



BelleRinger



Bellevue United Methodist Church
(352)245-2100

March 2017

BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, March 18
4pm-6pm

*Free hot dogs, chips, water & cookies

*Bounce House, bounce slide, games & prizes, clown, face painting, drawing for gift baskets

We need helpers for:

Food servers (hot dogs, chips, water, cookies)

Prayer tent servants

Hospitality Tent servers

Bounce House & Bounce Slide helpers

Outdoor Game helpers

Parking Lot attendants

Face Painter

We need donations of:

Home made or bakery cookies

Gift baskets for door prizes

We need to borrow:

Pop-up tents



From the Pastor's Desk

OUR DNA

What is DNA? DNA contains the instructions needed for an organism to develop, survive and reproduce. To carry out these functions, DNA sequences must be converted into messages that can be used to produce the complex molecules that do most of the work in our bodies.

Just like each of our bodies has its own unique DNA, each church has its own DNA that is slightly different. Where we used to live in Delaware, there was a Church of God near us that was known for its extravagant theatrical productions at Easter & Christmas. Other churches are known for their mercy ministry, their mission work, or its network of small groups that keep its member connected. So what makes us unique?

Our spiritual DNA comes right from John Wesley who left behind the gorgeous stained glass, the high-class pews, and the high spiral pulpits to minister to the poor, the imprisoned, the sick, and the down-trodden. We, too, walk in Wesley's footsteps as we recognize that our church building is not here just to hold us in, nurture and comfort us, but as a filling station where we can come, be fed, and then launched into ministry with the world.

If you haven't yet discovered your spiritual gifts or a ministry that fits you just right, please call me so we can assess your gifts and get you plugged in. Unless we're involved in some ministry task, we're missing out on the joy and fulfillment of serving a loving and ever-sending God.

It's time to connect even deeper with your spiritual DNA!



Prayer & Witness Ministry

All are welcome to come and pray with us on Thursdays at the church.

When a believing person prays, great things happen.

James 5:16

Prayer Reminds Us

Prayer is the recognition that if God had not engaged himself in our problems, we would still be lost in the blackness. It is by his mercy that we have been lifted up. Prayer is that whole process that reminds us of who God is and who we are.

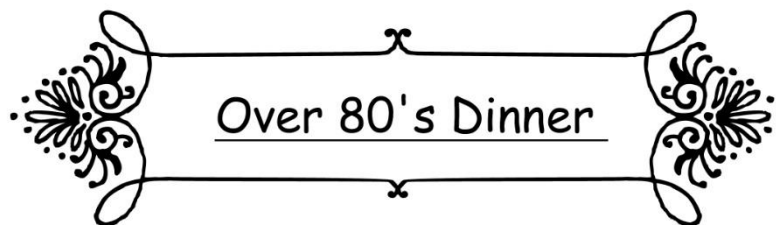
I believe there's great power in prayer. I believe God heals the wounded and that he can raise the dead. But I don't believe we tell God what to do and when to do it.

God knows that we, with our limited vision, don't even know that for which we should pray. When we entrust our requests to him, we trust Him to honor our prayers with holy judgment.

- from Walking with the Savior by Max Lucado



Promise Keepers Event is coming to Jacksonville
June 2-3, 2017
For more details and tickets visit PromiseKeepers.org/events



If you are over 80 or turning 80 by April 1st, please call the office so we can include you on our list to attend the Over 80's dinner on March 11, 2017.

It is always lots of fun, you won't want to miss it!

Friendly Neighbors

March 7, 2017

We will meet and greet at noon with lunch at 12:30. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share.

This month we will have the Line Dancer Club joining us for lunch. After, they will demonstrate several line dances.

So wear your dancing shoes and come join us for good food, fellowship and fun.

Any questions, call Luanna Harris, 307-9655, or Flo Ross, 347-0604.

"I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."
- William Wordsworth, Daffodils



Just a reminder.....



A container is still in the narthex with a flyer on it containing information on needed items for the art teacher at Belleview Elementary.

Any questions, contact Cindy Polcyn

March Birthdays



01 Thomas Gambrel	21 James Hood
06 Jean Winstanley	24 Dooley Hopper
09 Gloria Taylor	24 Joan Wertz
11 Peg Craven	27 Jason Schwarz
13 Nadine McWalker	28 Christina Brewster
14 Cindy Cheuvront	31 Jeanne Craven
14 Ruby Pelot	
14 Mary Jo Ward	
16 Socky Singh	
17 Samantha Owens	
18 Mildred Denning	
18 Mike Schonewolf	

March Anniversaries

17 Bob & Mary Lou Murray
25 Jason & Cindy Brodie



a note of **THANKS**

I would like to thank everyone who donated baby, kids, and childrens clothes to be given to my daughter in law Crystal James for her mission trip to Nicaragua.

