



BelleRinger



Bellevue United Methodist Church
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April 2019



Spread the word- we will be having a community wide Easter Event on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00-12:00. We will have Easter Egg Hunts for children ages 0-12.

There will be free food, games and prizes, a bounce house , and crafts for the kids.

This will be our second year having this event and we had a great turn out last year.

We are collecting Easter candy now and will continue to collect it up until the event.

Thank you to all who have donated candy already.

If you would like to volunteer to help us at the event, please contact me.

Thank you

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From the Pastor's Desk

It's Resurrection Celebration Time!

It's our favorite time of year again - when we celebrate Jesus's magnificent victory over death, thereby giving us power to defeat sin and death itself!

During Holy Week, we will be continuing our tradition of having a time of devotion, music, and breakfast each morning Monday April 15- Friday April 19 beginning at 8am. We'll be having a continental breakfast Monday-Thursday, with a hot breakfast on Good Friday.

On Thursday, April 18, our drama team will be presenting a LAST SUPPER play at 7pm. Come and enjoy this re-enactment of Jesus's final night before his arrest and crucifixion. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the presentation.

On Good Friday (April 19), we will continue our tradition of participating in the Joint Good Friday service at noon held at New Covenant UMC, attended by about 8 area UM churches. Our church bus will be leaving for New Covenant at 11:15am; call the office to reserve your spot on the bus.

We will celebrate His resurrection power on April 21:

Sunrise Service: 6:15am

Contemporary service: 9am

Traditional Service: 11am

I look forward to rejoicing with you. Invite a friend to one of our services...they're probably just waiting for you to ask!

Pastor Kris

Prayer & Witness Ministry



We meet every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the church library. Come pray with us or send us your requests.

The Miracle of the Carpenter by Max Lucado

Loretto Chapel took five years to complete. Modeled after the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris, its delicate sanctuary contains an altar, a rose window, and a choir loft.

The choir loft is the reason for wonder.

Were you to stand in the newly built chapel in 1878, you might see the Sisters of Loretto looking forlornly at the balcony. Everything else was complete: the doors had been hung, the pews had been placed, the floor had been laid. Everything was finished. Even the choir loft. Except for one thing. No stairs.

The chapel was too small to accommodate a conventional stairway. The best builders and designers in the region shook their heads when consulted. "Impossible," they murmured. There simply wasn't enough room. A ladder would serve the purpose, but mar the ambiance.

The Sisters of Loretto, whose determination had led them from Kentucky to Santa Fe, now faced a challenge greater than their journey: a stairway that couldn't be built.

What they had dreamed of and what they could do were separated by fifteen impossible feet.

So what did they do? The only thing they could do. They ascended the mountain. Not the high mountains near Santa Fe. No, they climbed even higher. They climbed the same mountain that Jesus climbed 1,800 years earlier in Bethsaida. They climbed the mountain of prayer.

As the story goes, the nuns prayed for nine days. On the last day of the novena, a Mexican carpenter with a beard and a wind-burned face appeared at the convent. He explained that he had heard they needed a stairway to a chapel loft. He thought he could help.

The mother superior had nothing to lose, so she gave him permission.

He went to work with crude tools, painstaking patience, and uncanny skill. For eight months he worked. One morning the Sisters of Loretto entered the chapel to find their prayers had been answered. A masterpiece of carpentry spiraled from the floor to the loft. Two complete three-hundred-sixty-degree turns. Thirty-three steps held together with wooden pegs and no central support. The wood is said to be a variety of hard fir, Non-existent in New Mexico!

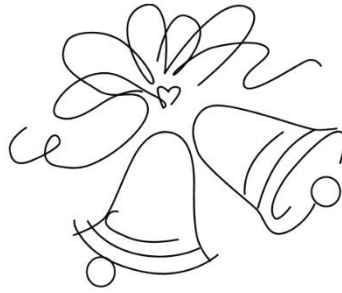
When the sisters turned to thank the craftsman, he was gone. He was never seen again. He never asked for money. He never asked for praise. He was a simple carpenter who did what no one else could do so singers could enter a choir loft and sing.

See the stairway for yourself, if you like. Journey into the land of Enchantment. Step into this chapel of amazement and witness the fruit of prayer.

