



BelleRinger



Belleview United Methodist Church
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POWERHOUSE UPDATE

Powerhouse has finished its winter and spring months now, and we are looking forward to its summer months. The band is sounding better and better each and every time. You can feel the Holy Spirit in the room when they play. We finished up with a very successful Block Party on May 14th. We have three great Saturdays coming in June, July and August.

In June, Steve Swanson will be giving a timely message on "I think that it is time for America to Wake Up".

Then, for one night only, on Saturday July 9th, Pastor Don Corbit will be here to give us a special message. Come out and see him and remember times past.

Then, in closing out the summer months for one night only on Saturday, August 13th, Bikers for Christ will be here. More about them next month.

It is always casual and everything is FREE. Come out and join us! You won't be sorry.





From the Pastor's Desk

Creating a "Fresh Expression" of Church

The Christian movement is today facing one of its biggest challenge - the secularization of society. Even 50 years ago, church attendance was "expected" of most people, and shopping and sports were not even options on Sundays. Today, not only is church attendance no longer expected, but the options for Sunday activities continue to expand. Families with young children are faced with practices and games on Sundays; people running events for recreation and hobby-related groups see Sunday at the optimal day for getting a large amount of participation. Rest, family time, errands, and shopping are often top of list for families.

Studies show that 88% of the people who do not currently have a church home are not "seeking" one, either. And while having better music or better preaching might attract church goers from another church to your church, this is simply member-swapping and not truly advancing the Kingdom.

So what is a church to do if it wants to continue to reach people with the life-giving message of Jesus? We must take the church to where people are already gathering...like restaurants, wine bars, sporting clubs, community club houses, gyms, even tattoo parlors! Our conference has partnered with the "Fresh Expressions" movement which helps train to churches find new and creative ways of taking the church into the community.

We at BUMC are starting our first "Fresh Expression" at the new Hardee's in Belleview, and we're calling it "Hope at Hardee's." Once it is launched, it will meet Tuesdays at 2pm (a time approved by the Hardee's owner), and will feature relevant Biblical conversation and good food. Once we get rolling, we will also celebrate Holy Communion each week. Are you willing to be a missionary for Jesus right here in our community? If so, please let me know as we get ready to launch HOPE AT HARDEE'S. I can't wait to see what Jesus will do !

Other Fresh Expressions will follow. What location is God putting on YOUR heart? Your neighborhood's clubhouse? Your favorite restaurant? Your hiking club?

I ask that each of us pray: In the name of Jesus, may Your Shekinah glory descend and rest on the Hardee's restaurant, it's parking lot, it's tables & chairs, food prep areas, and especially the EMPLOYEES and CUSTOMERS of Hardee's. Fill us your servants with the fire of Your Holy Spirit that we will embody Your presence, Your grace, Your love, and Your joy as we converse and live out the incarnational ministry of Jesus. May God's Kingdom COME on earth, as it is in heaven. In the powerful and mighty Name of Jesus.

Would you like to learn more about Fresh Expressions? Check out: <http://freshexpressionsus.org/>

Pastor Kris



Prayer & Witness Ministry

We meet 10 a.m. in the church library. Please join us in praise and supplication to our Lord.

Let us always offer to God our sacrifice of praise.

Hebrews 13:15

Praise to God

You are a great God
Your character is holy.
Your truth is absolute.
Your strength is unending.
Your discipline is fair. . . .
Your provisions are abundant for our needs.
Your light is adequate for our paths.
Your grace is sufficient for our sins. . . .
You are never early, never late. . . .
You sent your Son in the fullness of time and
will return at the consummation of time.
Your plan is perfect.
Bewildering, Puzzling. Troubling.

But perfect.



A big thank you to all those who helped this year with the donations for the art teacher at Belleview Elementary, it was very much appreciated.



So... you don't Sew?

I am offering the opportunity to learn basic sewing skills such as sewing on a button or mending a hem or seam.

