

December 2021



BELLEVUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*LIVE OUT FAITH * SERVE WITH LOVE * CHANGE OUR WORLD*

Christmas Eve

- SERVICE -



Please join us for a special Christmas Eve Service

December 24th @ 5:00pm or 6:30pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS BUMC FAMILY!

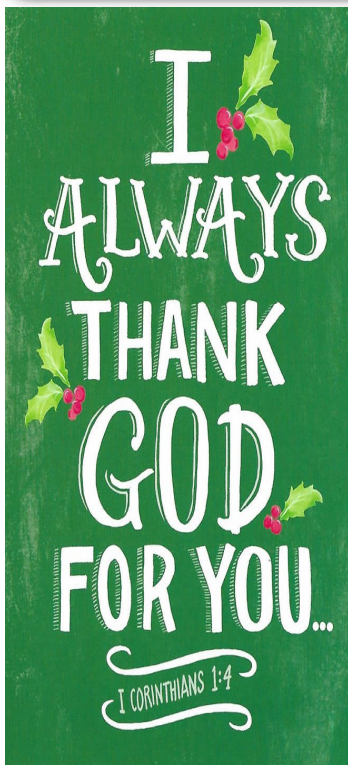


From the desk of Pastor Shawn...

Welcome back to Advent at our Belleview United Methodist Church! It has been a long cold winter or should I say a long cold season of Covid. Yet, here we are still standing and here we are approaching the celebration of the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is in these times that for the next four weeks we will be focusing on scriptures from the Gospel of Luke and celebrating what Christmas reminds us of each year.....Hope. Hope is driven by our Faith in Christ and with this Faith and Hope together we learn how to truly do what is most important in our lifetimes and that is to Love. The question for this season is; does your love have boundaries? If so are you ready to take the next step to sanctification and open our minds and hearts to Boundless Love? Like the Love God has for each of us and He shows us this by bringing His Son Christ into the flesh. Another great word for Boundless Love is "Grace". So in this time of celebration, I pray that grace befalls onto you and your family and receive that Grace and learn to share it as well as you ask you receive it, in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ Amen.

God Bless and Have a Merry Christmas,

Pastor Shawn O'Trimble



Dear BUMC Family,

It's hard to believe that it has been almost a year since I first walked through the doors of BUMC. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to work here and blessed beyond measure in getting to know so many wonderful people at BUMC. During a difficult time in my life, coming to work has been a "saving grace" for me.

The love and appreciation you show means the world to me. I can't thank you enough for making my days brighter. You truly bring Love, Joy, Peace and Hope, to my favorite time of the year.

I wish you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas,

Karyn



YOU'RE INVITED...

*A ladies retreat will be held
at Warren Willis Camp in
Fruitland Park on
Saturday, January 22, 2022,
from 9 a.m. to 4p.m.
Cost will be \$15.00, which will
include lunch. Please contact
Juanita Applegate to
reserve a seat.*



On Thanksgiving Day, BUMC served dinner to 25 who dined in and 125 who drove/ bicycled/walked thru. We served 200+ lbs. of turkey, 15 loaves of bread dressing, and 40 heads of broccoli. Completing the menu was mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, roll, and dessert. On Wednesday, 10 volunteers prepped the food, pre-packaged the cold food, and set the tables. On Thursday, 11 volunteers cooked the food, delivered the food, washed the dishes and pots, and cleaned the kitchen. Thank you to those who donated food, money, and time.



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You **MUST** have your IRA institution transfer the funds from your account **DIRECTLY** to the charity. If you have it sent to you first it is taxable income.

Ask your accountant for the details and how to qualify.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Karyn Veternik	12/02
Gloria Ufkes	12/03
Kay Smith	12/04
Sharon Nichols	12/13
Nina Shuler	12/19
Jim Applegate	12/21
Julia Reid	12/21
Susan Dixon	12/25
Sara Boyles	12/26



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Barbara Bowers	12/19
Rick & Sandy Matheny	12/27
John & Diane Drake	12/28



DEVOTIONAL BY MARY NORTHRUP

Season of Joy

Here it is December again. It's been another loong year. A year with only some of our normal activities and comforts.

I'm looking forward to Christmas. I'm not sure what my expectations are. Putting a tree up before Advent is top on my list. Watching the cat be mesmerized by the lights is another. Our son has outgrown having a stocking so I won't hear him chuckling early that morning over the junk I put in it. There will be a traditional dinner with our usual foursome, Christmas movies and the like. What will be missing are excited children and loved ones who have passed on or live far away. Some of our traditions are just not practical anymore and have been set aside also.

What remains constant is Joy. This season reminds us of the source of that Joy, Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis: "Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.

What I'll be looking for is that inner joy of light and peace.



Hi everyone, I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who donated the cute stuffed animals, or gave me cute clothes, necklaces

sunglasses etc. for them or filled Christmas stockings.

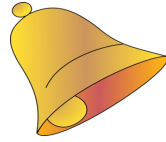
Thank you for bringing joy to children!

Merry Christmas! Hugs, Cindy Polcyn

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>From the Editor: Please submit your articles and events for the January 2022 BelleRinger newsletter to: office@bellevueumc.net. All articles must be submitted by December 20th. Thank you, Karyn</p>			<p><u>1</u> Food Pantry 9-11:30 Open Table 5-6 Bible Study 9:30 & 6:30</p>	<p><u>2</u> Prayer Group 10am Thrift Store 10-3</p>	<p><u>3</u> Thrift Store 10-1</p>	<p><u>4</u> Thrift Store 10-1</p>
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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