Or, if you prefer, talk to the Master Carpenter yourself. He has already performed one impossible feat in your world. He, like the Santa Fe carpenter, built a stairway no one else could build. He, like the nameless craftsman, used material from another place. He, like the visitor to Loretto, came to span the gap between where you are and where you long to be. Each year of his life is a step. Thirty-three paces. Each step of the stair is an answered prayer. He built it so you can climb it.

And sing.

From In the Eye of the Storm

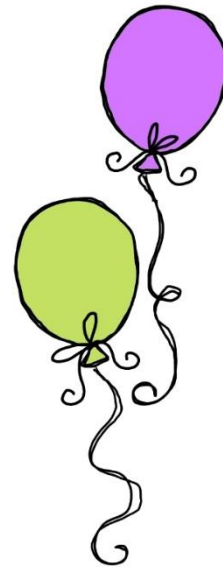
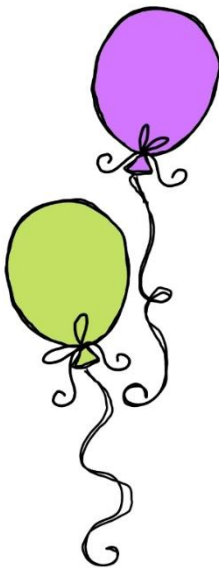


April Anniversaries

06 Joseph & Carol Backowski
08 Randy & Susan Leighton
22 Robert & Marilyn Moran

April Birthdays

03 Mary Lou Murray
08 Donna Northrup
09 Paula Lempke
13 Ron Dankert
13 Howard Northrup
14 Carol Pauze'
16 Tom Dann
18 Harvey Versteeg
22 Lucy Williams
23 Judy Butler
26 Krystopher Sheehan
27 Carol Swanson
28 Dunn Crespo



From the Finance Committee - Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder -

When You Trust and Obey Him with Your Finances

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: Your towns and your fields will be blessed. Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed. -Deuteronomy 28:1-6 (Read the entire chapter.)

And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you. -Galatians 3:29

Attendance

February 2019 - 163

February 2018 - 141

Giving and Operational Expenses

	<u>February 2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving	\$30,329.19	\$51,634.60
Operational Expenses	<u>\$33,174.63</u>	<u>\$50,364.75</u>
+/-	\$ 2,845.44-	\$ 1,269.85+

Year to date our giving has totaled \$51,634.60 while our operational expenses totaled \$50,364.75 leaving us a year to date surplus of \$ 1,269.85.





Bible Study/Small Group Opportunities

Sunday 10:10 am: The Wired Word—looking at a current event through a Biblical perspective. Room 304

Sunday 10:10 am - 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. Room 303.

Sunday 10:10 am - Pursuer's Class. Studies various books of the Bible. Room 302

Sunday 10:10 am-(2nd & 4th Sundays) Women's Class
Room 301

Monday 10:15 am - Bible Study - Revelation

Tuesday 10 am - Ephesians

Wednesday 6:30 pm - Revelation

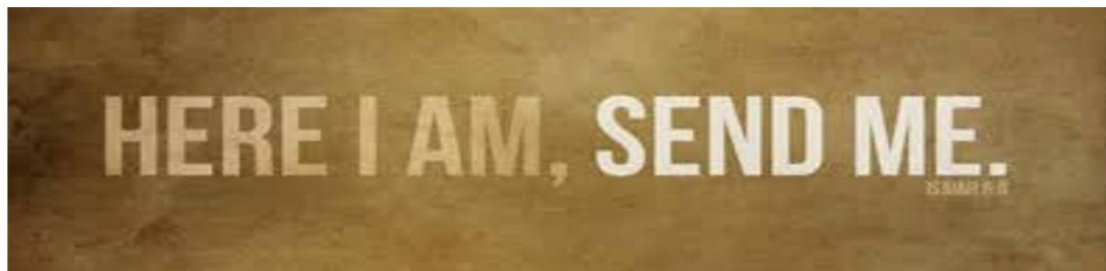
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Please Pray for our Missionaries

Juanita Applegate
Heide Kaser Clute (sister of Pastor Kris)*
D Clute (brother-in-law of Pastor Kris)*
Kathy Enderson
Rebecca Vares-Ebert
Terri Silvola-Finch
Christine Gibbs
David Gibbs
Mae Griner, (Bartley Temple UMC)*
Colby Hoyt
Sandy Hoyt
Randy Leighton
Steve Marynowicz, Ewell's-St. Paul UMC*
Violet Marynowicz, Ewell's-St. Paul UMC*
Rick Matheny
Nadine McWalker
Rev. Mary Mitchell (Pastor, Bartley Temple UMC)*
Mike Schonewolf
Kris Schonewolf
Kay Smith
Perry Springer
Ron Sutliff
Susan Tracy



*Non BUMC members paid their own way. Our fundraising was exclusively for members of BUMC. Thank you for your generosity!





