

Bellevue Presbyterian Church

BELLEVUE TIDINGS



*Bellevue is a family of faith who lifts up the name of Jesus Christ in Worship,
teaches the Truth of Christ to those who follow Him, and shows the Way to Christ to those who do not know Him, all for the glory of God.*
Purpose Statement of Bellevue Presbyterian Church

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**WELCOME
BRAD AND KRISTIN
MOGER
ASSISTANT PASTOR**

We are delighted to call Teaching Elder Rev. Brad Moger to serve as our Assistant Pastor here at Bellevue for Family and Youth ministries. Brad will begin his service to us beginning on July 3rd. Brad currently serves as an EPC Pastor to Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Franklin Indiana. He has been there since 2011. Prior to Hopewell, Brad served as an Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Simsbury, Connecticut, working there as a Pastor of Youth & Family Ministries. Prior to that, he served as an Area Director for Young Life in the greater Hartford, Connecticut area. Brad has a BA from Lafayette College, and later received his Master of Divinity from Fuller Seminary.

Brad & Kristin married in 1984 and the Lord has brought them three sons, Eli, age 28, Aaron 26, and Sam 25. Brad has been athletically active his whole life, and still loves baseball, (he is another Red Sox Fan ☺), football & college basketball, but restricts his playing to an occasional round of golf! Brad & Kristin are passionate about fighting hunger and poverty locally and globally. They have three dogs (to replace the three sons, perhaps) who take them on all sorts of walks and hikes, exploring God's beautiful and glorious creation.

We are delighted to welcome Brad and his wife Kristin to Bellevue and pray that the Lord will use him in mighty ways to serve us and our greater community with the love of Christ.

**ANNUAL CHURCH
PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH**



Our annual Church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 11th at 12:00 noon. The day begins with our 8:00 a.m. worship in the sanctuary, followed by worship at the park in the pavilion at 10:45 a.m. Following worship, we will gather for a time of fellowship, lunch, and lots of games.

***THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES HELD THAT MORNING.***

This will give you the opportunity to get to the Salisbury Township (Gap) Park early to join us for the 10:45 a.m. morning worship, followed by the picnic. ***Families are asked to bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert. Everyone is asked to bring a container of drink.*** Paper products and plastic utensils will be provided, however, you will need to bring serving utensils for your dishes. You may also want to bring your lawn chairs. We hope you and your family have this date marked on your calendar and will join us for this time of worship, food, fellowship and games.

COMMUNION SERVED



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, June 4, at both the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. worship services and in July on Sunday, July 2nd at both services.



Why does our worship service look the way it does? Are there essentials to a Christian service of worship? Are there things that should not be included? These are all great questions, and ones we should ponder regularly. They all point back to a theological understanding of the purpose of corporate worship as the church. Worship exists to praise and exalt and glorify God. That's it.

Is there an acceptable way to do so? Hebrews 12:28 thinks so, *therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God **acceptable worship**, with reverence and awe.* In Mark 7, Jesus goes on regarding this point to discuss that it is what God commands that ought to drive *how* we worship, not the traditions of man. The Westminster Confession of Faith 21.1 hammers this home, *The acceptable way of worshiping God is established by God himself. God's revealed will so defines and outlines proper worship that neither imaginations and devices of men nor the suggestions of Satan are to be followed. God is not to be worshiped under any visible representation or in any other way than that prescribed in Holy Scripture.* What does Scripture say about worship then?

We see four guiding principles in God's Word that our worship, both corporate and private, should be conformed to:

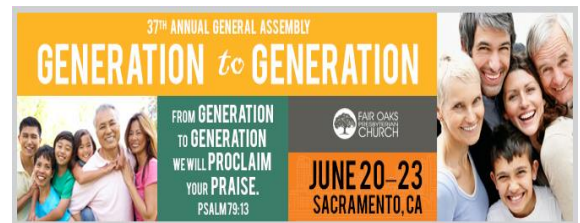
- 1) The aim of worship as God's Glory
(1 Corinthians 10:31)
- 2) The attitude of worship as a reverent fear of the Lord and thankfulness to God for Jesus
(Hebrews 12:28)
- 3) The elements of the worship service as ordered
(1 Corinthians 14)
- 4) The stance of worship as truth oriented
(John 4:23-24)

Note these are not exhaustive, but are firm Biblical grounds behind all we do in worship. Here are some particular elements of worship we see prescribed by God in His Word and supported by the four guiding principles of worship above.

