



BELLEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
"Dark Clouds Deep Mercy"

"Discovering the Grace of Lament"

We have had two review sessions so far in two groups of about ten people each. I think it's going really well! I mean people are sharing and letting things out. That's what we're supposed to do. Right? We're exploring what it means to lament.

This week we covered complaining. We asked how did you feel about complaining before you read this chapter? Why we are reluctant to complain? How is it helpful?

Our answer to "How is it helpful?": It builds a closer relationship with God. Many times we don't realize we haven't totally given things to God until we complain to Him.

I have been learning through these sessions too. We always say "Give it to God". Now I'm going to say "Share it with God". Many people just can't give things up totally.

I hope you are enjoying the series and if you would like to join us, please call the church office.

To God be the Glory. Have a Blessed month.





# Worship Committee

The worship committee is very pleased with how the new set on the stage in the fellowship hall has come together. The Lake Lillian backdrop is amazing, as you can see from the photograph. Thanks go to Teri O'Trimble for taking the photograph.



Many items on the set were donated by the people involved. We have a loveseat and two chairs as well as several tables to use or change up with. It's so nice to present a comfortable setting for the online service as well as being able to enjoy it on Sunday mornings.

If you have been watching online, you will see the green screen in action. It is literally a green screen that can have a variety of backgrounds placed upon it, much like the background on computers. We've seen ocean waves, a black background, an aquarium, and clouds so far.

Stay tuned for more...





The Administrative Council has continued to meet regularly during the COVID pandemic through the wonders of ZOOM. ZOOM has allowed the council members to communicate and to press forward with the daily operations of running and reopening the church.

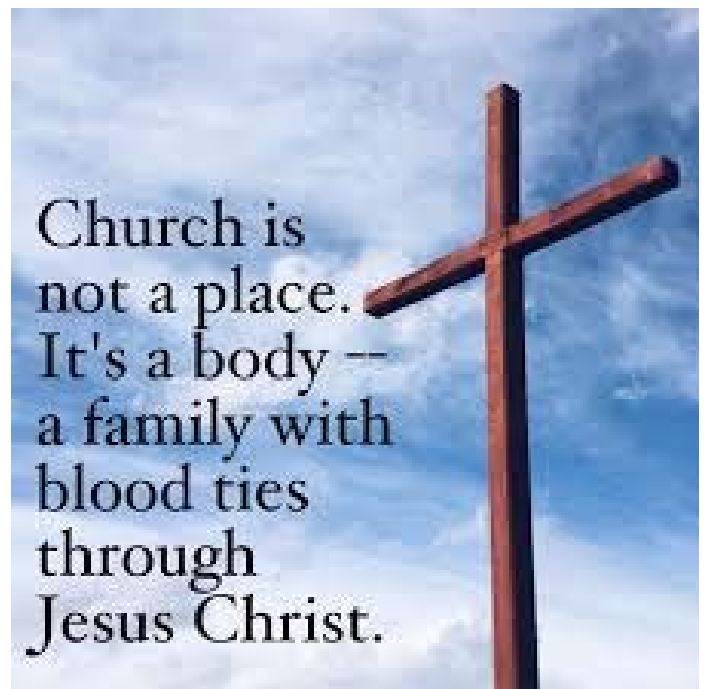
Several months ago Council assigned several members to form a Task Force, whose job is to safely reopen BUMC. To that end, our church was reopened on a limited basis within recent weeks.

During a recent meeting, the Council approved the purchase of Scholastic books for students at our partner school, Belleview Elementary School. The books will be ordered and given to the students just before the Christmas break. We started the book give-away last year at Christmas time and it was a big success with the students, parents and the faculty of Belleview Elementary. This is not an affluent economic area and some of the students do not receive Christmas gifts, so this is a real blessing for them, as well as for us.

BUMC recently received a generous donation from an anonymous donor, specifically designated to be spent on the purchase of chairs to replace the pews in the church. The Administrative Council met and, after considerable discussion, unanimously agreed to the purchase. It is expected that this purchase will allow the church to move quickly toward adding more members of the congregation to the worship service. Work removing the pews and installing the chairs will begin in the very near future.

Please continue to keep Pastor Shawn and the Administrative Council members in your prayers as they continue to move forward in the ministry of BUMC during these unusual times.

God is good, all the time.





# Prayer & Witness Ministry



We continue to follow the rules for social distancing and sanitation for our Thursday meetings held in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. Your prayer requests can be sent to the church or given to any of the members.

## Do Something

Faith that does nothing is dead.

James 2:26

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. Faith is the belief that God will do what is right. God is always near and always available. Just waiting for your touch. So let him know. Demonstrate your devotion:

Write a letter. Ask forgiveness. Be baptized. Feed a hungry person. PRAY. Teach. Go.

