

March 2022



## BELLEVUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Lent, a Season of Remembrance

The season of Lent is a time of remembering the love of God as shown through Jesus Christ.

We often “give up” something for Lent. This year how about giving of your time to join us in a Lenten series. Beginning Wednesday, March 2 and continuing every Wednesday through Lent we will be viewing a series, *The Chosen*, in our worship services.

The services will include a time of discussion and worship.

*The Chosen* is based on the life of Jesus. The series has been designed to support the truth and intention of Scripture. It portrays Jesus as seen through the eyes of those who knew him. We also come to know Mary Magdalene, Matthew, Simon, and others from the Gospels on a more personal level.

Ash Wednesday service will include ashes and communion.

**Won't you join us in getting to know Jesus as a person?**

March 2 9:30am\* & 6:30pm (Ash Wednesday  
Service with ashes and communion)

March 9 6:30pm

March 16 6:30pm

March 23 6:30pm

March 30 6:30pm

April 6 6:30pm

Come to Open Table to eat together before the 6:30pm service begins. Please RSVP for the dinner.

\*Morning time to be determined for remaining Wednesdays during Lent.





## Community Easter Egg Hunt April 16th

After two years of not being able to have our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt due to Covid, we are happy to be able to have this event again! We are in need of individually wrapped candy to be donated. You can bring it in during office hours or on Sunday and place it in the bin in the narthex. We will also need a lot of volunteers on the day of the event. Please contact Cindy Monroe if you can help. 352-208-2976 or [cam9508@embarqmail.com](mailto:cam9508@embarqmail.com)



The BUMC UMW will be having their annual Spring Sale on March 26th from 9am—2pm.

Donations will be accepted for drop off beginning on March 20th through March 25th.

Please no clothes or electronics.

More details will be coming.

Mark your calendars...you don't want to miss it!

Nine cars participated in the sale. The weather was great! Everyone was happy with their sales and had a good time socializing. As a side benefit, the Thrift Shop also had a good day. Thank you to all the volunteers and participants!

We made \$140 dollars. Now that we have practiced we will try again. A new approach to advertising should bring in more people.

The photos should give you a better idea of what the sale looks like.



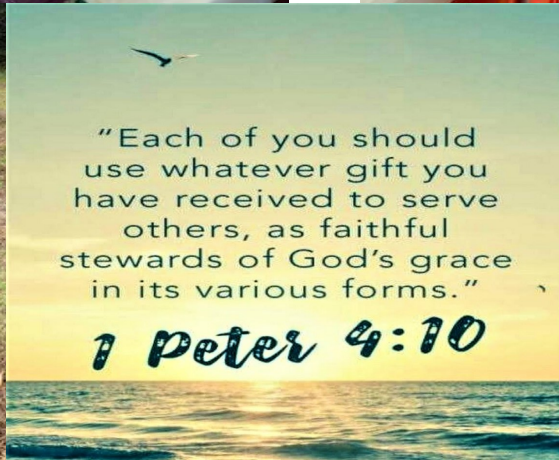




Not pictured Kris Schoenwolf, Daiane Alves Soto, and Teri O'Trimble (photographer).

On Saturday, February 19th, 21 ladies met at Warren Willis Camp in Fruitland Park for a retreat. The theme was, "Come to the Garden." The group included 16 members, 4 non-members, and 1 associate member, ranging in age from 39 to 80. Eight names begin with the letter "S."

The ladies assembled at a bonfire and sang, "Kumbaya." Once they settled in the meeting room they walked in three gardens. In the Garden of Eden, they experienced peace and calm while they walked and talked with God. In the Garden of Gethsemane, they joined Jesus in the pain and anguish He endured prior to His trial and crucifixion. However, they were not deserted by their friends. In the garden where Jesus was buried, they talked to the resurrected Jesus and He called them by name. The ladies laid hands on and prayed for healing with two of the attendees. After lunch of vegetable soup and chili, the ladies decorated their altars and shared in a worship service.





