



What's Happening at Bluffton Presbyterian Church

October 2019

Growing in Faith • Sharing God's Love

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 6 – World Communion

3 Cents a Meal Offering

Special Music: Julia Szabo

Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo

Liturgist: Julia Szabo

Greeters: John and Gayle Marshall

Acolyte: Avery Talavinia

Sunday, October 13 – Triennium Presentation

Food Pantry Offering

Choir

Sound: Bob Hursh / Slides: Diane Winebar

Liturgist: Dave Sycks

Greeters: Clair and Diana Winebar

Acolytes: McVettas

Sunday, October 20

Praise Team

Sound: Mike Rhonemus / Slides: Talavinias

Liturgist: Beth Buist

Greeters: Lynda Best and Donnas Stone

Acolytes: Avery Talavinia and Clara Brauen

Sunday, October 27 – Reformation Sunday/ All Saints' Day

Choir

Sound: Jeff Gillen / Slides: Cathy Carroll

Liturgist: Lori Schmidt

Greeters: Talavinia Family

Acolytes: Owen Brauen and Ethan Friesel

Sunday, November 3

Communion / 3 Cents a Meal Offering

Sound: Jay McCracken / Slides: Julia Szabo

Liturgist: Tenna Rhonemus

Greeters: Don and Jodi Brauen

Mark Your Calendars!

- Oct. 5 – Blessing of the Animals – 10:00 to 11:00 AM – Church Lawn
- Oct. 10 – Session – 7:00 PM
- Oct. 12 – Bon Fire – 5:00 PM – at the home of Betsey Angus
- Oct. 13 – Fellowship hosted by Worship Committee – following worship
- Oct. 13 – Nominating Committee – following worship
- Oct. 16 – Deacons – 7:30 PM
- Oct. 16 – Praise Team Practice – 7:30 PM
- Oct. 20 – Sunday Snacks – Coffee and Juice will be served at 10:00 AM
- Oct 26 – Halloween Party Hosted by Pastor Karol & Chris – 5:00 to 8:00 PM – Manse
- **Oct. 27 – Newsletter Items Deadline**
CEGillen@MarathonPetroleum.com
- Oct 29 – Pastor Karol leads MMH Worship – 6:30 PM
- Oct 31 – Ignite Bluffton Trick or Treat – 6:00 to 7:30 PM
- Nov. 1-3 – Maumee Valley Presbytery “REKINDLE” Youth Retreat – Kirkmont Center
- **November 3 – DST ends - remember to move clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.**

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 church choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary and sings twice a month in worship. New members are always welcome!



Pastor's Letter

For those of you who want an overview of the September 15 Facebook workshop, here is a quick recap. We reviewed 9 different ways to interact with the church Facebook page (and I'm sure there are a few more!):

1. Like
2. Invite friends to Like
3. Share page
4. Share posts
5. Check in
6. Review
7. RSVP to Events
8. Invite friends to Events
9. Post on page (as Visitor)



If you already use Facebook, these are some ways to share about our church with your online network of friends. If you don't use Facebook, don't sweat it. After all, the most effective method of spreading the word about our church remains untouched by technology: a personal—and ideally face-to-face—invitation.

Our God is a relational God who calls us to be in relationship with one another. Why would we want to keep the joy of our faith to ourselves? Let's invite those around us who are just waiting for a personal word from us. The church will be a better church when we look beyond ourselves to keep inviting in our fellow human beings and getting to know them as true friends in Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Karol

Coming in November: Presbyterian 101

Beginning November 10, we will offer a 3-week Sunday afternoon series to explore some key aspects of the Presbyterian Church, from our larger PC(USA) denomination to our local congregation. These gatherings (tentatively scheduled for 3:30) are open to all, whether you are a long-time member, regular attender, or curious about church membership. If you are interested in attending or have specific questions you would like addressed, please speak with Pastor Karol.