Do something that demonstrates faith. For faith with no effort is no faith at. God will respond. He has never rejected a genuine gesture of faith. Never.

He Still Moves Stones / Max Lucado



## What is your passion?

Members of BUMC were asked the question – What is your passion? Here's what Barbara Bowers said:

My passion right now is quilting. When I retired I was looking for a hobby. I always fondly remembered the quilts that my grandmother put on our beds when we stayed with her. So I thought I would give it a try. A dear friend was a quilter and I looked to her for guidance. As I began learning the art of quilting, I realized my new hobby was serving two areas of my life. It was filling my time with something creative and it was speaking to my spiritual side as well. Quilting is like life. You start with a new piece of fabric then you cut it into pieces and put the pieces together to make them a stronger, more functional piece. Each piece has its special place in the pattern of life and they enhance the body as a whole.





### Lament by Mary Northrup

When someone passes on we often say “I lost my Mom.” Or “We lost them to cancer.” It always comes back to loss. Our loss.

I’m no stranger to death. I’ve had my share of loss. I’ve never wanted to hold someone back. Why bring them back to a life of pain, trouble or difficulty when they have achieved that perfect peace of Heaven?

Don’t get me wrong. I mourn. I’d love to have my sister sit and paint with me. Or my brothers tease me one more time.

The only time I really “lamented” was when my mother passed on.

When I got the call that she was hospitalized I vividly remember standing in the shower crying “OH NO God! NOT my mother!” She was much loved by everyone. We were devastated. She was only 64. It couldn’t be time.

I don’t think I ever finished that lament. There was traveling to be done; we were over an hour away. There was family to meet. The shock of seeing my mother in a hospital bed. Travel to another hospital; a wild ambulance ride for her. A decision to be made. My father to look after.

Even in that devastation, I made the choice to let her go. To a better place. To rest at last after a hard life. She must have been so very

tired. It was only 12 hours since she was stricken.

I went into shock after that. It lasted six months. I would have been better off if I had finished the lament. I had cried out to God: “Not my mother!” Told him what my pain was: “She’s dying!” But I never asked him anything. Not even to heal my pain. I never trusted him: to see me through. He was there but I had hung up the phone.

You would think I had learned from that experience. And I did. But I never learned about “lament”. I knew about mourning. Why is it so difficult for people to let us mourn? It makes them uncomfortable.

I’ve continued to work my way through grief. Usually on my own. How much easier it would be to cry out, share the burden, ask for help and... trust. Trust that God would see us through.

Here I am Lord. Asking for help. “Lord heal my pain.” Trusting. That You can indeed.

Psalm 102:1-2

God, listen! Listen to my prayer,  
listen to the pain in my cries.

Don’t turn your back on me  
just when I need you so desperately.  
Pay attention! This is a cry for help!  
And hurry—this can’t wait!

Psalm 13:5-6

I’ve thrown myself headlong into your arms—  
I’m celebrating your rescue. I’m singing at the  
top of my lungs, I’m so full of answered  
prayers.

Jeremiah 29:11-12

I know what I’m doing. I have it all planned  
out—plans to take care of you, not abandon  
you, plans to give you the future you hope for.  
“When you call on me, when you come and  
pray to me, I’ll listen.”



### Open Table Ministry

We started our Open Table Ministry several years ago to feed our local community. There are many people in our area that are in need, that are lonely, and would enjoy a nice home cooked meal. We are fulfilling that need.

We asked our congregation to volunteer for this ministry if they had an interest in cooking and serving others. We had many that would.

Two teams were formed at first then another was added. The teams are Alpha, Omega and Chi Rho. We rotated each week. We served every Wednesday night at 5 pm. Each team member cooked whatever they wanted to and it was served on long tables with tablecloths. That's why it is called Open Table. All are welcome.

We served an average of 40-60 people and we became friends to many. We had prayer and prayer requests and a short

Jesus message. Many who came would thank us and offered to help clean up. It was like a big family having dinner.

Then the Covid-19 virus hit this country and everything changed. We were forced to close our doors so we wouldn't spread the virus. It was heart breaking to all. It lasted for about 6 months or more. As the virus started to lessen, our church slowly started to open up a little, but we are still taking precautions. Our teams came together and found a new and safe way to feed our community.

We now serve a meal drive-through style. We make a meal and put it in to-go containers. No one comes in the church building for safety reasons.

We fill the container and pass them out through the car window. We just started this and are overjoyed that we had 75 cars come through our line, many were our former open table friends. Let me tell you this is a God powered ministry. Our teams are people who love the Lord and love His people.

If you feel God nudging you to be part of this ministry, please let us know. We are in need of your help as we are growing. It will warm your heart as you help others.

