



BELLEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BelleRinger



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Interview with Pastor Shawn

by Mary Northrup

Mary: I hear you are taking classes again?

PS: Yes. Our denomination requires local pastors to complete a “Course of Study” that takes a minimum of eight years. I’ve been working on this for about eight years and will have the equivalent of a master’s degree when I’m finished.

Mary: How many classes will you be taking?

PS: I have five to finish.

Mary: How long is each class?

PS: Each class is five weeks. I have days that I sit in class for three hours at a time and then I have an outrageous amount of homework.

Mary: That seems like a lot of work.

PS: It’s pretty intense. I have to write 20-30 page papers. For example, I just took an ethics class and the entire class had to

rewrite their papers. It was tough. I hope to be done with all five classes this fall.

Mary: Are you taking these classes here in Florida?

PS: They are online classes at St. Paul’s School of Divinity in Kansas. Online classes are more economical and everywhere is offering them now.

Mary: Will you be taking more classes after this is completed?

PS: Pastors are required to take continuing education classes every year. They are two-week long courses that can be taken anywhere as long as they are some sort of help to being clergy.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: We are pleased to announce that Pastor Shawn and Teri will be with us another year. We are excited to see where you will lead us next!

Who let the dogs out?

The Missions/Red Bird team sponsored a fun-raiser in April, selling a hot dog, chips, and drink for \$2.00. April 6: 13 dogs = \$27; April 13: 14 dogs = \$32; April 20: 13 dogs = \$46; April 27: 19 dogs = \$56. The sale was on the deck on the south side of the sanctuary building and was targeted for the students and families of Belleview Elementary School. Two families came each week. Grandma to four students said that "it was cheaper than going to Wawa" on the way to soccer or karate practice. One man bought three meals and paid \$20, "a donation for letting us park on your property." He came twice and did the same. Thank you Juanita Applegate, Luanna Harris, Rick Matheny, Terri Silvola-Finch, and Ron Sutliff for cooking and serving. Also, thank you to the members who supported this fun-raiser.



Juanita and Luanna are trying to keep up with demand during the Missions/Red Bird Team hot dog fundraiser in April.

Devotional

BY MARY NORTHRUP

Falling in love again.

Do you need to fall in love again?

Is your relationship stale? Is your job or hobby? How about your relationship with God?

I've heard that empty nesters tend to find a honeymoon time with their spouse when the kids move out. They get to "fall in

love" again. Maybe they rediscover what they loved in the first place.

How might we "fall in love" again with God?

Have you tried worshiping in a new way? Shouting to the Lord? Volunteering in a new way? Or maybe taking time to tell God how much you love Him and that you feel distant lately.

Maybe you just need to take the time to listen.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10



Prayer & Witness Ministry



We continue to meet on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the church library. Please feel free to join us in prayers for the church and the people. Any prayer requests can be sent to the church office, or to me, Luanna Harris or one of the members.

IS ANY ONE OF YOU IN TROUBLE? HE SHOULD PRAY. IS ANYONE HAPPY? LET HIM SING SONGS OF PRAISE. IS ANY ONE OF YOU SICK? HE SHOULD CALL THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH TO PRAY OVER HIM AND ANOINT HIM WITH OIL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. FOR THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE. (JAMES 5:13; 14 & 16 *NIV)

One of the most powerful things on this Earth is "The Power of Prayer!" For; THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE ON THE RIGHTEOUS AND HIS EARS ARE ATTENTIVE TO THEIR CRY; THE RIGHTEOUS CRY OUT, AND THE LORD HEARS THEM; HE DELIVERS THEM FROM ALL THEIR TROUBLES (PSALM 34:15, 17)

So let us not forget to speak to God in prayer today, and thank Him for all He has done for each of us! Let us also pray for those who are suffering, or are going through trials and tribulations in their lives! Let us pray for each other as well, and ask God to fill us with His Love, Hope, and Faith!

Therefore, I KNEEL BEFORE THE FATHER, I PRAY THAT OUT OF HIS GLORIOUS RICHES HE MAY STRENGTHEN YOU WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN YOUR INNER BEING, SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH AND I PRAY THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE, MAY HAVE POWER, WITH ALL THE SAINTS, TO GRASP HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST, AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD. Amen.

(EPHESIANS 3:14; 16; 18-19)

Have a great day, and remember that God smiles every time He thinks about you!



Our neighbors from Belleview Elementary are lined up to get their food during the church's Hot Dog Fundraiser in April.



Greetings from BUMC Church Council!

We have been working on several items in April. Together with the Trustees and Finance committees, it was agreed we needed to update the communication between the phone and alarm system from a land line to a cellular system. This will take place hopefully before the end of the month.

