

BELLEVUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Bella, mild-mannered reporter for the BelleRinger

Alicia (Craven) Askey has been a life-long member of Bellevue United Methodist Church. Recently, I asked her several questions. Here are her responses:

I was born and raised in Pedro (Summerfield), Florida. My nuclear family consists of Dad (Steve), Mom (Jeanne), sister (Amanda), and brother (Patrick). I'm the baby, 3 years younger than Amanda and 16 years younger than Patrick. Our family matriarch, Nanny, lived next door to us until she passed in 2011. She was a longtime

member of BUMC, and I can still picture her sitting in the third row singing her favorite hymns.

I grew up in our church. I participated in the Joyful Noise children's choir, Spirit Steps Dance Team, youth group, and PDA and Powerhouse bands. It's hard for me to pinpoint a specific "coming to Jesus" moment, because I knew Jesus before I could talk, read, or write. It was easy to feel Jesus in big youth revivals like Acquire the Fire or at Warren W. Willis summer camp. The energy of that many teenagers on fire for Christ was such an amazing feeling, and I revisit that feeling every time I hear a camp song. I was more surprised to find Jesus in a halfway house church. Dad and I played praise and worship for their Saturday night service once a month when I was in high school. I will never know struggle like the people in those services, but they sure showed me that God can fix anyone up and turn them

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around, a concept I needed a little later in young adulthood.

My favorite BUMC youth memory was our Box City event. Every fall, it usually lined up with the first cold snap, our youth group would sleep in cardboard boxes on the church lawn and collect donations of blankets, jackets, and other warm clothes for the needy in our community. Of course we had fun, sat around the fire, made s'mores, stayed up way too late talking about the great depths of our teenage lives, but we were also freezing cold. We all sat in the front row of the church service the next morning after having a hot meal graciously provided by members of the congregation.

I'm a part of our praise team now, and it brings me so much joy. Music has this special ability to exemplify God's presence in a way that saying the words alone would not. I am so honored to be on the praise team because seeing God work through our music is a gift. I know the drums aren't everyone's cup of tea, so I appreciate everyone having an open mind and open hearts.

It warms my heart to see my daughter playing with her friends in the same place I did so many years ago. She loves Ms. Jody as much as I do. I hope she creates as many great memories here as I have.

Friendly Neighbors



There will be NO FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS in March. The church is being used on the first Tuesday for a district clergy meeting.

Be sure to mark the first Tuesday in April on your calendars. We will be entertained by Nancy Blough, the Country Girl.

Any questions call me, Luanna Harris, 307-9655.



Young at Heart



"Miracles from Heaven"

SHOWTIMES:

Friday, March 13th at 7pm
and
Monday, March 16th at 2pm

Free movie – Free admission

All are welcome

Bring your own snacks

Young at Heart

By Melicent Versteeg

February 13, 2020 - Young at Heart (YAH) reports 27 surveys returned with the following results:

15 chose pot luck meals at church, 5 = elsewhere, 11 = noon, and 4 = evening

14 chose movies at church, 12 = at theater, 13 = matinee, 4 = evening

13 chose mystery bus trip to surprise destinations daytime

10 chose concerts at church, 6 = at theater, 1 = local, 9 = matinee, 2 = evening, 1 = Gospel

8 chose holiday meals at church, 2 = elsewhere, 6 = noon, 2 = evening

2 chose live theater (local), 9 = matinee, 2 = evening

2 chose support group(s), 1 = singles (widows, widowers)

Write in suggestions:

2 for Cards/Games (Trivia at church) & following occurred once each:

5th Sunday potluck with theme i.e. chili, picnic, Italian, patriotic, etc.

Animal shelter mission (Blankets, food toys, etc.)

Book club, Bowling, Brunch, Crafts

Exercise group (Strength Training), Golf "How to" classes (learn new things)

Quilting, making charity quilts for area hospitals and nursing homes

Saturday casual worship service

Saturday event

Speakers (Advent Health)

Visit local museums

Work Teams to do clean-up of church buildings and their grounds

Since Friendly Neighbors is a noon pot luck meal every first Tuesday, the YAH team decided to facilitate the second choice:

"movies at church" for our initial project.

Bonnie Egger, Laura Phillips and I selected the

movie, "Miracles from Heaven," based on the incredible true story of the Beam family.

When Christy (Jennifer Garner) discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna (Kylie Rogers) has a rare, incurable disease, she is a ferocious advocate for her daughter as she searches for a solution. An extraordinary miracle unfolds that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired.

When? Friday, March 13th at 7 pm at church and Monday, March 16th at 2 pm at church. Invite family/neighbors/friends. All welcome. No admission charge. Bring snacks. If you need a ride to attend, call the church office or (207) 623-3793 before noon on Thursday, March 12th.

