



# BelleRinger



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Bellevue United Methodist Church  
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January 2019

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



## From the Pastor's Desk

Renovation Renovation is in the air!

WHAT: A renovation is getting underway soon!

HOW: How did this come about? In 1999, a gentleman gave the church \$250,000 toward its building fund, since at the time, the church had plans to build a new worship facility. Over time, the plans were set aside and the facility was never built. Because the money was designated for a new building, it could not be used for general repairs or anything else, so it remained in an account at the United Methodist Foundation. In 2017, we began a process to locate the family of the now-deceased donor to request their permission to use the funds for renovation purposes, since the church does not need a new structure. All efforts to locate the family were fruitless, so we hired an attorney and went through a legal process to get approval to use the funds for needed renovations. A Marion County judge approved our petition last May.

WHERE: Which parts of our campus will be renovated? Plans are underway for a kitchen renovation, new flooring for the fellowship hall, a narthex expansion, and new carpeting for the main building.

WHY: Why were these areas chosen? Our kitchen is one of the busiest places in our church! With a state-approved kitchen, we will be able to receive federal grants to help with food costs for programs like JumpStart. The Narthex can become quite a bottleneck of activity on Sundays, and the narthex expansion will ease movement through the building during high traffic. The carpeting is aged and worn, and with the addition of new indoor square footage for our narthex, we need to have all the carpeting match.

WHEN: When will this all happen? Architectural drawings are being finalized now, and we expect the Narthex project to begin first. We think you'll be seeing DUST soon!

*Pastor Kris*

## Prayer & Witness Ministry



We meet in the church library on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Please join us.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.

Psalms 34:

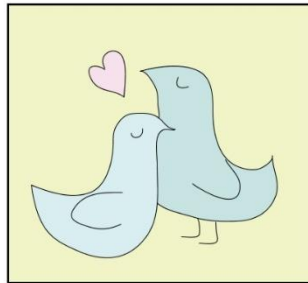
Taste and see that I am good. The more intimately you experience Me, the more convinced you become of my goodness. I am the Living One who sees you and longs to participate in your life. I am training you to find Me in each moment and to be a channel of My loving Presence. Sometimes My blessings come to you in mysterious ways: through pain and trouble. At such times you can know My goodness only through your trust in Me. Understanding will fail you, but trust will keep you close to Me.

Thank Me for the gift of My Peace, a gift of such immense proportions that you cannot fathom its depth or breadth. When I appeared to My disciples after the resurrection, it was Peace that I communicated first of all. I knew this was their deepest need: to calm their fears and clear their minds. I also speak Peace to you, for I know your anxious thoughts. Listen to Me! Tune out other voices, so that you can hear Me more clearly. I designed you to dwell in Peace all day, every day. Draw near to Me; receive My Peace.

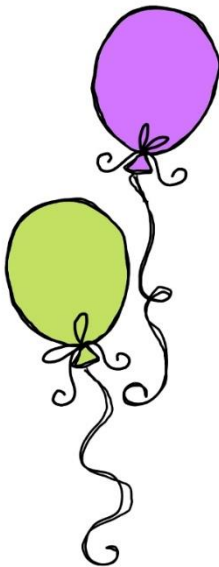
From 40 Days with Jesus: Celebrating His Presence / Sarah Young

## January Anniversaries

01 John & Chari Standhart  
02 Jerry & Tina Bourassa  
14 Pete & Carol Pauze'  
15 Ken & Jean Winstanley  
28 James Partin & Christine Brewster



## January Birthdays



01 Betty Otto  
05 Christine Gibbs  
05 Harry Medlock  
07 Stan Ross  
07 Melicent Versteeg  
14 Lawrence Ebert  
14 Barbara Saley  
15 Shirley Eck  
15 Bruce Otto  
15 Kris Schonewolf  
21 Perry Springer  
23 Donna Greer  
23 Tami Locklear  
27 Samantha Ewart  
29 Joseph Backowski  
29 Chelsea Crespo  
29 Doris Pitts  
30 Cindy Monroe  
31 Robert Moran

## From the Finance Committee - Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder -

Malachi 3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

### Attendance

November 2018 - 151

November 2017 - 133

### Giving and Operational Expenses

	<u>November 2018</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving	\$18,005.50	\$192,331.14
Operational Expenses	<u>\$17,678.47</u>	<u>\$189,545.60</u>
+/-	\$ 327.03+	\$ 2,785.54+

Year to date our giving has totaled \$192,331.14 while our operational expenses totaled \$189,545.60 leaving us a year to date surplus of \$ 2,785.54+.





