

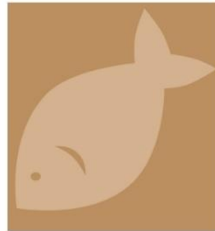


BelleRinger



Bellevue United Methodist Church
(352)245-2100

November 2016



FISH FRY

November 4, 2016
4-6 pm

\$ 8 donation requested

Fish
Cole Slaw
Cheese Grits
Hush Puppies
Baked Beans
Drink
Dessert

Proceeds will go to the Bikers Against Trafficking



From the Pastor's Desk

Free to Be

Are you as free as you want to be? Jesus died to set us free from all earthly and spiritual bondage, so why are we still so bound up in worry, jealousy, anxiety, depression, anger, shame, guilt, and the like? It's because we haven't fully embraced the freedom that Jesus died to give us.

What's keeping us from being free? Strongholds. What is a stronghold? A stronghold is a pattern of thinking or system of logic that is rooted in a lie. This system of thinking is formed around any habitual response, addiction, fixation, compulsion, obsession and inordinate fear. Strongholds are a primary strategy of Satan's work around the world and in our lives. Strongholds distort our perceptions of everything we encounter. And everyone has them.

What do strongholds do in our lives? They prevent or retard our emotional and spiritual growth and maturity. They cause conflict, separation, and divorce in marriage. They cause division in churches. They provoke bitterness, jealousy, anxiety, and depression. They keep people from accepting what Christ has made them to be and thus keeps them from fulfilling their personal destiny in God. Strongholds are a foothold or a place of operation that the devil uses to enslave us. Strongholds produce financial disorder and will bring spiritual disorientation. Strongholds weaken our body and make us vulnerable to diseases. Strongholds provoke us to respond to others in ways that even we do not understand. They fragment attempted friendships and steal our joy and hope. Strongholds stifle our faith and distort Scripture. They cloud and darken our minds and imprison our spirits. Strongholds allow us to give only a begrudging love, at best. They keep us from forgiving others.

How do I get free? Glad you asked! Stop by the office for a free copy of the booklet "Steps to Freedom in Christ." If you want someone to pray with you through the process of breaking the strongholds in your life, please contact Pastor Kris.

My prayer is that we all seek daily to break down the strongholds that keep us from experiencing all that God wants for us, and to know the amazing peace, joy and hope that comes when we truly live free.

Information sourced from Unmasking the Jezebel Spirit by John Paul Jackson



Prayer & Witness Ministry

We meet every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the church library. Feel free to join us in prayer and praise. All are welcome.

Doubt Storms by Max Lucado

Sometimes I wonder...how can our world get so chaotic? And I sometimes wonder why so many hearts have to hurt? Do you ever get doubt storms? Do you have turbulent days when the enemy is too big, and the answers too few? Every so often a storm will come, and I'll look up into the blackening sky and say, "God, a little light, please?"

The light came for Jesus' disciples. A figure came to them walking on the water. It wasn't what they expected. Maybe they were listening for a divine proclamation to still the storm. One thing is for sure, they were not looking for Jesus to come walking on the water. "It's a ghost," they said and cried out in fear." And since Jesus came in a way they didn't expect, they almost missed seeing the answer to their prayers. And unless we look and listen closely, we risk making the same mistake!

From *In the Eye of the Storm*

Friendly Neighbors

November 1, 2016

We meet and greet at noon and eat at 12:30. Bring your own table service and a dish to share and a friend. All are welcome to share in good food and fellowship. There will be door prizes thanks to our dear Flo Ross.

If any of you know of any entertainment, please contact Flo or Luanna. We all enjoyed the wonderful Golden Troopers from the Ocala Civic Theater. Thank you, Ila, for the suggestion.

"Our Father, fill our hearts, we pray,
With gratitude Thanksgiving Day;
For food and raiment Thou dost give,
That we in comfort here may live."
- Luther Cross, Thanksgiving Day



Wednesday November 16 we will be honoring the teachers and staff of Belleview Elementary School with our usual fall luncheon.



