



BelleRinger



Belleview United Methodist Church
(352)245-2100

May 2017

Free Movie Night

Saturday

May 13th

6:00 pm

PUREFLIX PRESENTS
**GOD'S
NOT
DEAD 2**



From the Pastor's Desk

Just Another New-Fangled Idea?

Did you know that in the fellowship hall hangs a banner that says "Bellevue United Methodist Church: In Service to the Community"? I would have to guess it's been there at least 20 years.

Being missional minded is not some new fangled church strategy...it's part of our DNA dating back to Jesus's command recorded in Acts 1:8: "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." It's also strong in our Methodist DNA, as Wesley, who spent his days preaching in fields, visiting the sick and helping the poor, said that the world was his parish.

We at BUMC strive to live out our missional mindedness in all of the areas Jesus commanded. Our "Jerusalem" is Bellevue, which represents our Parents Night Out, Food Pantry, Trunk n Treat, Block Party, Thrift Shop, and all of the ways we support the staff and families at Bellevue Elementary School. Our "Judea" includes regional mission work, such as our trips to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Our "Samaria" represents outreach to the place you don't want to go...places where people don't look, act, or dress like us, who represent a different socio-economic group, or who hold opinions that offend us. Our "ends of the earth" represents all international outreach, such as the missionary couple we supported last January who are serving in Zambia.

You've been hearing a lot about "Fresh Expressions" in the past year, as this is a major focus of the bishop, our conference, and our district. This is not some new-fangled church strategy that will "go away" if we ignore it. This is the future of the Christian movement. Because going to church is now on the fringes of our society rather than in the center, we have to find ways to connect with people right where they are: restaurants, bars, parks, community centers, sports fields, lakes, anywhere where people gather for recreation and enjoy relationships.

Where is God asking you to connect with people in the places where you gather? From the Steeple to the Streets: 13,628 Going was a first step in asking you to interact more deeply in your community. Just because April 8 has passed, it does not mean that we forget that God is on the move and wants us to partner with Him. Ask God to show you how you can be a part of a Fresh Expression of Church right where you live and play.

Here is an easy way to make a connection with someone. When you are at a restaurant and have just placed your order, tell the server, "We are going to ask a blessing for our meal before we eat, and we'd like to pray for you. Is there any need in your life right now?" You can also leave a "connect card" with your tip (just make sure that when you do, your tip is on the generous side!)

I'd love to hear stories about when you prayed for someone. Email me at pastorkris@bellevuemc.net.

Blessings and Shalom,
Pastor Kris



Prayer & Witness Ministry

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

PRAYER IS SOMETHING WE ALL CAN DO FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

I work as a writer for a missions organization. One morning I answered a letter from a woman named Doris asking prayer for her macular degeneration. I prayed for Doris and also asked God to give me the words to respond to her letter. In my letter, I assured Doris that I had prayed for her and asked her to pray for my husband, who is disabled from a stroke.

Several weeks later, a letter arrived from Doris. "Your letter put a smile on my face," she wrote. "By all means, I'll be honored to pray for your husband." She wrote that having turned 93, she had been telling God, "It's time for you to take me home." Then she continued, "But by the prayer requests I'm getting, the Lord seems to be saying, "Not yet."

Doris's letter reminded me that when we think there's nothing we can do for God's kingdom, we can pray. Prayer isn't a last resort; it's a starting point. By Janet Seever

This is what we do; we pray, for you, for our church, pastor, and country.
Please come on **Thursday at 10 a.m.** and join us in the church library.

PAGE 4

Read Luke 24: 1-9

The two angels, appearing as men in dazzling clothes, asked the women why they were looking in a tomb for someone who was alive. Often we run into people who are looking for God among the dead. They study the Bible as a mere historical document and go to church as if going to a memorial service. But Jesus is not among the dead, He Lives! He reigns in the hearts of Christians, and He is the head of His church.

