



# BelleRinger



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**Bellevue United Methodist Church**  
**(352)245-2100**

**March 2019**

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**SHROVE TUESDAY**

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser supporting MISSIONS**

**Tuesday, March 5, 5:30-6:30pm**

**Pancakes with all the toppings**

**Sausage Patties, Fresh Fruit, Drinks**

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday. The name Shrove comes from the old middle English word 'Shriven' meaning resolve. During Lent, Christians enter into a more intense time of prayer, fasting, reflection, and self-examination.

The custom of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday comes from the old English custom of using up all the rich ingredients in the house before Lent, so that people were ready to fast during Lent. These rich ingredients that most people had in their houses in those days were eggs and milk. A very simple recipe to use up these ingredients was to combine them with some flour and make pancakes!

Even if you're not planning on ridding your house of eggs and milk during Lent, come and enjoy some great fellowship with us, all while supporting our Red Bird Mission Trip.



## From the Pastor's Desk

40 Day of Lent: Find Your Own Path

with excerpts from an article on umc.org by Joe Iovino

As we prepare to begin the season of Lent, Christ is inviting us to observe a Holy Lent through self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and through reading and meditating on the Holy Word. However, there is no one prescribed way. Instead, we are each encouraged to find our own method of confronting our own sinfulness, remembering our mortality, and giving thanks for the gift of salvation we receive through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Fasting.** One of the more common practices is to enter into a time of fasting. We fast to reorient ourselves away from the distraction of material pleasures, and back toward God. There are many ways to fast. You might choose to fast one meal per day, or one day per week, or you may choose to fast from a particular pleasure during the entire season of Lent. (For example, if you abstain from sugar, meat, dairy, or a similar luxury item during Lent, Sundays are typically exempted, so you can treat yourselves to those items on Sundays.) There is a practice of fasting from non-food items like social media and such, which is great. However, John Wesley was clear that no matter what else you fast from, it is absolutely essential to fast to food. Read "When You Fast" - a sermon by John Wesley, available through a Google search.

Another way to fast is to do the Wesley Fast. The Wesley Fast is every Wednesday and Friday, where we fast from sunup until "tea time," which is right around 3pm.

If you didn't do the Daniel Fast during the first three weeks of January, you might choose to do the Daniel Fast during Lent. Guidelines and recipe books are available upon request.

Another way to reorient your life toward God, is to focus on devotional practices like Bible study and prayer during the season. Many do not know where to begin when reading the Bible. Devotional books can help give you a focus. Check out our library or ask Pastor Kris for recommendations and loaner books. Devotional books typically have a daily reading, scripture passage, and a thought provoking commentary to help you go deeper in your faith.

### **Prayer**

In the busyness of our everyday lives, prayer can sometimes get squeezed out. Lent is a wonderful time to intentionally work toward finding more time in your life for prayer. You can experiment with different ways to pray during the season, or really delve into a new-to-you way of praying. Enriching your prayer life is a great way to spend Lent.

### **Service**

Another way to observe a holy Lent is to take on a new way of serving. Throughout the forty days of the season you can adopt a new habit of volunteering in the community, making special financial gifts to service organizations, singing in the choir, or participating in a small group.

### **Rest**

An important practice with which many of us struggle is the spiritual discipline of rest or Sabbath. In addition to recognizing Sunday as a day of rest, you can also find moments during an ordinary day to be still in God's presence. You might choose to spend a few minutes during lunch with a desktop meditation, listen to sermons on your commute, or read a poem that feeds your spirit. Each can be a great way of enriching your faith. Prepare now and be ready for an EPIC Lent!

*Pastor Kris*

## Prayer & Witness Ministry



We meet every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the church library. Feel free to join us or submit your prayer concerns.

Giving the Gift of Prayer / by James Banks in the March, 2018 Our Daily Bread

"I didn't realize what a gift prayer was until my brother was sick and you all prayed for him. I cannot tell you what a comfort your prayers were."

Laura had tears in her eyes as she thanked me for the prayers of the people in our church for her brother, who was facing a cancer diagnosis. She continued. "Your prayers have strengthened him in this difficult time and have been an encouragement in our entire family."

One of the best ways to love others is to pray for them. Jesus is our ultimate example in this. The New Testament tells us about Jesus praying for others on many occasions, and even shows us that He continues to come to the Father on our behalf. Romans 8:34 says that He "is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." Even after showing such selfless love at the cross, the risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ continues to express His care for us by praying for us at this very moment.

All around us are people who need us to follow Jesus's example and love them with our prayers, inviting God's help and intervention in their lives. We can ask God to help us pray for them, and He will! May our loving Lord strengthen us to generously give the gift of our prayers for others today.

