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LEADERSHIP

Ruling Elders of Session

2017

Rob Bitts

Adam Snyder

2018

Paul Allison

David Doutrich

Alex Melson

Frank Rotella

2019

Lee Brown

Kevin Byma

Andy Kinkaid

Howard Parmer

John Perella – Clerk

Board of Deacons

2017

Annie Blank

Marian Burns

2018

Amanda Doutrich

Susen Leary

Sue Rotella

2019

John Emmons

Ellen Parmer

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PRAYERS & COMMENTS

Please use this card if you have any prayer concerns or comments you'd like us to know about.

You may place this in the offering plate, hand it to one of the ushers, or place it in the church office mailbox.

Please use this space to let us know of your prayer requests:

I would like to speak to someone about my prayer request. Please contact me at: day evening

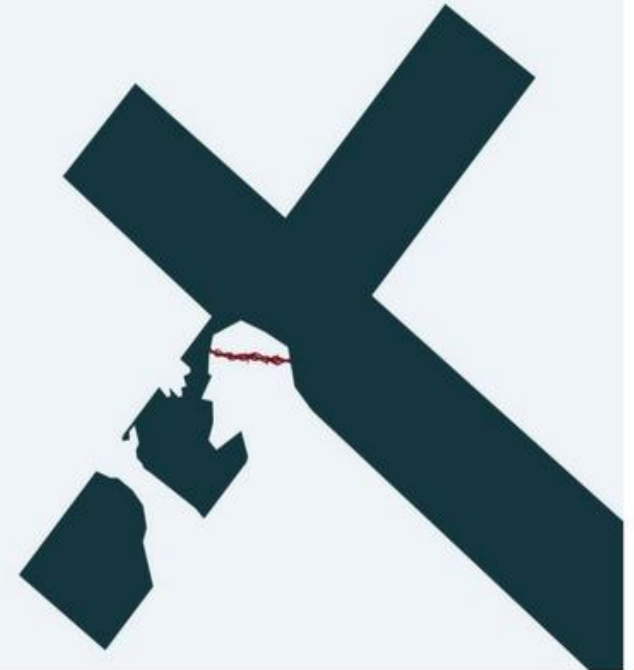
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If you are interested in becoming a Christian today, please let a Christian friend or the pastor know.

Bellevue Presbyterian Church

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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN **So That You May Believe**



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.

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us to worship the Lord today. We hope we can serve you today and would love for you to be a regular part of God's ministry here at Bellevue. We invite everyone to sign your name in the Friendship Pads in the pews, and if you are visiting or new to our fellowship to also please include your address and/or email address. If you have any questions, please ask one of our *Welcome Center* Hosts, a Pastor, or an Elder. We are delighted to have you with us this morning. It is requested that no food or drink be taken in to worship.

PRAYER CARDS

We encourage you to fill out prayer cards located at the *Welcome Center*, and hand them to an usher before the service. These requests will be lifted up during the Pastoral Prayer.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Our Sound System allows us the opportunity to offer Assistive Listening devices, which can be found at the *Welcome Center* every Sunday morning. If you would like to make use of this service, please stop at the *Welcome Center* when you come in and ask for a "Sound Mate" which can be returned to the *Welcome Center* at the end of the morning service. If you have any questions about these devices, please ask someone at the *Welcome Center*.

VISITORS WITH CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE

Children of all ages are welcome in the worship service. Children are a gift to our church, and a tangible reminder that our church family is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents, they probably need it! We offer Nursery for ages 0-3. Please follow signs or ask a *Welcome Center* Host for directions.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children from 4 years of age through 2nd grade will be dismissed following the Children's Sermon for age appropriate activities and will return at the end of the last hymn. Of course, children of all ages are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

AFTER THE SERVICE

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Friendship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We have classes for all ages with a nursery provided for children under two. Our adult classes are involved in different studies of God's Word. All are welcome to come and study and learn together.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

In addition to weekly worship, we offer many different small groups that meet throughout the week in our surrounding communities. We believe as brothers and sisters in Christ we should be actively involved in one another's lives. Our Community Groups exist to *glorify God by sharing in the transforming power of the Gospel at work in community*. We therefore have four aims for our community groups,

1) Gospel-centered *relationships*,
2) growing as *disciples*, 3) *care* for one another, and 4) serving on *mission* together in our communities. If you would like to get involved in a Community Group, please contact Pastor JT or Pastor Brad.

Gap #1 (Frank Rotella)

Mondays, 10am at the Rotella's

Gap #2 (John and Linda Perella)

Tuesdays, 7pm, at John and Linda Perella's

Gap #3 (David Doutrich)

Tuesdays, 7pm at David Doutrich's

New Holland (Phil Castor)

Mondays, 6:30pm, at Lee Brown's

Lancaster (JT Holderman)

Mondays, 6:30pm at Holderman's

Women's Group

Wednesdays, 6:30pm, at Bellevue

Covenant Group (Ann Hagen and Frank Rotella)

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 10:00am at Bellevue

Explaining our Liturgy: Scripture Lesson

In every age of the church, from the house churches in Acts 2, to the Middle Ages, to the Puritans, to today, the reading of Scripture is an essential aspect of worship. Why? Because God speaks to us in His Word and He has called us to read it together (1 Timothy 4:13). There He declares to us who He is and who we are. It is in the Scriptures alone that we find a clear word on how we are to live in relationship with the Lord and one another. When we read the Scripture together, we are declaring as a church the authority of God's word in our lives and our submission to it as the *perfect law of the Lord which revives the soul* (Psalm 19:7). It is the Scriptures that reveal Christ and our salvation in Him, *Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ*. The Scripture brings us knowledge of God and our salvation, and therefore stirs within us a deep thankfulness and worship to God for His love for us. We read the Scripture to worship the Lord in the midst of all He reveals to us in it.

