



BELLEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Belle Ringer



Live Out Faith  Serve with Love  Change Our World



Going Home

By Mary Northrup

Ever feel like you just want to go home? Back to childhood when life was simple? It was a time of less stress; no worries about money or fixing the roof. Maintaining the car wasn't your responsibility.

Remember mother rocking you to sleep in her rocking chair, your head on her soft breast... Remember father lifting you up and holding you tight. Feeling the strength of his arms as he kept you safe...

Some children never have this kind of safety and warmth, yet I know that they long for it.

It is human nature to want to be warm and secure, to feel loved and protected.

At the other end of life, it must be incredible to cross over to the safety of Heaven and God's waiting arms where you will be safe and warm forever.

John 14:2 My Father's house has many rooms...

Revelation 21:4 - He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Luke 23:43 - And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.





Due to issues posed by COVID-19, the Open Table teams have changed the format for ministering meals to our community. There will no longer be pot luck dinners served in the Fellowship Hall for Open Table. Every part of the meal will be prepared in our beautiful kitchen and served in Styrofoam containers. Our guests will be asked to stay in their cars and the containers will be given to them in the driveway, just like they do at the fast food restaurants.



Our first meal will be spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic knots, salad and fruit cup. We are asking for donations from the congregation of cans of tomato sauce and diced tomatoes, regular pasta, bottles of Italian salad dressing, and boxes of fruit cups, as well as money (checks with "Fresh Expressions" in note area). A box will be placed in the Fellowship Hall and labeled "Open Table". Donations can be brought in Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 - 12 noon. Please have donations in by October 1st. Our first drive through will be Wednesday, October 7th from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

If you have questions please call Carol Pauze, Joanne Benton or Barbara Bowers. Thank you for your continued support of the Open Table ministry.



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

Your prayer warriors continue to meet at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are following the social distancing rules and conditions, but feel compelled to continue our mission: to gather together to pray for our church and the people.

As I was searching for inspiration for this continuing pandemic, I came across this passage from *In the Footsteps of Jesus* by Max Lucado.

Remember the Lord.

Remember who is in control.

Remember His goodness in the past.

Remember God's closeness in the present.

Remember His power for the future.

I am with you always, even to the end of the Age.

Matthew 18:20



MISSIONS

In August, six BUMC members laid sod for Habitat for Humanity. The homeowner and his two children (and others) were part of the crew. It was rewarding to see the transformation take place. In September, Habitat blessed the house and gave the keys to the owner. When the next house is ready to be painted, Habitat will contact BUMC. The information will be posted on "What's Happening." Please pray for this ongoing ministry.

A team of 13 continue to provide food for Open Arms Village. On the third Monday of each month, someone prepares a starch, someone prepares a vegetable, and someone prepares dessert to feed the 20 men at the Village. They are so appreciative.

Do you, a neighbor, or a friend need some minor home repairs? Your grass mowed? Weeds pulled? Hedges trimmed? The Church Has Left the Building team is available. The team is not licensed nor insured.

If you want more information on any of these projects, please contact Juanita Applegate 352-347-6346.

STUFFED ANIMAL COLLECTION



We will be collecting donations of new or gently used stuffed animals. They can be teddy bears or any other kind of stuffed animal, preferably mid-sized. If used, please be sure to wash or spray with

disinfectant and feel free to dress them if you want. The collection will be from October 4th to November 22nd.

Our church thrift store can be a good source for stuffed animals.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Polcyn at 347-2432 or e-mail cinderella57@cfl.rr.com or cindypolcyn57@gmail.com.

Thank you for making a brighter Christmas for needy children.

FINANCE NEWS

From the Finance Committee – Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder –

TWO THINGS TO DO WHEN FACING A PERSONAL STORM

1. Never Go Through a Storm Alone

I want to emphasize the importance of not going through a storm or challenge alone. It is almost impossible to make the wisest decisions in isolation when experiencing a crisis.

Seek advice from people who have been through similar situations as you. You will draw strength not only from their emotional support but also from their experience. There are people all around you who have weathered serious life storms, and you can gain from their knowledge, learning mistakes to avoid and resources to help. Ask your church and friends to pray; it's their most powerful contribution.

2. Live One Day at a Time

Robert Jones built an extraordinarily successful construction business from scratch. He was extremely generous and enjoyed a wonderful reputation. Then came the crushing financial crisis of 2008—crippling his business and pushing him to the brink of bankruptcy.

Confiding in me one day, Robert said, “In a crisis, the tendency is to look ahead and become overwhelmed with all the problems. We are to plan ahead, but for our mental and emotional health we must follow what Jesus Christ told us: *“...do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own”* (Matthew 6:34, NIV).

Live focused on today! And if the crisis becomes severe, focus on one moment at a time in close fellowship with Christ. This is not “escape from reality,” but rather; it is a practical way to stay close to the only One who can help us through the challenge.

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August 2020 – 13,140 Online

August 2019 – 482

Giving and Operational Expenses		
	<u>August 2020</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Giving	\$ 10,747.14	\$ 108,000.08
Operational Expenses	\$ 22,882.09	\$ 141,720.58
+/-	\$ 12,134.95-	\$ 33,720.50-

Year-to-date our giving has totaled \$108,000.08 while our operational expenses totaled \$141,720.58 leaving us a year-to-date deficit of \$33,720.50.

Let's Celebrate!

October Anniversaries

Dean & Marjorie Harris	10/20
Cecil & Linda Neisler	10/21
Howard & Valerie Susdorf	10/26



October Birthdays

Terri Silvola-Finch	10/01
Chari Standhart	10/04
Mae Dunbar	10/19
Ruby Shedlock	10/19
Marjorie Harris	10/20
Barbara Dann	10/21
Joanne Newberry	10/21
Carol Backowski	10/23
Ryan Applegate	10/25
Randy Leighton	10/27



From the Editor:

Please submit your articles for the November BelleRinger newsletter to bellevuebelleringer@gmail.com or leave them in my mailbox outside the church office. All articles must be submitted by Sunday, October 18th.

Thank you,
Mary Davis



The Thrift Shop

Hours:



Monday 9am – 12pm
Thursday 9am – 3pm
Friday 9am – 12pm
Saturday 9am -12pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 9am-12pm thrift shop 10am Pastor's bible study	3 9am-12pm thrift shop
4 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:30am Worship	5 9am-12pm thrift shop	6	7 5pm Pastor's bible study 5:30-6:30pm Open Table Drive-Thru meal	8 9am-3pm thrift shop	9 9am-12pm thrift shop 10am Pastor's bible study	10 9am-12pm thrift shop
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October Worship Schedule
Worship 10:30 am - Reservations
Required (Fellowship Hall)