- 1) The preaching of God's Word
(2 Timothy 4:2)

- 2) The Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism administered
(Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 11:23ff., Acts 2:38 and 42)
- 3) Corporate prayer together
(Philippians 4:6, 1 Timothy 2:1)
- 4) The public reading of Scripture
(1 Timothy 4:13, Deuteronomy 31:10ff.)
- 5) Singing praises to the Lord
(Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19)

We ought to look regularly at what we do in private and corporate worship and see if it is prescribed in Scripture. What constitutes our worship, corporate and private, ought to align with what God's Word declares is acceptable worship. I'm glad Bellevue and the EPC have a firm grasp on what is acceptable worship. As we worship together in the coming weeks, as we aim at praising and glorifying the Lord, I invite you to think through why we have each part in our service, and how it serves as acceptable worship to God. I pray the Lord would continue to be glorified in *how we worship* Him here at Bellevue. Join me in that prayer.



June 20 – 23, 2017

The 37th General Assembly Meeting of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church will meet June 20 – 23, 2017 at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, CA. Serving as Ruling Elder Commissioners from Bellevue are: Lee Brown, Kevin Byma and Frank Rotella, and Teaching Elder JT Holderman. Please pray for your brothers as they travel to California and serve in this important role in the life of our denomination.



A Word from Brad –

Hello Bellevue!

I am so very excited to be joining with you all in July! We have enjoyed our opportunities to meet with members of the Assistant Pastor Search Committee, and the Session. And most of all, Kristin and I are wonderfully blessed to call Pastor JT our new friend. (We can't wait to meet Kim and the kids too!). I am thrilled to be joining the Staff of Bellevue as we seek to glorify God together. Kristin and I are particularly excited to work with Young Adults, and Youth (as support for them is a primary focus of my call), and to connect in deep fellowship, growing as disciples of Jesus with you.

We look forward to sharing our family – Eli & Jen, (Boston area), Aaron & Mariah (NC), and Samuel & Samantha (they both go by 'Sam', they're moving from Nashville to NC this summer), and two-incoming grandchildren this fall – whenever they come to visit.



Brad, Kristin, Samantha, Samuel, Jen, Eli, Mariah, & Aaron

One last word of Greeting – I know that my name now has a 'Rev' associated with it, and I am blessed when folks show respect of calling me "Rev. Moger", BUT my strong preference is simply to be called '**Brad**' or '**Pastor Brad**' as we build relationships and grow as disciples **together!**

In Jesus' Amazing Grace & Peace.
Pastor Brad

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER

Begins Sunday, June 4, 2017

For the Summer Adult Sunday School, we will combine once again to offer a single class each Sunday. For the first six weeks we will be studying together the stories of Joseph using a 6-session study. We will look at how Joseph's personal dreams for his life came to fruition even amidst hardship, betrayal, imprisonment, and slavery. Discover how to make wise choices and trust God's ultimate timing in our own life as we discuss these questions. The study will include a DVD portion looking at the following six week topics:

- 1) Relationship Reveals Your Purpose
- 2) Your Dream is Greater Than What You Think
- 3) Don't Grow Bitter, Grow Better
- 4) The Process of Refinement
- 5) The Cost of Righteousness, and
- 6) The Key to Promotion.

We hope you will join us! The course for the second half of the summer is still in the works, stay tuned!



DOLLAR-A-DAY FRUIT UPDATE

We have our latest update from our Dollar-A-Day program to which Bellevue has graciously supported. In the last four months, our 12 church planters have been diligently serving various areas in the Nanded Tribal region. Remember these are an unreached people group, never having before heard the name of Jesus. In the last four months God has brought this about: 153 decisions for Christ, 50 baptized, 55 house churches meeting regularly, and 521 people regularly attending worship and Bible study. Praise the Lord! Continue to pray for fruit among the Nandeds.

BACK TO UKHOLOVO/RUSSIA

The Ukholovo Connection along with the Mission and Stewardship Committee are pleased to announce that a quick trip to visit our sister church in Ukholovo has been scheduled for May 24th through June 4th. Because they already have a three-year visa, Denise Byler and Louise Quillin left on May 24th to spend time with our brothers and sisters and to deliver funds left in memory of Wilbur Marsh to the church. They covet your prayers for safety while traveling and for their return home.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 23rd – 27th

“Raise the banner high, shout it loud, the battle is done, because In Jesus, the Victory is Won!”

It is time to begin to prepare for another fun filled, Bible packed week of Vacation Bible School!! Our theme this year is **Mighty Fortress**. We will meet every night from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and we look forward to creating memories that will be the highlight of the summer. “This 5-day chivalrous journey through Mighty Fortress Assemblies, Stronghold Storytelling, Victory Village Bible Challenge, Great Hall Snacks, Tournament Crafts and Games, is based upon 1 Corinthians 15:57.”

