyone for the kind birthday greetings and well wishes on the occasion of my 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mary Barnett

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Dear Partners in God's Mission,

Thank you so much for your congregation's commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ through Presbyterian Mission. Gifts from congregations like yours make a difference in the lives of people around the corner and around the world. We are encouraged by God's faithfulness, signaled by the recent support we have received from you. Because of you, the world is waking up to new possibilities in Jesus Christ.

The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support: On February 21, 2019, we received \$112.75 for Ian & Jhanderys Vellenga.

Thank you once again for your support, dedication and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner. Please let me know how I can support your efforts.

Yours in Christ,  
Chris Roseland  
Mission Engagement Advisor

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## Thank you notes continued...

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Dear Deacons,

Thank you for the care package! I am blessed to receive this right before finals! It is a huge blessing to know I have a huge family supporting me back home to succeed and excel in my college career!

Thank you again!  
Samantha Rhonemus

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Dear Deacons,

Thank you so much for the finals care package. Everything that was provided either has or will help me with the rest of my final's week. Everything is also very useful.

Thanks again,  
Patrick Rhonemus

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Dear Deacons,

Thank you so much for the care package! It was a great pick-me-up during a busy time in the semester!

Thanks,  
Sarah Gillen

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### ➤ MOTHER'S DAY TEA

There will not be a Mother's Day Tea due to scheduling difficulties. We plan to have again in 2020! Anyone interested in planning can contact Carole Enneking.



## ACRTA May 7 Tax Levy – What, How, and Why



On May 7, Allen County voters will consider a very small sales tax levy to support the services of the Allen County Regional Transit Authority. ACRTA is a critical service to all communities in Allen County. While most people think of the big buses that run fixed routes in Lima and surrounding townships, they may not realize that ACRTA's Uplift vans travel throughout Allen County providing service to elderly residents and persons with disabilities. In 2018, ACRTA provided 46,671 trips for these individuals. 1,303 of these trips were to Bluffton.

When the last ACRTA levy failed in 2017, transit services were cut, which hurt a lot of people and businesses. ACRTA operates mostly on state and federal grants, which have been substantially reduced. This small sales tax increase (0.1%) would give them consistent, dedicated local funding to match and leverage state and federal funding. For consumers, this will mean paying an extra 2 cents on a \$20 purchase.

The levy funds will allow RTA to maintain current services, as well as bring back evening hours which are necessary for second and third shift workers, weekend service, and three routes that were cut in 2018.

## Contact Information

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





## Prayer Requests

**Prayers of Thanksgiving** with Nathan Hursh and New Beginnings on their recent video project.

**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, Molly Pontius, Bob McVetta, Heath Huffman, Lena Zender, Judy Miracle, Phil Weisenbarger, Lisa Welch, Wally Herald, Eli and Tobias Richter, Lisa and Greg Culbertson, Jeremy Szabo, Yvonne Shaffer, and David Fisher.

## 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.

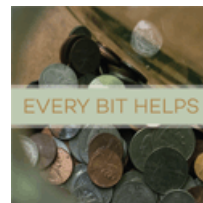
## BPC Prayer Chain

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

May	2	Patrick Rhonemus
	3	Paige McVetta
	9	George Stultz
	14	Elaine Thompson
	20	Sarah Brauen
		Tucker Neff
	21	Ryan Blaskay
		Becky Mehta
	22	Brian Blaskay
	24	Carole Enneking
		Kevin McVetta
June	26	Rebecca Hursey
		Kory Enneking
	29	Heidi Hotmire
		Tyler From
	3	Carla Montgomery
	4	Dusty Freed



## 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.

***The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions and join in offering prayers of Thanksgiving for the following whom we remember and honor in this season of Easter...***

***Given in Memory Of:***

Jack and Dolores McCracken, John McCracken and Min Lindsey by Jay, Anne, Lindsey, Kate and Molly McCracken

James Warren, Laureen Warren Champion and Bryan Champion by Jeanette Warren

Roy Pneuman by Mariah Pneuman and family

Robert Angus, Dr. Boyd and Eloise Travis, Violet Deiters, Rev. Harrison Weidman, Marcia Travis Kilgore and Wendy Fleming by Betsey Angus

Bob Hursey and Arlie and Rosemary Best by Kim and Lynda Best

My husband Richard Evans by Judy Evans

Alvin and Ada Delp, Clarence and Blanche Nyce and Keith Talavinia by Phill, Michelle and Avery Talavinia

Daniel Rumer by Lin Rumer and family

Lee Hursey, Melvena and Joan Lewis, Woodrow and Mary Lee Chevalier by the From and Culbertson families

Don and Marie Todd, Harry Todd, John and Avis Marshall, J. Harold and Blake Marshall, Clarence and Edith Hofferbert and Kathy Cook by John and Gayle Marshall

David and Jane Van Eman and Eldora McDougale by Dave and Sue Van Eman

Roger Mullenhour and Geneva Badertscher by Colletta Mullenhour

Our Parents Dallas and Betty Bash and Dana and Treva Mathewson by Gene and Sue Mathewson

***Given in Honor of:***

Dustin, Leslie and Ella Freed by Jeanette Warren

Our Children and Grandchildren by John and Gayle Marshall

Peggy Hursey by Kim and Lynda Best

Pastor Karol Farris by Jim and Susan Farris

Tom and Rebecca Hursey and Dorothy Hursey by the From and Culbertson families

Our Children and Grandchildren by Gene and Sue Mathewson



**Community Vacation Bible School**

Community Vacation Bible School will be held July 21- July 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at St. John's United Church of Christ. The theme is *Hero Central: Discovering Your Strength in God*. We are in charge of the snack area and need 3-4 volunteers each night to help prep and serve the snacks. We also need to have 4 volunteers each night to serve as group leaders for the various age groups as they move from place to place each night. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or you can contact Tenna Rhonemus if you are able to volunteer. Registration forms are also available in the back of the sanctuary. They can be turned in to Tenna Rhonemus or dropped off at St. John's United Church of Christ.





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

Pastor: Rev. Karol Farris  
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Email: [pastor@blufftonpc.org](mailto:pastor@blufftonpc.org)  
Office Hours: Mon 2-5, Tues 9-2,  
Wed 10-12 and by appointment

Secretary: Cathy Carroll  
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Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30-12:30

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