Do you look for Jesus among the living? Do you expect him to be active in the world and in the church? Look for signs of his power. They are all around you.

FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS

May 2, 2017

We gather at noon and eat at 12:30. Bring your own table service and a dish to share.

I hope everyone will come out for our last get together this season. There will be a fashion show put on by the thrift store for your enjoyment.

We will reconvene on the first Tuesday in October.

"'Tis like the birthday of the world,
When earth was born in bloom;
The light is made of many dyes,
The air is all perfume:
There's crimson buds, and white and blue,
The very rainbow showers
Have turned to blossoms where they fell,
And sown the earth with flowers."
- Thomas Hood



From the Finance Committee - Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder -

God's Part

It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a certain slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune telling. Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation." And she continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the authorities (Acts 16:16-19).

Attendance March 2017 - 153
 March 2016 - 178

	<u>March 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving	\$16,989.21	\$53,550.68
Operational Expenses	<u>\$22,068.14</u>	<u>\$58,550.68</u>
+/-	\$5,078.93-	\$4,868.50-

Year to date our giving has totaled \$53,550.68 while our operational expenses were \$58,419.18 leaving us a year to date deficit of \$4,868.50.

Our deficit for the month of March 2017 was due to the unanticipated emergency repairs totaling \$4,770, for preparing for the demolition of the Canada house and redirection of the kitchen drain problem and electrical wiring.

PAGE 6



May Birthdays

01 Florice Ross	18 Carolyn DeGraff
02 Shirley Taylor	18 Marge Whitmer
05 Dick Green	22 Greg Lewis
07 Yvonne Koster	23 Carol Auger
07 Kandi Roberts	25 Vicki Swanson
08 Bob Murray	27 Walter Kalkowski
08 Anne Sproles	27 Cindy Polcyn
11 Philip Barnes	27 Louise Sager
11 Charles Flowers	27 Gary Stemen
12 Jarrett LaFleur	28 Reanne DeGraff
12 Sharon Leino	29 Ginger Dispensa
12 Kevin Sheehan	29 Jeramy Roberts
13 Kenneth Carlyon	30 Edward Barry
13 Bonnie Egger	
15 Bill Maskell	
17 Bob Holtz	
17 Will Leino	
17 Susie Willoughby	

May Anniversaries

03 Walter & Mary Kalkowski
05 Al & Helen Tracy
07 Jeramy & Kandi Roberts
11 Jim & Juanita Applegate
19 Gary & Joanne DeGraff



Miss Rosetti, the art teacher at Belleview Elementary would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated items on her wish list this year!! Hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Cindy Polcyn

I want to thank you all for the prayers, cards, and good wishes as well as transportation while I have been recovering from my shoulder injury. Such a blessing to have friends who care.

Thank you,
Ila House

-Memorials and Contributions-

Donations were made by Vera Foster, Joseph and Ellen Bullers, Ken and Jean Winstanley, Fred & Phyllis Turner, and Gloria and Dennis Lockridge *in memory of Frances Smith*.

A donation was made by the Adventurers Sunday School Class of Hollywood Hill United Methodist Church *in memory of Frances Smith*.

A donation was made to the Red Bird Mission by Cindy Polcyn *in memory of her father, Ray Stowell*.

A donation was made by Pam and Coppie McWhite *in honor of Blanche Milligan*.

A donation was made by Pam and Coppie McWhite *in memory of Dan Smoots*.