We are also looking at ways to make better use of our facilities. The church was recently contacted by several entities wishing to rent the Fellowship Hall and some classrooms. Council is reviewing each request, keeping in mind the need to enforce the COVID restrictions that are still in place.

Shoes - shoes - shoes!! Karyn Veternik, our Office Manager, spoke to Council about a fund raiser she had experience with at her previous church. They collected gently used, or new shoes, and turned them into a financial donation to her church. After hearing her presentation, Council jumped on board! If you have new, or gently used, clean shoes, please drop them by the church office Sunday through Thursday from 9 AM - 12 noon. Karyn will be our project manager and will sort through them to be sure they meet the standards. If you are not able to come by the church, call

Karyn at the church office. She will arrange to have someone come by your house and pick them up. Everyone can join in on this church-wide fund raiser. If you can't leave your home, we can come to you. Just let us know!

Please continue to pray for Wisdom for our Council. We strive for His guidance in all our decisions.

May the love of Christ be with you all.



Monthly news from Open table.

We have made some changes to the way our patrons enter and exit the drive through. They will now be served from the side door of the fellowship hall instead of the front door. The reason for the change it is closer to the kitchen and will eliminate our servers walking several times from the kitchen to the front door. We have tried it and it works great!

Open table received a surprise gift of \$2500 for our ministry. It now will enable us to purchase a few needed things for our kitchen like pots and measuring cups etc. We are very grateful for this gift. A letter of appreciation was sent to the donors.

We had two new people join our Alpha team this past Wednesday and we are so thankful to have them. God continues to bless us as we bless others.

Serving our God, Alpha, Omega and Chi Rho teams

FINANCE NEWS

From the Finance Committee – Our Record of Faithfulness

Leviticus 27: 30

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree,

It is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.

If you don't know about the project to save "Gently Worn Shoes" call the church office and they will explain it to you. It is a fundraiser for the church; but a life saver for people who desperately need shoes!

In March, due to some additional gifts we were only short \$138.70 at the end of the month.

However, that still leaves us short \$7,867.64 for the year so far.

We applied for and received a 2nd Payroll Protection loan in the amount of \$22,449.00 which will be used for payroll expenses. This will be very helpful in meeting our needs in the payroll department.

It is good to be back in the sanctuary for worship, even though we are limited in attendance by guidelines to protect us all.

Continue to support your church and be involved as you are able.

Your Finance Team,

Ila House, Chairperson

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Giving and Operational Expenses		
	<u>March 2021</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Giving	\$ 15,336.38	\$ 47,237.70
Operational Expenses	\$ 15,475.08	\$ 54,835.34
+/-	\$ 138.70-	\$ 7,867.64-

Year-to-date our giving has totaled \$47,237.70 while our operational expenses totaled \$54,835.34 leaving us a year-to-date deficit of \$7,867.64.

Let's Celebrate!

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:2-3 (NIV)

May Anniversaries

Mary & Walter Kalkowski	05/03
Jim & Juanita Applegate	05/11



May Birthdays

Florice Ross	05/01	Bonnie Egger	05/13
Richard Green	05/05	Bill Maskell	05/15
Jeff Hart	05/06	Susie Willoughby	05/17
Yvonne Koster	05/07	Cindy Polcyn	05/27
Bob Murray	05/08	Louise Sager	05/27
Anne Sproles	05/08	Ginger Dispensa	05/29
Sharon Leino	05/12	Richard Stanton	05/29



From the Editor:

Please submit your articles and events for the June 2021 BelleRinger newsletter to bellevuebelleringer@gmail.com. All articles must be submitted by Sunday, May 16th.

Thank you,
Mary Davis



A gift in memory of

- A donation was given from Cindy and Danny Polcyn to the food pantry in memory of Cindy's dad, Ray Stowell.
- A donation was given from Cindy and Danny Polcyn to the general budget in memory Harry Medlock.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am-12pm thrift shop
2 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:30am Worship	3 9am-12pm thrift shop	4	5 5pm-6pm Open Table Drive-Thru	6 9am-3pm thrift shop 10am prayer group	7 9am-3pm thrift shop	8 9am-12pm thrift shop
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> 9:15am Sunday school 10:30am Worship	10 9am-12pm thrift shop	11	12 9am-11:30am Food Pantry 5pm-6pm Open Table Drive-Thru	13 9am-3pm thrift shop 10am prayer group	14 9am-3pm thrift shop	15 9am-12pm thrift shop
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May Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 10:30 am
(reservations required)

Open Table Drive-Thru Meals,
Wednesday's from 5pm to 6pm