Welcome Center Hank and Michelle Cochran
Vera Graham and Denise Byler
Ushers – 1st Rich Thompson, Logan Thompson
Jim McEwing, Ross Houck
Ushers – 2nd Chuck Stuart, Joe Bella Rova
Kevin High, Jacob Brown
Nursery –1st Howard and Ellen Parmer
2nd Carol Thompson and Anita Grimes

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We need your help. Calling all past & present deacons and elders; there is a need for Communion preparation helpers. On the 1st Sunday of each month Communion is served at Bellevue. Communion can't take place without your help in preparing and cleaning up afterwards. Please see Carol Marble or call her at 484-678-9309 if you are willing to serve.

Do you have a loved one you would like to honor or an anniversary you are celebrating? Sunday, November 5th & 12th are available to place flowers in the sanctuary for the worship services. The cost is \$50.00. Please contact the office if you are interested.

EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR HURRICANES HARVEY AND IRMA

The EPC has dedicated emergency relief efforts currently going on to support those communities struck by both hurricanes. If you would like to learn more or give to the relief effort, you can do so by visiting www.epc.org/emergencyrelief.

WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 8, 2017

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Worthy Is The Lamb"

Koerts

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" (Insert)

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Dear God, faith is so hard to put into practice. We do not want to live as enemies of the cross. But we confess our conduct does not always give a favorable witness to the Christian faith. Forgive us when we have lived as though Your Kingdom had no control over us. Our only hope is in the cross of Christ. Cleanse us of our sins that Christ may live in us, revealing our true allegiance. In His name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 12:1-2

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ANTHEM: "Our Father"

Robert Sterling

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are dismissed for the Nursery and Children's Church (10:45 a.m.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "For The Beauty of The Earth" Koerts

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 5:1-18 pp. 1653-1654

SERMON: The Gospel of John—So That We May Believe
Part Five: "Jesus Heals on the Sabbath"

***HYMN:** "All I Have Is Christ" (Insert)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "You Are My All In All" Koerts

FLOWERS: The flowers are given to the glory of God and with joy and thanksgiving for 30 years of marriage by Bob and Beth Norris.

WEEKLY CALENDAR		October 8 – October 14
SUNDAY	- 7:30 a.m.	- Prayer time in the Library
	- 8:00 a.m.	- Worship
	- 9:30 a.m.	- Sunday School
	- 10:30 a.m.	- Prayer time in the Library
	- 10:45 a.m.	- Worship (Children's Church)
	- 6:30 p.m.	- <i>Sunday Night Live</i>
MONDAY	- Columbus Day	
	- 6:00 p.m.	- Bellevue Trotters
TUESDAY	- 7:00 p.m.	- Deacons
WEDNESDAY	- 10:00 p.m.	- Covenant Community Group
	- 6:15 p.m.	- Resounding Joy
	- 6:30 p.m.	- Kingdom Kids
	- 7:15 p.m.	- Sr Choir
THURSDAY	- 6:00 p.m.	- Bellevue Trotters
	- 7:00 p.m.	- Community Fall Festival Planning

TODAY IN THE PULPIT

Pastor JT Holderman
Assistant Pastor Brad Moger
Dir. of Children's Ministries Kevin Wenrich
Ruling Elder Rob Bitts
Piano Steve Hoopes

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Fall is a busy time for Bellevue! Visit the board in Fellowship Hall and see who is coming to Bellevue and when! Be sure to check our mission wall for updates from our missionaries. Get ready to share your love and bring joy and excitement to young children at Christmas time as well. Operation Christmas Child will begin on October 22nd and continue through November 4th.

Shoe Drive: The Deacons are having a shoe drive for elementary schools (age 3 through 6th grade) in the Pequea Valley School District. We are looking for gently used sneakers and sturdy shoes for children whose shoes become ripped or damaged during the school day. The sizes are from size 9 child-size 8 woman/10 men. There will be a box in Friendship Hall for the shoes. Think of the Shoe Drive as you change your seasonal clothing! If you have any questions, please ask a Deacon.

COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL AT BELLEVUE

Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors and friends to Bellevue's first Community Fall Festival on October 20th from 5-9 p.m. The evening includes a free meal, games, pony rides, inflatables, crafts, face painting, a fire truck, food trucks and much more! We aim to let our community know that Bellevue is here and cares for them by providing an evening of fun. We will need many willing hands to serve our community this evening. **If you are willing to help out, please sign up at the Welcome Center.** Also, we are asking for bags of candy (**peanut free if possible**) which will be passed out to the children that evening. Please drop them off at the *Welcome Center*.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for donations of:

Chocolate whoopie pies
Pumpkin whoopie pies
Chocolate chip cookies

These will be served at dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

SERMON NOTES

“The Gospel of John—So That We May Believe”

Chapter 5: “Jesus Heals on the Sabbath”

John 5:1-18

Introduction

I) Prologue: Background to the Healing (vv. 1-5)

II) Act One: Jesus Heals on the Sabbath (vv. 6-9a)

1. Why did Jesus heal the invalid?
 - a.
 - b.
2. How was this man healed?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

III) Act Two: The Result of the Healing (vv. 9b-18)

- 1.
- 2.

Conclusion

John 5:1-18 (ESV)

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. **3** In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. **5** One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” **7** The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” **8** Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” **9** And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. **10** So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” **11** But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” **12** They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” **13** Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. **14** Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” **15** The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. **16** And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. **17** But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” **18** This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.