

On Wednesday, March 24th, Alpha Team served spaghetti with meat sauce and fruit cups for the Open Table meal. The following week, March 31st, Omega served mini meatball subs with salad and cherry crisp. The meal for Chi Rho will be announced in "What's Happening" in April. Open Table is open to everyone. It's free of charge to everyone.

The Open Table groups continue to reach out to the church body and the community through the Wednesday meals, but we are in serious need of your help to continue with this ministry. Several members have left each of the teams to return north, or because of physical issues or due to other commitments. We need at least 7 people, men or women, on each team. We currently have three teams so each team serves every third week.

Please give serious, prayerful consideration to volunteering a few hours, every third week, to assist with cooking and providing meals for the people we serve. It is also a good time of working together and getting to know each other.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Carol Pauze' (posey475@embarqmail.com), Barbara Bowers (bowersis@aol.com) or Joanne Benton (lbenton400@aol.com) by email address, at church on Sundays or call the office and Karyn will get the message to us. Thank you for your consideration.





Prayer & Witness Ministry



The prayer group continues to meet every Thursday 10 a.m. at the church to lift up the concerns of the church and the people. We continue to follow all safety regulations, so please join us or send your prayer requests.

"THE NEXT DAY JOHN* SAW JESUS COMING TOWARD HIM, AND SAID, BEHOLD! THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!

(JOHN 1:29 *NKJV)

[*John the Baptist]

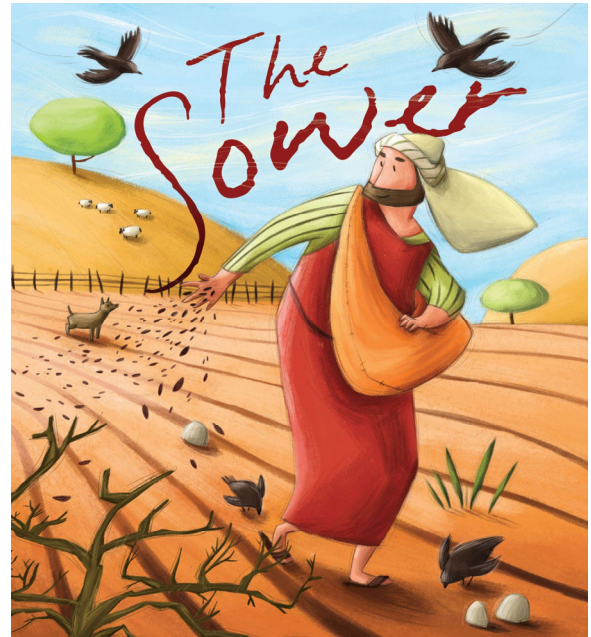
Have you ever wondered why Jesus is called the Lamb of God? Well every morning and evening, a lamb was sacrificed in the temple for the sins of the people. This was written in the law, [see EXODUS 29:38-42] thus to pay the penalty for sin, a life had to be taken.

Because of God's tremendous love for us, He chose to provide the sacrifice Himself! Thus the sins of the world were paid-in-full when Jesus Christ died as the perfect sacrifice! For it is written, **"INDEED CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER, WAS SACRIFICED FOR US." (1 CORINTHIANS 5:7)**


So, remember the tremendous price that was paid by our Savior Jesus Christ, for the redemption of our sins! For as it is written, **"AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR HAS HE REMOVED OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US." (PSALM 103:12)**


May God's Blessings be with you always! Amen.

From God's Minute.




The Sowers meet Saturday mornings at 10am at the Belleview Community Garden. We come

to  in the garden with friends -- to

worship, to sow, and  to pray.

The garden is located at the intersection of 56th Court and 107th Place. Bring A, B, C: attitude of prayer; Bible; chair. And D, dress for the weather. This is a fair weather group. If raindrops are falling

 our heads, we do not meet; there is no shelter at the garden. If you want more information, please contact Terri Silvola-Finch or Juanita Applegate.



The Administrative Council sponsored a pork dinner March 14th. The proceeds are being deposited to the general fund. While we had to do it as a take-out dinner, it was so good to see those who participated. We look forward to the day when we will all be able to enjoy a meal together.

Council is asking for fund raising ideas. We have asked committees to come up with ideas and maybe you've had an idea you've never shared, or can tell us about a fund raiser you've been a part of that you think would work for us. Keep in mind we still have COVID restrictions, but maybe we can adapt your idea to fit. If you have a suggestion, please contact Barbara Bowers at: bowersis@aol.com or call Karyn at the church office Monday through Thursday from 9 AM - 12 noon.

The Council is using this time to evaluate the most effective way to use some of our assets. Please pray for the Council that we continue to be good stewards and make wise in decisions about our church and its ministries.

Vickie and Mary



It's been a season of change and we are facing yet another. Vickie Swanson has resigned from her position as Business Manager to spend more time with her husband and granddaughter, Cora. Steve watches her during the day. Cora loves her Mama and comes running as soon as Vickie gets home from work.

Vickie was a long time member of our congregation before she and Steve decided to move to the Methodist church in Wildwood. She was very active in many ways and always a joy to spend time with.

We'll say "so long" instead of "goodbye" hoping she will at least come back for a visit.