## **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 - Prayer

Wednesday 6:30 pm - Revelation



DID YOU KNOW?

During the period Feb 23-36, a Special Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church is meeting to discuss the recommendations made by the Way Forward Commission. This vote will determine whether or not we will be altering our current position on LGBTQ persons being married or ordained in our denomination. A presentation on the proposals to be voted on will be given on January 6 during the Sunday School hour from 10:10-10:40am. in the sanctuary. I urge every person to attend this presentation, so that you will be informed. I don't want anyone to be caught off guard.

*Pastor Kris*



*Memorials*

A donation was made by Frances M. Doe in memory of Beatrice Sperry

A donation was made by Rosalind and Herbert Gantz in memory of Jeff Applegate

A donation was made by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dessert in memory of Jeff Applegate

A donation was made by Lynn & Larry Wallace in memory of Jeff Applegate



Due to the New Year falling on the first Tuesday in January, Friendly Neighbors will meet on January 8, 2019.

We will gather at noon and have lunch at 12:30. Please bring your table service and a dish to share.

Our own Kathy Enderson has graciously agreed to teach us how to make cards. Bring scissors, colored pencils, and fine tipped magic markers if you have them. Supplies will also be provided. Sounds like fun so bring your friends and neighbors to share a good time. Remember, you don't have to attend BUMC to be welcome at Friendly Neighbors. That's how we got our name!!

Any questions, call me, Luanna Harris, at 307-9566. I am looking forward to seeing you all on the 8th.

"Little January  
Tapped at my door today.  
And said, "Put on your winter wraps,  
And come outdoors to play."  
Little January  
Is always full of fun;  
Until the set of sun.  
Little January  
Will stay a month with me  
And we will have such jolly times -  
Just come along and see."

- Winifred C. Marshall, January



## January 2019

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

Thank you to the congregation and all involved in the gift and lovely luncheon at the time of my retirement as music accompanist.

I have loved playing for the choir and congregation, as well as the Children's choir before that.

It has been a ministry for me to be able to use the ability that God has given me in that way.

Thank you all,

Ila House

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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 !  
Cindy Monroe



### **The Dearest Friend!**

I have a Friend in Jesus,  
He's ever walking near  
To share my every burden  
And take away my fear.

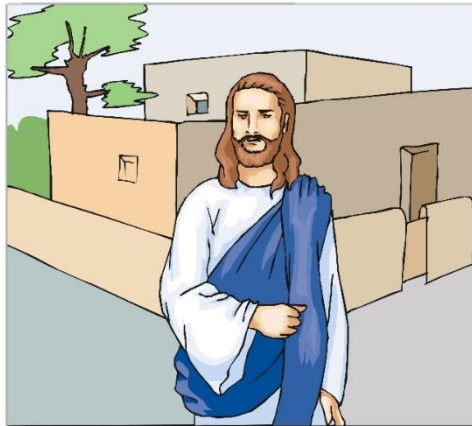
It's in His precious name I pray  
To our God above;  
It's through His sacred teachings that  
I learned the way to love.

God did not put me on this earth  
To walk life's path alone;  
He sent His Son to be my Guide,  
The dearest Friend I've known.

No other One could be so true,  
He bore the cross for me;  
Because He died for my sins  
I must ever faithful be.

If you are lonely on life's way  
And feel that no one cares,  
You have a Friend in Jesus  
If you will kneel in prayer.

Poet: Kay Hoffman



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january

Worship Schedule

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