Of course water slide Wednesday will be making its return this year, and those wishing to dunk Mr. Kevin in a dunk tank may get another shot this year. So save the dates and invite your friends for this fun week.

We are only able to do VBS every year because of all of the wonderful volunteers who help before and during the event. If you could fill out a volunteer sheet and put it into Kevin Wenrich’s mailbox it would be greatly appreciated.

To prepare for VBS this year we will be painting some items that will help transform Bellevue the week of VBS (thankfully we already have a castle). We will meet on Sunday’s starting June 4th after church to begin making decorations. Pizza will be provided and all skill levels are welcome to join us. ***We will not decorate the week of the church picnic June 11th.***



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Classes from 2 yrs. old through Adults

CLUB 426
(4th grade through 6th grade)
Sunday, July 9th



This summer we will continue to have a couple special Club 426 activities. We will not be meeting during the month of June, but will come together on Sunday July 9th, and go to a Lancaster Barnstormers game. We will meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. and then head out to cheer on the Barnstormers. The cost for the event is \$10. Please sign up before July 2nd so we can make sure everyone has a ticket.



KINGDOM KIDS
Wednesday evenings
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kindergarten through 5th grade

Kingdom Kids will NOT MEET the first two weeks of June (June 7th & 14th),

June 21st messy game night,

June 28th water game night.

There will be no Kingdom Kids in the month of July because of summer camp and VBS both being in July this year.

SUMMER CAMP WEEK
JULY 10-14, 2017



Once again this year Bellevue will be heading back to Greenview Bible Camp for a fun week of summer camp the week of July 10-14. Children who have just completed Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join us for the week of camp. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Kennedy Room, and the cost for the week is \$45 and scholarships are available if needed, please just speak to Kevin Wenrich.

While at camp the children will hear a Bible lesson, learn Bible verses, archery, horseback riding, canoeing, crafts, and much more. We will meet at the church every morning at 8:30 a.m. and will be bringing hopefully tired children back to the church around 4:30 p.m. We are always looking for drivers to help with transporting children so if you are interested, even if it’s just one way, please speak to Kevin Wenrich. to help with transporting children so



JUNE and JULY

June 4th – 6:30-8:30 – Summer Send Off. We will wash away the school year with a water filled Youth Group. Mark your calendar and invite your friends. The evening will be rockets of fun. Hopefully we can stay on target?

June 21st – 6:30 – 8:30 – Disc and Dip Night. A quick round of disc golf at Pequea Valley High School followed by a sweet dip of Rita’s. Invite your friends; everyone can throw a Frisbee – if not I know they can eat Rita’s.

July – Find some time to get to know Brad and Kristin. Knowing how many years he has passionately worked with youth, I bet he has some stories. Ask him if he has any great games we might be able to add this fall.

August 5th – Sickman’s Mill Tubing. The water and air will be warmer by August. How awesome it will be to spend some time just floating down the river. We might even follow it up with some orange creamsicle milk or ice cream at Pine View Dairy. Free for the youth and their friends, but just \$10 for every family member or church member you invite.

2017 High School Graduates



Each year Bellevue has the wonderful opportunity to celebrate another group of high school graduates. We will take special time on Sunday, June 4th to recognize our seniors as part of the morning worship services. In addition to the information on each graduate shared in the newsletter, we encourage the Bellevue family to talk with them about this transitional time in their life.

Daniel Angelucci is graduating from PVHS June 1, 2017, where he is involved in TSA and was Treasurer of FFA. He is a sales clerk/pharmacy worker at CVS since February 2016. He plans to attend Penn State Erie and study Mechanical Engineering Technology this fall.

Jared Bitts is graduating from Pequea Valley High School and is in the top 25 of his class. While at Pequea Valley Jared played varsity football and was part of the STEM club and TSA. He also made first

honor roll all 4 years, and was named to the Eastern PA Football All-Academic Gold Team. After graduation Jared plans to head to Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology for Electronic Engineering Technology.

Daniel Garfinkle is graduating from Octorara Area High School. Daniel was part of the academic team, model United Nations, and NHS. He also enjoys reading, videogames, and watching movies. Daniel is planning to go to West Chester University after graduation.

Brett Heagy will be among the 2017 graduates from Pequea Valley High School on June 1st. While in school along with his academic studies, Brett was very involved with music: Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, Band and Jazz Band, Musicals and County and District Choruses. In his spare time he enjoys hanging out at home and spending time with family (and right now their Jack Russell puppies). Brett will take at least a year off from school and work, hopefully in a music related field.