While we are sad to see Vickie go, we welcome Mary Davis as her replacement.

Mary has a degree in Business Administration and experience with accounts payable and payroll. She is currently an Account Clerk with Marion County Schools. We are sure that Mary will bring her usual willingness to serve to this position as well.

You've all seen her playing bass in our praise band. Please welcome her to her new position.

FINANCE NEWS

From the Finance Committee – Our Record of Faithfulness – Scripture Thought to Ponder –

Matthew 6:25-34

Well here we are, three months into a new year in our church life. We have as other churches struggled this past year financially. In February, regarding our giving to our General Budget we have received \$14,342.51. This is used for staff payroll, budgeted expenses, our community outreach, etc. Our expenses in this area in February were \$19,260.10. This leaves us with a shortage of \$4,917.59 for the month which requires that we use from our savings to meet these expenses. We greatly appreciate the gifts given, the time and labor that has transformed the sanctuary so that we can begin limited meeting safely there again.

Please support your church as we progress into the new year of 2021.

Your Finance Team,
Ila House, Chairman

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Giving and Operational Expenses		
	<u>February 2021</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Giving	\$ 14,342.51	\$ 31,901.32
Operational Expenses	\$ 19,260.10	\$ 39,630.26
+/-	\$ 4,917.59-	\$ 7,728.94-

Year-to-date our giving has totaled \$31,901.32 while our operational expenses totaled \$39,630.26 leaving us a year-to-date deficit of \$7,728.94.



Did you know you could earn money for the church every time you purchase items from Amazon? Our church is registered with the Amazon Smile Prime program. Read the following excerpt from their website explaining what the program can do for BUMC:

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

Food Pantry



Ministry

The food pantry crew would like to thank you for your help. It's not always easy but it is rewarding to our group.

Our food pantry is serving a lot of people. In January we fed 432 individuals. In February we fed 595 individuals and in March so far we have fed 252 individuals.

We are in need of cereal, spaghetti sauce, green vegetables.

Thank you and God Bless,
Nadine and the crew from
the Food Pantry

Devotional

BY MARY NORTHRUP

Expectations

People don't always live up to our expectations. Why is that? Are we expecting too much? Are they not who we think they are? Are they just too busy with their own lives? Are they even capable of doing what we ask?

"People can't always be there for you when you want them to." That was from a counselor many years ago.

I taught a youngster about letter writing a few years ago. It was going well until the person they were writing to stopped writing back. Of course this was a big disappointment.

"What should I do? Should I stop writing?" they asked.

"Well... you could do the really nice thing and keep on writing. I'm sure they like getting your letters. Or you could do the not as nice thing and stop writing."

How do you decide how nice to be? What criteria make that decision?

Matthew 7:12 Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for *them*.

It couldn't be simpler.



WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

Come to

BELLEVUE UNTITLED
METHODIST CHURCH

5640 SE Brown Rd. (off 484)

across from Bellevue Elementary School

on each Tuesday in April from 2:45pm to 3:30pm

Hot Dog, Chips, and a Drink \$2.00

Enjoy a yummy snack after school.

Bring a friend!

April 6, April 13, April 20, April 27

Hope to see you!

Let's Celebrate!

April Anniversaries

Joseph & Carol Backowski	04/06
Randy & Susan Leighton	04/08
Joanne Newberry	04/15
Robert & Marilyn Moran	04/22



May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

Psalm 20:4 (NIV)

April Birthdays

Sis Cullen	04/02	Tom Dann	04/16
Mary Lou Murray	04/03	Harvey Versteeg	04/18
Donna Northrup	04/08	Lucy Williams	04/22
Paula Lempke	04/09	Judy Butler	04/23
Ron Dankert	04/13	John Drake	04/23
Howard Northrup	04/13	Carol Swanson	04/27
Carol Pauze'	04/14		



From the Editor:

Please submit your articles and events for the May 2021 BelleRinger newsletter to bellevuebelleringer@gmail.com or leave them in my mailbox outside the church office. All articles must be submitted by Sunday, April 18th.

Thank you,
Mary Davis



The Thrift Shop

Your Thrift Shop urgently needs men & women volunteers! Compensations are meeting our neighbors and making new friends, developing camaraderie with other church members and having fun discovering treasures. Best of all, you will be serving our Lord and Savior through serving His children.



For additional information, contact Sara Boyles, 352-552-3312 or Audrey Gowenlock, 352-553-8538.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday 9am-3pm thrift shop 10am prayer team 6:30pm Meditation 7pm Church Service	2 Good Friday 9am-3pm thrift shop	3 9am-12pm thrift shop
4 Easter Sunday *Communion Sunday 9:30am Worship 11am Worship	5 9am-12pm thrift shop	6 2:45pm-3:30pm Hot Dog fundraiser	7 5pm-6pm Open Table Drive-Thru	8 9am-3pm thrift shop 10am prayer team	9 9am-3pm thrift shop	10 9am-12pm thrift shop
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April Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 10:30 am
(reservations required)
Maundy Thursday – April 1st – 6:30pm
Meditation – 7pm Service
Easter Sunday – 9:30am & 11am
Open Table Drive-Thru, Wednesday's
5pm to 6pm