

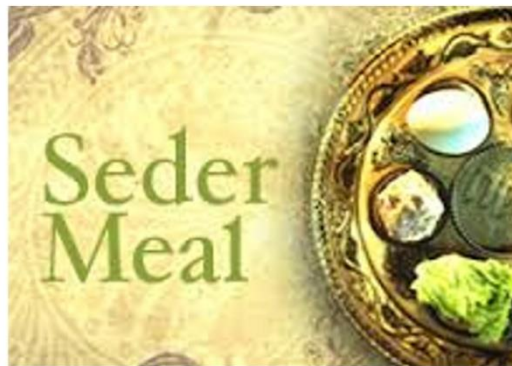


BelleRinger



Bellevue United Methodist Church
(352)245-2100

April 2017



A Very Special Night
Wed, April 12, 6-9pm

"The Messiah in the Passover" Dinner & Presentation
presented by Chosen People Ministries

Explore your spiritual roots and enrich your faith by learning
the prophetic significance and fulfillment of the Passover
in the light of our Messiah

(see page 2 for detailed information about Passover and the Seder)

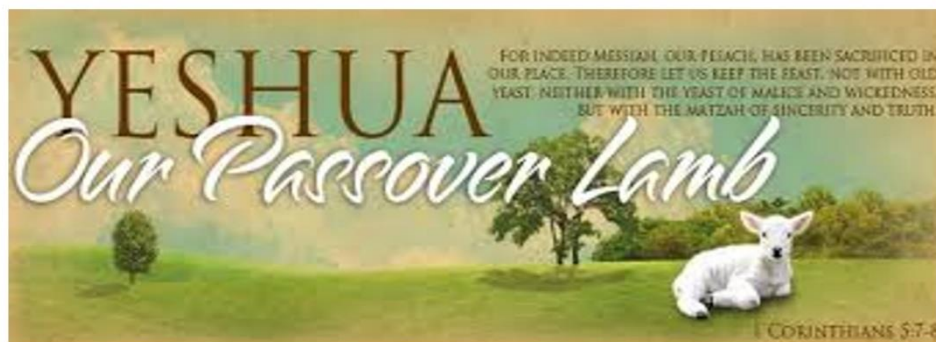
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Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Judaism, commemorating God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and his creation of the Israelite people. The focal point of Passover is a communal meal, called the Seder (which means "order," because of the fixed order of service), which is a time of rejoicing and celebration at the deliverance for the Hebrews that God accomplished in the exodus.

The Seder involves everyone present since they all are called to share in reading and singing the story. It is an elaborate teaching experience intended to call people to their identity as the People of God. By using all of the senses, the Passover Seder tells the story of God's grace in history and calls the participants to experience and share in the story as their own story. Passover becomes more than simply a service or a time; it becomes a way to confess faith in the One who has acted in history, and for Jews expresses the hope that He will continue to act in bringing deliverance to all people everywhere.

Our goal here in presenting a Christian adaptation of Passover is to retain the theological, confessional, and educational dimensions of the service. That is, it is presented as a way for people of Christian Faith to express that faith in the context of a gathered community by participating symbolically in the story of salvation. It is presented very deliberately and purposefully as a Christian service, with no apologies. Yet, there has also been a deliberate attempt to preserve the spirit of the Jewish traditions and experience in the service, and to respect the faith journey of Israelites and Jews across the centuries.

There is no cost to you, but you **MUST RSVP** to this dinner event. Call or email the office to save a place at the table. Many helpers will be needed to help set the table in the very intricate and meaningful way required by the Seder, so if you'd like to help, please let us know that as well.





Prayer & Witness Ministry

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

WHEN I SAID, "MY FOOT IS SLIPPING," YOUR LOVE, O LORD
SUPPORTED ME. WHEN ANXIETY WAS GREAT WITHIN ME,
YOUR CONSOLATION BROUGHT JOY TO MY SOUL.

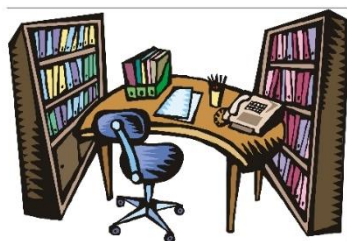
(PSALM 94:18-19 *NIV)

CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM FOR HE CARES FOR
YOU. (1 PETER 5:7)

After all Jesus Christ said; "DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS
BE TROUBLED. TRUST IN GOD; TRUST ALSO IN ME."
(JOHN 14:1) Therefore "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled."

Let not your heart be troubled,
Give your worries and cares to Me.
I am your Heavenly Father
Who suffered and died for thee.
There are times throughout your Earthly life
When you are filled with doubts and fear.
Always come to Me in prayer
And know that I am near.
The love I have for you, dear child,
Can never be bought or measured.
It's a gift I freely give to you.
It is My most precious treasure.
When sorrow or pain come your way
And life seems to be unfair,
Let not your heart be troubled...
Just come to Me in prayer.

