

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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Rev. Jonathan T. Holderman

COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors and friends to Bellevue's first Community Fall Festival on Friday, October 20th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. The evening includes a free meal, games, 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* or contact the office. We will also need bags of candy, which will be passed out to the children that evening. Please place your donations of candy in the basket located by the *Welcome Center*. If you are willing to help with baked goods, there is a sign-up sheet at the *Welcome Center*. We are asking for chocolate or pumpkin whoopie pies or chocolate chip cookies. Talk to Mandy Doutrich if you have any questions.

Bellevue,

God is great! All the time. Let us not forget this reality. When we fail to remember God's goodness, we detract from His glory. Not only that, we lose our joy and delight in Him. A daily remembrance that God is good in all things towards us, as seen in the death of Christ on the cross for you and me, is a foundation for our joy in Him. As John Piper aptly said, "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." Let us find Jesus to be our all consuming satisfaction and joy and so glorify God all our days. In this particular season of ministry here at Bellevue let us embrace this truth. And one final note, please be in prayer for the office as we are juggling so many things in Louise's absence. Pray that the Lord would guide our search for an Organist/pianist, office help, and a Director of Music.

COMMUNION SERVED



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, Oct 1st at both the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. worship services and in November on Sunday, November 5th at both services.

SHOE DRIVE



The Board of Deacons are having a shoe drive for the 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), to size 8 (women) & size 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, contact a Deacon.



NEW MEMBER CLASSES

October 29th,
November 5th & 12th
9:30 a.m.

New Member Classes will be held this fall for those individuals who are interested in uniting with Bellevue Church in membership or simply wish to know more about the life and ministry of our church. The three-week New Member Classes will be held on Sunday mornings, October 29th, November 5th and 12th at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. We will be meeting in the Church Library, which is located in the office wing just off of Friendship Hall. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please speak to Pastor JT.

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

Fall is a busy time for Bellevue! Visit the board in Friendship Hall and see who is coming to Bellevue and when! Be sure to check our mission wall for updates from our missionaries.

On Sunday, October 15th, Michelle Verdegam from Pregnancy Resources at Cornerstone will be here to update Bellevue on exciting things that are taking place in their ministry.

On Sunday, October 22nd, Abu Saad will be visiting Bellevue. Abu will be at both services and Sunday School. A luncheon will follow the 10:45 service and Abu will be happy to visit with you and answer any questions you may have for him.



The Board of Deacons would like to invite you to help us “Stuff the Turkey”. You will have an opportunity starting November 5th – November 19th to give donations, which will be given to Water Street to purchase turkeys to serve on Thanksgiving. Last year we collected over \$400.00 and the board was able to match that amount. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Board of Deacons.

SUNDAY SUPPER AND SEMINAR



Save the date of October 29th!
Reformation Sunday Supper and
Seminar: Martin Luther—

The Life and Legacy of the German Reformer

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, we will have our next quarterly Sunday Supper and Seminar. We invite you all to join us for a meal, beginning at 5:30 p.m., and then a new 90-minute film on Martin Luther commemorating the 500th year of the Reformation. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn about what God did through a German monk 500 years ago that shattered history and has given us particular freedoms in worship that we enjoy today. There will be some time for discussion after we have seen the film together. Again these seminars are aimed at being clear, practical, and provocative, so come willing to learn about how Luther has changed how we live today.

2017 Staff Christmas Gifts



As has been the tradition, the Session and the Personnel Committee are providing an opportunity to contribute to monetary gifts for the Pastors and all of the Bellevue Staff. We are blessed to have such a competent staff, who are so willing to give of their time and talents for the glory of God and for the ministries at our church. If you wish to participate, please use the enclosed envelope for your gift and **return to Linda Perella, by Sunday, December 3rd**. These gifts will be presented at both services on Sunday, December 10th, Staff Recognition Sunday, when there will also be a special Coffee Hour in honor of the staff. Thank you.



PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

The Worship Committee would like to draw your attention to the “Prayer Request Cards” that are in the basket at the *Welcome Center*. These are being provided as another way for your prayer concerns to be shared with our Pastors and the Church office. They are in addition to the way that prayer concerns are currently relayed, such as verbally during the service as well as using the “tear out” on the back page of our bulletins. If these cards can be of use to you, please take one, fill it out with the information requested and hand it to one of our ushers. The cards will be given to our Pastors and the information shared with the congregation. If for some reason you would like the Pastors to know, but do not want it shared with the congregation, you may designate that on the card.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

All of us probably enjoy the opportunity each Sunday morning to fellowship around the coffee, snack and drink table. The Worship Committee would like to remind everyone that what is being provided is not a Church budgeted item, in that the availability of these things is not guaranteed each Sunday. What is offered, is provided by contribution. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board behind the coffee pots. If you would look at the “Coffee Talk” sign-up sheet, you will see that some dates have not been chosen. This may mean that on those particular dates, there may not be anything available other than possibly coffee. The Worship Committee is asking our congregation, other Church Committees and any other groups to consider signing up to provide snack and drink items. Salty items such as chips, pretzels and the like as well as two gallons total of iced tea or lemonade can be used. You may also want to team up with another person to go together and provide for a particular Sunday. There is also the ability to contribute monetarily so that we can purchase these items for the use of our Church family.

Please prayerfully consider signing up if this is an important part of your Sunday morning Church life.