Pastor Karol's Office Hours

Monday: 1-4

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 9-12
and by appointment

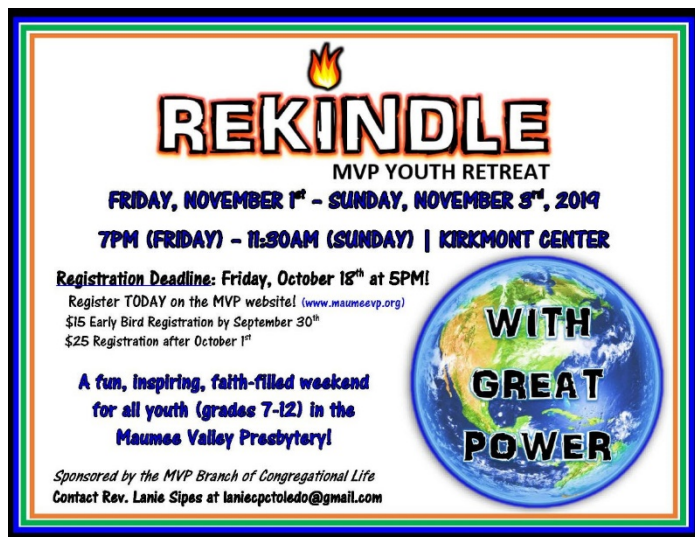
My usual sabbath time is Friday/Saturday. I am of course available for emergencies, funerals, and special events on those days, but I typically don't engage in other work responsibilities. Outside of sabbath time, I am available by phone () during the day even when not scheduled in the office. ~ Pastor Karol

Anniversary Dates Requested

Attention all married couples: please submit your wedding anniversary information to the church office right away so that we can celebrate with you on your special day! A form will also be in the back of the sanctuary where you can write your information.

Word in the World

This fall, you are invited to weekly Word in the World discussions with Pastor Karol. Join us any Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 AM at the Twisted Whisk Café. We enjoy connecting God's word to today's world!



REKINDLE: Presbytery Youth Retreat

The Fall Youth Retreat comes to Maumee Valley Presbytery again! This year's theme is "With Great Power." Dates are November 1-3 at Kirkmont for all 7th-12th graders. *Register by Friday, October 18.* Contact Pastor Karol for more information.



Blessing of the Animals

Spread the word and join us on the church lawn Saturday, October 5 for a Blessing of the Animals! Members of the congregation and local community along with their pets are invited to gather around 10:00 AM, and a brief service of blessing will begin at 10:30 AM, concluding by 11:00 AM. All human attendees can enter to win a *special prize* at the close of the event. Cats, dogs, and others welcome – all animals must be leashed or crated. A pet picture may be brought if preferred. Contact Pastor Karol with any questions regarding the event.



A PLACE OF HOPE FOR
CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS

Fall Festival of Hope 2019
Friday, October 4th 5:30-9:00PM
Black Bird Farm
20875 Rd 14, Columbus Grove, OH
45830

5:30-7:00 PM: Enjoy appetizers, hot beverages, live entertainment, potato gun shooting, caricatures, multiple gift basket raffle & other unique surprises!

7:00-9:00 PM: Enjoy a delicious sit down meal and live entertainment; celebrate with Cornerstone of Hope!

Your sponsorship will help make a difference with all proceeds from the evening going toward our services to children, teens and families. With your support, we hope to equip over 7,000 children, teens and families in our community with practical life skills and the message of hope over the next year!

\$30 Per Person (\$20 tax-deductible) Ages 13+ please.

\$50 Per Couple (\$30 tax-deductible)

Register at cornerstoneofhopelima.org or click on the link below!

[Click To Register](http://cornerstoneofhopelima.org)

For questions about the event or sponsorship opportunities, contact us at 419-581-9138 or email Micah@cornerstoneofhope.org



Attention Greeters: Helpful Instructions

Thank you to everyone who serves as a greeter!
Here are a few things to remember for your assigned day.

Before the Service:

1. Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to worship.
2. Station one greeter at entry to downstairs and one in front of sound tech.
3. If you see someone come in through handicap entrance, take them a bulletin.
4. Welcome people and hand out bulletins.
5. Make sure to talk to guests. Welcome them and ask their name.
6. If first Sunday of month, remind people to pick up their newsletter.

After the Service:

1. Go back to your greeting stations and make sure you thank any guests for joining us, offer them a visitor packet (located on back cabinet behind sound tech), and welcome them to come back soon.

Faith Formation Intern

Many thanks to Faith Formation Committee, New Beginnings, and Session for coming together to create a college intern position for the 2019-2020 school year. The intern will help nurture the spiritual growth of our children and youth. Interviews have been conducted and an offer is being made to a qualified candidate. We look forward to making an introduction very soon!

Bon Fire

You are invited to the home of Betsey Angus on Saturday, October 12 at 5:00 PM for a bonfire. Hotdogs, water, and lemonade are provided along with chairs and table service. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP at.

Halloween Party

Pastor Karol & Chris are planning to host a Halloween Party at the manse on Saturday, October 26 from 5:00-8:00 PM. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun, including a costume contest. RSVPs and a dish to share would be appreciated.



Goblins and spooks and avengers, oh my



- Ignite invites volunteers and donations for Trick or Treat night at the church. We will greet families on Main St. between 6:00 and 7:30 PM with treats. Contact Carole Enneking for more information.



The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration.