Blessings, Carol Pauze'



BUMC members distributing dinners for Wednesday night's Open Table Drive-Thru. Dinners are free and available for pickup each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30pm.



# Food Pantry



# Ministry

## Three Cheers for Innovation

The Food Pantry has been open through most of the pandemic. In an effort to make things safer they have a new drive-thru process that has turned out to be a better way of serving the patrons.



The Food Pantry is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11:30am.



# FINANCE NEWS

From the Finance Committee – Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder –

Money can be a stressful part of life, the anxiety of providing for your family by having enough to pay the bills. It is important that we remember to first seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all will be added that is needed. Additionally, it is wise to not have a greedy obsession with money, putting a love of money before your love for God. Hebrews 13:5 tells us, "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

September 2020 – 8,209 Online – 113 in-person

September 2019 – 569

<b>Giving and Operational Expenses</b>		
	<u>September 2020</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Giving	\$ 12,928.25	\$ 120,928.33
Operational Expenses	\$ 20,002.44	\$ 161,723.02
+/-	\$ 7,074.19-	\$ 40,794.69-

Year-to-date our giving has totaled \$120,928.33 while our operational expenses totaled \$161,723.02 leaving us a year-to-date deficit of \$40,794.69.

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

### *Drive-Thru*



Once again, BUMC will host dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. However, this year it will be a drive-thru meal. The menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, vegetables, cranberries, rolls, and dessert. Please contact Juanita Applegate if you will donate a 12 to 15-pound turkey or any other items. If you want to help with the meal, please contact her, too.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him, and praise his name. Psalm 100.4



**November Anniversaries**

Jim & Joan Marriott	11/03
Eddie & Stephanie Barry	11/06
Bill & Virginia Maskell	11/28

**November Birthdays**

Lorrie Dreier	11/02
Mary Northrup	11/03
Donna Bright	11/04
David Palmer	11/07
Samantha Anspach	11/13
Jason Brodie	11/14
Farris Ivey	11/14
Martha Fleener	11/19
Alicia Askey	11/23
Mary Davis	11/23
Lydia Askey	11/25
Joan Marriott	11/26
Teri O’Trimble	11/26
Ila House	11/30
Virginia Maskell	11/30



From the Editor:

Please submit your articles for the December BelleRinger newsletter to [bellevuebelleringer@gmail.com](mailto:bellevuebelleringer@gmail.com) or leave them in my mailbox outside the church office. All articles must be submitted by Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you,  
Mary Davis



**The Thrift Shop**

**Hours:**

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



*located behind the church*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 All Saints' Day</b> Daylight savings time ended at 2am Communion Sunday <b>10:30am</b> Worship	<b>2</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop	<b>3 Election Day</b>	<b>4</b> <b>5pm</b> Pastor's bible study <b>5:30-6:30pm</b> Open Table Drive-Thru meal	<b>5</b> <b>9am-3pm</b> thrift shop	<b>6</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop <b>10am</b> Pastor's bible study	<b>7</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop
<b>8</b> <b>10:30am</b> Worship	<b>9</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Veteran's Day</b> <b>9:30-11:30am</b> Food Pantry <b>5pm</b> Pastor's bible study <b>5:30-6:30pm</b> Open Table Drive-Thru meal	<b>12</b> <b>9am-3pm</b> thrift shop	<b>13</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop <b>10am</b> Pastor's bible study	<b>14</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop Movie Night
<b>15</b> <b>9:30am</b> Inside Worship <b>10:45am</b> Drive-in Worship	<b>16</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>5pm</b> Pastor's bible study <b>5:30-6:30pm</b> Open Table Drive-Thru meal	<b>19</b> <b>9am-3pm</b> thrift shop	<b>20</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop <b>10am</b> Pastor's bible study	<b>21</b> <b>12pm</b> thrift shop
<b>22</b> BelleRinger Deadline & Deadline for stuffed animals <b>9:30am</b> Inside Worship <b>10:45am</b> Drive-in Worship	<b>23</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9:30-11:30am</b> Food Pantry <b>5pm</b> Pastor's bible study <b>5:30-6:30pm</b> Open Table Drive-Thru meal	<b>26 Thanksgiving Day</b> Church Office Closed <b>11:45am-1:00pm</b> Thanksgiving Dinner Drive-Thru pickup	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop <b>10am</b> Pastor's bible study	<b>28</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop
<b>29</b> <b>9:30am</b> Inside Worship <b>10:45am</b> Drive-in Worship	<b>30</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> thrift shop					

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**November Worship Schedule**

Worship 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall,  
reservations required)

Starting 11/15/2020:

9:30 am Inside Worship

10:45 am Drive-in Worship

Open Table Wednesday's @ 5:30 –  
6:30 pm (Drive-Thru pickup)