We will be asking for people to indicate what dish they will provide for the lunch. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex by the last Sunday in October. We appreciate your involvement in this community outreach.

The school has sent donations of things they can no longer use to our Thrift Shop. One item being a bicycle which will be given to the United Methodist Women for their bazaar.

We appreciate the school thinking of us; as they appreciate the things we do to help them teach the children of our area.

Ila House,
Council Chairperson



Saturday, November 12 at 6:00pm will be a special night of Powerhouse as we celebrate our 1 year anniversary. We have a few surprises in store as well as Bikers Against Trafficking will be there to talk about the growing problem of Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking is the 2nd fastest growing organized crime in the world and in the U.S. This is not just a problem in other countries as there have been 3 cases in Marion County with one of them being in Belleview. Come out and help us celebrate our anniversary and become more aware of this terrible problem.



CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Thank you! to all who participated September 22, 23, and 24. If you were on the job site, thank you. If you provided food, thank you. If you served the food, thank you. If you prayed, thank you.

We completed projects at the residences of four members of Belleview United Methodist Church. This will be an ongoing mission project. If you, or someone you know, needs some minor repairs, please contact the office for an application form. Remember: we are not licensed or insured or professional. We can do some plumbing, some carpentry, some electrical, some yard work.

Save the date of Saturday, February 18, 2017. That morning we will meet as we have in the past and go to some neighbors to do some outside work. We will also bag meals for Stop Hunger Now.

November Birthdays

03 Mary Northrup	21 Cora Milligan
03 Dan Smoots	23 Alicia Craven
04 Donna Bright	23 Mary Davis
04 Tom Sheehan	23 Rita Doucette
05 Larry Farro	25 Taylor Gambrel
05 Al Tracy	26 Joan Marriott
10 Sue Stemen	30 Ila House
13 Samantha Anspach	30 Virginia Maskell
14 Jason Brodie	
14 Jonathan Dann	
15 Virginia Call	
16 Clay Waldron	



November Anniversaries

03 Jim & Joan Marriott
06 Edward & Stephanie Barry
08 Robert & Lucille Fitch
28 Bill & Virginia Maskell



To members of Church Has Left the Building:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people
who came to my house to paint it.
It is so wonderful to have people that have a joy in their
hearts to serve.
I really do appreciate it.
In Christ Love,
Cheryl Kenyon

In Loving Memory

*A donation was made to the Florida United Methodist Children's
Home in memory of Charles Cullen by Bill and Claire Picking.*

Advent - The Season of Giving

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It is a long-standing tradition here at Bellevue UMC that during the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent, a special offering is made for causes that promote the ongoing mission of Jesus Christ in our world.

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) and "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1: 8) we strive to fulfill this ongoing mission. Our "Jerusalem" is our community, Bellevue; our "Judea" is our country, which includes missions within the United States; our "Samaria" is anywhere we don't want to go or might want to avoid; the ends of the earth obviously refer to other nations in our world.

Since the church budget as well as United Methodist Women and Methodist Men United sponsor local mission efforts in Bellevue ("Jerusalem"), this year's advent offering will be divided between BUMC's Red Bird Mission trip ("Judea") and the sponsorship of an international missionary in Zambia. ("the ends of the earth")

A group from BUMC will be going to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky, April 22 through April 29, 2017. In 1919, a group of church women in Illinois began praying that a mission work begin in the Southern Highlands of the Appalachian region. They established a faith fund. In 1921, a Christian school was opened. In 1922, a medical clinic was opened. The mission has continued to grow since then, adding more ministries, including the work camp. The work camp volunteers bring hope to low-income families through home repair. The \$375.00 per person registration fee is used solely to purchase material for the project. The entire Red Bird Mission is funded by donations, with the exception of some grants that the K-12 school receives.

While it is true that poverty exists everywhere in our country, the level of poverty and lack of resources in the Appalachian region is astounding. The average person in the US living in poverty has electricity, running water, a cell phone, and access to health care. Thousands of people in the area around Red Bird live with no running water, 1 light bulb running from another trailer, and no access to medical care. There are no cellular towers in the area where we go.