OCTOBER YOUTH GROUPS

Grades 7 to 12

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

October 1st – meet at the church

October 15th – Triple T Events

6-8 p.m. -Triple T Girls –

“80’s” Movie Night - “Sixteen Candles”

12:15 p.m. – Triple T Boys –

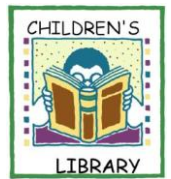
Pizza & “Lowest Score Bowling”

October 22nd – meet at the church

October 29th – SkyZone Fun Night – 6-8:30 p.m.

CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

The Children’s Library is open on the first Sunday of every month for children to check out books, DVDs, videos and CDs. You are encouraged to return the items on the first Sunday of the following month or any time during the month prior to that Sunday. There is a bin on the table in the Children’s Library for returned items. Parents, I would encourage you to check at home for overdue library items. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Perella.



Kevin Wenrich, Director of Children's Ministries



KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday evenings

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kindergarten through 6th grade

October 25th – Harvest Party



CLUB 426

October 15th – at Bellevue

November 12th – Rock Climbing at Spooky Nook
2:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
Classes from 2 yrs. old through Adults
New quarter begins September 3rd



CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday mornings during the 10:45 a.m. service

During the 10:45 a.m. service each Sunday morning, children from 4 years of age through 2nd grade are dismissed following the Children's Sermon for age appropriate activities, and 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. See Kevin Wenrich, Director of Children's Ministry if you have any questions.

November 5, 2017

We are celebrating twenty five years of service for Carol Shaubach in the Music Ministry at Bellevue. There will be a special coffee hour held that Sunday in Friendship Hall. Please join us for this special celebration.



**THE FACTORY
MINISTRIES**

Bellevue church has the privilege to serve a meal once again on the 4th Thursday of each month. It is always exciting to see the youth again after a long time off. Stop in on a Thursday night. We arrive at 6:00 p.m. and start serving at 6:15 p.m. The youth look forward to the meal and are very appreciative of the generosity of Bellevue. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

Dear Bellevue Family,

Sunday, August 20, 2017 was a very special day for my family and me. I want to thank the Bellevue congregation and the Presbytery of the East of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church for bestowing on me the title of Pastor Emeritus of Bellevue Presbyterian Church. As most of you know a Teaching Elder (a minister) is not a member of a local church but rather his church membership is held at the Presbytery level. My church is the Presbytery of the East of which I am a member. I understand this and agree with it in theory, but it makes a retired pastor seem somewhat churchless (the Presbytery only meets formally three times a year). Being named Pastor Emeritus gives me an identity that I will treasure greatly.

I was overwhelmed with the renaming of Fellowship Hall as Davies Hall. Thank you for such an undeserved honor. The reception following second service was first class in every way. My thanks to all who helped to make it so wonderful. I also want to thank Pastor JT and Session for inviting me to preach that Sunday as well. It was my joy to share God's word from the Bellevue Pulpit to the Bellevue family.

With love and prayers to you all,

Bud Davies

Pastor Emeritus

Bellevue Presbyterian Church

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for the many thoughts, prayers and flowers we received this summer. It was greatly appreciated.

Lee and Babe Coates

Dear Deacons,

Thank you very much for the donation of the Gideon Bible in memory of my mother, Betty Jane Kennedy. My father and entire family so appreciate your thoughtfulness. My mother would have loved that God's Word was given in her memory.

Bonnie Pryma

Dear Church Family,

We appreciate your prayers, phone calls, flowers and cards during the passing of my 102 year old mother. She loved the Lord. I am sure when He called her name, He said, "Well done my good and faithful servant, enter into Heaven".

Yours in Him,
Marj and Glenn Miller

Dear Board of Deacons,

Glenn and I appreciate the Bible you gave in memory of my dear mother. She knew and loved the Lord, and is with Him in Heaven.

Yours in Him,
Rev. Glenn and Marj. Miller

To my Secret Pal,

"Oh my" Thought I had it all figured out, but... Anyway, thanks so very much for all the neat gifts.

Vera

Thank you to our secret pal for the delightful gifts. We have been enjoying the chocolates and the puzzle/quiz book. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and enjoyed.

Blessings,
Andy and Linda Kinkaid

Dear Church Family,

Just a note to thank you for the cards, calls and visits I received during my hospital stay and now my recuperation at home following heart surgery. I would be remiss if I didn't thank JT & Frank for their visits and my family but most of all the prayers on my behalf.

Norris Shirk

New Staff Positions

The Session and Personnel are diligently working on discerning the positions that are now vacant in Louise Quillin's absence. In the interim, Brenda Brackbill, who has served here in the office for a few years, will be working **Monday through Thursday** in the office, from **8:00 – 2:00**. She is an incredible blessing to us in this time. We are blessed too that Jeff Hogg has been contracted to serve for the financials of the church and are thankful for his wisdom. Pray for the Session and the Personnel Committee as they discern the positions of a part-time administrative assistant, director of music, and organist/pianist. God has us firmly in His sovereign care.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles for the **NOVEMBER 2017** newsletter are due in the office by **October 16, 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.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY



We extend our sincere sympathy to:

The family of Charles Coates on his passing on August 13, 2017.

To Connie Campbell on the passing of her mother, Charlotte Moore on October 1, 2017.

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