



BelleRinger



Bellevue United Methodist Church
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February 2019



Chocolate and Strawberries

Ah, February -- the month of love and romance. AND chocolate and strawberries. On Sunday, February 10, the Red Bird Mission team will host the annual chocolate and strawberry festival. We will have some packaged for carry out. We will serve after first service; visit Fellowship Hall and take a plate of goodies to Sunday School. We will also serve after second service; you can eat dessert before lunch.





From the Pastor's Desk

You've been Kissed by the Father's Love!

For the 4th year in a row, for the Valentine's Day holiday, we will be conducting a church-wide outreach to show the love of God in a simple, easy, and practical way. And you're a big part of it!

First, we need to collect as many bags of chocolate kisses as we can from you. Please bring them in by February 6. Then, loving volunteers package up hundreds of bags each containing 3 kisses, along with a card that says "You've Just Been Kissed!" with an explanation that it's our way of saying God loves you. On the back of the Connect card is our church's information, map to the church, and service times.

Now the fun part comes, On Sunday, Feb 10 as you leave services, you will be given 3 of these bags. No, you don't eat them or give them to your grandchildren! You take them wherever you happen to be going. If you're out for a bite to eat, you give one to the waitress, one to the hostess, and one to the cook or manager. If you're going to the doctor or dentist, give one to the receptionist, one to the doctor, and one to the nurse. If you're going to the store, give one to the clerk, one to the manager, and one to the next person in the line. You get the idea!

This is an easy and fun way of spreading God's love that is easy, non-threatening, and fun! Thank you for extending the love of God in simple and practical ways.

Pastor Kris



Prayer & Witness Ministry



We meet every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the church library. All are welcome.

Anyone who is having trouble should pray. Anyone who is happy should sing praises.

James 5:13

Just Pray

Do you want to know how to deepen your prayer life? Pray. Don't prepare to pray. Just pray. Don't read about prayer. Just pray. Don't attend a lecture on prayer or engage in discussion about prayer. Just pray.

Posture, tone, and place are personal matters. Select the form that works for you. But don't think about it too much. Don't be so concerned about wrapping the gift that you never give it. Better to pray awkwardly than not at all.

And if you feel you should only pray when inspired, that's okay. Just see to it that you are inspired every day.

From: *When God Whispers Your Name* / Max Lucado

February Birthdays



01 Jody Moore
04 Edward Barry
04 Lowell Hubbard
05 Cindy Brodie
06 Lenny Doucette
08 Linda Neisler
08 Susan Tracy
09 Lucille Fitch
09 David Gibbs
10 Elaine Gillam
12 Peg Wilkens
13 Linda Ryan
15 Bonnie Schafer
17 Ron Bowers
19 Helen Tracy
21 Betty Hall
23 Arlene Cartwright
23 Luanna Harris
24 Terry Howard
24 Cheryl Kenyon
24 Cecil Neisler
28 Scarlett Burgess
28 Rebecca Vares-Ebert



FROM THE EDITOR

Please submit your articles for the BelleRinger to 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



From the Finance Committee - Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder -

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things: I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master's joy!' - Matthew 25:21

Attendance

December 2018 - 176

December 2017 - 141

Giving and Operational Expenses

	<u>December 2018</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving	\$25,805.47	\$218,136.61
Operational Expenses	\$16,010.70	\$205,556.30
+/-	\$ 9,794.77+	\$ 12,580.31+

Year to date our giving has totaled \$218,136.61 while our operational expenses totaled \$205,556.30 leaving us a year to date surplus of \$ 12,580.31.





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

FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS

February 5, 2019

We meet at noon after the United Methodist Men and Women meetings. Lunch is served at 12:30. Please bring your table service and a dish to share.

Our group is open to all, so invite your friends and neighbors to come share good food, fellowship and entertainment. This month we are looking forward to a good time with the Clowns for Jesus.

Special thanks to Kathy Enderson for showing us how to create our own greeting cards. It was great fun and the results were beautiful. Thanks, Kathy. If anyone else has a talent you are willing to share with the group, please contact me, Luanna Harris at 307-9655.



"I'm a little groundhog, it's my day.
Wake and stretch, go out and play.
Down in my burrow, down so deep,
Time to wake, from my long winter's sleep.

Grumble, grumble, scratch, scratch,
Grunt, grunt, yawn.
I'll eat my breakfast in your front lawn.
I'm a little groundhog, it's my day.
Wake up and stretch, go out and play.'
- Author Unknown

2019 Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13, 2019



Last year was our first attempt at a community-wide Easter Egg Hunt and it was a great success! That time of year is fast approaching and will be here before you know it.

Last year we had thousands of eggs filled with prizes, a bounce house, many Easter games, free food, craft tables, and bike giveaways.

We will need many volunteers!

Please let me know if you are willing to help on that day or with preparing items before the event.

On the day of the event we will need help for...

- running a game
- re-stocking the eggs in the field
- watching the bounce house
- helping at the craft table

Thank you!

Cindy Monroe cam9508@embarqmail.com



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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 "Souper" Bowl Lunch 12:00	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 Girl Scouts 6pm	6 Open Table 5pm Youth Ministry 5pm Bible Study 6:30pm	7 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am JumpStart 3:30-7pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:30 Choir 7pm	8 Thrift Shop 9-3	9 Thrift Shop 9-12
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Advent Offering

During Advent, we collected \$4,296.84. These funds will be divided between the Red Bird Mission trip and a local agency providing support of the homeless in Bellevue. Thank you very much for your continued financial support of our annual fund drives. Please continue to pray for all the missions supported by BUMC.



A donation was made by Arthur & Lynn Sindoris in memory of Jeff Applegate

A donation was made by Ina Lidsky in memory of Jeff Applegate

A donation was made by Joy and Thomas Meadows in memory of Bea Sperry



Vacation Bible School

We are in the early stages of planning for Vacation Bible School this summer.

This years theme is **To Mars and Beyond.**

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us." -Ephesians 3:20

For decorating purposes we need....

Strings of white LED lights (white Christmas lights are ok)

Old CD's or DVD's that you are throwing away

Round Paper lanterns

Hula Hoops

Lava Lamps

Anything that you have that looks like we could use it to make our "Space" theme come to life!

If you are interested in helping we have many places you can volunteer either before that week or during that week .

Decorating, building props, making decorations that will be used on the walls.

During the week we have Science, Crafts, Recreation, Music, Snack, & Story Time.

Since we had many interested in bringing younger kids last year, we are going to have a Preschool class this year. We need a Preschool Leader and helper. If you are interested in this, and love working with preschool age children, please let me know. It will be a structured class, they will have their own curriculum, recreation time, snack time, etc. Just like the older children. This will not be just watching children in the nursery.

We have not picked a date yet for this event, you will see updates in future BelleRingers.

Please pray about where God wants you to volunteer.

Thank you!

Cindy Monroe

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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)