# FOOD pantry

BUMC Food Pantry is on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 9am—11:30am. Our Food Pantry continues to serve many families in our community twice a month with meats, breads, fresh produce (when available) and many pantry items. With the cost of food rising it is more difficult for families to buy enough food.

During February we served **over 370** people! We could not give this much without the support of BUMC and their donations of food items. Please continue to bring donations of any kind to the church office. Second Sunday is FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY!

This month we will be giving out food on March 9th and March 23rd. Thank you so much for helping us to help others.



Open Table is serving delicious meals every Wednesday from 5—6pm. Our teams prepare wonderful well balanced meals every week. During the month of February **620** meals were served to people in our community! This continues as a drive-thru until further notice. Please bring donations to the church office. You may call the office and ask what is needed for the meal each week. We will be serving in Fellowship Hall to our members that would like to break bread together before each Lenten Service. March 9th spaghetti, chili, cole slaw and dessert is on the menu. Hope to see you there!



## A note from our THRIFT STORE:

Hello everyone, I hope you stop in to browse, shop, donate at our wonderful thrift store soon and bring a friend or family member. Our store has helpful, friendly volunteers, awesome sales and even a liquidation area that has fill a bag for only \$1.00! Our annex has lots of awesome things too, including furniture, toys, wall decor and more. Stop by and make a deal!

Donations are always needed and welcome.

Hours: Monday 9am - noon Thursday 10am - 3pm

Friday & Saturday 10am - 1pm

Masks are encouraged. Thank you!



This new mission to BUMC provides financial assistance to the congregation and their families. The first Sunday of each month will be "Love Fund" Sunday to help support this mission. You can put your donation in the offering plate and indicate it is for the "Love Fund". A \$10 monthly donation would be a great help in being able to fund this new mission.

There are forms on the bulletin board to make a request for consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Juanita Applegate.



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



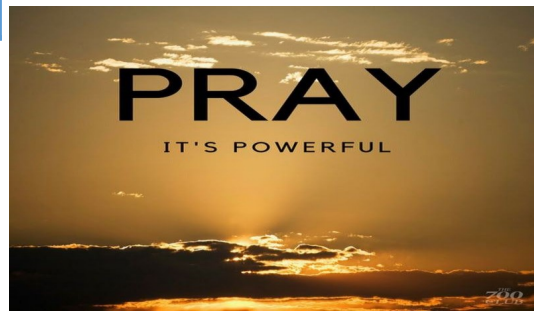
### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Stephen & Alicia Askey	03/04
Jason & Cindy Brodie	03/25

From the Editor: Please submit your articles and events for the March 2022 BelleRinger newsletter to: [office@bellevueumc.net](mailto:office@bellevueumc.net).

All articles must be submitted  
by March 20th.

Thank you, Karyn



### DEVOTIONAL BY MARY NORTHRUP

#### **Be Prepared**

I'm sure many of you have gone to the drive-in movies. I can remember going as a child. It was a Tarzan double feature.

The drive-in in here in Ocala is somewhat famous. It was featured as one of the few left in the country as entertainment that was COVID friendly in 2020. They even won a contest to upgrade their equipment.

Going to the drive-in brings memories of popcorn and a cooler. We would pop a paper grocery bag of popcorn and grab a few sodas. I had a bed of a soft blanket and my pillow in the backseat and of course I wore my pjs. Mind you I was around 30 when I did this.

I always made it through the first feature but somewhere during the second, I would climb into the back and go to sleep. The car moving out of the lot would rouse me and about half way home I would climb into the front seat for the rest of the drive. I never made it to a third feature.

The point is: I was prepared.

1 Peter 1:13-16

**13-16** So roll up your sleeves, get your head in the game, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy."

# MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Open Table 5-6 Ash Wednesday Services 9:30am/6:30pm	<u>3</u> Prayer Group 10am Thrift Store 10-3	<u>4</u> Thrift Store 10-1	<u>5</u> Thrift Store 10-1
<u>6</u> Sunday School 9:15am Communion Worship Service 10:30am	<u>7</u> Thrift Store 9-12  Bells 6:30	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Food Pantry 9-11:30 Open Table 5-6 Lenten Svc. 9:30am/6:30pm	<u>10</u> Prayer Group 10am Thrift Store 10-3	<u>11</u> Thrift Store 10-1	<u>12</u> Thrift Store 10-1
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At our Ad Council meeting last week it was voted to ask our congregation what new service time they would prefer. Please note that at the 10:30am Worship Service on March 6th we will have an insert with the choices of new Service times.