If you see any activity or event on the list that interests you or if you want something else, please step up and help the YAH team see that it happens, otherwise it may not materialize. See you at the movie on Friday, March 13th at 7 pm or Monday, March 16th at 2 pm.



Join Belleview United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 14th from 10am to 2pm for our spring pet adoption and community festival.

- pets available for adoption
- pet blessings with Pastor Shawn
- music by Prisoners of Hope
- Cub Scouts selling hot dogs
- Girl Scouts selling cookies
- Ocala Preparatory Academy students selling homemade candles
- many craft vendors
- fire rescue/OneBlood Red Bus
- free animal goody basket drawing
- free emailed pictures of your pets
- free dog bath voucher from The Dog House of Belleview for dog adoptees

Donations of cat and dog supplies are welcome and will be given to the animal shelters and rescue organizations.

Contact Cindy Polcyn with any questions. Thank you!

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

BELLEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 7:30AM TO 10:30AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



\$6.00 ● Children 10 & under FREE

MEAL PRICE INCLUDES:



pancakes
sausage
biscuits & gravy
scrambled eggs
hash browns
fruit bowl
orange juice
regular & decaf coffee



Sponsored by Methodist Men United

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NRSV)

Prayer & Witness Ministry



We meet every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the church library. Send in your prayer requests or feel free to join in.

Whether you're searching for God or a longtime believer, there's a good chance you have questions about prayer. How exactly are you supposed to pray? And why should you do it? Here are some guidelines from Billy Graham.

How do I talk to God?

Billy Graham: Prayer is simply talking to God—and the most important thing I can say about this is that God wants you to talk to Him! He loves us and He has promised to hear us when we pray. How can you learn to pray? First, understand why prayer is possible.

Prayer is possible because Jesus Christ has removed the barrier between us and God—a barrier caused by our sins. You see, sin separates us from God, and because of that we have no right to come before Him. But by His death on the cross, Christ paid the penalty for our sins and removed the barrier. God then gives us the privilege of coming into His presence when we commit our lives to Christ.

The Bible says, “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” (Hebrews 4:16). If you have never done so, ask Christ to come into your life today.

Then understand that God now welcomes you into His presence and promises to hear you—and He cannot lie. The Bible says, “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us” (1 John 5:14). Trust His promises and learn to bring every concern to Him in prayer.

Food Pantry



Ministry

The Food Pantry Ministry is open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 9am to 11:30am. Please bring in non-perishable items on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Volunteers work every 2nd and 4th Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

See Nadine McWalker to volunteer.

Bellevue United Methodist Women's Spring Sale

Saturday, March 21, 2020

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, March 15th to Friday, March 20th between 9am and noon in the Fellowship Hall.
Please no clothes or electronics.

4 Ways to Observe Lent

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Friday fish fries. No chocolate. Join a new Bible study.

All these practices have benefits. And all are common Lenten practices. They hint at ways the season of Lent can lead us into more disciplined, focused lives. With that in mind, we offer some other practices that hit at the heart of Lent and excite our spiritual lives.

Lent is the period of 40 days leading up to Easter (note: Sundays don't count). It is a time of preparation and focus, reminiscent of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he started his public ministry (See Mark 1, Matthew 4, or Luke 4). We believe that Jesus went to the wilderness to set aside the distractions of normal, "worldly" life and focus on God and God's will for him. So we attempt to do the same during Lent--though often on a slightly less stringent scale.



So check out these four ways you can "enter the wilderness" this Lenten season and find some focus, too:

1. Give it up – Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships: like too much time on FaceBook, video games, or watching television. Maybe cut out screen usage for several hours a day. Take a day of true rest: let go of toil for 24 hours.
2. Plug in – Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God. Read a book of the Bible, a devotional, or practice divine reading on a daily basis.
3. Serve – Start a new routine of service. Volunteer regularly as an academic mentor, step up to volunteer in a local church, or visit a nursing home.
4. Share it – Make it a communal event. Share your Lent practices with others via a small group and/or attending worship.



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FINANCE NEWS

From the Finance Committee – Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder –

GOD’S ROLE IN WORK

Understanding and implementing scriptural principles that relate to work will enable you to find satisfaction in your job and place you in a position where the Lord can prosper you. But we can’t do it alone, we need the Lord’s help. Scripture reveals three specific responsibilities the Lord retains in connection with work.

1. THE SOURCE OF JOB SKILLS - Exodus 36:1 illustrates this truth: *“And every skillful person in whom the Lord has put skill and understanding to know how to perform all the work.”* God has given people a wide variety of abilities, manual skills and intellectual capacities. It is not a matter of one person being better than another; it is simply a matter of having received different abilities.

2. THE ORIGIN OF SUCCESS - The life of Joseph is a perfect example of God orchestrating success. *“The Lord was with Joseph, so he became a successful man ... his master saw that the Lord was with him, and how the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand”* (Genesis 39:2-3).