Additionally, I am available to teach basic sewing skills on the sewing machine.

If you really are not physically able to mend your favorite piece of clothing, I will try to mend it for you.

No cost involved unless materials are needed. Please give me a call if you are interested.

Mary Northrup 307-8850



Summer Sunday School Classes will meet at 9:45-10:45 this summer. Check out all the classes to choose from below - come join us on Sunday morning and get involved in a great children's, youth, or adult class depending on your age! There is something for all and it's a great way to continue to grow in the knowledge and the LOVE of our God!

- Nursery available for newborn through age 5
- Kg through 5th grade meets in Room 303 with Joanne DeGraff and volunteers
- 6th-12th grade meets in Room 301 with Vicki Swanson & Dawn Tripp
- Adult Classes meet as below:
 - Pursuers meet in Room 302 with Susie Willoughby
 - Pastor Kris is leading a Bible Study on "The Names of God" in the Fellowship Hall by the front doors
 - Mike Schonewolf's group on "The Wired Word" meets in Room 304

BELLEVIEW UMC EMMAUS FAMILY

The Belleview UMC (BUMC) has experienced significant growth in the Emmaus Community since the fall of 2015. Two men and two women were sent on the Florida Aldersgate Community "Walks to Emmaus" #145, and one young pilgrim on the "Chrysalis Retreat" held at Wayne Willis Methodist Campground, Fruitland Park, FL.

In March 2016 there were two "Walks to Emmaus" #146, one for men and one for women. BUMC sent four men and seven women. Then in April for a women's "Walk to Emmaus" #147, BUMC was again fortunate to send seven women. If you are interested in participating in a future Walk to Emmaus, you need a sponsor. Contact Pastor Kris for more information. She has been responsible for promoting and contributing to this program's growth at BUMC. Thank you!

BUMC now has forty-four individuals, who have either completed an Emmaus Walk, Cursillo, Tres Dias or other recognized experience (twenty-two prior to 2015 and twenty-two since). Because BUMC Emmaus Family has shown this growth and Marion County currently had no representation on the Florida Aldersgate Emmaus Community Board, we were asked to select someone from BUMC to represent Marion County. The board meets the third Saturday of odd months in Orlando. Pastor Kris asked me to be the representative and I accepted. My name is Elaine Gillam, Wilmington Area Emmaus Womens' Walk #31, June 1994, Wilmington, Ohio.

BUMC Emmaus Family is also a member of the Tri-County Emmaus Community (Lake, Marion, Sumpter Counties) that to date have hosted Emmaus Gatherings at New Covenant UMC; however, they would like to spread the hosting to other Churches. We have been asked to host on February 9, 2017 which will be prior to the March 2-5, 2017 Men's Walk #149 and the March 9-12, 2017 Women's Walk #149.

*The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The Walk begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity—fifteen talks by lay and clergy on themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer, meditation, worship and Holy Communion. Members of the Emmaus Community support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals and other acts of love and self-giving. Men and women attend separate weekends. Participants are encouraged after their Walk to meet regularly in small groups to challenge and support one another in faithful living, and to seek to Christianize their environments of family, job, and community through the ministry of their congregations. The Upper Room, a ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, sponsors the Walk to Emmaus; however, the Walk to Emmaus is ecumenical.

*From The Upper Room web site "Florida Aldersgate Emmaus" Program Overview

Elaine Gillam

We are in need of volunteers for the summer! Are you able to help out with Sunday School or Children's Church? Can you give 1 hour of your time during the months of June and/or July? Just 1 hour! We need volunteers to help Joanne DeGraff with the Kg-5th grade class and volunteers to help with Children's Church during the 11:00 worship service. Please contact Cindy Brodie @ 812-2575 if you can give 1 hour of your time to help out with Children's Ministry during the summer.