Shirley Hile Powell



Seeking God's Heart

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ! As we continue through the season of Lent, we remember the personal mission of Jesus that he proclaimed in the synagogue as he opened his public ministry. He said he came to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty and release to those imprisoned in darkness, and to comfort all who mourn. In order to fulfill this mission, he had to get out among the people. He hobnobbed with the powerful and ate with prostitutes; he confounded the wise and spoke plainly to the simple; he had compassion for the rich and poor alike.

We, too, are called to get out of our comfortable spaces and in-teract with the people that God has put in our midst. This is what is behind our District Superintendent's call for 13,628 GOING. Each Sunday, 13,628 people worship in United Methodist churches in the North Central District. Our DS is asking every church to mobilize their entire worshiping body to engage, observe and interact with the people around us.

Please follow the simple instructions listed in the cutout, including filling out the form and turning it on on April 9, Palm Sunday. We can't wait to hear the wonderful reports of what God is revealing in your heart.

Thank you, and may God bless you as you GO!

From the Pastor's Desk

HOW DO WE GO

FROM THE STEEPLE TO THE STREETS

STEP 1 : FORM A TEAM

*Invite up to 3 friends to join you in visiting one of the recommended locations

*Set aside a time of at least an hour during the weekend of April 7, 8, or 9 to visit the location.

STEP 2 : DURING THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 8, VISIT YOUR IDENTIFIED AREA

***Pray** for your community and the people who live there. Taking a prayerful posture of listening as you walk, pray for the harvest field that is before you (Luke 10:2).

***Observe** your community and take mental note. What do you see that speaks to your heart? What is God showing you?

***Listen** carefully. What do you hear God saying to you?

STEP 3 : FILL OUT FORM BELOW

*Take time before leaving your area for each person in your group to fill out the form below.

*At the next worship service put the completed forms into the offering plates.

Cut and return this portion to your church

FROM THE STEEPLE TO THE STREET REPORT

NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____

Where did you go? _____

Who did you meet? _____

What did God say/show you? What's next? _____

For help with next steps contact District Office at flumc-nc@flumc.org

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From the Finance Committee - Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder -

Life Abundantly

Originally posted in the Compass Blog on April 28, 2011 by Kyle Hasbrouck

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Sometimes it is hard for me to wrap my arms around the fact that God's desire for me is to experience life to the fullest - regardless of my life situation. God's desire for me to have life abundantly isn't based on whether I have had a good or bad day, whether the economy is flourishing or declining, whether I perform well or not. It is not relative to the changes in the stock market, the amount of money I do or don't make, or whether or not I have a job. God's desire for us to experience life abundantly transcends all these scenarios.

I don't always experience life to the fullest and often get distracted by the things of the world - I am a work in progress. But when I do experience this abundant life that God's word talks about it is usually in the context of the following:

Using the gifts God has given me to serve others; this could be talents, time or treasure - it is one of the greatest joys I experience.

Being surrounded by a community of people who love Jesus. People who are real, transparent, challenging and vulnerable and those who allow me to be the same.

Being immersed in God's word and prayer. Nothing else allows me to experience the Lord in such an intimate way.

I am grateful that whatever circumstance I may be in, both good and bad, the Lord is always offering me something better - life abundantly! I would encourage you to prayerfully examine how this looks in your life and walk with the Lord.

Wrapped in His grace,
Kyle

Attendance

January 2017 - 159

February 2017 - 172

January 2016 - 167

February 2016 - 179

	<u>January 2017</u>	<u>February 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving	\$20,494.35	\$16,067.12	\$36,561.47
Operational Expenses	<u>\$16,004.88</u>	<u>\$20,346.16</u>	<u>\$36,351.04</u>
+/-	\$4,489.47+	\$4,279.04-	\$210.43+

Year to date our giving has totaled \$36,561.47 while our operational expenses were \$36,351.04 leaving us a year to date surplus of \$210.43.

April Birthdays

April Anniversaries



02 Sis Cullen
03 Mary Lou Murray
04 Lien Skavinsky
08 Donna Northrup
09 Paula Lempke
13 Ron Dankert
13 Howard Northrup
14 Linda Medlock
14 Carol Pauze'
14 Matthew Tripp
15 Norma Jean Barker
15 Phyllis Cottle
16 Tom Dann

17 Bill Picking
18 Harvey Versteeg
20 Steve Swanson
23 Judy Butler
23 John Drake
26 Krystopher Sheehan
27 Carol Swanson

06 Joseph & Carol Backowski
09 Jim & Gerrylee Ritchie
22 Robert & Marilyn Moran



If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please call the office and let us know so it can be added to the church database.



Just wanted to say thank you to all who contributed to the fund to replace our kitchen stove. It was a great response by the congregation; and will be greatly enjoyed by those who work in the kitchen as well as those who enjoy our dinners together.