As we have seen, you and I have certain responsibilities, but we need to recognize that it is ultimately God who gives us success.

3. THE SOURCE OF PROMOTION - Psalm 75:6-7 reads, *“For promotion and power come from nowhere on earth, but only from God”* (LB). As much as it may surprise you, your boss is not the one who controls whether or not you will be promoted.

This perspective on God’s part in work is a remarkable contrast to the way most people think. Our culture leaves God out of work, thinking that people alone are responsible for their job skills, success, and promotions. However, those with biblical understanding will approach work with an entirely different frame of reference.

FOR REFLECTION:

One of the major reasons people experience stress and frustration in their jobs is because they don’t understand God’s part in work. Consider God’s part, how He gives you your skills and controls your success and promotion. How does this perspective impact you and your job?

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Giving and Operational Expenses		
	<u>January 2020</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Giving	\$ 18,834.75	\$ 18,834.75
Operational Expenses	\$ 17,999.63	\$ 17,999.63
+/-	\$ 835.12+	\$ 835.12+

Year-to-date our giving has totaled \$18,834.75 while our operational expenses totaled \$17,999.63 leaving us a year-to-date surplus of \$835.12.



Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday April 11, 2020 from 9am to 1pm. We will need volunteers to help with the event as well as donations of candy. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our community and we have had great success in the past. Please consider helping or donating to this event. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers and there will be a donation basket for candy. You can also donate Easter toys or stuffed animals for our Easter basket giveaways.

Thank you!

Please see Cindy Monroe for more information.

The Thrift Shop at Belleview United Methodist Church



Hours:

Monday, 9am – 12pm

Thursday, 9am – 3pm

Friday, 9am – 3pm

Saturday, 9am – 12pm

*The Thrift Shop is located
behind the church.*

Donations of gently used clothing and household items are always welcome.

Let's Celebrate!



March Anniversaries

Stephen & Alicia Askey	03/04
Bob & Mary Lou Murray	03/17
Jason & Cindy Brodie	03/25



March Birthdays

Susan Leighton	03/06	Cindy Chevront	03/14
Jean Winstanley	03/06	Danny Pauley	03/17
Gloria Sousa	03/09	Mildred Denning	03/18
Peg Gray-Craven	03/11	Sandy Matheny	03/22
Sueann Kaleida	03/12	Karen Palmer	03/23
Ronald Sutliff	03/12	Jeanne Craven	03/31
Nadine McWalker	03/13		

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10 (NIV)



From the Editor:

Please submit your articles and events for the April 2020 BelleRinger newsletter to belleviewbelleringer@gmail.com or leave them in my mailbox outside the church office. All articles must be submitted by Sunday, March 22.



Thank you,
 Mary Davis



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>*Communion Sunday</i> 9:15am Sunday school & MMU mtg 10:30am Worship	2 9am-12pm thrift shop 6:30pm bell practice	3 District Clergy mtg	4 5:00pm Open Table	5 9am-3pm thrift shop 10am prayer group 7pm choir practice	6 9am-3pm thrift shop	7 9am-12pm thrift shop
8 <i>*Begin Daylight Saving Time 2 a.m.</i> <i>*Food Pantry Sunday</i> 9:15am Sunday school 10:30am Worship	9 9am-12pm thrift shop 6:30pm bell practice	10	11 9am-11:30am Food Pantry 5:00pm Open Table	12 9am-3pm thrift shop 10am prayer group 6pm trustee mtg 7pm choir practice	13 9am-3pm thrift shop 7pm-9pm YAH movie	14 9am-12pm thrift shop 10am-2pm Pet Adoption & Festival
15 7:30am-10:30am MMU Breakfast 9:15am Sunday school 10:30am Worship	16 9am-12pm thrift shop 2pm-4pm YAH movie 6:30pm bell practice	17 St. Patrick's Day 6pm finance mtg 6pm church potluck	18 5:00pm Open Table	19 1st day of Spring 9am-3pm thrift shop 10am prayer group 7pm choir practice	20 9am-3pm thrift shop	21 9am-12pm thrift shop 9am-2pm UMW Spring Sale
United Methodist Women's Spring Sale Donation Drop-off this week between 9am – noon in the Fellowship Hall						
22 9:15am Sunday school 10:30am Worship <i>*BelleRinger Deadline for April 2020</i>	23 9am-12pm thrift shop 6:30pm bell practice	24	25 9am-11:30am Food Pantry 5:00pm Open Table	26 9am-3pm thrift shop 10am prayer group 6pm council mtg 7pm choir practice	27 9am-3pm thrift shop	28 9am-12pm thrift shop
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March Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:15 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Open Table Wednesday's @ 5:00 pm
(Fellowship Hall)