The first celebration of World Communion Sunday occurred in 1933. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed. Here at Bluffton Presbyterian Church, our table is the table of Christ, open to Christians from all denominations and from all around the world. It is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual **Peace and Global Witness Offering** as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.



August 2019 Financial Report

Thank you for financially supporting the church's budget.

Mission Committee

Please remember to bring food for the food pantry the second Sunday in August. The items needed this month are **Peanut Butter and Canned Fruit**. This is not to say that we don't welcome other items, but these are the items they need the most at this time.

Updates on BAMA Mission Projects:

- The "fill the pews" project for the food pantry was deemed most successful; there was a wonderful response from the churches involved. There was a suggestion to hold the project earlier in the spring rather than wait until during the summer.
- The school supply project was also quite successful with 30 children receiving back-to-school supplies. Again, the churches were very generous in supplying needed articles. Any remaining items were donated to the Bluffton Elementary School.

"Our Daily Bread" Mobile Meals

Menonite 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.

Community Picnic September 22

What a great turnout of 100+ for our 2nd annual community picnic! Thanks to all who assisted in any way, especially our talented musical trio!



People Are Using the Little Free Pantry!

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! It truly is making a difference in the lives of those who use it.

When donating items to the LFP, please remember: **no glass jars or bottles**, which can break if dropped. If you'd like to help families, **consider donating boxed items**: Tuna Helper, mac-n-cheese, pasta, cereal, and granola bars. Also, canned pasta sauce, canned tuna, beef, or chicken, oatmeal, rice, noodles, dried fruit, etc. School supplies would be great!

Personal care items are also appreciated: soap, shampoo, deodorant, baby care items, toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, 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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Mission Co-Worker Update

Presbyterian World Mission
P. O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
Read more online:

pcusa.org/ian-and-jhan-vellenga

Thank you for supporting Ian Vellenga and Jhan Dortel-Vellenga's ministry in Nicaragua. Your prayers and financial support make a difference to the lives of people in Nicaragua.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Proclaim the Peace of Christ

“So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.”

Ephesians 2:14-17

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a peace that is universal. While the earthly ministry of Jesus was in a specific age and place, the peace he shared is limited by neither time nor geography. As followers of Christ, our call to witness and work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. It is a demanding call, but it is one that Presbyterians at all levels of the church are seeking to follow. The Peace & Global Witness Offering exists to support the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church.

50 percent of the funds collected through this offering are deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. Another 25 percent goes to the Presbytery and the Synod for peacemaking work in the region. BPC, through the leadership of session and the mission committee, can decide how to use the final 25 percent of the offering.

This year, we will be supporting Ian Vellenga and Jhanderys Dotel-Vellenga serving in Nicaragua with the Council of Protestant Churches in Nicaragua (CEPAD), which works to improve the lives of economically impoverished communities by promoting justice and peace. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering sustains a witness in many forms and at every level of the PC (USA), but all are bound together in Christ. Together we are a living proclamation of the peace we know in Christ, who puts an end to hostilities and speaks peace to those near and far. May the God of Peace open the generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, October 7, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Highlights of Sept. Session Meeting

- Approved to “not object” to Greenhorn LLC’s request for a Liquor Permit.
- August Pastoral Care: 6 home/hospital/nursing home visits, 4 conversations, and 5 cards sent. Served Home Communion to two with Deacon Tanya Best on September 9. Congregational Activities: committee meetings and choir. Presbytery Activities: New Pastors’ Group, Commissioned Ruling Elder Committee, and Boundary Training planning. Community Engagement Activities: BAMA (two meetings) – serving as secretary for year, meeting with other church representatives to create strategy to assist family in need, Bluffton University Church Fair with Cathy Carroll, and Community Meal. Approved Service to Greater Church request – November 1-8 for MVP Youth Retreat and Louisville Seminary Alum Board Meeting. Approved vacation request – December 25 – January 1.
- Church roof repaired by Frost Roofing in August (replaced missing shingles, caulked area above front entrance) \$1409. Bag worms have been found on pine/arborvitae trees in church yard. Securing estimates to have trees sprayed in June (next appropriate time for spraying). Until then, picking off ones which are accessible, placing in soapy water and burning them. Concerning mold at manse – Petri dish samples of manse basement air and outside air have been sent in to company to evaluate mold – expect results later in September. Pastor Karol’s name on church sign in front has been changed – Rev. Karol Farris Schilling. Corner church sign is being painted and lighting repaired. French doors at manse still need weather-stripping replaced.
- Approved that our share of Peace & Global Witness Offering be sent to Ian/Jhan Vellenga (PCUSA Mission co-workers in Nicaragua).
- Approved ordering 2 new lapel microphones from House of Hindenach which comply with new FCC regulations (approximately \$400 each plus installation fee).