The Last Supper

Our Drama Ministry team will be presenting "The Last Supper" play on Thursday, April 18th at 7pm. You will not want to miss this real life depiction of Jesus and His disciples as they join in their last supper together. Come and take part in Communion as you watch how the events unfold between Jesus and His disciples.



April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Thrift Shop 9-12 Stretching 9:15am Bible Study 10:15am Square Dance 3pm Bell Choir 5pm Cub Scouts 7pm	2 Bible Study 10 am UMW & MMU 11:00 am Friendly Neighbors 12:30 pm Girl Scouts 6pm	3 Open Table 5pm Youth Ministry 5pm Bible Study 6:30pm	4 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am JumpStart 3:30-7pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Choir 7pm	5 Thrift Shop 9-3 Parents Night Out 6pm	6 Thrift Shop 9-12 Over 80's
7 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:10 Worship 11:00	8 Thrift Shop 9-12 Stretching 9:15am Bible Study 10:15am Square Dance 3pm Bell Choir 5pm Cub Scouts 7pm	9 Bible Study 10 am Girl Scouts 6pm	10 Open Table 5pm Youth Ministry 5pm Bible Study 6:30pm	11 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am JumpStart 3:30-7pm Trustees 6pm Choir 7pm	12 Thrift Shop 9-3	Luncheon 13 Thrift Shop 9-12 Gourd Artists 9:15am Easter Egg Hunt 9:30-12:00
14 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:10 Worship 11:00	15 Holy Week Breakfast 8am Thrift Shop 9-12 Stretching 9:15am Bible Study 10:15am Square Dance 3pm Bell Choir 5pm	16 Holy Week Breakfast 8am Bible Study 10 am Finance 6:15pm	17 Holy Week Breakfast 8am Open Table 5pm Youth Ministry 5pm Bible Study 6:30pm	18 Holy Week Breakfast 8am Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am JumpStart 3:30-7pm Last Supper Play 7pm	19 OFFICE CLOSED Thrift Shop 9-3 Good Friday Service at New Covenant UMC	20 Thrift Shop 9-12 Youth Connect 6pm
21 EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service 6:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:10 Worship 11:00	22 Thrift Shop 9-12 Stretching 9:15am Bible Study 10:15am Square Dance 3pm Bell Choir 5pm	23 Bible Study 10 am Girl Scouts 6pm	24 Food Pantry Open Table 5pm Youth Ministry 5pm Bible Study 6:30pm	25 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10am JumpStart 3:30-7pm Choir 7pm	26 Thrift Shop 9-3	27 Thrift Shop 9-12 Red Bird Mission Trip Begins
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FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS

April 2, 2019

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

We are blessed to have Nancy Blough, Country Girl, as our entertainment this month.

You won't want to miss the good food, fellowship and music this month. Hope to see you all there and meet some of your friends and neighbors. All are welcome.

Any questions, call me, Luanna Harris @ 307-9655

"That God once loved a garden we learn in Holy writ.
And seeing gardens in the Spring I well can credit it."
- Winifred Mary Letts



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! Our VBS starts July 22 and continues through July 26
We need a lot of volunteers to make this happen. Every year we get more and more children which is a big blessing! But it requires more volunteers. Please pray about volunteering for that week. You will be blessed as well. The children and adults always have a great time! Please contact me if you can help!

Thank you!

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Candy donations were made to our Easter Event by Cindy Polcyn in memory of her dad Ray Stowell

A donation was made by Bonnie Gager in memory of her brother Charlie Flowers

A donation was made by Joe and Carol Ditullio in memory of Ruth Waltzes

FROM THE EDITOR

Please submit your articles for the BelleRinger 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 !
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Worship Schedule

**Contemporary Worship - 9 am
Sunday School - 10:10-10:50 am
Traditional Worship - 11:00 am
Open Table - Wednesdays 5pm
(Fellowship Hall)**