Ila House,
Finance Chairperson

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Usually, we consider it rude when someone turns her back toward us. Not true with Sally Farro, the choir director for Belleview United Methodist Church. She faces the choir to lead them and turns her back to the congregation so we focus on the choir.

Sally was born and raised in Sharon Springs, New York. She attended a Methodist church there and, at age 12, she was baptized and became a member. 55+ years ago she married Larry at the same church. Her three daughters were baptized there, too. That is quite a legacy. She moved to Summerfield in 1990 and began the search for a church. BUMC was the first church she visited, and she stayed. In 1991, she began directing the choir. She had no prior experience; she believes that God led her so she was able to learn and grow. Several people helped mold her into the director she is today, including Zlata, Bob & Grace, Joyce, Ruth, and Ila.

Most of the time, Sally chooses the anthems for worship. Some are suggestions or requests. However, she believes that God actually chooses the anthems as they frequently coincide with the message. God also chooses the cantata title for her. Once she has a theme, she and Ila search for appropriate music, and then rehearsal begins.

The choir is a remarkable, dedicated, caring group of Christians. During rehearsal, while "perfecting" anthems, they also share, pray, and laugh. The choir is part of the family of God. They are first cousins in the family relationship. There is always room for more cousins - no audition required. Join this wonderful family at practice on Monday at 3 p.m.

Bella, mild-mannered reporter for the BelleRinger





Art in the Narthex -- Butterflies for Easter

Butterflies wanted for display during Lent. We are planning to create a display of butterfly art. The butterflies may be any size and will be grouped together. Each butterfly needs to have a "hanger" on the back to hang it on a hook. If it does not have hook, we might be able to use fishing line to create a hanger. If you have a butterfly that we could use, please complete the "Art in the Narthex" form that is available at the Hospitality desk so that we can plan for it. The butterflies will be displayed April 16th through May 8th. Please bring the butterfly art on April 9th.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Smith (nsmith109@cfl.rr.com).



On Easter Sunday we will have our Annual Easter Program for children during the Sunday School hour with games, activities, snack, and of course the Egg Hunt! Come join us for lots of fun!!!



Vacation Bible School

We are getting ready for a super time again this year with VBS coming up in July.

Save the Date: July 17-21, 2017 5:30pm-8:00pm

If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Cindy Monroe at
cam9508@embarqmail.com or (352)208-2976.

If you know someone Ages 5-12 that would like to sign up, they can go to our church
website and register www.belleviummc.org

We need a few items for our set.....

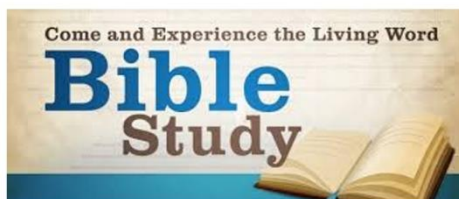


*Bean Bag Chairs

*Lava Lamps

* A mailbox

(We just need these items to borrow -they will be returned to you)



Starting Sunday, March 26 in Room 301 a women's Bible Study group will be meeting that is open to all women of our church. It is a Beth Moore study called Entrusted led by Cindy Brodie. "Entrusted" focuses on Timothy and being on our faith journey with God, finding the joy and living a life of faithfulness. Come join us!!

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 TRUSTEES WORK DAY Thrift Shop 9-12 Men's Group 9am
2 Sunday School 9:40 Easter Cantata 10:30 am	3 Thrift Shop 9-12 Square Dance 1pm Choir 3pm Bell Choir 4:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm	4 Worship Planning 9am Bible Study 10am MMU/UMW 11am Friendly Neighbors 12:30 Hope at Hardees 2pm Girl Scouts 5pm	5 Bible Study 6:30pm	6 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Trustees 6:30pm	7 Thrift Shop 9-3 Parents Night Out - 6pm	8 Thrift Shop 9-12
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Bible Study/Small Group Opportunities

Sunday 9:40am: Wired Word—looking at a current headline and applying scripture and life application. Room 304. Facilitator: Mike Schonewolf

Sunday 9:40am - 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. Fellowship Hall.
Facilitator: Pastor Kris

Sunday 9:40am—Bible Study on Ephesians and Colossians. Facilitator: Sandy Hood

Sunday 9:40 - Beth Moore study on 2Timothy "Entrusted" - Facilitator: Cindy Brodie
This is open to all women of the church - Please join us!

Tuesday 10am - Bible Study on Luke in Room 302. Facilitator: Pastor Kris

Tuesday 2pm - Hope at Hardees

Wednesday 6:30pm - Bible Study on Exodus - Facilitator: Pastor Kris

First Saturday of every month at 9am - M.E.N. (More Encouragement Needed)

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Worship
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**Worship
8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School
9:40 am**