Delbert and Sandy Groves are United Methodist missionaries based in Kitwe, Zambia. Delbert was ordained as an elder by the Zambia Provisional Conference in 2006. He is a member of the Florida Annual Conference. Delbert's focus is on church leadership and spiritual growth training. Sandy serves at the New Life Center, which was established in 2001 through their efforts. It has numerous outreach ministries, including health education, handicap bikes for mobility, a learning and computer lab. Delbert and Sandy will visit BUMC Sunday, January 8.

Our goal is to raise a total of \$5,000 to support these two missions. Thank you for praying and being a part of God's plan for His people.

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Have you met Evelyn Day? She recently joined BUMC. Evelyn, welcome to our family.

Evelyn was born in Steubenville, Ohio (go Buckeyes!). She has lived in south Georgia (go Dogs!). She has lived in Florida (go Gators!) since 1973. She has been employed with K-Mart since 1973 and is currently the manager of the Belleview store.

While she lived in Perry, Florida, she served First UMC in a variety of capacities, including staff parish and as emergency coordinator. She was involved in a number of community activities including Boys & Girls Club and Rotary.

She has always been a Methodist and has served in many positions - youth leader, Youth for Christ, Women's Guild. At BUMC, she is a member of the Vision team and volunteering at the Food Pantry.

Evelyn enjoys traveling. She is looking forward to meeting new friends. We are happy to have her as a new member of our congregation.

Bella, mild-mannered reporter for the BelleRinger



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 - Treasures of the Transformed Life. Fellowship Hall.
Facilitator: Pastor Kris

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

Sunday 9:40 - Women's Study- Let.It.Go by Karen Ehman. Facilitator: Cindy Brodie

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

Wednesday 6:30pm - Bible Study on The Psalms. Facilitator: Pastor Kris

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

From the Finance Committee - Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder -

True Riches

If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. (Colossians 3:1-5)

Attendance

September 2016 - 137

September 2015 - 143

Giving and Operational Expenses

	<u>September 2016</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving	\$15,844.70	\$157,583.47
Operational Expenses	<u>\$16,750.58</u>	<u>\$155,646.95</u>
+/-	\$ 905.88-	\$ 1,946.51+

Year to date our giving has totaled \$157,583.47 while our operational expenses were \$155,646.95, leaving us a year to date surplus of \$1,946.51.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bible Study 10am MMU/UMW 11am Friendly Neighbors 12:30 Hope at Hardees 2pm Girl Scouts 5pm Facility Research Group 6:30pm	2 Bible Study 6:30pm	3 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Trustees 6:30pm Visual Arts 7pm	4 Thrift Shop 9-3 FISH FRY 4pm	5 Thrift Shop 9-12 Men's Group 9 am
6 Worship 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Worship 11:00	7 Thrift Shop 9-12 Choir 3pm Bell Choir 4:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm	8 Bible Study 10am New Life 1pm Hope at Hardees 2pm Girl Scouts 5pm	9 FOOD PANTRY Bible Study 6:30pm	10 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am Visual Arts 7pm	11 VETERANS DAY Office closed Thrift Shop 9-3	12 Thrift Shop 9-12 Kid's Club 12:00 POWERHOUSE 6PM
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NOVEMBER IS ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

Positive Adoption Language

INSTEAD OF THIS.....

SAY THIS.....

The Process of Adoption

give up, abandon, leave,
give away, didn't want to keep

make an adoption plan
place for adoption

Family Members

"real" or "natural"
mother/father/sibling/family

"birthparents" or "first parents"
mother/father/family

A Troubling Phrase

"put up" for adoption

make an adoption plan
place for adoption

The Child

child who "is" adopted
adopted child

child who "was" adopted
(if relevant to conversation)

Intended Compliments

"It's wonderful that you adopted"
"She's lucky to have you as parents"
"You are good people. I couldn't raise
someone else's child"
"She's much better off with you"

"I see how very much you love each
other"
"I'm happy for you and your family"

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Worship
Schedule

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