Shelby Smith will graduate from Pequea Valley High School on June 1st and also will have graduated from Lancaster CTC. While in school she attended Lancaster CTC for Dental Assistant and recently was in the Skills USA Dental Assisting Competition and took 1st place. She will go on for National competition in June. Other activities included soccer, America Field Society, Student Council and National Honors Society. When not in school she enjoys napping, playing with dogs, hanging out with Weston, traveling and meeting new people. Her future plans include attending Harcum College for Dental Hygiene beginning this fall.

High School Baccalaureate Services

Pequea Valley High School – The Annual Baccalaureate Service at Pequea Valley High School will be held this year on May 30th, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Octorara Area High School – The Baccalaureate Service this year will be held on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Monument Bible Church.

Your attendance at these services would not only be a witness to the graduates but to the entire school community.



Summer Mission Trip August 6th – 11th



TRIPLE T- HS GIRLS

(Turning the Tide)

**Friday, June 9th to
Monday, June 12th –**

We're off to Bethany Beach for a time of fun, fellowship and even Sunday Worship on the beach! Plan on bringing money for one meal out, as well as any snacks you might want. Departure from Bellevue is at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, and we will return to Bellevue by 4 p.m. on Monday. Please sign up on the youth events bulletin board or notify Robin or Mel by Monday, June 5th.

Triple T is open to all girls in Sr High School (grades 9-12) who want to gather with others for fun, Bible study and a time to just talk about anything. If you have any questions about Triple T, please speak to Melissa Byma or Robin Buch.

We have a wonderful opportunity to serve with Resurrection Brooklyn in Sheepshead Bay this Summer. As a church, we have supported the church plant since its inception. We have also taken two summer mission trips to serve the community alongside them. Would you please pray and consider serving on this mission trip?

The church is hosting a Summer Enrichment Camp from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each day to help kids (1st-6th grade) maintain their educational progress and academic skills in the summer months. Volunteers from across the country are joining Resurrection Brooklyn in serving the children in their community with the love and care of Christ in a camp-like environment. The task of the volunteers would be to help in various ways such as registration, crew leaders, teachers for reading, math, arts, recreation.

Who can go? Anyone willing to help teach and love the children in the community. If you are a teacher, we are blessed with so many here at Bellevue, you would be an incredible asset! And if you are not a teacher, you still would be able to instruct in these basic areas and love the children.

Then, each afternoon the team would have time off to explore, to spend time with some from the church over meals, and enjoy time at the bay.

After two trips to share the love of Christ in the community with the Resurrection Brooklyn team, we have deepened our relationship with them and those who have gone have grown and immensely enjoyed their time with them.

Join us on this mission trip, August 6th-11th. You can sign up either by clicking the button below, by replying to this email, calling the office, or signing up at the *Welcome Center*.

mops in the park
10 AM-11:15 AM
June 1 & 15 at Paradise Park
July 6 & 20 at King Swings Playground
(909 Strasburg Pike, Strasburg, Pennsylvania, PA 17579)
August 3 at Wolfs Hollow Park (for a hike)
August 17 at Gap Park

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MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers Bellevue Presbyterian Church
you will shine like stars in the sky



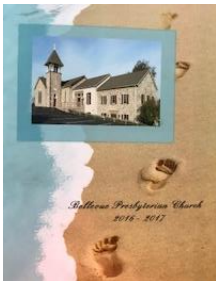
THE FACTORY MINISTRY NEWS

The Factory Door Open Nights

School is almost over for this year and that means our monthly meals are also over until the beginning of the new school year. The teens were such a delight and so very much appreciative of your generosity. They never failed to say “thank you”. With your generosity, there were enough funds to cover the meals for the entire school year. You have truly blessed The Factory Ministries. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Upcoming Factory events

There are several dates you might want to save as there are exciting events upcoming! June 17th is the Together Run Ride Walk for mental health, July 8th is the annual auction, October 10th is the Cultivation Communities (Fall Banquet), Nov 17th is EXTRAordinary Give, and finishing the year is the annual breakfast buffet on Nov 25th. Volunteers are always needed! There is also a need for the food pantry. If you would like to volunteer, you may call 717-687-9594 ext. 21200 or visit www.thefactoryministries.com.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

The directories have finally arrived! All those who had their photo taken will find a copy of the directory in their church mailbox. If you would like to have a copy or an extra copy, you may purchase them for \$5.00. Thank you again to all who participated in having their photos taken for the directory. Thank you to Membership and Evangelism Committee for sponsoring the portrait times and directory. If you see an error in your information, please inform the office so corrections can be made in our files