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



Where Was God

My wife Vicki had surgery on Monday January 23rd so I was home alone. On Tuesday January 24th I got up at 5:30 to feed the cats. I was having shortness of breath, but didn't think anything about it because I have been having it for about 3 months. It had always come back within a minute or two. I decided to go lay down for a little while. When I got to bed I sat up on the side and felt someone touching me on my left shoulder, telling me that I needed to call 911. I had no feeling in my left hand so I called with my right hand. When I got to the hospital my shortness of breath was gone and I was feeling ok again. They took an EKG on me and said everything looked fine, but said that they would re-evaluate me in a little while. I went to the bathroom and upon coming back to my bed I had shortness of breath again. The nurse said something didn't look right and could she do another EKG. I said okay. When she took it she saw the results and went out into the hallway. There in the hallway was a cardiologist from another hospital who just happened to be there. She asked him if he could look at it even though it wasn't his patient. He said that we need to get him into surgery right away. As soon as he said it coming the other way down the hallway was a surgeon. They took me into surgery, and I had 3 blocked arteries. One at 95% and two more at 85% each. They were going to put a stent in the one with 95% and would do the other two at a different date. While in surgery I had a heart attack. They got the stent in and everything seemed fine. They told me that it was a good thing that I called 911 and came into the hospital today because it could have been bad if I didn't. So where was God in all of this for me. God was putting his hand on my shoulder and telling me to call 911. God was with the nurse telling her something didn't look right and could she do another EKG. God was there putting a cardiologist from another hospital in the hallway to look at the EKG. God was there putting a surgeon walking down the same hallway at that very time. God was there when I had a heart attack during surgery. Later they told me that I had a spot on my kidney. God was with me through all that and he will be with me then too. He will also be with you too. He wants to have a relationship with you and is just waiting to hear from you.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Living Bible (TLB) says:

Be strong! Be courageous! Do not be afraid of them! For the Lord your God will be with you. He will neither fail you nor forsake you."

Steven H Swanson

PAGE 9



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.bellevuemc.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)



May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Thrift Shop 9-12 Square Dance 1pm Choir 3pm Bell Choir 4:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm	2 Worship Planning 9am Bible Study 10am MMU/UMW 11am Friendly Neighbors 12:30 Hope at Hardees 2pm Girl Scouts 5pm	3 Bible Study 6:30pm	4 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Trustees 6:30pm	5 Thrift Shop 9-3 Parents Night Out - 6pm	6 Thrift Shop 9-12 Men's Group 9am
7 Worship 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Worship 11:00	8 Thrift Shop 9-12 Square Dance 1pm Choir 3pm Bell Choir 4:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm	9 Worship Planning 9 Bible Study 10am New Life 1pm Hope at Hardees 2pm Girl Scouts 5pm	10 FOOD PANTRY Bible Study 6:30pm	11 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am	12 Thrift Shop 9-3	13 Thrift Shop 9-12
14 MOTHER'S DAY Worship 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Worship 11:00	15 Thrift Shop 9-12 Square Dance 1pm Choir 3pm Bell Choir 4:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm	16 Worship Planning 9am Bible Study 10am Hope at Hardees 2pm Girl Scouts 5pm	17 Bible Study 6:30pm	18 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am	19 Thrift Shop 9-3	20 Thrift Shop 9-12
21 Worship 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Worship 11:00	22 Thrift Shop 9-12 Square Dance 1pm Choir 3pm Bell Choir 4:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm	23 Worship Planning 9am Bible Study 10am New Life 1pm Hope at Hardees 2pm Girl Scouts 5pm	24 FOOD PANTRY BES Teacher Luncheon 12:00 Bible Study 6:30pm	25 Thrift Shop 9-3 BES Graduation Practice 9am Prayer Group 10am	26 Thrift Shop 9-3 BES Graduation 9am	27 Thrift Shop 9-12
28 Worship 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Worship 11:00	29 MEMORIAL DAY Thrift Shop 9-12 Square Dance 1pm Choir 3pm Bell Choir 4:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm	30 Worship Planning 9am Bible Study 10am Hope at Hardees 2pm Girl Scouts 5pm	31 Bible Study 6:30pm			



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 2 Timothy "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)

Belleview United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 567
Belleview, FL 34421

Current Resident



Belleview United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 567
Belleview, FL 34421

Pastor Kristina Schonewolf

Phone: (352) 245-2100
Fax: (352) 245-2130

Visit us on the web.....
www.belleviewumc.net

Worship
Schedule

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