The new times to select from will be: 9:30am, 9:45am, or 10:00am. Pastor Elvis will be moving his service time to 11:30am after we begin with our new time the 2nd Sunday after Easter.

Please come and complete the survey so that we will know what time is preferred by the majority of our congregation.



# FOOD PANTRY NEWS...

Greetings from your Food Pantry. Lots has been going on across the street and we want to share some of the exciting news! The nuts and bolts of the month of February are:

Individuals served: **374**

Expenses: **\$448**

(1st Step Food Bank and His Compassion Ministry)

Food Given Out (dollar amount): **\$10,414**

(This amount includes food donations from BUMC members, outside individuals and His Compassion Ministry)

We found His Compassion Ministry about 2 years ago through Bellevue Area Social Services and what a blessing that has been. His Compassion provides the Food Pantry with a trailer full of food twice a month for our distribution days. This food is free of charge. Because of the bounty they give our Food Pantry we do not have to buy as much from 1st Step Food Bank. In turn, the Food Pantry sows \$100 a month back into His Compassion Ministry. His Compassion has asked BUMC Food Pantry to partner with them and 2 other churches in a grant from the United Way. Bellevue UMC will be the southern satellite in Marion County if someone is in a food crisis or missed a food distribution date. When that is determined, our Food Pantry will be contacted and arrangements will be made to provide food assistance. His Compassion will make sure we always have food available. Our Food Pantry will receive \$5,000 for this partnership!



Oh, can't forget about Don and Cheryl with Best Buddies Pet Pantry!! Don and Cheryl found Bellevue UMC through our very own Karyn Veternik. They have partnered with our Food Pantry and will come and distribute dog and cat food on the 4th Wednesday of each month to any of our recipients that have the need for this.

BUMC Food Pantry is pleased to introduce Best Buddies Pet Pantry....

Best Buddies Pet Pantry is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit and full-time mobile pet food bank that provides free pet food to families & pets in need.

Best Buddies Pet Pantry was founded in 2010 to assist families experiencing financial hardship in our hometown of Chester-ton IN. In 2012 the pantry expanded to help other areas of NW Indiana, Lake and LaPorte Counties and southeast suburbs of Chicago IL. As of June 2021 the pantry relocated to central Florida.

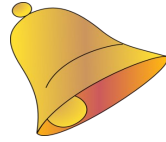
During difficult financial times, families struggle to make ends meet and rely on food banks to supplement their food source. Family pets also suffer and do not get proper care and nutrition. Many family pets are surrendered to animal shelters due to pet parents not being able to afford their care. This causes overcrowding and increases the number of pets euthanized. Our mission is to help reduce the number of dogs & cats surrendered to local shelters due to lack of food and keep families and their pets together.



WOW...what a lot to take in!! This is your food pantry so stop by any 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 9am–11:30am to see how your tithes and offerings keep this outreach ministry going. Next month we will share continuing growth in the Food Pantry Garden!!

Thanks to all who donate and volunteer to make this happen twice a month!

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## *A Lenten Prayer*

*Lord, I know how much you love me  
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes  
but I know your love is always with me  
Help me to use your love as a way  
to persevere in my Lenten intentions  
I am weak, but I know with your help  
I can use these small sacrifices in my  
life to draw closer to you. Amen*



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**\*Worship Sunday @ 10:30am**

**\*Open Table Drive-Thru Meal**

Wednesday 5pm-6pm

**\*Food Pantry**

2nd & 4th Wednesday  
9am-11:30am

**\*Thrift Store**

Monday 9am-12pm  
Thursday 10am-3pm  
Friday & Saturday 10am-1pm