Cindy Polcyn

Steve and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and being so generous in all the delicious meals you provided for us during this time of illness and healing. It is wonderful being loved and cared for by so many Godly friends.
Gods blessing on all of you,
Vicki and Steve Swanson

HAM DINNER



MARCH 17, 2017
4:30pm-6:30pm



Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes w/gravy
Glazed Carrots
Tossed Salad
Fruit Cup
Dessert

\$ 8.00 donation

Fundraiser for the Methodist Men United for their missions.

FROM THE EDITOR

Please submit articles 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



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Here's some information about our Food Pantry.....

To those of you who are not familiar with our Food Pantry, we welcome you to visit any 2nd or 4th Tuesday or Wednesday of the month. Come take a tour of the facility, and perhaps volunteer.

There were not any records maintained when the pantry came into existence, but from bits and pieces of information we've collected, we know it started before the fall of 2005.

At that time it was operated from a storage closet in the church fellowship hall until it was moved to the current location in June of 2012.

In the Fall of 2011, we applied for food assistance from "First Step Food Bank" in Ocala.

At that time our average number of clients was 29. We were approved and started receiving food in February. With the increase of food products, we became in need of more storage space. It was suggested that we use the building that we are currently in, which at that time was being used for storage. The Board of Trustees approved the request and after some plumbing repairs and cleaning and painting, we moved in. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Craven donated a new freezer and Ila House and family donated a slightly used refrigerator, which allowed us to store fresh fruit and vegetables and frozen meat. Mr. Bill Picking installed hand rails to our porch entrance and Tom Sheehan installed a new ceiling fan. Since then, a Mitsubishi AC/Heat Unit was installed in two of the rooms, and Paul and Sally Silvis built more storage shelves. Paul maintains and repairs anything that needs to be done. As they say, "It takes a village."

We shop the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We receive government subsidized food via TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program), which consists of pasta, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, soups, pasta sauce, cold cereal, fruit juice, dried beans, canned beans and canned pork or salmon.

We are able to purchase second harvest donations @ \$.19/lb. Some Ocala markets donate bakery products and fruit/vegetables beyond "last sale date", which are no cost to us.

We can get meat also "last sale date" and then frozen meat at the market can also be purchased for \$.19/lb. That small fee covers the cost of transporting it in a refrigerated truck from the market to the warehouse. Occasionally, we are able to get eggs and yogurt at no cost. It is through your generous donations that we are able to purchase these products.

I should add that Christmas of 2015 we purchased canned hams from Publix for 100 clients and last Christmas, they received a \$20 gift card from Walmart.

Our current number of clients is 100/pantry day. It requires approximately 8 hrs./week and many volunteers to prepare and distribute the food bags, the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Because many of our clients are elderly, weak, and some ill and under medical treatment, we need a volunteer just to assist them to carry their food bags to their vehicles. Like I said, "It takes a village."

Suggestions for donations:

Personal care items (bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste)

Dish and Laundry Detergent

Coffee and Tea, Condiments, Sugar, Shelf Milk, Evaporated Milk, Baking mixes, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Chunky Soups, Pasta Sauces.

Thank you for all your assistance.

Bella, mild-mannered reporter for the BelleRinger

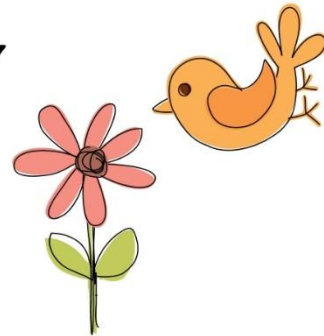


United Methodist Women's

Spring Bazaar

Saturday, March 25, 2017
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, 3/18 through Friday 3/24 between 9 am
and noon in the Fellowship Hall.
No clothes, shoes or electronics please.**

Noon Sunday Social Hour

A BIG thank you to those who have helped or are already helping with fellowship time after the 11 AM services on Sundays.

Have you enjoyed the fellowship and refreshments in the social hall after the 11 AM Sunday service? Have you gotten to know a few people better during this time? Has the event helped get the rest of Sunday off to a good start for you?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, consider volunteering to help put it on. It is less effort if more people will either help or fully produce the event on a rotating schedule. That would ease the work of the hosts. You can work with a host to learn the routine and then go solo on a scheduled basis. If you can not do the full job on an occasional basis, consider contacting the scheduled host to offer to bring some of the goodies on a given day. Check the schedule sheet near the kitchen telephone or on the table during the event.

For details, contact the church office or Melicent Versteeg at church or at (207)623-3793.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm	2 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am GriefShare 2pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Trustees 6:30pm	3 Thrift Shop 9-3 Parents Night Out - 6pm	4 Thrift Shop 9-12 Healing Academy 9:30am Men's Group 9am
5 Worship 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Worship 11:00	6 Thrift Shop 9-12 Square Dance 1pm Choir 3pm Bell Choir 4:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm	7 Worship Planning 9am Bible Study 10am MMU/UMW 11am Friendly Neighbors 12:30 Hope at Hardees 2pm Girl Scouts 5pm	8 FOOD PANTRY Bible Study 6:30pm	9 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am GriefShare 2pm	10 Thrift Shop 9-3	11 Thrift Shop 9-12 Over 80's Luncheon
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Worship
Schedule

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