June Birthdays



- 04 Greg Northrup
- 05 Haley Adkins
- 07 Charles Hopper
- 08 Bali Singh
- 08 John Wilkens
- 08 Judy Williams
- 11 Pat Dorey
- 13 Carol Ziegler
- 14 Marilyn Moran
- 16 Nicholas Brodie
- 19 Diann Miracle
- 20 William Johnson
- 21 Shirley Turner
- 22 Paul Silvis
- 23 Winnie Richwine
- 23 Sandy Waldron
- 25 Helen Riggs
- 27 David Willoughby
- 29 Madison Applegate
- 29 Larry Houston
- 29 Tom Sproles
- 30 Richard Boyles
- 30 Jim Marriott

June Anniversaries

- 03 Tim & Mary Northrup
- 08 Paul & Sally Silvis
- 11 Wayne & Cindy Monroe
- 12 Bob & Marsha Holtz
- 14 Steve & Vicki Swanson
- 17 Bali & Socky Singh
- 18 Rick & Ellen Reese
- 21 Burt & Diann Miracle
- 28 Richard & Sara Boyles
- 28 Bruce & Betty Otto
- 30 Danny & Cindy Polcyn



Kid's Club will be taking the summer off but will start again on Saturday, August 13th from 12:00-1:30pm!

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.

*******REMINDER - THE NEXT ISSUE IS A COMBINED JULY/AUGUST ISSUE. MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR ARTICLES PERTAINING TO JULY OR AUGUST EVENTS IN BY JUNE 15TH.**

Thank you!
Cindy Monroe



From Max Lucado's Book A Gentle Thunder:

Once there was a man whose life was one of misery. The days were cloudy, and nights were long. Henry didn't want to be unhappy, but he was. With the passing of the years his life had changed. His children were grown. The neighborhood was different. The city seemed harsher. He was unhappy. He decided to ask his minister what was wrong. "Am I unhappy for some sin I have committed?" "Yes," the wise pastor replied. "You have sinned." "And what might that sin be?" "Ignorance," came the reply. "The sin of ignorance. One of your neighbors is the Messiah in disguise, and you have not seen him." The old man left the office stunned. "The Messiah is one of my neighbors?" He began to think who it might be. Tom the butcher? No, he's too lazy. Mary, my cousin down the street? No, too much pride. Aaron the paperboy? No, too indulgent. The man was confounded. Every person he knew had defects. But one was the Messiah. He began to look for Him. He began to notice things he hadn't seen. The grocer often carried sacks to the cars of older ladies. Maybe, he is the Messiah. The officer at the corner always had a smile for the kids. Could it be? And the young couple who moved next door. How kind they are to their cat. Maybe one of them? With time he saw things in people he'd never seen. And with time his outlook began to change. The bounce returned to his step. His eyes took a friendly sparkle. When others spoke he listened. After all, he might be listening to the Messiah. When anyone asked for help, he responded, after all this might be the Messiah needing assistance. The change of attitude was so significant that someone asked him why he was so happy. "I don't know," he answered. "All I know is that things changed when I started looking for God." Now, that's curious. The old man saw Jesus because he didn't know what he looked like. The people in Jesus day missed him because they thought they did. How are things looking in your neighborhood?

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

11 Do all you can to live a peaceful life. Mind your own business, and earn your own living, as we told you before. 12 If you do these things, then those who are not believers will respect the way you live. And you will not have to depend on others for what you need.



Lenten Offering to MTRA

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the Marion Therapeutic Riding Association (MTRA), I want to thank the entire church family for their generous Lenten donation (\$3,229.98) to MTRA. Our church leaders decided to specify \$2500 to be used to sponsor the horse "Wesley". This money will be used to provide his care for a year. The remainder is sufficient to provide full scholarships for two riders.

Wesley is an exceptional horse. In a class one day, he suddenly stopped and refused to move. After trying several things to get him to move, his leader called the instructor for help. As the instructor approached Wesley and his rider, she noticed that the rider was in the early almost imperceptible stages of a seizure. Wesley had sensed something wrong with his rider and refused to move until the rider was safely dismounted, he then side stepped away and walked off.