- Approved committee’s proposal to hire a college intern (from Bluffton University) to work with Youth (Youth Group, Sunday School, Children’s Message, social media with youth) at rate of \$10 per hour for up to 10 hours per week – would be up to \$3,600 for academic year. Approval given for Faith Formation committee and Pastor to interview and hire if they have a qualified candidate. Pastor Karol would supervise college intern. Securing walkers for Weekday Christian Education – given fewer days this year as they are asking for parents to volunteer also.
- Amp (unused equipment) was sold for \$175 – still working on selling synthesizer and speakers (other unused equipment). Approved to re-establish Fellowship as a standing committee beginning in 2020. Accomplished by replacing one of the three present at-large positions which would instead chair/represent Fellowship.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. If you wish to send Pastor Karol a card, please send to the church or to manse ().

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Prayers of Sympathy with Beth Buist and family on the loss of her brother Dale.

Prayers of Sympathy with Gayle and John Marshall and family on the loss of Gayle's Uncle Bob Todd.

Prayers of Celebration with Michael and Brandie Wagner on the birth of Marshall Paul on September 7.

Prayers for Peace in our lives and in our World.

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, Bob McVetta, Wally Herald, Bill Warner, Scott Benroth, Mark Blunk, Addison McGarrity, Lisa Hughes, John Warren, Walter Schmidt, Marilyn Edwards, Alicia DeMarco, Jodi Best, Jeanette Warren, Mary Barnett, Jan Romes, Bob James, Kym Frick, Kristen Fischer and family, Marilyn Bullock, Donnas Stone and Jim Mullan.

BPC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Jeanette Warren (). PLEASE leave a message if no answer. If you can't reach Jeanette, please call Helen Hawk (). PLEASE leave a message, if no answer. Or call the church office () with your prayer request, and we will pass along the information. If you would like to add someone 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.



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.

Praying for You Cards

The Deacons’ “Praying for You” cards are available in the pews for you to write notes to others. Ideas for recipients 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!

Birthdays

October	5	Rob McGarrity
	7	Anne McCracken
	8	Phil Weisenbarger
	9	James Freidenberg
	10	Mariah Pneuman
	13	Cassie Taber
	15	Terry Mullenhour
	18	Amanda Leugers
	20	Don Carroll
	23	Ingo Montgomery
November	30	Tanya Best
		Tayler Nowak-Valentine
		Phill Talavinia
	2	Molly McCracken
		Julia Szabo

Sermon Videos Available Online

Did you know that if you miss worship, you can still hear the message that was shared? Most sermons from recent months can be viewed on our website: www.blufftonpc.org/sermons.



Thank You!

How fun to have an occasion to wear my wedding dress again as we celebrated at the September 15 reception with you all! Thank you very much to everyone who worked together to make the reception a reality. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregation's love gift. We are grateful for everyone's presence and support as we begin our marriage.



The Deacons would like to thank everyone that donated monetarily, donated pies, cut pies, served, ran, and cleaned up for the Community Meal on September 5. We served 62, not including BPC workers. This is all made possible because of all your help and support.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Community Picnic on Sunday, September 22. Over 100 people stopped by and stayed for good food, great music, bingo, and fellowship. The food was mostly gone by 5:15 PM, but the visiting continued. Over 20 church members helped with set up, serving, music, bingo, greeting, and tear down. Thank you for serving our community by welcoming our neighbors.

Weekday Christian Education Walker

We are in need of walkers for Weekday Christian Education on November 15. The schedule is below. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Tenna Rhonemus or sign up in the back of the church.

Friday November 15 Grades 1-5
Richards - 5 th 8:50 - 9:20
Boblitt - 5 th 9:25 - 9:55
Liechty - 2 nd 10:30 - 11:00
Parker - 2 nd 11:50 - 12:20
Fry - 2 nd 12:25 - 12:55
Sycks - 2 nd 1:00 - 1:30
Hardy - 4 th 1:40 - 2:10
Ellerbrock - 4 th 2:25 - 2:55

Faith Formation Volunteer

We are looking for someone to teach the children/youth Sunday School class on November 10, December 8, and December 22. You will be given a complete lesson for the day. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church or contact Tenna Rhonemus.

CLARALICE CIRCLE: Every Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the church basement starting September 10.

SISTER MIN CIRCLE: 2nd and 4th Fridays 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the Family Room at Maple Crest starting September 13.

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Office Hours:

Mon 1-4; Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-12;
and by appointment

Secretary: Cathy Carroll

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

Treasurer: Darin Leugers

Organists: Jayne McGarrity and Sue Van Eman

Choir Director: Linda Sycks

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