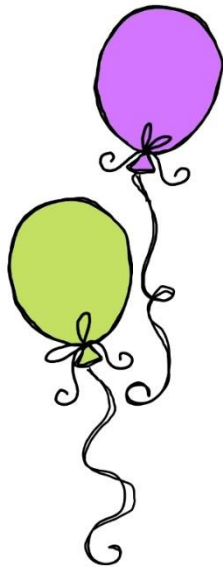


## **March Anniversaries**

03 Mike & Linda Ryan  
04 Stephen & Alicia Askey  
11 Jim & Sandy Hood  
17 Bob & MaryLou Murray  
25 Jason & Cindy Brodie

## **March Birthdays**

03 David Crespo  
03 Michael Greer  
06 Susan Leighton  
06 Jean Winstanley  
09 Gloria Sousa  
12 Sueann Kaleida  
12 Ronald Sutliff  
13 Nadine McWalker  
14 Cindy Cheuvront  
14 Ruby Pelot  
17 Samantha Owens  
18 Mildred Denning  
18 Mike Schonewolf  
21 Jim Hood  
22 Sandy Matheny  
23 Karen Palmer  
26 Hilda Bolomey  
28 Christina Brewster  
31 Jeanne Craven



## From the Finance Committee - Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder -

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5

### Attendance

January 2019 - 161

January 2018 - 141

### Giving and Operational Expenses

	<u>January 2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>Giving</b>	\$21,305.41	\$21,305.41
<b>Operational Expenses</b>	<u>\$17,190.12</u>	<u>\$17,190.12</u>
<b>+/-</b>	\$ 4,115.29+	\$ 4,115.29+

Year to date our giving has totaled \$21,305.41 while our operational expenses totaled \$17,190.12 leaving us a year to date surplus of \$ 4,115.29.







## **Bible Study/Small Group Opportunities**

Sunday 10:10 am: The Wired Word—looking at a current event through a Biblical perspective. Room 304

Sunday 10:10 am - Pastor Kris' Sunday School class studies scriptures relating to each Sunday's message, enabling the members, through discussion, to go deeper into the study of the day's topic. Room 303.

Sunday 10:10 am - Pursuer's Class. Studies various books of the Bible. Room 302

Sunday 10:10 am-(2nd & 4th Sundays) Women's Class  
Room 301

Monday 10:15 am - Bible Study - Revelation

Tuesday 10 am - Ephesians

Wednesday 6:30 pm - Revelation

## ITALY - and the Oberammergau, Germany PASSION PLAY - August 2020

Do you like to travel? Pastor Kris & Mike are leading a trip in August 2020 through the tour company Educational Opportunities. This is the same organization that we went to the Holy Lands with in 2012, and we were very impressed with this company. This trip will feature:

- \*The Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany (the longest running passion play, put on every 10 years since 1634.)

- \*Innsbruck, Austria

- \*Venice

- \*Florence, including Basilica of St. Mark and the Academy, which features many of Michaelangelo's works of art.

- \*Assisi, where a large basilica was built in honor of St. Francis

- \*Rome, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and the Catacombs

- \*Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Pantheon

- \*Ancient Rome, including the Coliseum

The trip is approximately \$4,990/ per person which includes airfare from Newark, NJ, hotels, breakfast and dinner, and all tours. Not included is transportation to Newark, lunches, and a ticket to the Passion Play, which is \$200 per person.

Contact Pastor Kris with questions.



Bellevue United Methodist Women's

# Spring Bazaar

Saturday, March 23, 2019

9am - 2pm



Yard Sale Items  
Home Made Baked Goods  
Books  
Plants

Everything is indoors

Lunch will be available for purchase from 11am - 1pm  
Come out and shop and stay for lunch!

\*\* Donations will be accepted Sunday 3/17 to 3/22  
No clothes or electronics please!



## March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Thrift Shop 9-3  Parents Night Out 6pm	2 Thrift Shop 9-12
3 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:10 Worship 11:00	4 Thrift Shop 9-12 Stretching 9:15am Bible Study 10:15am Square Dance 12pm Bell Choir 5pm Cub Scouts 7pm	5 Bible Study 10 am UMW & MMU 11:00 am Friendly Neighbors 12:30 pm <b>Pancake Supper 5:30 pm</b> Girl Scouts 6pm	6 Open Table 5pm Youth Ministry 5pm <b>Ash Wednesday 6:30pm</b>	7 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am  JumpStart 3:30-7pm  Choir 7pm	8 Thrift Shop 9-3	9 Thrift Shop 9-12
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## FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS

We will meet on March 5, 2019 after the men and women's United Methodist meetings. Lunch will be served at 12:30. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Remember this meal is open to all, so invite your friends and neighbors to share in good food and good fellowship.

"I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."  
- William Wordsworth, Daffodils

Any questions, call Luanna Harris @ 307-9655

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## Lenten Offering

It is a tradition at BUMC to have special missional offerings during the holy seasons of Advent and Lent. This year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6 and ends on Easter Sunday, April 21.

This year, our Lenten offering will benefit B.A.S.S. (Bellevue Agency Social Services). B.A.S.S. is a group of local churches and ministries in Bellevue that are together helping to tackle poverty, hunger, and homelessness. Members of our Missions Committee are now attending their meetings and recently worked at a Resource Day for the homeless. By partnering with these other churches and ministries in Bellevue who all have a heart to help people, we can prevent duplicating services and make our resources go further.

Our goal for our Lenten offering is \$2500. Thank you for your generosity!



**Donations were made by the following in memory of Charlie Flowers**

James & Joan Marriott

Carol Stephen & Christine Poulson

Betty & Harry Tubaugh

Jennifer & Nick Maravegias with children Phillip and Jason

Stephen & Hannah Tubaugh with children John Charles and Hodges

Shelley and Brian McCormick with children Sarah and Rebecca Tubaugh

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

Please submit your articles for the BelleRinger to [cam9508@embarqmail.com](mailto:cam9508@embarqmail.com) or leave them in my box outside the church office. Articles must be in by the 15th of the month.

Thank you !  
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Worship Schedule

Contemporary Worship - 9 am  
Sunday School - 10:10-10:50 am  
Traditional Worship - 11:00 am  
Open Table - Wednesdays 5pm  
(Fellowship Hall)