Changes since the printing:

Delete house phone for Phil & Beckie Castor
Phil Castor phone – 717-471-0387
Beckie Castor phone – 717-799-9291
Philip & Alexis (Angelucci) Stoltzfoos – address
15 Main Street, Akron, PA 17501



Tuesday night game-

May 30th – 6:30 p.m. – BPC vs. Weaverland #2
June 5th – 7:30 p.m. – BPC vs Pequea Brethren
June 12th – 8:45 p.m. – BPC vs St Johns
June 19th – 8:45 p.m. – BPC vs Weaverland #1
June 26th – 7:30 p.m. – BPC vs Calvary Monument
July 3rd – NO GAMES
July 10th – 6:30 p.m. – BPC vs Little Britain
July 17th – 6:30 p.m. – BPC vs Leacock
July 24th – 6:30 p.m. – BPC vs Pequea Baptist
July 31st – 7:30 p.m. – BPC vs Ridgeview



Dear Bellevue Church,

Thank you so much for the flower arrangement. Much appreciated! Many people in the church helped me a lot. I want to thank Sandy Lowe for helping me with the registry and giving me some great advice and support. Thank you Ron Lowe, Roland Berthoud, Frank Rotella and John Perella for doing a fantastic job as ushers. I can't thank them enough. The group of ladies who helped with the food, did such a great job. Many, many thanks! God bless you all. Love,

Anne Lengacher

On behalf of my husband Roland and myself, I want to thank you all for your cards, visits, also pastor JT's visit to the hospital. I also want to thank the deacons for all the delicious meals they arranged to have brought to us. In His Name,

Mary Ann Berthoud

To my Bellevue family,

Thanks ever so much for the lovely floral arrangement that I received in the hospital. And I appreciated the visits from Frank Rotella and Mandy Doutrich. Louise Quillin surprised me with beautiful flowers that had been in church the prior Sunday. Prior to my hospitalization I enjoyed a visit from Jean Houck and Sherry Renshaw.

With Christian love,
Verna Stoltzfus

CHATTERBOX

To My Bellevue friends,
Many thanks for your prayers and the lovely get well cards that you so kindly sent to me. Very much appreciated.
Vera Graham

Bellevue Church family,
Your prayers and support over the last few months have been wonderful and very much appreciated. Much love,
Erin Snyder

Thank you to my church family and friends for the prayers and visits to Dick over the last couple of years while he was in Harrison Senior Living. I am so grateful for the prayer support, visits, cards and notes from so many. Thanks to Pastor JT and Louise for their part in the funeral service and thanks to all that had part in serving the luncheon. I thank God for your ministry and the way it touched me and my family.
Louise Stauffer and family

Bob and I would like to thank our family church members for all your prayers, thoughts of kindness, and for your love and support over the loss of mom, Dottie. Also, a special thank you to all who helped in any way and served the luncheon after the funeral service.
Love in Christ,
Bob, Arlene and the family Mendenhall

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, and well wishes before and after my surgery. I so enjoyed the beautiful flowers Louise delivered and appreciated JT's phone call and prayer. It all meant so much.
In His Love,
Mary Lou Rubincam

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles for the **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017 newsletter** are due in the office by **JUNE 15, 2017**. If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, you can place them in the mailbox at the church. Articles can also be forwarded via e-mail to office@bellevueepc.org. Thank you.

SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

(We celebrate with those who have reached 80 years!)

Thelma Fisher – June 14th

120 Daffodil Court, New Holland, PA 17557

Kathleen Denlinger – June 21st

5281 Denlinger Road, Gap, PA 17527

Martha Walker – June 30th

433 S. Kinzer Ave. GSV, C-111-2 Winter Garden,
New Holland, PA 17557

Bob Stoltzfus – July 14th

5444 Strasburg Road, Gap, PA 17527

Louise Stauffer – July 25th

13 Dorinda Drive, Christiana, PA 17509

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY



We extend our sincere sympathy to:

Anne Lengacher and family on the passing of her husband, Art Lengacher Jr. on March 30, 2017.

Dale and Suzanne Groff on the passing of Dale's mother, Betty Jean Groff, on May 9, 2017.

Bob and Arlene Mendenhall and family on the passing of Bob's mother, Dorothy "Dottie" Mendenhall on May 12, 2017.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alexis Angelucci and Philip Stoltzfoos who were married on April 30, 2017 at The Barn at Silverstone with the Rev. JT Holderman officiating. Congratulations can be sent to them at their new address, 15 Main Street, Akron, PA 17501.