This offering makes BUMC a "Secretariat" level giver. The church will be so identified on MTRA's website on the donor's page. The church will receive an 8x10 framed picture of Wesley denoting that fact that we sponsored him. A similar picture will be displayed in MTRA's barn showing that BUMC is the sponsor. Also, placed on the donor/sponsor page of MTRA's website will be a direct link to BUMC's website.

MTRA's mission is "to offer the miraculous benefits of therapeutic horseback riding to persons of all ages and capabilities that are physically, mentally, or emotionally challenged." In addition to our regular classes for students, MTRA's programs include:

- providing classes for 24 riders at Hillcrest School for Exceptional Children at no cost to the riders or the school,
- providing free lessons for Veterans,
- supporting programs for the Pace Center for Girls,
- supporting programs for clients from the Vines Hospital in Ocala,
- and a Silver Saddles program for senior citizens who want to learn to ride and work with horses.

BUMC's donation has an immediate impact on all these programs and is going to serve the needs of individuals in our own community. Again, on behalf of MTRA, thank you for this donation.

Mitch Ward

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE - OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

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SCRIPTURE THOUGHT TO PONDER -

But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? (1 John 3:17)

ATTENDANCE

April 2016 - 163

April 2015 - 188

GIVING AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

	<u>April 2016</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving	\$15,259.16	\$ 71,797.88
Operational Expenses	<u>\$15,834.66</u>	<u>\$ 66,905.92</u>
+/-	\$ 575.50-	\$ 4,891.96+

Year to date our giving has totaled \$71,797.88 while our operational expenses were \$66,905.92 leaving us a year to date surplus of \$4,891.96.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the love offering for the University of Florida branch of the Wesley Foundation. The Wesley Foundation is the official campus ministry of the United Methodist Church. The amount collected was \$380. This love offering was an isolated offering, and not part of any ongoing support plan for the Foundation. We were contacted by the Florida Conference office, who suggested that all churches invite students from the Foundation to share about the ministry that is going on at our college campuses.

On Sunday, September 11, our own Dawn Drake, a student at the University of South Florida, will be speaking during worship about what the Wesley Foundation is doing at the USF campus in Tampa. A fundraising dinner is also being planned to help support the important work of keeping our young people connected to their faith during the tough college years.



June 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 6:30pm	2 Thrift Shop 9-3 Embroidery 9-3 Prayer Group 10am Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Trustees 6:30pm Visual Arts 7pm	3 Thrift Shop 9-3	4 Thrift Shop 9-12
5 Worship 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Worship 11:00	6 Thrift Shop 9-12	7 Embroidery 9-3 Finance 6:15pm	8 FOOD PANTRY Bible Study 6:30pm	9 Thrift Shop 9-3 Embroidery 9-3 Prayer Group 10am Visual Arts 7pm	10 Thrift Shop 9-3 FISH FRY 4PM	11 Thrift Shop 9-12 Powerhouse 6pm
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I am so thankful to the many people who have been helping with the VBS projects that I have placed in the narthex each week. This really helps a lot because it takes a lot of decorations to cover multiple rooms and transform them into Ocean scenery. I will continue to place craft items out on the table to pick up if you can help out by taking something home and completing it.

Don't forget the dates, if you can be there to help that's wonderful, we need you! If you can't, please continue to pray for this event.

July 13 (Wed.) 5:30pm - 8:00pm
July 14 (Thurs.) 5:30pm - 8:00pm
July 15 (Fri.) 5:30pm - 8:00pm
July 16 (Saturday) 10:00am - 3:00pm
July 17 (Sunday) 9:30am-1:00pm

Please see Cindy Monroe for more information or if you can help! We will be having a VBS meeting soon for the people who are interested in helping.

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Worship
Schedule

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